



Meeting Minutes

APRIL 20, 2026

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:04PM 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 MARCH 2026 meeting minutes subject correction, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - Not present
6. Grand Knight's Report (Gordon Jefferes)
 - New member joining this evening Tom Gess
 - Thank you note from Biking for Babies
 - Asked Council opinion for new bank card, Council not interested.
 - West Chester council is having a fundraiser event on May 28, contact information available if interested
 - Sr. Barbara Jude asked for sponsoring t-shirts for Vacation Bible Camp and two awards. These items are on the budget, GK will respond to Sr. Barbara.
 - March 31 Fraternal benefits event scheduled
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$33,069
 - Available Cash: \$30,098
 - Total Assets: \$33,369
 - Motion to approve the MARCH 2026 Treasury Report subject correction, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - Council has 110 members
 - Next third degree at St. Joseph on Sunday May 17
9. Other Reports
 - Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Tyler Costello)
 - Faith (Wayne Saunders)
 - Reminder: Restart of the KOC Rosary as requested by Father Gerlach next Sunday April 26th after the 6:00 PM Mass. Joe and Evan will provide technical support to provide the Rosary live on-line. Solicited volunteers for leading a decade during the meeting.

- Reminder: Ascension Thursday is May 14th. Bill indicated although the ArchDiocese may be moving the celebration to the 17th but SSJ is celebrating on the traditional Thursday (the 14th).
 - Rose and Rosary: Sign-up sheet sent around during the meeting to narrow down who would like to present Rose and Rosary. Email will be distributed amongst only those who sign up (and the Grand Knight) to make coordination simpler.
 - Into the Breach Video Series. The Grand Knight requested a briefing from Faith Director on the video series produced by Knights of Columbus
 - Faith Director asked for the Knights to think/pray about a prayer night (maybe a weeknight once a month) just the Knights to get together as fraternity of prayerful brothers.
 - First Communion May 2nd, 10 am and 1 pm. We need volunteers for the Honor Guard.
- COR (Dr. Joe Labricciosa)
 - No report
- Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Council presented the Spirit of Parish award to Sr. Barbara Jude
- Community (Bill Watts)
 - Council will donate \$250 to CYO SSJ.
 - Council sponsored Scouts pancake breakfast on March 22
- Life (Jim McCarry)
 - Saturday April 25 it's the Philly March for Life
 - Final OK from Supreme for the ultrasound machine. We will donate our third ultra sound machine, alerted the donors for their check.
 - Mother's Day is coming up. Ask Knights for help distributing Baby Bottles the following weekend after Mother's Day. Council discussed asking for donations to help pay for roses.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Tyler Costello)
 - No report
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - St Peter & St Paul started a giveaway that could be a good idea for the SSJ Council. To discuss with Council Trustees.
 - St Patrick has Fish Fry sponsors. Potential opportunity for SSJ Council to consider.
 - Next bingo is in June, nothing in May.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - Stay healthy.
 - Social (John Ellis)

- Hospitality is scheduled on Mother's Day (May 10) and Family Fun Day (June 14).
 - Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Next conclave is May 4 at 7:30 pm at Msgr. Schuyler, we need more participation from Knights fourth degree.
 - Next 4th degree exemplification is on June 27 at St. Frances Cabrini.
 - Insurance Agent (Mark Stice)
 - No report
 - District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - Beginning 4 quarter of the year, Council SSJ looks excellent to achieve Star Council. Council has 6 new members.
 - Trustees' Report (Jim McCarry, Dennis Kolesinskas, Sam Hillanbrand)
 - Next Monday SSJ will be 31 years old.
10. Unfinished Business
- Sam recognized several Knights for helping during the Scouts pancake breakfast
 - GK Gordon recognized several Knights for helping during Confirmation
11. New Business
- Nominations need to be presented for the start of the new year on July 1.
 - Trustee Dennis K. read the requirements for nominating for officer positions.
 - GK Gordon Jefferes accepts nomination for Grand Knight
 - Deputy GK Tyler Costello declines nomination for Grand Knight
 - Deputy GK Tyler Costello accepts nomination for Deputy Grand Knight
 - Chancellor Dean Cipriano declines nomination for Deputy Grand Knight
 - Chancellor Dean Cipriano accepts nomination for Chancellor
 - Brother Kevin Johnson accepts nomination for Advocate
 - Recorder Carlos Guzman accepts nomination for Recorder
 - Treasurer Charlie DiValerio accepts nomination for Treasurer
 - Warden Ken Kelly accepts nomination for Warden
 - Brother John McMullen accepts nomination for Warden
 - Inside Guard Johann Sedlmair accepts nomination for Inside Guard
 - Brother Evan Gothie accepts nomination for Inside Guard
 - Outside Guard Tom Esposito accepts nomination for Outside Guard
 - Third year Trustee Jim McCarry will continue in position
 - Second year Trustee Sam Hillabrand will continue in position
 - First year Trustee Dennis Kolesinskas will continue in position
- SSJ Council presents Edward T. Lack with the KofC Award Honorary Life Member
12. Good of the Order
- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Linh Nguyen, suffered heart attack, recovering Paoli Hospital
 - Sally Russell
 - Santo Farro
 - Link to full [list](#)
11. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)
- Not present
13. Grand Knight Reflection (Gordon Jefferes)
- Thank you for your patience

14. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
 - Read by GK Gordon Jefferes
15. Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm
16. Next OPM: Tuesday MAY 12, 2026 at 7PM via Go To Meeting. Next Council Meeting is Monday MAY 18, 2026 at 7PM.