

# March 2026 Meeting Minutes

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 2026**

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at **7:30 PM** by Mike Sabella standing in for Grand Knight Joe Tarallo.

## **Warden's Report**

All present were in possession of a current membership card.

## **Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by Mike Sabella .

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Salute to the flag was led by the council members.

## **Chaplain report**

Deacon Tony was not present.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Chip Strum, seconded by Robert Jacobs , approved with a unanimous vote.

## **Grand Knight's Report** (Mike Sabella standing in for Joe Tarallo)

Mike informed us that a former Knight Mr. Salvatore Bellacomo passed away last Saturday. Mike stated that on Tuesday March 17<sup>TH</sup> that a wake is scheduled and that the Family has requested that the Knights attend the wake to say some prayers. Knights are asked to arrive at 2:30 PM so that we don't interrupt Deacon Tony's prayer. We will be praying immediately after Deacon Tony. Funeral service is scheduled at 10:00 AM at St. Jude's. Knights are encouraged to attend the Funeral services also to show our support.

Mike stated that Mr. Joe Savarimuthu who is our Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent is present at tonight's meeting and will be speaking about the services they offer to the Knights, their families and friends.

Mike stated that Gerard Pertocelli will be discussing our upcoming Blood Drive scheduled for April 11<sup>TH</sup> and Mike also stated that the past Blood Drive was a success.

Mike wanted to thank the 14 Volunteers that showed up at last Friday's Stations of the Cross to help.

Mike stated that Tom Rohe, Gerry Kaufhold, Gerard Petrocelli, Chip Strum, Mike Mallon and Robert Jacobs will be updating our Council about the programs that they are running.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Michael Uszacki.)

The bank statement was sent to trustees. A copy is available upon request..

### **Financial Secretary's Report** (Gerard Petrocelli)

Financial secretary's report is emailed in advance to Trustees for approval of expenditures.

### **Membership Report** (Chip Sturm)

As usual Chip is continually looking for new members to join our Council.

### **Program Reports - Led by Lenny Martin**

Hoops Mania (Tom Rohe) – Tom needs the Hoops Mania Stubs back by Wednesday 3/18/26 in order to have enough time to input the information into the system.

Tom asked members at tonight's meeting to please buy a least 1 ticket as he has numerous tickets left over.

Tom stated that so far that we have sold 111 Tickets and this will result in a \$1177.06 profit for our council to donate towards our scholarship drives.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Tom Rohe and Robert Jacobs) – Tom stated that tomorrow night is next scheduled 4<sup>TH</sup> Degree meeting and Tom encouraged all to attend.

Tom stated that the meeting will be in the usual meeting house located adjacent to the Flanders Fire House on Schmidt Lane in Flanders. Meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 PM.

Tom stated that there is also an upcoming Pasta Dinner to be held in our Parish Center on April 18<sup>TH</sup> 2026. Tom stated that he will need help before, during and after the event. The proceeds will be used to benefit our Veterans Programs.

Squires (Tom Rohe) –Tom stated that on Palm Sunday the Squires will be running an Easter Egg Hunt for our parish and that he is certain that the Easter Bunny will be Present. Tom Also stated that the Squires will be helping out during the Stations of the Cross to be held on Good Friday.

Blood Drive (Gerard Petrocelli) – Gerard stated that we need Volunteers for the upcoming Blood Drive Scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Help will be needed the night before after Bingo to setup the Parish Center tables and chairs as required. Help will also be needed during the event and after the event for breakdown.

Gerard stated that the event has grown tremendously over the last 10 years and that these drives help support lives of numerous folks.

Gerard stated that even if we don't participate that we should support the Blood Drive by getting the word out to others in the Community.

Gerard stated that for every product that is donated we are able to help 3 people.

Don Campbell joined in the conversation and stated we received an award at the Banquet due to this year being our 10<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary. Gerard Petrocelli was recognized during this event for all his years of Volunteering. During the last 10 years our Council Events have been responsible for the donation of approximately 5100 to 5200 products thereby helping 15,000 folks. Don also stated that at the last Drive held in December of 2025 that we broke a record with 179 Products donated.

RTL (Gerry Kaufhold) – Gerry stated that with the donations we contributed to “Care Net” in Hackettstown that they will be able to purchase the Ultrasound Machine they require for their operation.

Gerry stated that the “Baby Bottle Drive” brought in a record \$3825.50 and he wanted to thank all who helped with the event and all who donated funds.

Veterans Memorial (Gerry Kaufhold) – Gerry stated that there is planned event to be held at the Veterans Memorial in Turkey Brook Park this year and he encouraged all Knights to help out. Gerry stated that on Sunday May 24 at 2 PM that there will be the Flag Raising Event and we need Knights to attend to help out. There is a planned Military Escort and there is a sign-up sheet on the rear table.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive (Mike Sabella) – Mike stated that the upcoming Intellectual Disabilities Drive is planned for April 18<sup>TH</sup> and April 19<sup>TH</sup> 2026. Mike stated that the drive is planned to be held at Weis in Flanders, Dunkin Donuts in Budd Lake and that we are looking for a 3<sup>RD</sup> Location possibly Jersey Mike's in Budd Lake.

Mike stated that there is a Drive planned for Wednesday March 25<sup>TH</sup> at Jersey Mike's in Budd Lake and that we need Volunteers to help collect funds.

Eucharistic Procession – (Dan Fuller) – Dan was absent tonight so Mike Sabella informed us of the program updates. Mike stated that this program is now in its 3<sup>RD</sup> year and that the 1<sup>ST</sup> year was run by Don Campbell and that Don wrote a manifesto on all the inner workings of the program and what needed to be done. Don's written program includes all the information needed to run the program and Mike thanked Don for all his hard work. Last year the program was run by Dan Fuller and Mike stated that this will be Dan's last year running this program. Mike stated that Dan is also looking for a Co-Chair to run the program this year.

State Convention (Mike Sabella) – Mike stated that State Convention is planned for May 14<sup>TH</sup> through May 17<sup>TH</sup> this year and he encouraged all Knights to attend. Mike reminded us that our own "Jim Sweeney" will be voted into the State Council for the 2<sup>ND</sup> Year in a row and that we should attend to support Jim.

Mike also stated that there is a planned installation Dinner to be held on July 18<sup>TH</sup> at our Parish before Mass.

Retention Committee (Mike Sabella for Joe Tarallo)- Mike stated that we need to get our updates in as we are past the 1<sup>ST</sup> Deadline. Members who have volunteered to participate need to be actively pursuing folks who are no longer active in our Council.

Faith in Action (Mike Sabella)- Mike stated that the Faith in Action stands for why we do what we do as a Council. Mike stated that we need to be actively looking for more ways that we can help our Community and Parish.

Mike stated that most donations are from our Bingo Proceeds and that last year we gave away \$85,000.

Bingo (Mike Mallon) – Mike stated that as usual we need help during the 1<sup>ST</sup> hour for setup and selling papers to the players. Mike reminded us that each member is supposed to attend Bingo events 1 week per month and that we need to get more people to fulfill this commitment. Mike also stated that we need people during closing as the cleanup requires more hands.

Program Forums (Mike Sabella)- Mike stated that each program need a form and that we should be writing up events that have happened even if it is simply a visitation of a sick member. Forms are located on the Knights of Columbus Website found at [KofC6100.org](http://KofC6100.org). All information can be found on the Website about all we do as a Council.

Insurance Policies (Joseph Savarimuthu)- Joe stated that is always a pleasure to speak with our Council and to inform us of all the available policies that Members can purchase. Joe told of his family history when his parents came from India back in the 1960's. An Irishman named Mike came to India after being a pen pal with Joe's relatives and became Uncle Mike. After that Joe's parents came to the United States. Joe told us how he was raised in New York City. He then moved to New Jersey to raise a family.

Joe informed us of the programs that are available to all Catholic people and that they are better than the policies offered by the standard large Insurance Companies. He stated that the Whole Life Insurance offered pays out a larger percentage than most. He also stated that ether are 10, 15 and 20 Year Term Policies available.

Joe also informed us that there is Disability Insurance and Long Term Care Insurance available.

Furthermore Joe stated that there is a 30% discount for Married Couples that sign up together.

## District Deputy Report

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### Greetings From Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, and State Deputy James Sweeney.

- I want to thank the brothers of this council for all their hard work. This council certainly makes me proud and makes my job as a DD easy. It's all about doing things we do in the name of Jesus with a good heart by living our principals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity
- Membership: on tract for Star Council; Council is at 138% of goal, with 1 new member prospect needing to complete a CUF (he just showed up on your prospect roster today)
- Plan 2 Fraternal Benefit Events and need to complete the report form #11077
- Safe Environment: Compliant
- File 10784's –
- Complete your SP7 as soon as possible. I am available to review it with you Start looking at the programs you want on the SP7.
- Election of officers– start your planning now.
- In March State reviews for State Program Awards at convention. Look to file any STSP for programs you want considered for State awards at the Convention. Complete the form with the details and submit to the Chair of the Program before 3/30
- State Convention- the council needs register your delegate and alternate. There is no onsite delegate registration at Wildwood. Also – Ad Journal, and if council wishes to donate a gift for BINGO at hospitality suite Thursday evening (about \$50 value)
- Events:
  - Please check the Paterson Federation and State website for a complete listing of events in our area.
  - April 10 – Federation meeting @ St Jude's Hardyston – dinner at around 6pm with meeting starting at 7pm.
  - April 25 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification- State Deputy Jim Sweeney is the honoree. If you plan to attend, registration must be completed before the end of March. Check with your Assembly –
  - Consider becoming a Sir Knight if you are not one already. Survey your new members!
  - May 14-17 Convention room reservation form is available

Brothers, I hope this Lenten season brings you and your family closer, and closer in the love of Christ. The things we do and the sacrifices we make while doing them are all for the One that did it for us, for our salvation. Lorene and I wish you all a Blessed Easter.

## Unfinished Business

There wasn't any unfinished business this month:

## New Business

The following motions were made and passed unanimously:

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**1st READING** Donate \$1,500 to the Special Olympics in honor of Ashly Conover who is a local Mount Olive resident who plans to compete in the upcoming Games specifically the Bowling Competition.

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**1st READING** donate \$1,000 to a wife and husband in need, parishioners of St. Jude parish, to assist in paying medical bills

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Donate \$374.50 to supplement the Baby Bottle Drive to bring the total donation to \$4200. Donation will be used to support several pregnancy resource centers such as "Care Net" and "Birth Haven".

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Donate \$500 to support "Students for Life of America" organization that routinely visits college campuses around the country.

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Spend \$298.55 for restoration of our "Council Charter" framework.

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Spend up to \$300 to buy Books to replenish the "Building the Domestic Church Kiosk".

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Donate up to \$500 to support "Right to Life Action" organization that is currently working to gain congressional support for the "National Life at Conception Act".

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Donate \$250 to the American Heart Association In Memory Of Kathryn Mary Rose, mother of Brother David Rose.

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Donate \$250 to the Morris ARC Foundation in memory of Council member Salvatore Bellacomo.

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## **Good of the Order**

The Good of the Order was directed by Robert Jacobs.

## **Prayer List for Sick and Deceased**

### **Sick**

Jack and Elaine Abbott

Harry and Dottie McDonald

Arlene Lukaszewski

Erica Uszacki

Tom Rohe

Mel Kaufhold

Gregg Buckalew

Bruce Olsen

Conan Escala

Karen Jacobs

Nicholas Tarallo

Frances Tarallo

Father Jim Moss

Brother Reinaldo Colon

All Military Service Members

**Deceased**

Salvatore Bellacomo

Tish Rohe

Anne Capone

Irene Warren Meehan

**Closing Prayer**

Closing prayer was led by Mike Sabella

Attendance: 20 people.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.