



## Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2026

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7PM by GK Gordon Jefferes.
2. Opening Prayer – Led by IPGK Jim McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jefferes
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
  - Motion to approve January 2026 meeting minutes with no revision, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
  - Not in attendance
6. Grand Knight's Report (Gordon Jefferes)
  - Last week, 4 brothers joined the council: Deacon Michael Willcox, Kevin Johnson, Mark Mizzer, Michael Froggatt
  - Thank you notes:
  - Participation for the Keep in Christ contest, from the Deputy Council
  - Sisters of St Veronica
  - Thank you Knights who attended the pizza party for PREP
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
  - Ending Bank Balance: \$30,635
  - Available Cash: \$27,664
  - Total Assets: \$30,935
  - Motion to approve the January 2026 Treasury Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
  - Following up 4 potential new members.
9. Other Reports
  - Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Tyler Costello)
    - Faith (Blaine)
      - Manup Philly
      - Alice Willcox 7 sorrows of devotion
      - Monsignor presenting book 'Angels, our guardian in spiritual battle'
      - March 16 Beauty and suffering

- Rose and Rosary, please stay to help
  - Restart the Sunday Rosary, some time in April, Knights to help. Last Sunday of the month.
- COR (Dr. Joe Labricciosa)
  - Not in attendance
- Family (Paul Bellino)
  - Spirit of the Parish Award. Sister Barbara. Please write down what Sister does for the parish
- Community (Bill Watts)
  - District free throw championship Feb 7
  - ManUp Philly conference, council will sponsor 8 attendees
  - Purchased space heaters for St. Veronica
- Life (Jim McCarry)
  - March for Life in Washington DC, 100,000 people marched
  - Chester County March for Life 95 attendees
  - 40 days start on Wed
  - A life was saved in Planned Parenthood in West Chester
  - Video Baby Olivia was shown at SSJ School 7th grade, it was well received
  - Rosary of the unborn is another Rosary that the council could support
  - Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). Council support these: Chester Co. Connect Care, Birthright, Guiding Start Ministries, Legacy of Life, Mother Home. Biking for Babies raised \$59,000 in PA for 13 pregnancy centers.
  - Waiting quote from manufacturer for ultrasound machine for pregnancy center Genesis.
- Committees:
  - Retention Committee (Tyler Costello)
    - Will start reviewing the list and follow up. Discussed the idea to use text messages.
  - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
    - Making progress in planning for Italian Night, we have an agenda for the next meeting on Feb 24.
    - Jay Harter described 'Trivia Night' as a fundraising opportunity. Capture interest from people attending Bingo.

- ID badges for everyone.
  - Prepared a video from all pictures taken over the years about the Knights of Columbus in SSJ Council
- Health Services (Jay Harter)
    - Blood drive on March 17, 2-7 pm
  - Social (John Ellis)
    - Bingo snack shack made \$200 during Bingo
    - 185 people attended Bingo
    - Next Bingo March 13th, no Bingo in April and May
    - Hospitality Sunday was a great success, the second Sunday of each month after 9:30 am mass. Promote Bingo and present a video of Council.
  - Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
    - Next meeting is on March 2nd, 7 pm at Monsignor Schuyler. Nominating officer for fraternal year 2026-2027.
  - Insurance Agent (Barry Phillips)
    - New agent Brian Parks phone number 267-968-4993. Reach out to him if you have any questions.
  - District Deputy (Al Fonash)
    - Greetings from Supreme
    - Free throw contest Saturday Feb 7, thank you to Bill for helping out
    - 2 winners from SSJ, will compete in Eastern PA on March 1
    - Thank you for hosting Sacred Heart Icon , information forthcoming
    - Thank you Joe G. for putting together the volunteer survey
  - Trustees' Report
    - In 2 months, we will take nomination for Council Officers
10. Unfinished Business
- No unfinished business
11. New Business
- Sunday March 22nd, PA District caucus, send 2 voting delegates. GK Jefferes and Deputy GK
12. Good of the Order
- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
    - Link to full [list](#)
    - Sister Barbara Jude knee pain
    - Daughter of Steve K., diagnosed with cancer
    - Daughter of John Haily, diagnosed with cancer
    - Leonardo DiFelipos, stage 4 cancer
    - Alba Oda, passed away
11. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)
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13. Grand Knight Reflection (Gordon Jefferes)

- Read notes on the founding of KofC
14. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
    - Read by GK Jefferes
  15. Meeting adjourned: 8:18 pm
  16. Next OPM: March 9, 2026 at 7PM via Go To Meeting. The next Council Meeting is Monday March 16, 2026 at 7PM.