

# **Bishop Ruocco Council (9275)**

## **Meeting Minutes, August 5 and August 19, 2024**

*Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 1 (planning meeting) and at 7:00 PM on August 8 (members meeting).*

By: Bob Malnati, GK

Prayer was offered by Bob Malnati, GK

Total members at Members meeting on August 19 was 20.

### **Officers attending:**

		<b>August 1</b>	<b>August 8</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	Francis Bulman	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	E	P
Trustee (3rd Year)	Jimmy O'Keefe	P	E
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 August 5, 2024 planning meeting

Silver Rose, August 21, 2024, St. Catherine, 3 PM

Ongoing calendar of events, what's firm, what's TBD and what should be added/deleted.

Final update/plan for the Paul Center Fair on Sunday Aug 11.

Request for donation to the Hosea Initiative.

New fund raiser with Bertucci's

Plan/purpose/cost/location etc. for a Family Fun Night.

Outreach needed to inactive [5] new Knights.

Order Coats 4 Kids in September

Plan for combined membership drive/hospitality hosting

Discuss plan for new M n' M drive

Outreach to disabled and hardship Knights

Report/plan for collaboration with Fr. Fernando and Holy Rood youth initiatives [also BTP cooperation].

How should we advertise Essay and Poster contests? Do we even want to do them?

Should we have a Clergy Support Event? Might it be combined with some other event/dinner/cookout/meeting?

How much information should be contained in publicizing our councils' donations of time and money?

Should we combine with parishes for "Food for Families"?

## **Members Meeting, August 8, 2024**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Bob Malnati, GK

**Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of previous month's council meeting minutes**

The minutes of the July 2024 monthly meetings were distributed via email to all council members in mid-June 2024. Three separate reports of the Chelmsford Country Fair and Parade on July 3-4 from Lou Soracco, Bob Malnati and Gene Bartos, were added to the minutes.

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

- Cost of embroidered council polo shirt is \$25 per shirt
- *Monthly planning and members meeting at Paul Center start at same time – 7 PM.*

Silver Rose, August 21, 2024, St. Catherine, 3 PM

Outdoor picnics, Blessed Trinity and Holy Rood, September 8

National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children, September 14

Walk for Life, September 14

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Mother, September 16

COR meeting, September 23

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Final update/plan for the Paul Center Fair on Sunday Aug 11.	Matt Bartos	Done
Request for donation to the Hosea Initiative.		None
New fund raiser with Bertucci's	Paul Rigazio	October 21, 11 AM to 9 PM
Plan/purpose/cost/location etc. for a Family Fun Night.	Bob Malnati	Still in planning
Outreach needed to inactive [5] new Knights.	Bob Malnati	On-going
Order Coats 4 Kids in September	James Barrows, Bob Chevalier	
Plan for combined membership drive/hospitality hosting	Gene Bartos	
Discuss plan for new M n' M drive Charity drive with give-away candy, all churches, Oct. 5-6 Tootsie Roll drive, Oct. 17-19 at supermarkets	Bob Malnati/ James Barrows	Oct 5-6, Mn'M Oct 17-19, Tootsie Roll
Outreach to disabled and hardship Knights	Bob Malnati/ Bob Chevalier	On-going
Report/plan for collaboration with Fr. Fernando and Holy Rood youth initiatives [also BTP cooperation].	Matt Bartos/ Declan Reidy	On-goi

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Notes</b>
How should we advertise Essay and Poster contests?	Gene Bartos	Seek essays from Lowell Catholic students
Should we have a Clergy Support Event? Might it be combined with some other event/dinner/cookout/meeting?	Bob Malnati	
Apprentice program report	Matt Bartos	
How much information should be contained in publicizing our council donations of time and money?	Dave Breem	

## **Financial Report:**

*Account Balances (August 19, 2024)*

Business account:     \$1,987

Charity account:       \$2,137

## **Membership Report**

Star Council designation requires 13 new knights per year.

Two new members to join in July.

## **Bills Read and Referred**

None

# 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) Bob Malnati  Life Director: Charlie DeStefano
<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	Publicity Chair: Matt Bartos  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.

## District Deputy’s Report

Our District Deputy is Paul Sidari.

## Unfinished Business

## **New Business**

St Mary church asked if knights would get involved in the Holy Thursday pancake supper. The answer from GK Bob Malnati was Yes.

Change council donation to outdoor picnics of Blessed Trinity and Holy Rood changed to \$200 each from an original sum of \$500 each.

## **Lecturer's Reflection**

None

## **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

Rev Robert Dzuris, who passed away August 15

## **Intentions**

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

## **Good of the Order**

*Closing Prayer*, led by GK Bob Malnati at 8:30 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by Bill Pacino, Recorder

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