

March Minutes

March 11, 2025

Knights of Columbus Council 5803

Prior to the meeting, Christine Antonacci, Chairman of the BEA Foundation, presented the Council with a plaque in appreciation for the support given in the past two years. The foundation was commended for its support of needed families in the San Fernando Valley by the City of LA and they wished to share that with the Council.

The meeting was opened for the recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Added to the prayer list were Joe Ferrall's son's father-in-law, Bob Hacia's mother who is 104 and his brother who is ill. John Antonacci's niece Joanna Marley continues her cancer treatment.

Position	Name	Present	Position	Name	Present
Grand Knight	Rick Ostrich	Y	2-Year Trustee	Joe Ferrall	Y
Deputy Grand Knight	John Antonacci	Y	1-Year 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	Excused	Membership Director	Chris Smith Larry Peltier	Excused
Advocate	Joel Bruemmer	Y	Program Director	Vacant	
3-Year Trustee	Chris Fabry	Y	Lecturer	Gerry Riss	Y

The February minutes were published in the bulletin. No changes were noted. Jim Fabry moved to accept the minutes as posted. PGK Dan Owens seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Deacon Terry noted that this Sunday, Laetare Sunday, marks the mid-point of Lent. It is a break point at which to reflect on our spiritual preparation and renewal for Easter.

Grand Knight's Notes: The City of Simi Valley is again honoring our senior member, PGK Bill Martin, as Volunteer of the Year. This is his second award.

We continue in our re-connection with St Rose of Lima Parish with meetings between the Grand Knight and Fr. Shea. An agreement has been reached to allow the Council to step in and assist in managing Monday Night Bingo. This past Monday was a significant improvement with FLOCKNOTES and phone calls enticing 70+ customers and the sale of 20+ boxes of pull tabs. This is an improvement from barely 50 customers and 8 boxes of tabs. The importance of BINGO to the school is critical and the importance of the school to the parish and overall community cannot be highlighted enough.

Treasurer's Report: All accounts were balanced as of February 28, 2026. The total of all accounts was \$278,000. Up slightly from January.

Financial Secretary's Report: Final notice on late dues was sent last week. Tax returns were completed and filed for 2025. There is \$500 available for voting tonight.

Deputy Grand Knight's Committee Reports:

Membership: PGK Dan Owens reported that we had 1 new Knight exemplified at Ventura last Saturday, Roy Arrelano. The membership team was processing 6 or 8 candidates in the queue from Supreme. PGK Jerry Padgett and PGK Chris Fabry are assisting the team during the Membership Drive on the weekend of March 21-22 after the masses with the booth. Volunteers are needed to help after each mass.

Paul Friedeborn reported that the BLOOD DRIVE last month was a success with 58 units. The next drive is June 27, 2026. The numbers are down a bit so donate if you can or bring someone who can donate because the need never drops.

Helping Hands: Paul and Joe Ferrall installed a small railing on his front steps. If any knight needs or wants one similar, let them know and they will make and install one. Otherwise, there are no requests in the queue.

Gigi's Playhouse has an Open House on April 9, 2026 as supporters, all Knights are invited.

There will be a FLOCKNOTE issued concerning the PIETA Statue.

The Fourth Degree is doing well. We exemplified 3 new members last Saturday in Ventura. It was a very nice ceremony. The 4<sup>th</sup> degree will hold nominations for officers for the next Columbian Year in April and vote in May.

PGK George Gnesda reported that BINGO continues to do well. He turned over \$12,500 into the Charity account from February.

The Free Throw Contest for St Rose School will take place at noon March 12, 2026, at the school. Volunteers needed to manage the groups and tally the scores.

John Linscott reported that the Fish Fry went well last week but we need those numbers of 80+ customers to make it worthwhile with the cost of fish rising. Daylight Savings time and getting the word out better will help.

The Community Dinners are doing well with 150 meals per week served. Down a bit last week due to the time shift but still drawing new customers.

PGK Gerry Riss reported that the Columbian Cub, our landlord, voted to donate \$5000 to fund the pad for the stage at St Rose.

PGK Joe Ferrall noted that the St Patrick's Day Dinner is this Sunday at 4 PM to 4PM at the Knight's Hall. Corned Beef is being cooked on Thursday morning. It will be sliced on Saturday morning. The vegetables will be cooked Sunday morning. Volunteers are needed for all evolutions. The Community Dinner on Sunday will be the same meal from leftovers and more set aside for those folks.

Chili Cook-off meetings are being moved from Monday night to Tuesdays next month due to Bingo. Next meeting this coming Monday. Program is on track.

District Deputy notes: This month's WEBINAR is reciprocal Relationships on Thursday March 19, 2026 5 PM PDT.

The Silver Rose program to honor our Patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe will be in our area between August 15 and Thanksgiving. More details next month.

No Old Business

New Business: PGK Jerry Padgett moved for \$200 for his son to ride in the annual Police Bike ride from New Jersey to Washington DC honoring Fallen Police Officers. Seconded by PGK Dan Owens. Approved

PGK John Antonacci moved for \$200 for his niece Joanna Manley for transportation to cancer treatments. Seconded by John Linscott. Approved.

PGK Joe Ferrall moved for \$100 to support the McGarry Family at St Rose School. Second by Paul Friedeborn. Approved

Good of the Order was taken. Paul Friedeborn and Dan Owens shared the funds.

Our Lector PGK Gerry Riss then offered some Words of Wisdom. He postulated that Lent was somewhat like Spring Training for our lives. It offers us a change of pace and a time to review our spiritual well being and get back on track in time for Easter.

The Grand Knight closed the meeting at 8:20 PM with a prayer.