

St. Therese Church Knights of Columbus Council 12885
Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2026

Call to Order: Grand Knight Frank Bio: 6:34 PM

- Total in attendance: 18 Brothers

Opening Prayer: Our Father led by GK Bio.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by GK Bio.

Officers Attendance Report: Please see bottom of report.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting 6/9/26: A motion to approve was made and seconded as posted. Approved.

Chaplain Report: None

Grand Knight Report: GK Frank Bio

- The Shrimparoo will be held on Saturday, September 19. A tent will already be set up from the priest's retreat. Tickets will begin to be sold at Masses on September 5, 6, 12, and 13. A hard copy sign up sheet was passed around and a SignUp Genius form will be provided. Volunteers are needed to sign up for several tasks.
 - Br. Dan Alford has a meeting at 2:00 Friday that will help coordinate efforts to determine what and how many shrimp will be purchased, who will prepare chicken, and pricing for tickets.
- An attendance sheet was passed around.

Financial Secretary: Br. Paul Johnson (also for Treasurer Br. Phil Ley)

- The Council currently has a \$5200 checking account balance and a \$2100 Money Market balance for \$7300 total. The goal to get that reduced to \$3000 through donations (see below for detail).
- The GK submitted the Board of Directors audit as of June 30, 2026.

Membership Report: Br. Paul Johnson

- Three recent transfers (Vince McGuire, Jim Bruno, David Altman) introduced themselves to the group.
- The death of Walter Flippin was announced.

Programs Reports: Br. Bob Smith

- St. Mark's is hosting a faith formation program on Saturday, August 22 consisting of lunch and breakout sessions from 9:00-2:00.
- St. Mark's will also host "That Man Is You!" starting up in the fall, Saturday mornings at 6:30 for 13 weeks. The program will break for Christmas and then resume for 13 weeks in the spring.

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- **Faith Director Report:** Br. Holden Spain
 - Will start up a new long term program (i.e. Into the Breach, "That Man Is You!").
 - Also looking to promote devotion to St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each Council member would receive a booklet and prayer card during a smaller-scale faith formation program. Both of their feast days are in December.
- **Family Director Report:** Br. Dan Alford
 - St. Joseph's Food Pantry (Burgaw) handed out 231 food boxes to needy clients last week. Any of the 22 Knights at St. Therese who works at the pantry should send Dan a text on the day he works with the hours spent as he is creating a log to keep track of our volunteer time.
 - Volunteers are needed to unload trucks (Tuesday around 11:00) and distribute food (Thursdays from around 11:00-4:00). Contact Kevin Gannon (info in the bulletin) if you are interested in helping out.
- **Community Director Report:** Br. Paul Johnson
 - (No Report)
- **Life Director Report:** Br. Craig Morehead
 - Waiting for a date to be announced for the 2027 March for Life. The Council has a proposed budget of \$1000 earmarked to go to March for Life.
 - GK Frank Bio added that there is a dedicated group that meets at an abortion center in Wilmington (off 17th Street) every Wednesday and prays the rosary from about 9:00am on.
- **Membership Director Report:** Br. Tom Brady
 - (No Report)

Fourth Degree Report: DGK Frank Weisgerber

- Submitted an annual report last week. There was no meeting in July but there is an upcoming meeting Tuesday at 7:00 PM at St Mark Parish Center to review the budget.

Special Guest: Field Insurance Agent John Bowden

- Fr. McGivney created the Knights of Columbus, now 2 million brothers strong. The Knights raised \$193 million for charity last year, and most of that money comes from its insurance program.
- If members have an IRA, a 401k, or a pension, a whole life insurance policy may be more advantageous from a tax perspective.
- Br. John asks members to meet with him to strategize and possibly reduce tax liability. Will try to meet with five St. Therese Council members per month.

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New Business:

- Budget presentation/process - Br. Paul Johnson
 - For the period ending June 30 the Council closed with \$7500 cash.
 - A forecast has been completed for the next 6 months and the 6 months after that. The Council will vote on this in September as our budget.
 - The Shrimparoo this fall and Christmas baskets are expected to raise about \$2400.
 - The cash target by the end of the year is \$3000-\$3500, including donations of around \$5700 this fall (\$1000 Right To Life, \$1500 Catholic Charities, \$2000 St. Joseph's Food Pantry, \$1000 Fr. Price High School, \$250 Fourth Degree Scholarship)
 - For the spring (assuming another Shrimparoo), expect another \$1200 profit, \$2000 in Easter basket sales and another \$4500 in donations to end with a cash balance (June 30 2027) of approximately \$3000.
 - The full budget proposal has been emailed for vote next month.
- Faith Director Br. Holden Spain reports that Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified on September 24, 2026. As Faith Director, he will compile some information on this recognition for the benefit of the Council.

Good of the Order

- GK Frank Bio recognized Dan Alford as Knight of the Month for his outstanding, dedicated service as an altar server and a reader, as a respected and valued guru of the Saturday Men's Ministry group, as a longtime leader of the Shrimparoo, and as a faithful volunteer at St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

Prayers for Brothers In Need

- Deacon George Keenan
- Father Greg Spencer (St. Mark's)
- Larry Greer (St. Mark's)

Lecturer's Reflection: Br. Robert Smith

- **August 2026 Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge**

He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Gospel for Aug. 30, Mt 16:23) Who knows the mind of God? God is beyond human understanding, yet he has revealed himself to us most perfectly in the person of Jesus Christ. Through prayer we can come to know God more fully, and we grow in understanding of his plan when we make a habit of conforming our will to his holy will. We follow Christ in discipleship when we pray daily to the Father as he did: "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk 22:42).

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Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to study the life and example of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is Aug. 13. Use the Blessed Michael McGivney Cor Session Guide (freely available at kofc.org/shopcis), noting in particular how Father McGivney always sought to align his will with that of God.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall (Officers arrive at 6:00)

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary and Grace before meal led by GK Frank Bio

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 PM

Minutes completed by Recorder: Br. Tom Brady

2026-2027 Officers		
Office	Officer	P/A/E
Grand Knight	Frank Bio	Present
Chaplain	Rev. William Upah	Excused
Deputy Grand Knight	Frank Weisgerber	Present
Chancellor	Peter Sanza	Present
Treasurer	Phil Ley	Excused
Financial Secretary	Paul Johnson	Present
Warden	Patrick Kolenik	Excused
Outside Guard	Larry Dunning	Present
Inside Guard	Richard Clark	Excused
Recorder	Tom Brady	Present
Trustee 1 Year	Anthony Melilli	Excused
Trustee 2 Year	Joe Costy	Excused
Trustee 3 Year	John Dwight	Excused

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2026-2027 Program Chairs		
Office	Chair	P/A/E
Program Director	Robert Smith	Present
Faith	Holden Spain	Present
Family	Dan Alford	Present
Community	Paul Johnson	Present
Life	Craig Morehead	Present
Membership	Tom Brady	Present
Advocate	(Open)	
Retention Manager	(Open)	
Lecturer	Bob Smith	Present