

Bishop Ruocco Council (9275)

Meeting Minutes, May 5 and May 12, 2025

Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 5 (planning meeting) and at 7:45 PM on May 12 (members meeting).

By: Bob Malnati, GK

Planning meeting opening prayer was offered by Bob Malnati, GK

Total members at members meeting on May 12 was 18 (including 2 on Goggle Meet)

Officers attending:

		May 5	May 12
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	P	P
Financial Secretary	James Barrows	E	P
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	P
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	E	P

P = Present, E = Excused

Guests: District Deputy Paul Sidari

Planning meeting notes

Information from May 5, 2025 planning meeting

IN-person at Paul Center and virtual via Google MEET.

1. Scholarship results and awards. Winners to present and to be recognized at the May 12 membership meeting
2. Alden Thomas exemplification prior to the May 12 meeting
3. Anniversary Dinner is May 8.
4. Night of reflection May 19
5. State convention update
 - Bob & Matt to attend
 - Denial of council resolution proposals
6. 2025-2026 officers slate and vote at June membership meeting
 - Chancellor / Warden positions to fill
7. Changing of the Guard, proposed as potluck dinner on Monday June 23
8. July 1 / Fraternal year dues collection update
9. Chelmsford Fair food booth updates
 - Banner supports being built by Phil B.
 - Price changes?
10. Council status
 - Fraternal Benefits Event, May 7 and May 22
 - Star council status reached for second year

Members Meeting, May 12, 2025

Call to Order: Bob Malnati, GK at 7:45 PM

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Scholarship results and awards. Winners are present. This ceremony took place members meeting.

Alden Thomas. Mondoht Deepak exemplification took place before members meeting

Approval of previous month's council meeting minutes

The minutes of the April 2025 monthly meetings were distributed via email to all council members in mid-May 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 2025. See the website kofc.org/joinus and use code: SWHITE

Grand Knight's Report

Scholarship results and awards. Winners are present. This ceremony took place before members meeting. Welcome winners and guests.

Alden Thomas exemplification took place before before members meeting

Formal members meeting begins at 7:45 PM

Acceptance of minutes - Bill Pacino

GK report - Bob Malnati

DGK report - Matt Bartos, upcoming

Chancellor/Communications - Adam Rypinski

Treasurer report - David Breen

Financial Secretary - James Barrows

dues request moving from calendar year to fraternal year. A mailing has been made requesting payment of \$30 now.

DD/Faith director - Paul Sidari

Program Director - Lou Soracco

Membership - Gene Bartos

Family - Jean Croteau

Life - James Barrows

Community - Charlie DeStefano

4th degree - Adam Whitehouse

Election, June 9

Changing of the Guard, June 23

Financial Report

Account Balances

Business account had a May 12, 2025 balance of \$1,160.

In addition, the business account owns a \$2,500 5-month CD due in May 15, 2025.

Charity account balance of April 14, 2025 is \$2,936

Membership Report

14 new members so far this year.

Star Council designation requires 13 new knights per year. The Bishop Ruocco council has reached Star Council status for the second year in a row.

Fraternal Benefits events require 14 members attend for Star designation.

Bills Read and Referred

Program Reports, Faith in Action

Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

FAITH	Programs Director: Lou Soracco Faith Director: Paul Sidari Family Director: Jean Croteau Community Director (acting) James Barrows Life Director: Charlie DeStefano Publicity Chair: Adam Rypinski Ceremonial Chair: Gene Bartos
RSVP; Into the Breach; Spiritual Reflection; Holy Hour; Pilgrim Icon Program; Building the Domestic Church Kiosk; Rosary Program; Sacramental Gifts	
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	
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	
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.

Our contact is Dicalogero Agency, PO Box 815, Norwood MA 02062, and Tom Butler is our contact at 978-273-2409.

District Deputy's Report

Our District Deputy is Paul Sidari.

Unfinished Business

Paul Center was gifted a washer and dryer. It will used to wash student clothes. Brother knight Richard Plumber, a licensed plumber, will hook up the washer and dryer.

New Business

Lecturer's Reflection

Ed Ciampa

Committee Reports

Sick and Vigil

The following should be kept in our prayers:

Brother knight Michael O'Malley as he battles cancer

Brother knight Greg Gallagher, also battling cancer

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

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.

Banner used in July 4 parade in Chelmsford being built by brother knight Phil Bellingheri.

Closing Prayer led by GK Bob Malnati at 8:45 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by Bill Pacino, Recorder

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