

# Bishop Ruocco Council (9275)

## Meeting Minutes, April 7 and April 14, 2025

*Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 7 (planning meeting) and at 7:00 PM on April 14 (members meeting).*

By: Bob Malnati, GK

Planning meeting opening prayer was offered by Bob Malnati, GK

Total members at members meeting on April 14 was 30 (including 2 on Goggle Meet)

### Officers attending:

|                                |                       | <b>April</b> | <b>April 14</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 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            | E               |
| Outside Guard                  | Jean Croteau          | P            | P               |
| Trustee (3rd Year)             | Jimmy O'Keefe         | P            | P               |
| Trustee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year) | Lou Soracco           | P            | P               |
| Trustee (1 <sup>st</sup> year) | Adam Whitehouse       | E            | P               |

P = Present, E = Excused

Guests: District Deputy Paul Sidari

## Planning meeting notes

Information from April 7, 2025 planning meeting

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

Knight of the year, GK will notify.

Families of the year, choices need to be notified and church presentations arranged.

July 4th food booth,

Anniversary dinner (who comes complimentary)

Nominating committee and elections schedule.

Scholarship applications (note April 15 deadline).

Pancakes for supper on Holy Thursday, April 17.

New Paul center refrigerator.

Resolutions submitted for State convention.

Fr Quinn 80 on May 5, cake at anniversary dinner?

Dining for dollars. June 16

Treasurer report

Should we set aside in an 11- or 12-months CD, \$2,500 from June 2025 dues?

Should we donate \$400 to special Olympics in lieu of cancelled polar plunge?

We NEED NAMES of all persons who attended the two virtual Fraternal Benefits webinar. We NEED 14 and at the moment can only verify 11.

Discussion of how we are engaging new members, getting them involved ASAP.

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# **Members Meeting, April 14, 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 March 2025 monthly meetings were distributed via email to all council members in mid-March 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](http://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](http://kofc.org/joinus) and use code: SWHITE

# Grand Knight's Report

*Delivered by Grand Knight Bob Malnati*

Call to order, opening PRAYER and Pledge of Allegiance

Introduce Computer Scam presentation by Brother Declan Reidy (1-hour)

GK report, Bob Malnati

Financial reports, James Barrows and David Breen

Vote on new members, Gene Bartos

## Programs and Events:

Program director, Lou Soracco

Faith/EFF director, Paul Sidari

Family director, Jean Croteau

Community director, James Barrows

Life director, Charlie DeStefano, summer games, Special Olympics

Publicity and Chancellor, Adam Rypinski

Ceremonies, Gene Bartos

4th degree Adam Whitehouse

Dining for dollars, June 16, Paul Rigazio

Scholarships, last day is April 15, status report, James Barrows

Families of the year, Bob Chevalier, Paul Rigazio, Gene Bartos, ANNOUNCE WINNERS

DD Report Paul Sidari

Lecturer's Reflection, Ed Ciampa

Closing comments and prayer, DGK Matt Bartos

Meeting finishes at 8:45 pm

## **Financial Report**

### *Account Balances*

Business account had an April 14, 2025 balance of \$8,473.

Balance at March 10, 2025 was \$8,473.82. (\$2,972.00 is reserved for the Lynch charity project).

This leaves an available Business account balance of \$5,501.82

In addition, the business account owns a \$2,500 5-month CD reserved for July 25, 2025 expenses.

Charity account balance of April 14, 2025 is \$3,186

## **Membership Report**

Three new members so far this year. Recent membership drive at St. Margaret resulted in four interested members.

Star Council designation requires 13 new knights per year.

Fraternal Benefits events require 14 members attend for Star designation.

## **Bills Read and Referred**

# Program Reports, Faith in Action

## Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

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|--|---|
| <b>FAITH</b><br>RSVP; Into the Breach; Spiritual Reflection; Holy Hour; Pilgrim Icon Program; Building the Domestic Church Kiosk; Rosary Program; Sacramental Gifts  | Programs Director: Lou Soracco<br>Faith Director: Paul Sidari                                       |
| <b>FAMILY</b><br>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<br>Community Director (acting) James Barrows                          |
| <b>COMMUNITY</b><br>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<br>Publicity Chair: Adam Rypinski<br>Ceremonial Chair: Gene Bartos |
| <b>LIFE</b><br>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**

none

## **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.

*Closing Prayer* led by GK Bob Malnati at 9 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by Bill Pacino, Recorder

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