



St Matthias Knights of Columbus Council 16945 Meeting Minutes June 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight, Vic Senese at 7:00 pm.

The following officers were present: Grand Knight Vic Senese, Deputy Grand Knight Jim Jankauskis, Recorder Jim Lambert, Advocate Sam Brune, Warden Brian Muller, Outside Guard Greg Filipowski, Trustee 1 Year Tim Kreke, Trustee 3 Year Ron Simko.

The minutes of the May 4th meeting were presented for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ron Simko and seconded by Tim Kreke. Motion carried.

There were 15 members present as well as the District Deputy.

In the absence of the chaplain, Deacon Richard enlightened members present on the works of St. Justin, Martyr whose feast day was celebrated today.

Grand Knights Report

- Elections for the next fraternal year will be conducted this evening.
- At the Pancake Breakfast we honored our two Scholarship winners, Ashlyn Gentry and Simone Blanco.
- Pancake Breakfast was a success.
- We received thank-you's from Amy for our donation for her to attend celiac camp this summer and for Making a Kid Smile for our donation.
- Zack Mense is our new Life Insurance Agent.
- Gibault is requesting donations so they can expand some of the recreation opportunities offered on their campuses.
- The Tootsie Roll Drive brought in \$1427.93. We need to decide which organizations will receive these profits.
- There were suggestions for a going away gift for Fr. Jim. The gift will be presented at the reception after the 8 am Mass on Sunday, June 28th.

Financial Report

- We have a balance of \$1099.37 plus our two CD's.
- Annual dues notifications will be emailed in early July. Dues will remain at \$50.

Program Report

- The guided tour of the Shrine of Christ's Passion will be on Sunday, June 14th. Participants should arrive at the Shrine at 12:30. This is open to any parishioner. Children are also welcomed. Everyone should register using the QR code found in the bulletin.

- There will be a planning meeting for all newly elected officers on Wednesday, July 15th at Vic's house.
- Pork Chop Dinner will be on Saturday, August 15th.

Old Business

- We will be helping with one, possibly two meals during garage sale drop-offs. Ron Simko is coordinating this effort with Jackie Wallace.
- The slate for the next Fraternal Year was presented. Since there were no contested offices, a motion was made to accept the slate as presented.
- The following members were elected to positions for next fraternal year.

Grand Knight	Vic Senese	Warden	Brian Mueller
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Jankauskis	Inside Guard	Terry Tomera
Chancellor	Bill Burke	Outside Guard	Greg Filipowski
Recorder	Jim Lambert	Trustee 1 Year	Mike Havens
Treasurer	Xavier Mendoza	Trustee 2 Year	Ron Simko
Advocate	Sam Brune	Trustee 3 Year	Tim Kreke

New Business

- A motion was made by Tom Turey and Seconded by Ron Simko to donate \$1000 from the Tootsie Roll Drive to Ben's Blue Bags. Motion carried.
- A Motion was made by Jim Lambert and seconded by Tim Kreke to Donate \$500 from the Tootsie Roll Drive to the Blast Program at the Northwest Indiana Special Education Coop. Motion carried.
- A motion to donate \$1000 To Gibault was made by Tim Kreke and seconded by Jim Jankauskis. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Tim Kreke and seconded by Ron Simko to purchase a farewell gift for Father. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 14 th	Guided Tour of the Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John 12:30
Monday, July 6 th	Next Council Meeting/Installation of Officers 7pm Spouses welcomed
Wednesday, July 15 th	New Officer Planning Meeting at Vic's. 6pm
Monday, August 3 rd	Council Meeting, Double Classroom 7pm
Saturday, August 15 th	Pork Chop Dinner

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Reminder.....Council clothing can be purchased through links found on our website

