

Bishop Ruocco Council (9275)

Meeting Minutes, February 6 and 13, 2023

Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on Feb 6 and at 7:30 PM on Feb 13, 2022.

By: GK Lou Soracco

Prayer was offered by: GK Lou Soracco

Total members at Council/ Business meeting on Feb 13 were: 16

Officers attending:

| | | Feb 6 | Feb 13 |
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| Chaplain | Father Fernando Ayala | E | E |
| Grand Knight | Louis Soracco | P | P |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Bob Malnati | E | E |
| Chancellor | Paul Sidari | P | P |
| Warden | Joseph Molligi | E | P |
| Financial Secretary | James Barrows | P | P |
| Treasurer | David Breen | P | P |
| Recorder | Bill Pacino | P | P |
| Lecturer | Bob Malnati | E | E |
| Advocate | Gene Bartos | P | P |
| Inside Guard | James O'Keefe | E | P |
| Outside Guard | Ed Ciampa | E | P |
| Trustee (3rd Year) | Paul Rigazio | P | P |
| Trustee (2 nd Year) | Charles DeStefano | P | P |
| Trustee (1 st year) | Adam Whitehouse | P | P |

P = Present, E = Excused

Guests: District Deputy, Gene Bartos, P

Planning meeting notes

Information from Feb 6, 2023 planning meeting

- K of C Free Throw Contest program was held Saturday, February 4 at McCarthy Middle School in Chelmsford from 12 noon to 4 PM.
 - We will host Soup and Stations Friday, March 31 at St. Mary's church.
 - Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Long Lake, Littleton, April 15
 - We will host a movie night on May 22 to show the Mother Teresa: No Greater Love DVD. Age 13 and older.
 - We have indicated to Chelmsford's July 4th Parade committee that we will be marching in the parade and will sell food during July 3-4 at the Chelmsford common.
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- The Annual State Raffle is well underway. The drawing is at the end of April at the State Convention. Either mail your tickets to the James Barrows with a check made out to the council or drop them off at a meeting. Tickets are \$15 per book. Contact James Barrows for more tickets. All tickets must be purchased and turned in by the local council's April 10 business meeting.
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- The position of Lecturer will open up to a replacement in the 2023-2024 council year. If interested, contact DGK Bob Malnati.
 - Use of Zoom collaboration meeting tool for the monthly business meeting (2nd Monday of month) has been dropped.

Business Meeting, February 13, 2023

Call to Order: Lou Soracco, GK at 7:30 PM

Opening Prayer: Lou Soracco

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of previous month's council meeting minutes

The minutes of the January 2023 business meetings were sent via email to all Council members.

There was a motion to accept the minutes; there was a second and all voted affirmative.

The meeting minutes for the past month's meeting are available on the council web page (www.knights9275.com). This is password protected from the public.

User Name = members

password = faithinaction

Applications (to become members of Council)

The preferred way to join the Knights of Columbus is via online. Membership is free through the end of the year 2023. See the website kofc.org/joinus and use code: SWHITE

For new members entering the Bishop Ruocco council during 2023, the dues and initiation fee for 2023 will be waived.

Grand Knight's Report

- K of C Free Throw Contest program was held Saturday, February 4 at McCarthy Middle School in Chelmsford from 12 noon to 4 PM.
- A membership drive and diaper drive at the two churches of the Blessed Trinity collaborative will take on March 18/19. The diapers collected from this diaper drive is going to the Wish Project in Lowell.
- We will host Soup and Stations Friday, March 31 at St. Mary's church.
- Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Long Lake, Littleton, April 15
- Good Friday – see posters in the local churches – encourage Catholic friends to attend Good Friday.
- We will host a movie night on May 22 to show the Mother Teresa: No Greater Love DVD. Age 13 and older.
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Financial Report:

Account Balances (2/13/2023)

Business account: \$11,822

Charity account: \$ 2,507

Membership Report

New member, Matt McDonald

Dues notice was sent out on November 15.

36 members have not yet paid their 2023 dues

Bills Read and Referred

Program Reports

Program Director – James Barrows

Our council is supporting Seminarian Johnathan Saniuk this year. Please Pray for him and all Seminarians. We are sending him \$500. If you would like to help with a donation, send a check to me or use the payment link on our webpage.

If you could also send him a card or letter. Send to:

Johnathan Saniuk

St John's Seminary

127 Lake St, Brighton, MA 02135

Field Agent's Report

5-year annuities available

Fraternal Benefits presentations – March 2 and April 26, see email to register.

District Deputy's Report

Free online membership through 2023.

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love DVD is available for local councils to schedule local showings.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Lecturer's Reflection

Read by Paul Rogazio

See the March 2023 council newsletter for a written version of this reflection.

Committee Reports

Sick and Vigil

The following should be kept in our prayers:

Chris Cantrell

Rich Sweeney, back home after knee surgery

Luigi Iacoviello

Faith in Action Reports

Programs Director – James Barrows

Faith in Action Programs

For further information, go to Knights of Columbus website:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/index.html>

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| Faith – Paul Sidari | Community – James Barrows |
| RSVP | Coats for Kids – Bob Chevalier |
| Into the Breach | Global wheelchair mission |
| Spiritual reflection | Habitat for Humanity |
| Holy Hour | Leave no neighbor Behind |
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| Family – Adam Whitehouse | Life – James Barrows |
| Food for Families | March for life, March 21 |
| \$25 gift certificates | 9 days for Life, January |
| Family of the year | Special Olympics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polar plunge in April |
| Family Fully alive | Ultrasound Program |
| Family Prayer night | Pregnancy Center support – diaper drive/ formula drive |
| | Tom Callery homeless ministry |

Intentions

Get well cards/ sympathy cards – See sick and vigil heading in this document.

Good of the Order

None

Closing Prayer, led by GK Lou Soracco at 9:00 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by Bill Pacino, Recorder

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