

October 2025 Meeting Minutes

October 20TH, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:37 pm** by Grand Knight (GK) Joe Tarallo.

Warden's Report

All present were in possession of a current membership card.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Deacon Tony .

Pledge of Allegiance

Salute to the flag was led by the council members.

Chaplain report

Deacon Tony spoke of the upcoming Feast of St. Jude Novena to be held just after the 9 AM mass on October 28TH 2025. He spoke about of parish name and that St. Jude is a saint for those living on the edge of spirituality, financially, or Physically. He urged that members and their families pray at home.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Joe Tarallo, seconded by John Watral, approved with a unanimous vote.

Grand Knight's Report (Joe Tarallo)

GK stated that autumn is upon us now that summer is over and that we are getting ready for upcoming holiday events.

GK Stated that Robert Jacobs and Larry McEntee attended the annual MIA Recognition 24 hour event at Turkey Brook Park and participated by reading names of fallen heroes for 1 hour. Public attendance was light during their reading time.

GK stated that the Soccer Challenge was held on September 20TH, 2025.

GK stated that the March for Life was held on October 4TH and 5TH in Trenton, NJ at the State Capitol and that St. Jude's Church shared a bus with the Long Valley Parish. Gerry Kaufhold ran this program.

GK Sated that Gerard Petrocelli is continuing with the running of the Wreath Drive and that members should contact him as he needs volunteers to help.

GK sated that the Tricky Tray was a successful event and Mike Uszacki informed us that the event took in \$17,300 in funds. GK stated that the knights donated 2 prizes and that we donated \$100 towards the event for the purchase of other items to be auctioned off during the event.

GK stated that we had representation at the 19TH annual Federation Meeting and that we were able to pay the promised 2nd installment to this cause.

GK stated that he meet with Father Antonio and father discussed that we need to figure out ways to bring families back to church and suggestions were made including to once again start holding an annual picnic event. GK stated that we need someone to lead this program. Last picnic included a dunk tank and Jerry Kaufhold and Deacon Tony were two of the unlucky dunk tank sitters and Deacon Tony stated that a kid with the skills of Tom Seaver (A former NY Mets Pitcher) sent him into the water several times.

GK Sated that we will have a planned membership drive on November 8TH and 9TH. Members are needed to hand out material after mass to male parishioners. There is a 2 minute time limit to hand out the materials after mass.

GK Stated that Right to Life will be conducting an event on November 2ND and 3RD and members will be needed to volunteer.

GK Sated the Gerard Pertrocelli will need help with the upcoming Wreath Drive.

GK Sated that Mike Sabella is running the upcoming CPR Training and that it is free of charge to all Knights and that there is signup sheet on the table. Event will be held in the parish center on November 15TH from 9 AM till Noon.

GK stated that the annual Christmas Party will be held on December 13TH in the parish center.

GK stated that we are planning on bringing back the Birthday for Jesus. Planned date will be the day after the Christmas Party on December 14TH, 2025. Event will include photos with Santa and will be held for the Faith Formation classes after the 8 and 10 AM Sunday masses

GK Sated that we will be donating to the “Keep Christ in Christmas” billboards to be installed in both English and Spanish thought out areas in New Jersey.

GK stated that we are donating \$3500 to the annual “Coats for Kids” event to be held in Paterson and that we can attend the event as it is a moving experience.

GK stated that we will be holding our Officers installation on November 3RD at 6:30 Sharp in the Church. Deacon Tony will run the event and there will be food afterwards in the parish center before the Officers Meeting to be held at 7:30 PM.

GK stated that we still need help at Bingo and all other planned events and drives.

GK stated that the 4TH Degree Meeting will be held on November 15TH.

GK stated that there are new voucher forms and program forms available on the K of C website and these need to be filled out for each planned activity.

Treasurer’s Report (Michael Uszacki)

The bank statement was sent to trustees. A copy is available upon request.

Membership Report (Chip Sturm)

We currently have several new members and he is currently working on others to join. He also stated that we will be sending out e-mail invitations.

Financial Secretary's Report (Gerard Petrocelli was not present)

Financial secretary's report is emailed in advance to Trustees for approval of expenditures.

Program Reports - Led by John Watral

Bingo (Mike Mallon) – Bingo is going well and everything is running smoothly and the patrons are behaving themselves. We have been consistent in bringing funds in and as always we need more members to fulfill their 1 week per month attendance requirement.

Soup Kitchen (Lenny Martin) – Soup Kitchen went well this month and we served 74 in house meals and 62 takeout meals. Lenny stated that the take out meal number has been rising and that the in house meals average around 75 to 80 people and have been remaining constant. He stated that the meal consisted of flounder, mixed vegetables, rice & beans with coffee and cake.

Blood Drive (Gerard Petrocelli was not present) – Next Blood Drive is planned for December 6TH and volunteers will be needed. Mike Sabella who spoke on behalf of Gerard stated that we will need early morning help at 5:30 AM before the drive begins.

CPR Training (Mike Sabella)-CPR Training will be conducted by Atlantic Health on November 15TH from 9 AM till 12 Noon. Mike stated that there is no fee for members and that all ushers and any Knights who wish to attend can do so by signing up on the signup sheet on the table.

Pride and Priests (Joe Tarallo) – Joe stated that we currently have 14 people signed up to attend. The table that we reserved will hold 12 people and the event will have a slip over table for additional attendees. Additional people can sign up as there are always folks who need to cancel.

4TH Degree (Robert Jacobs) – Meeting to be held tomorrow night October 21ST at 7 PM at the meeting hall behind the Flanders Volunteer Fire Department. Robert (Jake) to work with Tom Rohe on set up of this meeting. Patriotism is the theme of these meeting and any active or retired military personnel are urged to attend. However a military background is not required and this meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

Squires – (John Watral) – Last meeting was held on October 18TH. The next planned meeting will be on the Saturday after Thanksgiving on November 29TH at Turkey Brook Park. This meeting will concentrate on cleaning up the liter and debris from the park. Volunteers are needed to help at the kitchen and with checking people in. There will also be a craft sale that same date. This craft sale was previously run by Trish Rohe and we are asked now to continue with these duties.

Soccer Challenge- (John Watral)- 8 kids showed up for the challenge and all were boys. There were no girls this year. Only 2 winners have advanced onto the final challenge that will be held at St. Mary's in Wharton.

Website improvements (Joe Tarallo)-Joe stated that there are new voucher and program forms available on the website that need to be used from now going forward. Joe also stated that members can use the website to look up various information including the current motions and past motions already approved.

DD Report – Worthy DD provided the following report:

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District Deputy Report

Long Valley 10419

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Greetings From Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, and State Deputy James Sweeney.

- Presentation STAR Council Award
- The council is up to date on reports to Supreme
- Safe Environment training is up to date. I always suggest members beyond the required brothers who are active in programs take training
- Complete form 10784 (Faith in Action form) after each program-
- Congratulations to your Soccer Challenge winners
- Membership: Brothers, you are at 1 new brothers – council quota is 8 – your membership drive coming up – let’s make it a success
- Any event or program the council holds is an opportunity to attract new members – use it as a membership drive. Be sure to let people know what you do – in the bulletin, local newspapers. Wear your Knights wear.
 - At yesterday’s membership drive at one of our parishes I had the opportunity to speak with two candidates. I asked 2 simple questions: why didn’t you join before, and why are you joining now?
 - One brother answered, he was never asked and he basically said he is joining now because he feels he is struggling with all the negativity in our society and he wants to be a part of the change. He feels joining a faith-based organization will help him reach this goal.
 - The other said he sees the works the Knights perform and he wants to be a part of it. He said he and his family are devout Catholics strong in their faith. He sees the Knights as a way to serve the Church in another way. He was asked to join once but just didn’t follow through.
 - Coats for Kids and Paterson Diocese Coats for Kids –
 - Keep Christ in Christmas –
- Events:
 - Reminder -Mass for Life – 1st Saturday every month at St Margaret’s Morristown 8am celebrated by Bishop Sweeney – wear your Knight’s gear to show our support
 - Last date for Ad Journal for 4th degree Oct 20
 - Nov 21 Federation Meeting St Anthony Council, 65 Hamburg Tpk., Butler
 - Nov 15 – 4th Degree Exemplification –
 - Nov 19 State Holy Hour at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Lyndhurst
 - Nov 24 – Pride in Priests dinner (flyer)
 - May 14-17 Convention room reservation form is available

Unfinished Business

The following motions were made and passed unanimously:

2526.26	Faith	\$1,000.00	2nd READING Up to \$1000 to help families in need of support for tuition for CCD Classes.
2526.27	Faith	\$750.00	2nd READING Donate Up to \$750 for a table at the annual Pride in Priests dinner to be held at the Hanover Manor on 11/24/25.

New Business

The following motions were made and passed unanimously:

2526.30	Family	\$250.00	Donate \$250 in honor of Tish Rohe to Lakota Wolf Preserve
2526.31	Family	\$100.00	Reimburse Up to \$100 for the supplies for Tish Rohe repast to be paid to the Rosarians.
2526.32	Faith	\$200.00	Up to \$200 to Patterson Federation to put up billboards to keep christ in christmas.
2526.33	Fraternal	\$1,200.00	1st READING Spend up to \$1200 for the annual St. Jude's Christmas Party
2526.34	Fraternal	\$200.00	Donate \$200 for the band that will be performing at the Chrstmas Part
2526.35	Family	\$500.00	Donate up to \$500 for the Christmas Wreath drive
2526.36	Faith	\$725.00	1st READING Donate \$725 for Chrstsmas gifts for the St. Judes Support Staff
2526.37	Community	\$2,500.00	1st READING to spend up to \$2500 for AED/CRP Training to be paid to Atlantic Health for up to 29 people at approximately \$86 per person.
2526.38	Community	\$40.52	Spend \$40.62 for additonal costs to cover signed purchased for 40 days for life, soccer challenge. and other events.
2526.39	Community	\$200.00	Donate \$200 to the Mt. Olive High School ROTC to help run Bingo night to be held on 2/21/25.

Good of the Order

The Good of the Order was directed by Alan Lopez.

Prayers for the sick and Deceased

Sick/Distressed

Mel Kaufhold

Jack Abbott

Nicholas & Frances Tarallo

Margaret Sweeny

Cindy Tounzos

Bob Heinboker

Alice Campbell

Jean Guiders Kernizan

Deceased

Tish Rohe

Closing Prayer

Closing prayer was led by Deacon Tony

Attendance: 22 people.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.