

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 9276 MEETING MINUTES- GENERAL

DATE: November 25,2025

TIME: 7:00p.m.

Call to Order

OPENING PRAYER - Our Father

Acknowledge of Guests and Visitors: District Deputy Mike Szabo

ROLL CALL

Grand Knight - Mike Serres x

Chaplain - Father Roque

Financial Secretary - Jim Flanigan x

Lecturer - John Deneau x

Treasurer - Nick Muza x

Inside Guard - Tony Toscano

Recorder - Paul Enticott x

Outside Guard - Larry Loth

Deputy Grand Knight- Pat Drohan x

Chancellor - Charles Palafox

Warden - Chris Chacon x

Trustee 1 - Len Keiswetter x

Advocate - Colm Dignam

Trustee 2- Wayne d'Mello

Trustee 3 - Rheal Lamothe

Program Director - Doug Behl Life Director - Charles Palafox Faith

Director - Paul O'Brien x

Other Knights Present - Bill Sawarna, Ralph Tomlinson, Wayne Donaldson, Sunny, Gerrard Dietrich, Frank Obi, Randy.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes - were distributed earlier and Paul read the minutes . There were no errors or omissions and minutes accepted and carried.

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT: Mike Serres.

Mike had received correspondence from Threshold an addiction help charity requesting donations. It had been sent to the Executive for review.

Thanked all those who had helped with the Spaghetti Supper as well as those who had helped with getting the Christmas decorations down from the loft. John has indicated he will no longer coordinate the Supper, so we will need new hands in order for it to continue.

Jim will be sending out membership invoices in the new future.

TREASURERS REPORT - Charity Account \$602.27 \$100 cheque still not cashed (Bishops dinner) Net balance after transfer \$971.27. More monies

To come from the spaghetti supper proceeds.

General Account - \$1695.01 all cheques issued and cashed. \$469 to be transferred to the charity account leaving a balance of \$1226.01.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Jim gave his report and will be sent along with the minutes.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT - Mike Szabo reported on the North Region Bishops Dinner. A total of \$7600 was donated. Bishop Lobsinger was in attendance and all went well. BBFT is to be held on February 7, 2026. All information has been sent to the schools (not high schools). A planning meeting to be held before Christmas.

District competition to be held locally and the Regional in Hamilton. The KW Titans have offered to help with our event. Mike is looking for a host to hold the planning meeting maybe at St. Mark. An exemplification is planned for around mid December at St. Theresa after their 10:30 a.m. Mass. Further details to follow. A membership recruitment catch phrase "Go for Two" whereby each Knight is asked to approach two Catholic men to join the Knights.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT - Doug was not present but he had sent an e-mail to Mike with an update. Outlined the events coming up in December.

John outlined the details around the bingos held at FHLTC especially for the new members. No General meeting in December but there will be an Executive meeting.

Poinsettia sales to be held in December second weekend in December. More details to come from Larry Loth.

Bngo January 5th. 2026. BBFT to be held February 7, 2026 and Doug would still like information as to who is participating.

Updating of the website is ongoing and now the details of the spaghetti supper are in that will be included.

Monthly newsletter will be published shortly.

There will not be a distribution of Christmas items from our parking lot this year as the HOF has a more inclusive year round program now in place.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT. John Deneau

The drive was held on the weekend of November 22/23 2025 and 2 new members signed up after the 11:30 a.m. Mass thanks to Michael.

Thanks to Doug for doing the follow up work. Thanks to Doug, Mike and Chris for speaking at all the Masses. New membership drive will probably be in the Spring. We now have three new members. Our quota is five.

CHAPLAIN REPORT- None

OLD BUSINESS - John reported on the spaghetti supper held on Sunday November 16, 2025. Financial report given to Jim and all in order.

120 people attended the event. Not quite as high as previous years. Increased prices probably did not effect ticket sales.

Maybe rethink future events as our church population is becoming more diversified. Thanks to the 21 people who helped out. Thanks to Paul O'Brien for donating the bacon bits and to Giant Tiger for

donating the pasta. Thanks to Phil and Debra Milan for making the best ever spaghetti sauce. Profit of \$989 and Mike donated \$11 to bring it to an even \$1000. Funds to be allocated to various charities later. John is looking for ideas for future fund raising events. Thanks to John for the years he has been coordinating this event. Paul E reported on the Share the Warmth program. Very well supported again this year and the Salvation Army were again very appreciative of our donations and refer to us as "Their faithful contributor". Paul E. to coordinate the outdoor nativity scene set up. Looking for a favourable day to do that and once determined will be calling on volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS- Mike referred to some correspondence he had received from Threshold which is an addiction support group. Looking for financial support . Maybe we consider them as one of our charities to support. Discussion was held on the various charities we have supported in the past. Jim reviewed the listing that included past years and this year to date of the charities we have donated to. Jim suggested with monies that we have in the charity account that we allocate \$1000 this year.

We have already donated a total of \$2256 so far this year. Discussion was held on the various charities we should give to and a motion was made by Jim seconded by Paul O'Brien and carried to donate \$200 to Food For Kids, \$200 Foodbank of Waterloo Region, \$100 to Nutrition for Learning, \$100 to House of Friendship, \$100 to Marillac Place, \$200 to St. Mark Mortgage Fund, and \$100 to the Church General Fund.

John indicated that Clem and Carolyn Baumtrog have an electric wheelchair available (we had donated to this in the past). They would like it to go to a person that would use it appropriately.

Paul O'Brien mentioned that this year is the 85th anniversary of the Regions 4th Degree and they are holding a dinner on Sunday November 30th at the Waterloo Knights Convention Centre. \$65 pp includes the dinner and entertainment by John Miller and Company. The time is 5:30 pm for cocktails. All are welcome.

Formal attire and tickets at the door.

Chris Chacon mentioned that maybe now is the time to introduce something new as an event such as a rib dinner. We need to think about future events to bring in all parishioners.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

John reported on Bingo being held on Monday December 1st at 6:30pm at FHLTC.

LECTURERS REFLECTION

John gave a short reading on a new borns conversation with God and a short story on a couples visit to Jerusalem.

GOOD OF THE ORDER - Remember in our prayers the Cuttings, the Baumtrogs, Oscar and the family of Bishop Lobsinger as his father has passed away and Chris wanted prayers for all the hate and disturbances that are going on in the world , Advent , protection of Christmas.

CLOSING PRAYER - Hail Mary

NEXT MEETINGS - Executive - December 9th, 2025 on Zoom
General - no meeting in December
January 27th, 2026

50/50 DRAW - Bill Sawarna and money donated back to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:20 p.m