

February Minutes

February 15, 2025

Knights of Columbus Council 5803

Our Grand Knight Rick Ostrich called the Business Meeting to order an Eagle Scout Project for Jensen Correa of Troop 605. The project entails improvements to Sycamore Elementary School outdoor space to include a large-scale chessboard and a bench. The presentation was exceptionally good and detailed, and the speaker was quite poised and readily answered all questions.

The meeting was reset for the recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Added to the prayer list were Dino's wife, Madi and Tracey Antonacci. Fr Joe Shea's niece, Marissa who passed away suddenly this past week. PGK Jerry Myszkowski thanked all for their prayers so far but asked for continued support.

Position	Name	Present	Position	Name	Present
Grand Knight	Rick Ostrich	Y	2-Year Trustee	Joe Ferrall	Y
Deputy Grand Knight	John Antonacci	Y	1-Tear Trustee	Gerry Riss	Y
Chancellor	Paul Friedeborn	Y	Guards	Larry Peltier Richard Buetow	Y
Warden	Jerry Padgett	Y	Chaplain	Deacon Terry	Y
Recorder	John Downey	Y	Financial Secretary	Jim Hook	Y
Treasurer	Dave Babcock	Y	Membership Director	Chris Smith Larry Peltier	Y
Advocate	Joel Bruemmer	Y	Program Director	Vacant	
3-Year Trustee	Chris Fabry	Y	Lecturer	Gerry Riss	Y

Our Grand Knight called the business meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

PGK Gerry Riss moved that the January minutes be accepted as posted. Jerry Myszkowski seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Deacon Terry reminded us that Lent begins next Wednesday February 18. Let everyone use the time well to prepare for Easter. Fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Also make beneficial use of the Fish Frys because we should abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent. He finished with a cute story of ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Treasurers Report: All accounts were balanced as of 31 January. The total of all accounts was \$277K.

Financial Secretaries report: We received a thank you from the YMCA for our recent donation. There is \$500 available for voting tonight.

Grand Knight's Report: The membership team has provided the paperwork for 1 candidate, Rory Alatiari. He was approved for Exemplification. Other matters will be discussed in the Committee reports.

Deputy Grand Knight's Committee Reports:

Paul Friedeborn reminded all hands of the Blood Drive Saturday February 20, 2026, at St Rose Hall from 7AM until noon. Blood is sorely needed, please donate if you can or source friends or family if possible.

Helping Hands completed repairs to a brother Knight's fence from the Christmas Storm. Thanks were expressed to all who helped. No new projects but do not hesitate to ask if help is needed.

BINGO: PGK George Gnesda reported that \$12,000 was transferred to the Charity account last week. Bingo is doing well.

Fourth Degree: FN John Downey reminded all hands of the Valentine's Eve Dinner Dance at the Hall. Sixty council and Assembly members had sent an RSVP There is space available. Fourth Degree Exemplification is being held on Saturday March 7, 2026, at Mission San Buenaventura. We have 3 candidates submitted to be exemplified. The Assembly is still meeting on Ash Wednesday. PFN Dan Owens noted that there will be a Third-Degree Exemplification at Ventura prior to the Fourth-Degree ceremony. The membership team took note for their action. The VFW Gala at the Museum at the Simi Mall is Valentine's Day. The Fourth Degree purchased a Table but due to Bingo and other Council support commitments there are seats available. Contact PFN Fred Valdez if interested.

George Gnesda advised that the annual Free Throw Contest for St Rose School 7th and 8th grade students is scheduled for Thursday March 12, 2026, at noon. Ten additional Knights are requested to assist the scoring and serving lunch. T-shirts and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

PGK Joe Ferrall reported on Pro Life activities. The Pro=Life Breakfast was an enormous success. We welcomed the Lemos Family back to the Breakfast Team. The next Breakfast will be June 14, 2026. The One Life event was again a great event. 40 Days for Life this

Spring begins on Ash Wednesday. The funds from the January Breakfast will go to Ohana Health in T.O. for whom we purchased an Ultra-sound machine previously.

Our Advocate reminded us that the Men's Retreat this year will be held the weekend of February 27 to March 1, 2026. The K of C and St Rose parish will be joining this year. See Joel for details.

Last week's Fish Fry only had 47 customers. The fish quantity was kept lower so it was a "break-even situation." Next week, February 20, the Lenten weekly Fish Fry begin. They will be held open until 7 PM in hopes of drawing more customers. Announcements have been placed in both the bulletin and the post-Mass pulpit list.

Monday Night Football Netted \$8200 this year. It was requested that part of those funds be donated to the Little Sisters of the Poor (\$1000), BEA Foundation (\$1000), and the St Rose Choir (\$200).

There will be a Thank You Party for Bingo Volunteers in June at the High Street Arts Center in Moorpark. Contact the Grand Knight for details.

Our District Deputy reminded all hands of the Monthly WEBINAR next Thursday, February 19. There will be another 4th Degree Exemplification at St Peter Claver on May 23, 2026.

Old Business: None

New Business: PGK Jerry Padgett moved for \$200 for a close friend Lou Porter. Second by Paul Friedeborn. Approved.

Deputy Grand Knight John Antonacci moved for \$200 for his niece Joanna Manley for assistance in cancer treatment. Seconded by John Linscott. Approved.

PGK Dan Owens moved for \$100 for the Eagle Scout Project. Second, Logan Bremmer. Approved. This amount to be added to \$200 already in the budget for Boy Scout Projects.

Good of the order taken. Larry Peltier and PGK Joe Ferrall shared the bounty.

Our Lector PGK Gerry Riss provided the council with some timely thoughts on the phrase "Did I see it". This pertaining to an opportunity to do good that was presented to us that we often miss.

Our Grand Knight closed the meeting at 8:30PM.