

# Bishop Ruocco Council (9275)

## Meeting Minutes, March 3 and March 10, 2025

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

By: Bob Malnati, GK

Planning meeting opening prayer was offered by Bob Malnati, GK

Total members at members meeting on March 10 was 19.

### Officers attending:

		<b>Feb 03 Online</b>	<b>Feb 10</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
Financial Secretary	James Barrows	E	P
Treasurer	David Breen	P	P
Recorder	Bill Pacino	P	P
Lecturer	Ed Ciampa	E	E
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	P	P

P = Present, E = Excused

Guests: District Deputy Paul Sidari

## Planning meeting notes

Information from March 3, 2025 planning meeting

This was a VIRTUAL meeting via Google MEET.

Confirm work of Knight of the year committee

Confirm makeup of Officer nominating committee [four members]. Two confirmed so far [James Barrows and Gene Bartos].

Confirm Scholarship committee: M. Bartos, Karen and James Barrows, Declan Reidy, Bob Chevalier

Status of membership drives; signups, publicity, bulletins, posters, pulpit speaker

Status of Anniversary dinner

Status of new videos

Family of year: Volunteers needed to identify candidates from Holy Rood and Blessed Trinity

Review drafts of RESOLUTIONS for State Convention [these will be sent by separate email]

Organization and responsibilities for July 4 Chelmsford Fair

Decision regarding April 14 member meeting with Declan Reidy presentation on online scamming.

Review of Pilgrim Icon program and plans/volunteers/needs for upcoming programs and events. If you are a leader, please be prepared to state your needs. Personnel, funding etc.

Ongoing inability to have a fraternal benefit event either live or virtual.

March 10 council meeting experiment to extend to at-home Brothers via Google Meet.

Need for a new leader for COATS FOR KIDS, Bob Chevalier is retiring.

Leadership for July 4, Chelmsford fair food booth AND should we participate in the parade?

## **Members Meeting, March 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 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 2024. See the website [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and use code: SWHITE

# Grand Knight's Report

*Delivered by Grand Knight Bob Malnati*

Opening prayer - Our Father and Prayer for Pope Francis, Bob M

Pledge of allegiance, Phil B

Explanation of live video - Adam R

Treasurer report - David B

Financial Secretary report - James B

Membership report -Gene B

## PROGRAMS

Program director - Lou S

Family director -chair Jean C

Communications director - Adam R

Committees: and Good of the order

Knight of the year Chair - Paul R

Family of the year Chair - Bob M

Scholarship - Matt B

Nominating - James B

Members in need - health and otherwise

DD report - Paul Sidari

Unfinished business:

Lynch charity grant status - \$4,372 for Lynch Charity grant is currently sitting in the council business account. The work in replacing the rotted wood in the front entrance and porch has not yet begun due to weather.

New business:

Pay Bills

Review, discuss proposed resolutions for 2025 State Convention

## March 10, 2025

*From Grand Knight Bob Malnati*

Critical items discussed at length and voted upon, with 18 council members present at the members meeting of March 10, 2025, the vote was 18-0 in favor of proceeding with the preparation of the resolutions:

We [the council] will proceed with drafting TWO separate RESOLUTIONS for the State convention of May16-18, 2025.

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.

## **Financial Report:**

*Account Balances, March 10, 2025*

Business account:     \$8473 (includes \$4,372 for Lynch Charity grant). Balance available to council is \$4,605

Charity account:       \$4,322

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

## **Membership Report**

Three new members so far this year. Recent membership drive at St. Margaret resulted in 4 interested members.

Star Council designation requires 14 new knights per year

## **Bills Read and Referred**

# Program Reports, Faith in Action

## Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

<b>FAITH</b> 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
<b>FAMILY</b> 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
<b>COMMUNITY</b> 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
<b>LIFE</b> 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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