

Bishop Ruocco Council (9275)

Meeting Minutes, February 3 and February 10, 2025

Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on February 3 (planning meeting) and at 7:00 PM on February 10 (members meeting).

By: Bob Malnati, GK

Planning meeting opening prayer was offered by Bob Malnati, GK

Total members at members meeting on February 10 was 13.

Officers attending:

		Feb 03	Feb 10
Chaplain	Father Fernando Ayala	E	E
Grand Knight	Bob Malnati	P	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Matthew Bartos	P	P
Chancellor	Adam Rypinski	P	P
Warden	Ricky Walsh	-	E
Financial Secretary	James Barrows	P	E
Treasurer	David Breen	P	P
Recorder	Bill Pacino	P	P
Lecturer	Ed Ciampa	E	P
Advocate	Gene Bartos	P	P
Inside Guard	Richard Zuppari	E	E
Outside Guard	Jean Croteau	P	P
Trustee (3rd Year)	Jimmy O'Keefe	P	P
Trustee (2 nd Year)	Lou Soracco	P	P
Trustee (1 st year)	Adam Whitehouse	P	P

P = Present, E = Excused

Guests: District Deputy Paul Sidari

Planning meeting notes

Information from February 3, 2025 planning meeting

This was a VIRTUAL meeting via Google MEET.

Report of status of C. Lynch, State Charity Grant, authorization to proceed.

Discussion of disposition of M n M funds.

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Scholarship committee: Matt Bartos, publicity, Karen and James Barrows reviewers, Need two NEW reviewers.

Report from Faith director regarding COR/Pilgrim Icon, Soup and Stations, volunteers {GK will read}

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Status of event signups for Polar Plunge, Special Olympics bowling, soup and stations, state convention

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Members Meeting, February 10, 2025

Call to Order: Bob Malnati, GK at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of previous month's council meeting minutes

The minutes of the February 2025 monthly meetings were distributed via email to all council members in mid-February 2025.

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 2024. See the website kofc.org/joinus and use code: SWHITE

Grand Knight's Report

Delivered by Deputy Grand Knight Matt Bartos

Actively planning for:

- Membership drives
- Faith programs
- Recognitions for Knight of the Year and the Family of the Year
- Church activities, pancake dinner on Holy Thursday
- Cyber security presentation by Declan Reidy (April 14)
- Scholarships
- Anniversary dinner, May 8
- July 4 activities

Approved charity request for Lynch family (\$4372)

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From Grand Knight Bob Malnati

Critical item discussed at length and voted upon is as follows:

We [the council] will proceed with drafting TWO separate RESOLUTIONS for the State convention

First, to amend State Charity Fund rules to allow greater flexibility and access to grants.

Second, to have the State Charity Fund return \$10,000 to each council in good standing as of April 1, 2025.

Members present, after discussion and explanation, voted unanimously to proceed as follows:

This is a complex and exacting process, A proposed draft of these proposals will be prepared [by a team of officers] and submitted to the general membership for discussion, review and revision. NO FORMAL ACTION for filing these resolutions will take place without council membership approval.

Financial Report:

Account Balances, February 10, 2025

Business account: \$8977

Charity account: \$4107

Note: \$2,500 in a 5-month CD

Membership Report

Three new members so far this year

Star Council designation requires 14 new knights per year

Bills Read and Referred

Program Reports, Faith in Action

Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

FAITH RSVP; Into the Breach; Spiritual Reflection; Holy Hour; Pilgrim Icon Program; Building the Domestic Church Kiosk; Rosary Program; Sacramental Gifts	Programs Director: Lou Soracco Faith Director: Paul Sidari
FAMILY Food for Families; Family of the Month/Year; Family Fully Alive; Family Prayer Night; Keep Christ in Christmas; Family Week; Consecration to the Holy Family; Good Friday Family Promotion	Family Director: Jean Croteau Community Director (acting) James Barrows
COMMUNITY Coats for Kids; Global Wheelchair Mission; Habitat for Humanity; Disaster Preparedness; Free Throw Championship; Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest; Soccer/Hockey Challenge; Helping Hands	Life Director: Charlie DeStefano Publicity Chair: Adam Rypinski Ceremonial Chair: Gene Bartos
LIFE March for Life; Special Olympics; Ultrasound Initiative; Pregnancy Center Support / ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy); Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose; Mass for People with Special Needs; Novena for Life	

Field Agent's Report

The owner of the Knights Life Insurance & Asset Company is Matt DiCalogero, who is in charge of all of the Field Agents. Matt, along with office manager Tom Mahan are the persons to call for any insurance questions, especially regarding the Fraternal Benefits Events. Our council does not currently have a Field Agent to replace Steve White, so Matt will be our FA for now, until he recruits some new hires. His office number is 781-769-3277.

(From Paul Rigazio) Our New contact is Dicalogero Agency, PO Box 815, Norwood MA 02062, and TOM is our temporary agent at 978-273-2409. They are training new agents and will provide us with new agent soon.

District Deputy's Report

Our District Deputy is Paul Sidari.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Lecturer's Reflection

Ed Ciampa

Committee Reports

Sick and Vigil

The following should be kept in our prayers:

Michelle Mosher, daughter of Dave Breen

Ruth Malnati, wife of GK Bob Malnati

Charlie DeStefano, recovering from knee surgery

Chris Cantrell

Tim Fitzgerald

Luigi Iacoviello

John Miller

George Dixon, visitors welcome

Intentions

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

Good of the Order

After a review of email lists and a removal of emails of council members no longer with council, there are 190 members receiving email from the council.

Closing Prayer led by DGK Matt Bartos, at 8:30 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by Bill Pacino, Recorder

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