



Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2026

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7PM by GK Gordon Jefferes.
2. Opening Prayer – Led by
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jefferes
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve APRIL meeting minutes with no revision, **were not distributed on time, we will vote next council meeting.**
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - Not in attendance
6. Grand Knight's Report (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Condolences to brother Mac for the passing of his wife Maryann . Viewing is on Friday May 22nd
 - Donation \$100 from Fr. Gerlach for the streaming of sunday mass
 - Thank you Knights for help during Mother's Day
 - Thank you note from the Special Olympics
 - Receive an invoice for reimbursement
 - Last weekend PA Knights convention in Pittsburgh
 - Matias Guzman, Carlos' son, was one of two recipients for the State Council scholarship for the Philadelphia region
 - SSJ Council to receive Star Council recognition
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$30,811
 - Available Cash: \$20,840
 - Total Assets: \$31,111
 - Motion to approve the APRIL Treasury Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - Jim is still recuperating. We still have 3 prospects that need to take their degree.
9. Other Reports
 - Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Tyler Costello)
 - Faith (Wayne Saunders)
 - Next Sunday is Pentecost
 - Rose and Rosary next May 30, Jim is attending
 - Next Rosary on Father's Day June 21

- COR (Dr. Joe Labricciosa)
 - Not in attendance
- Family (Paul Bellino)
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- Community (Bill Watts)
 - Supporting academic awards
 - Support for St. Veronica wish list
 - Charlie DiValerio to send a check to vet coats \$500
- Life (Jim McCarry)
 - The SSJ Council received the check from the Supreme Council. Will schedule a presentation in the next council meeting and would like to communicate broadly: parish bulletin and other places. KofC has given over 200 ultrasound machines in Pennsylvania, 108 in our council region.
 - This year we supported Aid in Support Pregnancy.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Tyler Costello)
 - Committee will meet to discuss outstanding in-active members
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Planning for Italian night Oct 17, 2026 is progressing, proposed cost of \$60 per guest, inviting 16 members of the clergy. Reserving 8 tables for council knights. Two entertainers are already booked.
 - Discussion 400 club and contribution amount per ticket of \$25. Research if our license will allow for higher prizes. For the budget, 400 Club funds will be destined to SSJ parish needs.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - Blood drive at SSJ scheduled on June 1
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - Bingo night June 19
 - Next Hospitality Sunday June 14 after 11:30 am mass. Summer will be off and re-start in September.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Meeting June 1, Msgr Schuyler.
- Insurance Agent (Mark Stice)
 - Not in attendance
- District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - We are at the end of our year, and it's appreciated by the SSJ council for completing the year-end report.
 - Coats for kids program has moved up to September
 - On behalf of all the state officers would like to extend condolences to brother Mac.
- Trustees' Report (Jim McCarry, Dennis Kolesinskas, Sam Hillanbrand)

- No report
- 10. Unfinished Business
 - No unfinished business.
- 11. New Business
 - Election of officer for next fraternal year 2026-2027, July 1 2026 to June 30 2027.
 - For the position of Grand Knight, Gordon Jefferes. Declared elected by acclamation.
 - For the position of Deputy Grand Knight, Tyler Costello. Declared elected by acclamation.
 - For the position of Chancellor, Dean Cipriano. Declared elected by acclamation.
 - For the position of Advocate, Kevin Johnson. Declared elected by acclamation.
 - For the position of Recorder, Carlos Guzman. Declared elected by acclamation.
 - For the position of Treasurer, Charles DiValerio, to continue as treasurer.
 - For the position of Warden, two candidates: John McMullen and Ken Kelly. Ken withdrew his nomination. John was not in attendance.
 - For the position of Inside Guard, two candidates: Johann Sedlmair, Evan Gotti. Evan was declared elected by acclamation.
 - For the position of Outside Guard, Tom Esposito. Declared elected by acclamation.
 - Council Three Trustees. Denis, Jim, Sam not for election.
 - Chaplain appointed positions by Grand Knight, not for election.
 - Joe Gotti to continue as financial secretary.
 - Need to submit officer list by June 30
 - Another new business
 - Proposal to present a recognition for Fr. Omeke before he leaves to his new appointment
- 12. Good of the Order
 - Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Link to full [list](#)
 - Maryann G. McCracken
 - Joe Failla and family
 - Tricia Leiro
 - Dorce Hansen
 - Dawn Diemen
 - Laura Cavalli
 - Gail Toland
 - Ron Ellis
 - Tragedy in San Diego
 - Linh Nguyen, heart bypass surgery 5/27
 - Brother Jim Bushong
 - Brother Tommy DeMaioribus
 - Brother Bill Robinson
 - Brother Tom Esposito
- 11. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)
 - Not in attendance
- 13. Grand Knight Reflection (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Encourages Council brothers to volunteer and help, please reply to email when requesting for assistance.
 - Dean Cipriano designated as Membership director
- 14. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
 - Read by GK Jefferes

15. Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

16. Next OPM: Tuesday June 11, 2026 at 7PM via Go To Meeting. Next Council Meeting is Monday June 15, 2026 at 7PM.