

Incarnate Word Knights of Columbus
Council # 9981 Meeting in the Watson Room on September 10, 2026
Recorder Meeting Minutes

- **Grand Knight Gary Grace called the In-Person Meeting to order at 7:05pm**
- **Worthy Warden Report** – All Members are in good standing
- **Opening Prayer** – All members
- **The Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag of the United States of America was said by all Members
- **Roll Call of Officers** – Was conducted silently by the Recorder in order to progress the meeting.
 - Spiritual Advisor – Deacon **Scott Sparks**/Ron Reuther Present
 - Grand Knight – Gary Grace Present
 - Deputy Grand Knight – Jim Reineke Present
 - Chancellor & Faith Director – Ted Juen Excused
 - Recorder – Gene Fallert Present
 - Treasurer – Steve Field Present
 - Financial Secretary – Jamie Hartzell Present
 - Advocate – Vince Throckmorton Present
 - Warden – Jim Normile Present
 - Inside Guard – Jeff Grotegeers Present
 - Outside Guard – John Owens Present
 - Lecturer - Bill Uhland Present
 - Trustee – James Ressler Present
 - Trustee – Jason Thurman Excused
 - Trustee – Steve Brunts Present
 - Membership Chaiman – Rob Schultz Excused
- **Previous Minutes** - There was a motion to approve the August 13 Council 9981 meeting minutes. This motion was seconded and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- **Chaplain & Spiritual Advisor** – Deacon Sparks
 - Scott mentioned that with Parish renovations that will be going on we will need to be flexible, as there may some logistical issues with scheduling meetings and events.
 - Scott talked about today's Gospel. The primary theme of this reading is forgiveness. In short, we are to stop judging and condemning, and instead forgiving and giving without measure.
 - Reminded us to rethink what we do in service to others in light of all the change and busyness in our world all around us.
 - Scott mentioned that he and others in the Parish are planning and organizing a pilgrimage to Greece for October 2027. See Scott for more information.
- **Grand Knight's Report:** Gary Grace remarks
 - Thanked all who Thanks to all who made the past six weeks of Knights activities successful— Jason Thurman for the 5 th Sunday Breakfast gathering (and special thanks to Theresa and Bill Uhland for the hot entrees), and Andy, Jeff, Ned, Tim a small army of other Knight volunteers supporting the Gamma Memorial Golf Tournament.
 - Red Cross Blood drive will be this Saturday, September 12. Volunteers will be needed Friday evening, Saturday morning and again Saturday afternoon. Contact Andy or Jeff if you can help out.
 - Other remainders
 - IW Wordstock Parish Picnic after Mass on Saturday, September 26 . Knight volunteers needed.
 - Annual KOC Tootsie Roll Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive: Oct 8-11 and Oct 16-18.
 - Annual KOC #9981Family Picnic at Faust Park Pavillion on Oct 18th at 1 pm.

- **Deputy Grand Knight's Report:** Jim Reineke
 - Reiterated the thanks for the 5th Sunday participation, and encouraged even more participation.
 - Jim talked about identifying other men's groups in the Parish and developing a relationship with the groups as a means of potential recruitment.
- **Council Director:** Andy Dyszlewski & Jeff Grotegeers –
 - Jeff and Andy reported on this years Golf tournament held August 15.
 - 143 golfers. Mostly positive comments. 30 new sponsors over 70 total sponsors. The final profit will be over \$30k. Current plans to be back at Sugar Creek again next year and plan to use the Perfect Golf website again next year.
 - Next blood drive will be this Saturday September 12. Setup will be tomorrow evening at 6pm. Saturday morning 6am need volunteers and again about 1pm. See Jeff or Andy to help out. Also discussing the idea of handing out a gift card.
 - Jim Ressler spoke about the DD Drive. Still working out the location spreadsheet. Trying to add Walmart in the Commons as a location. When it is complete Jim will make it available for people to see and pick out time slots and let Jim know. More information will follow. Lots of volunteers will be needed. Also inviting friends and family members to help out.
- **Family Director:** Jason Thurman – Not present – No report
 - Jim Reineke reminded everybody about the Council picnic and asked for a show of hands of who would be attending just to get an idea of what the attendance might be.
 - **Condolence Chairman:** Scott reported that the Charley Eifler funeral was well attended.
- **Community Director:** Bryan Hewing –
 - Plans for the Poster Contest are still up in the air. The school hasn't decided yet if they will be participating yet. Bryan is still following up on this.
 - The Basketball Free Throw contest will be Tuesday, Jan 5 with a backup date of Tuesday, Feb 2 in case weather related issues.
- **Life Director:** Steve Dickhut –
 - Steve mentioned he will be working some Pro-Life issues at the upcoming planning meetings.
 - Vince Throckmorton –
 - Felice Coures : No report.
 - Felice Coures will begin again in this Saturday, September 2. It would be great to have more volunteers from the Council supporting this. You would need to be there about 6:45.
 - Vince also spoke about the ordering of shirts for Council members.
- **Faith Director:** Ted Juen – Not present
 - Third Sunday Rosary for vocations – Sunday, September 20 after 8:45am Mass.
- **Trustees:** Chris Williams, Jim Ressler, Jason Thurman –
 - No report
- **Holy Spirit Assembly No. 3588:** Don reported –
 - the Assembly will be holding a Family Fun Bowl November 1st. It will at West County Lanes and the cost is \$25. This one of their larger fund raisers for Veterans charities.
 - Christmas party December 5th for dinner. It is being held at Incarnate Word and all Council members are invited. Dinner will probably be around \$25/person.

- **Fourth Degree/Honor Guard:** Andy Dyszlewski –
 - No report
- **Exemplifications:** Don Mueller – Reported
 - There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on October 24 at St Clare of Assisi.
- **Chancellor:** Ted Juen – Not present - No Report
- **Lecturer:** Bill Uhland – reported
 - Mentioned the appreciation message he got from the Missionary Priest that he had invited to the 5th Sunday breakfast.
- **Advocate:** Vince Throckmorton – No Report:
- **Treasurer:** Steve Field – Reported
 - Council is in great shape with lots of cash in the account due to the revenues from the Golf tournament. Monies from previous Fraternal year have now been paid out and monies from this past Fish Fry will start to be paid out for the current Fraternal year.
- **Financial Secretary:** Jamie Hartzell –
 - Reported that the audit was held August 27 and submitted. There were 3 minor findings and all were reviewed and resolved.
- **Membership Chairman:** Rob Schultz – Not present
 - No report
- **District Deputy:** Ron Meier –
 - He spoke on the 3 pillars of the Council degrees, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, and how a new 3rd Degree Knight felt that Unity was the most important. Though to some Unity may seem the most important, Ron felt that each one is part of the whole and we can't have one without the others.
 - Ron mentioned the Honor Guard training on Saturday, September 12 at St Clare of Assisi from 9am – 11am. Also the District's 37 and 40 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17.
 - He encouraged our Council to work on recruiting 3rd Degree Knights to join the 4th Degree. The Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 at St Clare of Assisi.
 - He mentioned the Assembly's Christmas party which will be held and Incarnate Word on December 5 and that all Council members are invited. The event will be catered and the cost will \$25 per person. The cutoff for tickets will be November 27.
 - The Assembly is also having a Family Fun Bowl fundraiser and a 50/50 Raffle fundraiser. See Don Mueller for more information.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - There was more discussion on the new shirts for Council members. The pricing for the standard shirt is \$30 with the Council subsidizing \$20 of the cost and the member paying \$10. An initial order of shirts will be made. Just let Vince or Rob know what size you'd like.
 - Gary and Steve spoke about finding way to support the House of Refuge Pro-Life ministry.
- **New Business:**
 - John Owens who is working with a Interfaith Charity organization along with a guest from the organization spoke about their ongoing efforts to serve the homeless. There is an ongoing need to provide basic necessities to these people. The need is for water, basic foods, personal care

items. They are looking for ways in which we might be able to help them. A motion was made to approve the Council donating \$200 at this time. The motion was seconded and approved. Further donations will be discussed at a planning meeting.

- **General Agent/Field Agent** – Not Present
- **Good of the Order:**
 - The Council offers well wishes for all Knights with birthdays in September.
 - Jim Ressler is looking for others who may be interested in carpooling to the September 24 Beatification Mass at the Dome.
 - Jim Reineke has business cards available if you'd like to have some to hand out on occasion to fellow parishoners.
 - Steve Field mentioned that we need to discuss potential ways to improve the Council communications.
- **Special Intentions:**
 - There were special intention requests by Chris Williams for grandson Liam, for all those affected by the 9/11 attacks, and others.
- **50/50 Drawing:** Winner - Chris Williams
- Closing prayer - Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm