

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 9276 MEETING MINUTES- GENERAL

DATE: February 24,2026

TIME: 7:01 P.M.

Call to Order - Mike Serres opened the meeting.

OPENING PRAYER - Our Father

Acknowledge of Guests and Visitors: None in attendance

Roll Call

Grand Knight - Mike Serres x

Chaplain - Father Roque x

Deputy Grand Knight - Pat Drohan x

Financial Secretary - Jim Flanigan x

Lecturer - John Deneau x

Treasurer - Nick Muza - x
Toscano

Inside Guard - Tony

Recorder - Paul Enticott x

Outside Guard - Larry Loth

Chancellor - Charles Palafox x

Trustee 1 - Len Keiswetter x

Advocate - Colm Dignam

Trustee 2- Wayne Demello

Warden - Chris Chacon x

Trustee 3 - Rheal Lamothe

Program Director - Doug Behl x

Guest - NONE

Faith Director - Paul O'Brien x
Palafox x

Life Director - Charles

Community Director

Family Director

Other Knights in attendance - Ralph Tomlinson, Tony Finoro, Bill Sawarna, Sunny, Al Bendia, John Kelly

READING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - of the January 27,2026 were sent previously. With no changes , moved by Paul

O'Brien, seconded by Pat Drohan and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT - Nick gave his report.

Charity Account - \$765.25 plus monies from transfers for a net balance of \$1061.25.

General Account \$672.53 with monies from etransfer (\$296) to transfer to Charities account as well as a cheque for \$50 to go to the Squires event.

giving us a balance of \$326.53.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Jim presented his report and will be attached to the minutes. No questions. Second notices for dues to be sent next week.

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT - Mike recognized the passing of a former Grand Knight Jim Tomlins. The fourth degree from Tilsonburg will be at Jims Funeral Mass.

Paul E. and Bill will attend. Clem and Carolyns daughter Jennifer will be having a funeral Mass on Saturday.

Correspondence was reviewed which contained thankyou letters from Salvation Army and Marillac Place. Thank you cards from the House of Friendship.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT - None

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT - Doug submitted his report along with an updated Columbian Award Application prior to the meeting for review.

Thanks to all who participated at the spaghetti supper as well as the BBFT event. Reports have to signed off and given to the District Deputy.

Diligence is required as to how we handle the safety and checks reports as they can be audited at any time.

Doug reviewed the calendar. Paul O'Brien will meet with Father

to coordinate the Stations of the Cross and the special Mass to fill out gaps in the Columbian Award application as well as the Sacred Heart Icon

event. Doug is still looking for help with the BBFT event for the future. We should look at getting other Councils involved in the organizing of this event

MEMBERSHIP REPORT. - John reported on Paul Fitzgerald receiving his third degree. Next membership drive scheduled for the last

weekend in April 2026. He will be looking for help any ideas as to how we might present the drive in maybe a different fashion.

Boyet Nolte has expressed an interest in speaking at the Phillipino Mass.

The pancake supper was an overall success with about 100 people in attendance. No food left over. Much help from Knight and wives.

Hot cakes were a big success. Big thank you to Manny and Amilda who were recommended by Father Rogue.

CHAPLAIN REPORT- A program will be held on Palm Sunday incorporating a retreat and singing based on the seven last words

of Jesus during his crucifixion. A choir will be leading it and then silent reflection. It will announced at a future date.

OLD BUSINESS - Paul O' Brien gave a report on the maple syrup sales. When it was all said and done all 96 bottles were sold and after the purchase order

of \$960 is paid we will realize a profit of \$485. A job well done. Thanks to Paul O'Brien.

BBFT had about 56 children participate as well as about 20 volunteers and thanks to Charles two sons Ethan and Kenneth for helping out. Mike Szabo has sent the group

picture to State for recognition. No participants will be going to the Regional event.

Paul O'Brien to coordinate the Icon Plan, the Stations of the Cross during Lent, the Memorial Mass and Rose Sunday with Father.

NEW BUSINESS .

Mike is still following up on a recommendation made by Doug regarding a new members meeting and social to

be held in the future. Mike has received from Jim a list of

members within the last 3 years to invite. Social with orientation and maybe a video.

Mike also received information from the District Meeting about sponsoring 2 students to attend a retreat at Mt. Mary Retreat.

Costs are \$95 per day and \$145 for an overnight stay. Jim will follow up with the elementary schools (St. Mark and St. Dominic) to see

if they have anybody in mind. We should figure out our finances before proceeding. It was decided to refer this item until next year.

Tony Finoro raised the item of looking at a fish fry as a fund raiser. He has been involved in such an event. After discussion it was decided to form a

committee comprised of Tony F. Christopher C. John D. and Paul O. to review this and report back at the General Meeting scheduled for March 2026.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR- Bingo scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026.

We will wait for correspondence from Chalice as to how we proceed with sponsoring a new child which we all feel would be a good endeavour. Mike did review the Chalice support program for those who were not familiar with it.

LECTURERS REFLECTION - John presented a short article titled "Welcome Home Mr. President". Also "Where is God".

Pat Drohan read a short article on two planes flying together and going through air procedures . Moral of the story "SOS" slower, older and smarter.

GOOD OF THE ORDER - Remember in our prayers Clem and Carolyn Baumtrog, Jennifer Buchanans and daughter, victims of bus accident in Nepal, Tim Benedict, Pats daughters brother

In law, residents and victims and families in Tumblebridge BC.

CLOSING PRAYER - Hail Mary

NEXT MEETINGS - Executive - March 10, 2026

General - March 24, 2026

50/50 DRAW - Nick and donated funds back

ADJOURNMENT - 8:10 p.m.

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Program Director's report

- BBFT update:
 - Event went well. Over fifty children participated.
 - St. Mark Council well represented. Thanks to Al Bendia, John Deneau, Pat Drohan, Len Kieswetter, Paul O'Brien, Paul Enticott, Charles Palafox, Wayne d'Mello and Michael Serres. Charles two sons, Kenneth and Ethan, also helped. Charles came out to help, in spite of having emergency surgery earlier in the week. Randy Ramos, one of our newest members, also volunteered to help but encountered a medical issue and was unable to attend. Remember Charles and Randy in our prayers for rapid and complete recovery.
 - I have the council report ready for GK and FS signature. Please see attached. Printed copies will be brought to the meeting.
- Columbian Award status:
 - Attached is the draft of the Columbian award. No update since January.
 - Details of several entries need to be updated, including scheduling dates. Arrangements for some of the activities are pending Fr. Roque's return from vacation.
 - Mass for the unborn - Life - Charles Palafox
 - Memorial Mass - Faith - Paul O'Brien
 - Icon mentioned by DD Mike Szabo - follow up for details and make arrangements - Mike Serres/Paul O'Brien
 - Stations of the Cross - Paul O'Brien
- Website status:
 - The website has been updated with a picture from the Basketball Freethow, on the homepage.
 - Minutes have been uploaded for October and November, 2025. No minutes available for September. No meeting in December. January minutes will be uploaded following the February general meeting.
 - Further updates are required to the "What we do" page, including the BBFT picture, Poinsetta sales pictures and the trivia night.

- Other considerations:
 - Basketball Freethrow - looking for member to take on coordination responsibility for our council. I am willing to help transition to new coordinator.
 - Recommend we review procedures for the administration of the Safe Environment program.
 - Website maintenance and ownership - investigate options to transfer ownership to the council.
 - Suggest a new member meeting be organized.