



Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2026

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7PM by GK Gordon Jefferes.
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father led by IPGK Jim McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jefferes
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve December meeting minutes with no revision, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - Ash Wednesday is on February 18th. Fr Gerlach is asking for Knights to help at the 12 noon prayer service and 7pm mass as greeters while wearing Knights Insignia.
 - August 9th through the 12th will be the next Parish Mission.
 - Fr. Gerlach spoke with Tom Lopez on Sunday to offer him encouragement. Fr. Gerlach is interested in bringing back the Sunday Night Rosary in the Chapel once a month.
 - One Million Monica's Prayer Group - Women who pray for their children to return to the Faith.
6. Grand Knight's Report (Gordon Jefferes)
 - 2026 State Convention: May 14th-17th in Pittsburgh. We will vote at our next meeting on who will attend.
 - Thank you note received from St. Veronica's for the coats.
 - Thank you note received from the SSJ Religious Education Office for our donation.
 - Thank you note received from Mother of Mercy House in Kensington for the coats.
 - St. John Paul II Foundation is sponsoring the Together in Holiness Conference at St. Peter's in West Brandywine on February 28th. \$64/couple.
 - Special Olympics is seeking donations. We have \$500 budgeted to donate.
 - Thank you note received from Susie Sparkles for the Visa gift card for 2 coats for her children Gabriella and Rocco.
 - 1/22 - Pizza, Fun, Play Day for PREP. We need 8-10 Knights starting at 5:45pm.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$31,523
 - Available Cash: \$28,552
 - Total Assets: \$31,823
 - Motion to approve the January Treasury Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - Next Unified Degree at St Joe's is February 15th.
 - Bill Furia moved into our area and wants to transfer into our Council.
9. Other Reports
 - Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Tyler Costello)

- Faith (Wayne Saunders)
 - Seven Sorrows of Mary will be held in the Chapel on March 3rd at 7pm.
 - Man Up Philly will be held February 28th at Cardinal O'Hara High School. The Keynote Speaker this year is Chris Gheysens, CEO of Wawa. The event includes dynamic speakers, Confession, and mass with Archbishop Perez.
- COR (Dr. Joe Labriccioso)
 - No report.
- Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Paul suggested Sr. Barbara Jude for the Spirit of the Parish Award for being the biggest supporter of the Knights.
- Community (Bill Watts)
 - Free Throw Competition was held this past weekend. 26 total contestants with 3 Knights volunteers. The District Free Throw Competition is February 7th from at St. Agnes from 12-2pm. Sam will speak to Candy in the office about the mistakes in the bulletin about the advertising for the Free Throw Competition. Thank you Bill for the great work on the Free Throw Competition!
- Life (Jim McCarry)
 - Yesterday was the Chester County March for Life at St. Agnes. The event was ran by Dave Owsik. There were two speakers who spoke about how impactful it is to stand outside Planned Parenthood.
 - 40 Days for Life starts February 18th.
 - March 26th is St. Simon and Jude Day to pray outside Planned Parenthood from 8am-5pm.
 - Buses are available at St. Norbert's and St. Joe's for the March for Life
 - Paul was able to repair our image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the National Night of Prayer.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Tyler Costello)
 - The members of the committee will begin contacting members with delinquent dues this Spring.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Trivia Night - Jay Harter runs a Trivia Night at Hershey's Mill and is willing to bring it to SSJ. Could also try Quizzo instead to appeal to a younger crowd.
 - Italian Night - proceeds will benefit the school.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - No report.
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - Hospitality Sunday was a success with a large turnout. Hospitality Sunday is held on the 2nd Sunday of the Month after the 9:30 mass. Next Hospitality Sunday is February 8th.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Next Conclave: February 2nd at 7:30 at Msgr. Schuyler
 - Next Exemplification: March 8th at St. Theresa of Calcutta.
- Insurance Agent (Mark Stice)
 - Not present.
- District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - Our DD is attending St. Joe's meeting tonight.

- The District Free Throw Competition is February 7th from at St. Agnes from 12-2pm.
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon will be at SSJ from February 27th - March 5th.
 - Council is in compliance for Safe Environment.
 - Mark Stice is the new insurance agent.
- Trustees' Report
 - No report.
- 10. Unfinished Business
- 11. New Business
 - 6:45am mass tomorrow morning 1/19 is for Mark Cellini.
 - Parents approached Bill about an Adult Free Throw Competition. They are willing to donate \$10-20/parent for charity. We will try to hold it in March.
 - Funeral Mass for Jean Gothie: Thursday 1/22 at 11:30am at SSJ with a viewing starting at 10am.
- 12. Good of the Order
 - Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Jean Gothie (deceased)
 - Larry Geary
 - Brian Morley (deceased)
 - Sydney Hill
 - Scottie Malcolm
 - Jean Ellis
 - Maryann McCracken
- 13. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)
- 14. Grand Knight Reflection (Gordon Jefferes)
- 15. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
 - Read by Fr. Gerlach
- 16. Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm.
- 17. Next OPM: Tuesday February 10th at 7PM via Zoom. Next Council Meeting is Monday February 16th at 7PM.