

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Knights of Columbus Council # 17304

Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St. Martin de Porres - Portable B Classroom 2



1. Call to Order

Grand Knight **Nathan Bernard** called the meeting to order at **7:00 PM**.

- **Opening Prayer:** Our Father, led by GK Bernard
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all present

2. Roll Call of Officers

Office	Name	Status
Grand Knight	Nathan Bernard	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael J. Granillo	Absent
Chancellor	Paul Parkes	Absent
Recorder	Nick Cumberland	Present
Financial Secretary	George Siller	Present
Treasurer	Sergio Guerrero	Absent
Advocate	Brandon D. Story	Present
Warden	Jean-Marc Wiessendanger	Present
Inside Guard	Marc Murrin	Present
Outside Guard	Mark Fremgen	Present
3-Year Trustee	Steve Bredesen	Absent
2-Year Trustee	Rob Daleo	Present
1-Year Trustee	Russell L. Woodford	Present
District Deputy	Dominic M. Gervase	Present
Lecturer	Jerry Barta	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Steven	Absent

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the **November 2025** council meeting were posted to the council website.

- **Motion:** Approve November meeting minutes as posted
- **Made by:** George Siller
- **Seconded by:** Jerry Barta

- **Vote:** Motion carried

4. Chaplain's Report

Fr. Steven was unable to attend and did not provide a report.

5. Grand Knight's Report – Nathan Bernard

- **Thanksgiving Basket Drive:** GK Bernard thanked all volunteers and read a handwritten thank-you card from the parish outreach ministry expressing gratitude for the council's continued support and service.
- **CUF & Family Meal:** Update provided on the recent CUF and family meal event, noting strong participation and positive fellowship in a family-friendly setting.
- **Breakfast Tacos (November 16):** GK Bernard shared positive feedback and thanked those who assisted with preparation and service.
- **Christmas Party:** Scheduled for **Saturday, December 13**, from **6:00–10:00 PM** at the Elks Lodge. RSVP required due to a plated meal. Members were reminded to respond by the deadline.
- **Member Birthdays:** December birthdays were reviewed.

6. Treasurer's Report – Presented by George Siller (Treasurer absent)

Financial Secretary **George Siller** presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Treasurer **Sergio Guerrero**, who was absent.

Financial Balances (as of November 28, 2025):

- **Chase Checking:** \$3,305.10
- **Chase Savings:** \$1,000.66
- **Certificates of Deposit (CDs):** \$12,000.00

Total Cash & Investments: \$16,305.76

- **Outstanding Checks:** \$326.85

Available & Unallocated Funds: \$3,978.91

- Checking (after outstanding checks): \$2,978.25
- Savings: \$1,000.66

George noted that the council remains in stable financial condition, with sufficient liquidity to cover current obligations while maintaining reserves in Certificates of Deposit.

7. Membership & Admissions – Presented by GK Bernard

- **Prospective Member: Remy Tienma** (present) introduced himself, shared his background, family life, and interest in growing in faith, fraternity, and service through the Knights.
 - **Motion:** Approve Remy Tienma as a member **pending background check completion**
 - **Made by:** George Siller
 - **Seconded by:** Brandon D. Story
 - **Vote:** Passed
- **Other Prospect:** Jason Canela was noted as a prospective member but was not present and therefore not voted on.

- **New Members:** Drew Smith (transfer) and Steve Connally were acknowledged as new members of the council.
- **Member Badges:** New badges have arrived and are available in the kiosk.

8. Program & Committee Reports

Faith – Rob Daleo

- **December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Event includes a **6:00 PM Rosary, 6:30 PM Mass, and 7:30 PM potluck dinner.** Knights will participate in the Rosary. Potluck sign-up available via QR code in the parish bulletin.
- **December 18 – Holy Hour:** Begins at **8:00 PM**, with a reflection by Fr. David. Members were encouraged to attend in support of clergy.
- **January 14 – Communal Meal:** Overview of the Home Enthronement program and Sacred Heart Holy Hour.
- **January 21 – Sacred Heart Holy Hour:** Sacred Heart icon secured for the event.
- **February:** “Into the Breach” program to begin.

Community – Dominic Gervase

- Appreciation extended to volunteers who assisted with the Thanksgiving Food Drive, noting approximately **6,000 pounds of food** were moved and distributed.

Life – Update Provided by GK Bernard (Director absent)

- **January 23 (6:00–8:00 PM):** Pro-life event in partnership with Loreto House, including a presentation, meal, and video.
- **January 17 (11:00 AM):** Rally for Life at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in downtown Dallas.
- **Pro-Life Crosses:** Plan to install crosses and signage along parish entryways during January.
 - **Installation Date: Saturday, January 10 (morning).** Details to be shared via email.

St. Lawrence Crew – Ray Mangold (absent)

- No breakfast taco event scheduled for December due to historically lower turnout and an Advent focus on prayer and family time.

Technology / AV – Nick Cumberland

- No updates.

Fourth Degree – Mario

- **December 12:** Color Corps participation for Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- **Recruitment:** Members interested in the Fourth Degree or Color Corps encouraged to speak with Mario.
- **January 17:** Fourth Degree exemplification at Prince of Peace Church in Plano.
- **December 13 – Wreaths Across America:** Ceremony at Little Elm Cemetery begins at **11:00 AM**; arrival at **10:30 AM** recommended. Open to all Knights.

Insurance Agent – Don Burks, CFP®

Don Burks provided an overview of the Knights of Columbus **Guaranteed Issue** insurance programs, highlighting expanded coverage limits for children and adults, permanent policy benefits, and the importance of protecting families through fraternal insurance options.

9. District Deputy's Report – Dominic Gervase

- **District Meeting:** Sunday, January 18, from 1:00–4:00 PM at Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Keller, followed by 5:00 PM Mass.
- **Membership & State Updates (shared by Deen):**
 - Emphasized the importance of ongoing membership growth due to annual losses from death, affiliate transitions, and life memberships.
 - Highlighted Texas' strong charitable impact and statewide membership totals.
 - State goal: **two new members per council in December and two in January.**
 - Youth Protection Program now available online; members encouraged to complete training.
- **Award:** Dominic presented the **Lone Star Award for Excellence** to the council. GK Bernard thanked the membership for their collective efforts.

10. Unfinished Business

None.

11. New Business

Financial Secretary's Report – Bills for Approval

Bills presented for payment:

- Badge expenses: **\$147.36**
- Home Enthronement books: **\$40.59**
- Bingo expenses: **\$52.50**
- CUF expenses: **\$86.40**
- Meal expenses: **\$127.29** and **\$10.90**

Total: \$465.04

- **Motion:** Approve payment of bills
- **Made by:** Rob Daleo
- **Seconded by:** Loren
- **Vote:** Passed unanimously

Dues Update:

George Siller reported approximately **\$2,000 in unpaid dues**. Members were encouraged to pay promptly, with **Zelle** identified as the preferred payment method due to ease of tracking.

Awards Display Space:

Discussion held regarding the need for additional space to display council awards and historical items. No motion was made; topic deferred to a future planning meeting.

12. Good of the Order

- **Family / Knight of the Month:** December recognition was acknowledged; **January awards remain pending.**

- **Lecturer's Reflection – Jerry Barta:** Reflection centered on Advent, preparation for eternity, and examination of conscience, including discussion of the four last things and the virtues that counter the seven capital sins.
- **Prayer Requests:**
 - **Steve Bredesen:** Complications from recent hip surgery; now requires full hip replacement. Volunteers requested to pray with him.
 - **Steve Bredesen's family:** Son-in-law and grandson diagnosed with cancer; wife Mary Kay has an upcoming surgery.
 - **Deputy Craig Madrinsky:** Upcoming corneal ablation procedure.

13. Closing

- **Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney**, led by GK Bernard
- **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at **8:12 PM**
- Members assisted with room reset and cleanup.

Recorded by:

SK Nick Cumberland

Recorder, Council #17304