St. Therese Church Knights of Columbus Council 12885
Meeting Minutes - November 9, 2026

**Call to Order:** Deputy Grand Knight Frank Weisgerber: 6:31 PM

- Total in attendance: 20 Brothers

**Opening Prayer:** Our Father and Hail Mary led by Br. Holden Spain.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by DGK Weisgerber.

**Officers Attendance Report:** Please see bottom of report.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting 10/13/26:** A motion to approve was made and seconded as posted. Approved.

**Grand Knight Report:** DGK Frank Weisgerber (for GK Frank Bio)

- Reminded members about the upcoming Fourth Degree exemplification on the USS North Carolina on Saturday, November 14.
- Br. Marco Vialpando reported his participation at the November 7 Veteran's Day Parade, representing our Council.

**Treasurer Report:** Br. Phil Ley

- (Contact Br. Ley for details)

**Financial Secretary Report:** Br. Paul Johnson

- The Council checkbook has been balanced.
- We have $1500 budgeted for Catholic Charities; Br. Ley was duly instructed to cut a check in that amount for the organization.
- We currently have 98 members (no change from last month), including a new Honorary Life Member, William Hamilton. Permanent gold membership cards will be sent out to all Life Members next month.

**Programs Reports:** Br. Bob Smith

- Five couples attended the *Knight Out With The Ladies* event on October 16. Going forward, an RSVP request will be included in the planning so that we can order food more efficiently.
- **Faith Director Report:** Faith Director Holden Spain
    - Br. Spain is working with Br. Smith to 1) secure Christmas devotionals for members; and 2) plan a retreat for early next year.
    - An episode of *That Man Is You!* will be shown after the meeting tonight during our meal.
- **Family Director Report:** Br. Dan Alford
    - Reported between 25 and 30 hours of volunteer service for the month of October.
- **Life Director Report:** Br. Bob Smith (for Life Director Br. Craig Morehead)
    - Br. Morehead continues to follow up with our District Attorney to solicit support for North Carolina House Bill 139 (Baby Box bill).
    - There is still no date set for the 2027 March for Life.

- The North Carolina route of the Silver Rose Pilgrimage is still unpublished but will likely be sometime in the spring.
- Fr. Bill supports the idea for a Holy Hour For Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe. He would prefer to hold the adoration on December 12, her Feast Day, but this is a busy day so more work needs to be done to iron out details.

**Fourth Degree Report:** DGK Frank Weisgerber

- After tonight's meeting, DGK Weisgerber will sell raffle tickets for $5 a piece and 3 tickets for $10 for the annual Assembly fundraiser for veterans assistance. The drawing will be Tuesday 11/19 at St. Mark's.

**New Business:**

- St. Joe's Turkey Drive, presented by Br. John Dwight.
  - Last year, approximately $3000 was raised for St. Joe's Food Pantry distribution of Thanksgiving turkeys and fixins. This year's distribution will be on Thursday, November 19.
  - Unfortunately, the Food Bank is not able to provide turkeys for us this year, so we made a deal with Walmart to buy 300 turkeys to be picked up early in the morning on the 19th. Fixins have also been purchased by Walmart and will be picked up on the 17th.
  - Volunteers are needed to raise money at each of the Masses over the next two weekends. Br. Johnson solicited members and populated a volunteer schedule, then distributed this schedule to the Council via email. This email includes a QR code and payment link. Donations are $20 each.
- Br. Johnson noted that we also need volunteers for three weekends in December to sell raffle tickets for Christmas baskets. Br. Pat Kolenik has already created the baskets and the event should raise approximately $2000.
- The Council 2026 Christmas Party, presented by Br. John Andrews.
  - The party will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at South Beach Grill. It will be the same menu and price ($32 including tax and tip) as last year.

**Prayers for Brothers In Need**

- Deacon George Keenan

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall (Officers arrive at 6:00).

**Closing Prayer:** Our Father, Hail Mary led by Br. Holden Spain.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 PM

**Minutes completed by Recorder:** Br. Tom Brady

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| 2026-2027 Officers | | |
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| Office | Officer | P/A/E |
| Grand Knight | Frank Bio | Excused |
| Chaplain | Rev. William Upah | Excused |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Frank Weisgerber | Present |
| Financial Secretary | Paul Johnson | Present |
| Warden | Patrick Kolenik | Excused |
| Treasurer | Phil Ley | Present |
| Outside Guard | Larry Dunning | Excused |
| Inside Guard | Richard Clark | Present |
| Recorder | Tom Brady | Present |
| Trustee 1 Year | Anthony Melilli | Excused |
| Trustee 2 Year | Joe Costy | Present |
| Trustee 3 Year | John Dwight | Present |
| Chancellor | Peter Sanza | Present |
| Program Director | Robert Smith | Present |
| Faith | Holden Spain | Present |
| Family | Dan Alford | Present |
| Community | Steve Venezia | Excused |
| Life | Craig Morehead | Excused |
| Membership | Tom Brady | Present |
| Advocate | (Open) | |
| Retention Manager | (Open) | |
| Lecturer | Bob Smith | Present |