

## December Minutes

December 10, 2025

Knights of Columbus Council 5803

Our Deputy Grand Knight John Antonacci called the Business Meeting to order at 7:02 PM for the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. 22 Knights present.

The following were added to our list for whom we pray: Penny Hunter with Breast Cancer, SK Don Corson for upcoming medical tests, Katie Calcash upcoming surgery.

Position	Name	Present	Position	Name	Present
Grand Knight	Rick Ostrich	Excused	2-Year Trustee	Joe Ferrall	Excused
Deputy Grand Knight	John Antonacci	Y	1-Tear Trustee	Gerry Riss	Y
Chancellor	Paul Friedeborn	Excused	Guards	Larry Peltier Richard Buetow	Y
Warden	Jerry Padgett	Y	Chaplain	Deacon Terry	Y
Recorder	John Downey	Y	Financial Secretary	Jim Hook	Y
Treasurer	Dave Babcock	Y	Membership Director	Chris Smith Larry Peltier	Y
Advocate	Joel Bruemmer	Excused	Program Director	Vacant	
3-Year Trustee	Chris Fabry	Y	Lecturer	Gerry Riss	Y

Our Deputy Grand Knight called the business meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

PGK Chris Smith moved that the November Minutes be accepted as posted. PFN Fred Valdez seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Our Spiritual Advisor Deacon Terry reminded us that we are in Advent and charity and giving are the ideals of the season. We as Knights are deeply involved in the Church's mission of Charity at home while other Knights spread that endeavor around the world.

Treasurer's Report: All accounts were balanced as of 30th November 2025 with a total of \$285,000 in all accounts. There is \$600 available for voting tonight. The \$5000 in our budget for The Samaritan Center was paid at the end of the month.

Deputy Grand Knight's Committee Reports (PGK Dan Owens acting):

Membership Committee: PGK Chris Smith reported that they had interviewed some candidates and determined that 1 Candidate David Urba was ready for exemplification. The Council unanimously voted approval. The exemplification will be hosted by our Council on Thursday December 18, 2025, in our hall for the district.

BINGO: PGK Geroge Gnesda reported that \$9000 was transferred from the Bingo account to the Charity account from November. The Bingo Marathon held on December 6, 2025, was a success with more than \$19000 in net receipts before the split with the hall.

Paul Friedeborn reported that the next Blood Drive would be held on Saturday February 22, 2026, at St Rose Hall.

Helping Hands was busy last month repaired a door and jamb damaged in a medical emergency for a St Rose Parishioner. They also trimmed shrubbery for Pam Ericson. Please contact Paul if anyone needs this assistance.

Warden's Report: Fish Fry was successful this month with 63 customers. Please continue to get the word out to others to join the feasts.

The locks on the gates have been repaired or replaced.

The container for "Sewing the Seed" is on hold for now.

The Turkey Shoot will be held this Friday. There are still a few turkeys available if you wish to cook one. All outside-prepared birds should be returned to the hall by noon Friday in order to cut them up for dinner that night. Dinner will be served from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

The Eggplant Fundraiser will be held in support of Brother Knight Tony Lemos on Friday December 19, 2025. Dinner is \$25. Full trays of Eggplant Parmigiano are available for \$150, half-trays are \$75 and can be pre-ordered now.

Monday Night Football is going strong. Jim Krebs had a hand in the last two outstanding dinners and drew praise for the feasts. Next Monday will feature Cincinnati Chili and Cornbread. Note: the quality of the food and the camaraderie exceeded the quality of the football.

Financial Secretary's Report: As noted in previous meetings BINGO has brought in significantly more than forecast. Therefore, the Grand Knight directed that a new budget be prepared accordingly. The BINGO team had provided about \$65,000 to the Charity through November 30, 2025, the forecast receipts are expected to be \$125,000 by June 30, 2026. Forecast expenditures have been accordingly changed to allocate those funds effectively. A revised budget sheet was presented to the council. Subject to review by the Grand Knight and Trustees and after December BINGO funds are added, this budget or a slightly modified version will be presented for voting to the Council at the January Business Meeting.

The Community Dinners on Sundays continue to serve between 120 and 150 meals each week. It is noted that as the weather has cooled, the clothing on our customers has not changed much. Our Grand Knight and PGK Gerry Riss are proposing to obtain knit watch caps and scarves for those who wish to take them. More info will be provided next month.

Old Business: The Container Project is on hold:

New Business:

Jim Fabry moved for \$200 for the Antonacci Family's BEA Fund. Larry Peltier Seconded the motion. Approved.

PGK Gerry Riss (for PGK Joe Ferrall) moved for \$200 to St Rose School for the McGarry Family. PGK Dan Owens Seconded the motion. Approved.

PGK Bob Smith moved for \$200 for Joanna Manley for transportation to cancer treatments. Paul Friedeborn Seconded the Motion. Approved.

PGK Jerry Padgett moved for \$200 for Lou Porter. PGK Gerry Riss Seconded the motion. Tabled, no funds available this month.

Good of the Order was taken. PGK Jerry Padgett and Richard Buetow shared the funds.

Our Lector, PGK Gerry Riss, shared some insight on Christmas, Advent, and people in general. Like a sculptor, who sees a great work in a block of stone, God sees the good in any one and all of us. He asks us to see that good too and share our good will and as appropriate treasure with all this Holy Season

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:05 PM