

St. Therese Church
Knights of Columbus Council 12885
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2026

At 6:30pm, Grand Knight Frank A. Bio called the assembly to order at which time Bro. Greg Marchi introduced his friend, neighbor and our guest speaker, Walt Patulski.

Walt Patulski was a unanimous collegiate football All-American who played defensive end and was a Co-Captain at the University of Notre Dame. Upon his graduation in 1971, he was recognized and received the prestigious Lombardi Award for being the Nation's Outstanding College Lineman. Drafted into the NFL by the Buffalo Bills, he was the first overall pick in 1972. Walt played many years of professional football with the Bills but was subsequently traded to the St. Louis Cardinals. Walt was a gifted athlete with many football achievements and a solid NFL career. Following his retirement, he had a successful business career and served on many community and charitable boards. Walt brought with him the Lombardi Award Trophy he received and shared many interesting stories about his football career and his teammates. Walt also shared that he co-wrote a book about his life and experiences titled "First Pick, Second Look" is soon to be published. His wonderful presentation was enjoyed by all.

At 7:15pm, Grand Knight Frank A. Bio called the May 2026 Council Meeting to order. All Officers were in attendance except for the Chaplain, Chancellor, Financial Secretary, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Third Year Trustee, Second Year Trustee and Third Year Trustee. All absences were excused. There are 11 members total in attendance.

- > The Recorder noted that all members present were credentialed. The guest speaker was invited to be present during the meeting.
- > The opening prayer was offered and led by Deacon Keenan.
- > GK FrankA. Bio led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- > The Minutes of the last Council Meeting were approved by motion.

GK Frank A. Bio welcomed all the Council members to the meeting and also thanked Walt Patulski for his presentation and invited him to stay for the meeting.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

The Council was reminded that the Knights of Columbus North Carolina State Convention will take place in Raleigh, NC over the weekend of May 15-17, 2026. GK Frank A. Bio will be attending and representing Council #12885 at the Convention. Council #12885 is also one of three finalists to receive the " Food for Family Program Award" that will be announced at the event.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

PROGRAMS REPORTS

FAITH REPORT

On Thursday April 30, Bro. Bob Smith, Lecturer, organized and led a faith-based meeting in the parish hall based on an established Catholic Men's Leadership Program, "That Man Is You". A short video was watched and followed by an open discussion about the video and thoughtful and shared experiences and challenges we face in our lives. The program and ideas were well received by those in attendance. A second meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026.

FAMILY REPORT

Discussion was focussed on the St. Joseph Church Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is located at 1303 US Hwy17 in Burgaw, NC. St. Therese Church is an active participant at the Food Pantry, assisting with the delivery, unloading and storage of food. The pantry serves over 300 poor and working poor families. There is currently new and on-going to improve the pantry's storage area. Bro. Phil Ley related that the pantry is always in need of help to unload the delivery of pallets of food as well as packaging bags of food for distribution. Volunteers are always welcome on the third Tuesday of each month at noontime. Please reflect on the Monthly Prayer Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Leo, XIV... "Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

DGK Frank Weisgerber related that the Fourth Degree Assembly #2017, is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting next week will be at St. Marks Church.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GK Frank A. Bio related that the slate of Council Officers for the 2026-2027 Year has been established. All current Officers have agreed to serve for a another term. The Council will conduct an official vote at the June 2026 meeting and the installation will be scheduled for the July 2026 meeting. There are two open positions that need to be filled, the Program Director, and the Life Director. The descriptions and responsibilities of each position are located on the Council website: kofc12885.org, or by contacting GK Frank A. Bio at: frankbio2@gmail.com. Please consider accepting one of these important positions in the Council. You will help your Council and Brotherhood in the great services we provide to the church and the whole community.

GK Frank A. Bio expressed his thanks to all the brothers who assisted with the reception following the funeral Mass for Bro. David Gould on April 23rd. The family appreciated the efforts and kindness of the Council.

Also a thank you Bro. Richard Clark and to all who assisted with the distribution of Mother's Day flowers following Mass on Saturday May 9 and Sunday May 10. A portion of the flowers ordered for distribution on the weekend were not received until the following week so the flowers were taken to a local Wilmington retirement home and distributed to residents.

NEW BUSINESS

GK Frank A. Bio reached out to the membership for ideas for future speakers, agendas or meeting events. Possibly a movie night was suggested. A "planning" meeting will be conducted by the Council Officers.

BROTHERS /SISTERS IN NEED

Healing prayers are requested for:

Faithful Navigator Larry Greer

~~██████~~ Jim Bruno's Mother, currently in Intensive Care.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

GK Frank A. Bio extended an invitation to all members interested in joining fellow Knights from other Parishes to play Bocce every Wednesday morning. We gather at 10am at the Empie Park Bocce courts.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE / REFLECTION

Bro. Bob Smith, LecturerRead the monthly reflection and practical challenge from the Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori. The Gospel for Pentecost Sunday, May 24. John 20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jesus sends us into the world, just as the Father sent him. Jesus had a sacred, divine mission- to proclaim the Good News of salvation and build the kingdom of God- and we are commissioned to do likewise. As his faithful disciples, we continue his saving mission on earth, consistent with our state of life. We are not just receivers of the Gosple: our mission is to bear witness to the Good News in word andantino, living the Gospel through our example and outreach to others.

Archbishop Lori's challenge this month, is to take a few minutes each morning and prayerfully ask Jesus how you can use your gifts for his mission, and set one clear, specific resolution (large or small) for what you will do on that particular day.

CLOSING PRAYER

Led by Deacon George Keenan, the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father, Mary Queen of the Knights, and Grace before Meals.

Next Council Meeting, end of the Year, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Officers at 6:00pm Members at 6:30pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

A light dinner meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Bro. Roger Wachnicki, Recorder.