

Bishop Ruocco Council (9275)

Meeting Minutes, December 2 and December 9, 2024

Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on December 2 (planning meeting) and at 7:00 PM on December 9 (members meeting).

By: Bob Malnati, GK

Prayer was offered by Bob Malnati, GK

Total members at Members meeting/Yankee Swap on December 9 was 14.

Officers attending:

		Dec 2	Dec 9
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			
Financial Secretary	James Barrows	P	P
Treasurer	David Breen	P	P
Recorder	Bill Pacino	P	P
Lecturer	Ed Ciampa	E	P
Advocate	Gene Bartos	P	E
Inside Guard	Richard Zuppardi	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	E

P = Present, E = Excused

Guests: District Deputy Paul Sidari

Planning meeting notes

Information from December 2, 2024 planning meeting

Food for Families at BTP is not happening. Council made a donation of \$ 1.000 of MB gift cards to Lazarus House at Thanksgiving which earned a \$ 1.000 match, yielding a \$2,000 donation. The council has done as much as we can for charity food insecurity.

Let's discuss bringing back a collation at Member Meetings, perhaps starting in Feb. To control costs, an email yes/no response would be required and there would be a \$5 donation for those who partake. Keep it simple, pizza, snack, water/soft drink.

update of status of Charity Grant for "Cassie", discuss guidelines for use of MnM monies. [definition of disability to be up to our council] {where feasible, seek State Charity monies first!}

Jan 6 planning meeting {I'd like to schedule the semi-annual audit to begin at 6 then carry over into planning meeting }

Jan 13 Member meeting. could include an exemplification, Essay winners' presentation, All committee reports

Anniversary dinner planning. Jean Croteau has offered to chair, will need a date and budget.

We are committed to a "Pancake Supper" on Holy Thursday April 17 at St Mary's before evening liturgy [this was a specific request from Fr. Brian].

Members Meeting, December 9, 2024

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

Opening Prayer: Matthew Bartos, DGK

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of previous month's council meeting minutes

The minutes of the November 2024 monthly meetings were distributed via email to all council members in mid-November 2024.

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

1. Superbowl Squares, buy a square for \$5, from Paul Rigazio, at business meeting in January.
2. Financial report: \$2k to 6-mos.CD, pay bills, \$400 each to Holy Rood and Blessed Trinity (budgeted, but delayed), Join Boston chapter, K of C, \$40
3. State Charity fund application for Cassie Lynch submitted
4. No December COR meeting; will hold planning meeting in early January [maybe Sat 4]
5. All present to sign Christmas card [D. Breen]
6. Online exemplification on Dec 18,
7. Audit [financial and activities] on Jan 6 at Paul Center,
8. “Pancakes for supper” at St John’s on Holy Thursday replaces Palm Sunday pancakes [Fr. Brian’s request] Adam R will lead,
9. Need volunteers for pizza and snack collation with signup for member meetings,
10. Jean C has scheduled Anniversary dinner,
11. Need a team for Family of the year, also a team for Scholarship judging, Jan 13 member meeting will feature Essay winners

January	2025		
6	Planning Meeting	Bob Malnati	7:00 pm @ Paul Center
13	Members Meeting	Bob Malnati	Council meeting begins at 7:00 PM
6	Semi-annual audit		Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees
27	Social Meeting - Superbowl Party	Paul Rigazio	7:00 pm @Princeton Station

Financial Report:

Account Balances, December 9, 2024

Business account: 6,119

Charity account: \$3,593

Membership Report

Star Council designation requires 14 new knights per year

Bills Read and Referred

\$30 to Bob Malnati for frames for the essay winner certificates

\$400 each to Holy Rood and Blessed Trinity (budgeted, but delayed),

Join Boston chapter, K of C, \$40

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: Matt Bartos 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.

District Deputy's Report

Our District Deputy is Paul Sidari.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Lecturer's Reflection

From 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

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 GK Bob Malnati at 8:30 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by Bill Pacino, Recorder

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