

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Father Thomas J. F. Ryan Council #5036
9090 Old Bustleton Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19115
Fraternal Year 2027

Business Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2026

Call to Order

- The Council was called to order at 7:54 PM by Grand Knight James Woodruff after the Installation of Officers Mass.
- Opening Prayer: Prayed at Installation Mass at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call of Officers

Chaplin	Rev. Vincent Smith, OSFS	P	Advocate	Open	-
Grand Knight	James Woodruff	P	Warden	Dennis Franklin	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Open	-	Inside Guard	Bill Schragen	P
Treasurer	John McAleer	E	Outside Guard	Open	-
Financial Secretary	Tony DiCicco	P	Trustee (1 st Yr.)	Vern Rose	P
Recorder	William Schmitt	P	Trustee (2 nd Yr.)	Pat Diamond	E
Chancellor	Chris Fried	E	Trustee (3 rd Yr.)	George Warren	P

Last Month Minutes

- September Minutes emailed to each member and available on the Council website.
- No corrections or additions required. A motion was made to approve the September Business Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Chaplain's Message

- Homily Installation Mass.

Grand Knight's Report – James Woodruff

- Awaiting reply from the Sisters of Life on the Baby Bottles for October.
- October Officers Meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2026.
- Holy Hour of Life followed by Benediction on October 5, 2026, 6:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Cecilia. Please wear something that identifies you as a knight of Columbus.
- Fourth Degree Exemplification on October 10, 2026.
- "Feed My Sheep" weekend on October 17 and 18, 2026.
- Baby bottles collected on October 31 and November 1, 2026.

Treasurer's Report –

- None.

Financial Secretary's Membership Report – Tony DiCicco

- Recruitment Drive at Resurrection of Our Lord on October 17 and 18, 2026. We will need help manning the doors.

Insurance Field Agent's Report – Brian Parks

- None.

District Deputy's Report – Tony DiCicco

- Regional Soccer Challenge on October 17, 2026, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Gwynedd Mercy University. Any Brother Knight who is able to help is greatly appreciated.
- Every Council is being asked to donate to the Ultrasound for Choice One. The Council at Saint Catherine of Siena, Horsham ,PA is the lead council.
- The State Convention is April 30 to May 2, 2026. Raffle baskets are needed. The money raised stays in that region.
- You are encouraged to recruit – Invite someone to something like the Baby Bottles or something that the Council is doing then ask them to join the Knights.
- Our Associate members are asked to contact our Field Agent to set up a financial review.
- Food packing event at Holy Ghost. Date to be determined. They are asking for each Council to donate \$200.00.
- The educational grants (which are a great recruiting tool) are for children of Knights in Catholic schools, grades one to twelve. Applications for grants can be up to \$1000.00. There will be 150 grants state wide.
- We are waiting for the coats for our "Coats For Kids" Program.
- COAL Tickets will be available soon.
- The Football sweeps are due by October 9, 2026.
- Each Council should be choosing a Family of the Month each month. It does not have to be the family of a Knight.. This can be another great recruiting tool.

Community Report – Dennis Franklin

- Feed My Sheep Program: Resurrection of Our Lord donated 530 lbs. of food and \$62 in cash.

Round Table Reports

St. Cecilia – Bill Schragen

- <https://stceciliafc.org/>

Maternity BVM – Ed Lawrence

- Due to Church roof repair until December all masses are in the Lower Church. Coffee and donuts after every Mass.
- Forty-Hours begins this week after the 12:30 PM Mass on Sunday October 4, 2026. Rev. Michael G. Speziale Pastor of Saint Ephrem Parish in Bensalem will be the Homilist.
- October 17, 24, and 31, 2026 Reverend Robert T. Bollinger will be holding a Bible Study after the 8:00 AM Mass.
- <https://maternitybvmchurch.net/>

Resurrection – Dennis Franklin

- As part of the ASAP program baby bottles will be distributed to parishioners to fill with spare change.
- Blessing of the Animals will be on the Shelmire Avenue lawn after the 12:00 Noon Mass this Sunday, October 4, 2026.
- Walnut Street Theater Game Night on Saturday, October 26, 2026. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer.
- Women's Retreat Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.
- Halloween Movie Night on Friday, October 30, 2026 at 7:00 PM.
- <https://resurrectphila.org/>

Rosary – Deacon Pat Diamond

- No Rosary because we prayed during the Installation Mass.

Assembly Reports

St. Raphael Assembly

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St. John Neumann Assembly

- None.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Bills Not Previously Approved – Tony DiCicco

- None.

Good of the Order

- We are in receipt of a letter from the Principal of Resurrection Parrish looking to do a pancake breakfast on December 6, 2026 for the feast of Saint Nicholas. She would like our help preparing the breakfast. The breakfast will be after the 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM Mass.

Lecturer's Reflection – Will Schmitt

- Based on Sunday September 20, 2026 readings: *(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A): Isaiah 55:6–9; Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18; Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a; Matthew 20:1–16a.*
- *God's abundant, lavish generosity.*
- See also The Banner Newsletter at <https://kofc5036.org/newsletter.html>.

Grand Knight's Summation

- None.

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed

Please pray for the following: Dave and Judi Schein, Mike Callahan, Kathleen Morgan.

Closing Prayer

- We prayed the Lords Prayer for all of the above mentioned, and any other needs in our families, which we keep in our prayers. Deacon Pat then concluded with the Apostolic Blessing.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

ATTEST:

William A. Schmitt