

**St. Therese Church
Knights of Columbus Council 12885
Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2025**

The meeting was called to Order by Grand Knight Frank A Bio at 6:30 pm.

All Officers were in attendance except for the Chaplain, Warden, Inside Guard, and First Year Trustee. All absences were excused.

The Recorder noted that all members present were credentialed.

The opening Prayer was offered and led by GK Frank A Bio.

GK Frank A Bio led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Minutes of the September Council Meeting were approved by motion.

GK Frank A Bio welcomed all the Council members to the meeting, including the five newest Council members in attendance: Joseph Norris, John Andrews, Greg Marchi, Holden Spain, and Steve Venezia. There were twenty-one Council members, in total, present.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE / REFLECTION

Bro. Bob Smith, Lecturer, read the monthly challenge from the Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori and his reflection on the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Lk18:13. The Pharisee exalts himself before God; meanwhile, the Tax Collector prays with humility, seeking mercy for his sins. Archbishop Lori reminds us that we should never approach God in a spirit of pride, but rather always on our knees, confident of his loving mercy.

This month, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, Archbishop Lori challenges us to pray five decades of the Rosary daily, asking for humility and mercy.

Bro. Bob Smith's reflection asks, Have there been times in your life when you pridefully compared yourself to others like the Pharisee in this parable?

Do you perform a regular and careful examination of conscience to remain humbly aware of your sinfulness?

What other steps can you take to become more like the Tax Collector?

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

GK Frank A Bio acknowledged and thanked the many Brothers who participated in and for the countless hours they devoted to all the activities of the Council during September. These activities included the "Tom Rice" adopt-a-highway cleanup, the annual InterCouncil Bocce Tournament, the St. Joseph Church TEFAP, the Fall Shrimparoo, the New Membership Drive Weekend, and the St. Therese of Lisieux Feast Day, Mass, and Reception.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council's Financial Report was presented by Bro. Phil Ley, Treasurer and Bro. Paul Johnson, Financial Secretary. Details of the report are available and can be requested through the Faithful Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bro. Tom Brady, Membership Director, reported that following a very successful Recruitment Weekend event, our Council 12885 has added five new members to our brotherhood, with 2-4 potential new members showing an interest in joining. Bro. Tom Brady thanked all the Brothers who assisted over the weekend and acknowledged the assistance and kind support for this event to grow the Council from Father/Brother Bill Upah.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Christopher Dennen Assembly 2017 is currently raising funds In Support of Local Veterans Programs by selling Raffle Tickets. There are three Cash Prizes: 1- \$500, 2- \$250, 3- \$125. The Drawing will be held on November 18, 2025. Tickets will be available for purchase at the next meeting, or you can purchase tickets at the following link: <https://kofc2017.org/veterans-raffle>.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- NCDOT Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup (Tom Rice Road Run) was held on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Bro. Greg Gausman coordinated the event. Post road clean up breakfast treated by the Council.
- The InterCouncil Bocce Tournament was held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Empie Park. There were nine teams from 5 different Councils competing, including St. Therese, represented by Captain Bro. Bob Smith, GK Frank A Bio, Bro. Rich Clark and Bro. Giuseppe Cortina. Despite a great effort, the St. Therese Bocce Team has postponed the Victory Party until next year.
- The Fall Shrimparoo was held on Saturday, 20, 2025, with beautiful weather, blue skies, and the luxury of a tent covering the Parish Hall deck, courtesy of the prior scheduled week-long Priest Retreat. Bro. Joe Costy, Second Year Trustee/ Program Director, thanked the members who participated and all their efforts in completing the many tasks required to make this major fundraising event successful. The ticket sales, planning, and ordering the food needed were "outstanding", and more help is always welcomed!
- On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, the St. Therese of Lisieux Feast Day was celebrated at 3:00 pm with a Mass, followed by a catered reception in the Parish Hall. The Council was asked to assist by providing and serving beverages as well as helping with set-up. There were approximately 100 people attending the celebration.
- The Council 12885 By-laws were revised and adopted by vote on September 09, 2025. The Bye-laws are posted on the Council website KofC12885.org and filed with National Headquarters.
- St. Joseph's Church and its TEFAP (The Emergency Assistance Food Program) get a truck delivery of donated food on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am. The truck usually has 4-8 pallets or more of goods, and the food pantry needs help in the offloading and storage of the food. Bro. John Dwight, Third Year Trustee, has indicated that due to recent cutbacks in government spending and other federal assistance programs, the pantry is experiencing a shortage of food needed to help the number of families that depend on the pantry. A motion was made to fast-track a donation of \$1,500 to the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- GK Frank A Bio has drafted a Budget Analysis for 2022-2026 as well as a Budget Recommendation. This document will be available for review by the Council membership and voted for approval at the November 2025 meeting.
- GK Frank A Bio requested that the Council members log onto the Council website at KofC12885.org and review the 2025 Calendar of Events for all upcoming activities.
- The Council will again be organizing and selling Turkey Vouchers to provide turkeys to the St. Joseph Food Pantry for Thanksgiving Dinners. The details of the event need to be coordinated with the pantry and the supplier.

- GK Frank A Bio requested suggestions or ideas to have guest speakers at the Council's monthly meetings.
- A suggestion was made to plan a fun "Family Night" event in the Parish Hall and include other ministries in the Church to participate. More information and ideas to follow.

BROTHERS IN NEED

Healing prayers are requested for the following:

- Bro. John Moody
- District Deputy Robert Hack

GOOD OF THE ORDER

September was a very busy and successful month for the Council, with many members volunteering their time and efforts to the scheduled activities. The efforts and outstanding leadership of two Council brothers were recognized by GK Frank A Bio.

Bro. Joe Costy was presented with a "Knight of the Month" award for his dedication and his team's great work in making the Fall Shrimparoo a successful fund-raising event.

Bro. Tom Brady was presented with a "Knight of the Month" award for his efforts in leading a highly successful Recruitment Weekend, leading to an increase in our Council membership.

CLOSING PRAYER

Led by GK Frank A Bio.

The meeting was gaveled to a close at 7:25 pm.

A dinner meal, provided by GK Frank A Bio, and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Next meeting scheduled for November 11, 2025. Members at 6:30 pm, Officers at 5:45 pm.
Submitted by Recorder, Bro. Roger Wachnicki