

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 9276 MEETING MINUTES- GENERAL

DATE: January 27,2026

TIME: 7:05 p.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

Chancellor - Charles Palafox x

Warden - Chris Chacon x

Trustee 1 - Len Keiswetter x

Advocate - Colm Dignam x

Trustee 2- Wayne d'Mello

Trustee 3 - Rheal Lamothe

Program Director - Doug Behl x Life Director - Charles Palafox x Faith

Director - Paul O'Brien x

Other Knights Present - Bill Sawarna, Al Bendia, Suny Ramos.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes - November 25,2025 minutes were distributed earlier and with no corrections Mike moved and seconded by Paul O'Brien the minutes were accepted. Al Bendias email address will be reviewed as he did not get a copy of the meeting minutes.

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT: Mike Serres reported that the Fraternal Survey has been submitted and information in that survey indicated over \$3000 donated to various charities , 650 hours of volunteer work, 200 hours of meetings and many individual contributions above and beyond these by our members in the spirit Of Christ - like service. Mike reviewed various correspondence received including newsletter and donation forms from the House of Friendship and Marillac Place. Also included thank you cards from Nutrition for Learning and the Diocese of Hamilton and receipt for our donation to the Bishops Dinner. The House of Friendship sent their newsletter and announcement of their new CEO, Jennifer Scott. St. Johns Food Kitchen sent their newsletter and we received brochures from our financial agent, Alvin Rodricks. Tony Finoro provided a picture of Pope Leo which we will get framed and mounted.

TREASURERS REPORT - Charity Account \$805.75 plus additional monies so net will be \$891.75

General Account - \$1694.01 net \$250.03 after transfers and other outstanding cheques cashed.

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT - Mike Szabo reported on the BBFT being held on February 7, 2026. Total participation not provided. The Titans basketball team are not able to send representatives. There will be an exemplification held at St. Theresas on February 22, 2026. He has 30 prospects and John reported we might have 4. The Sacred Heart Icon will be in our District in March. Paul O'Brien to coordinate having an event held at St. Mark for all parishes to attend. Paul will approach Father Roque to arrange the details. Mike asked for a \$50 donation to help with the squire annual convention. Tony moved and seconded by Paul O'Brien to approve the \$50 donation and carried.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT - Doug distributed his report earlier for review prior to the meeting. Doug to follow up on the requirements to obtain the Star Council Award.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT. John Deneau reported that calls to prospects to attend the next exemplifications have not been successful to date. Next planned membership drive scheduled for the last weekend in April 2026. Father to be approached to see how we get more of our Philippine community engaged in our Council.

CHAPLAIN REPORT- None

OLD BUSINESS - BBFT being held on February 7, 2026 at St. Davids High School. Volunteers to arrive at 8 a.m. and registration to begin at 9 a.m. Mike reviewed

Compliance protocol document (annual review) and sign off required for those volunteering at the BBFT event.

John updated us the Pancake Supper event. Being held on Shrove Tuesday. Need volunteers for help and John reviewed and obtained names of those who can help out with purchasing and set up. John will send confirmation to those who offered help. Ticket sales start January 25/26 and continue until Feb 17, 2026. Maple syrup sales will also be available. Paul O'Brien asked for volunteers to sell the maple syrup.

Trivia night to be held on January 31, 2016 after the 5pm Mass hosted by Al and Diane Bendia. BYOB and snacks.

NEW BUSINESS- Mike advised that one of our members will be looking for work in Ontario as an engineering intern to complete his professional engineering certification

In June. Should you have any contacts that require an electrical engineering graduate please contact Mike Serres.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR Paul E. asked if we are doing the potato blitz again this year. It was decided to do it again.. Paul will organize and get a announcement in the bulletins for the month of February 2026. The goal will be 500 pounds. John announced that bingo is scheduled for Monday February 2,2026 at 6:30p.m.

LECTURERS REFLECTION

John introduced on his laptop a talk from a priest in Minnesota who were experiencing a real cold winter so decided to take a trip to warmer climes. A very humorous story. John distributed copies of the eight beatitudes with the meaning of each.¹

GOOD OF THE ORDER - Remember in our prayers Clem and Carolyn Baumtrog, Oscar Sirju, Dave Flitton and his family, Bruce and Christine Cuttings daughter Alysha who is expecting and Rheals Wife.

CLOSING PRAYER - Hail Mary

NEXT MEETINGS - Executive - February 10,2026 on Zoom
General - February 24, 2026 at 7p.m. at St. Mark

50/50 DRAW - Tony Forino and money donated back to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:21 p.m.