Incarnate Word Knights of Columbus
Council # 9981 Meeting in the Watson Room on October 8, 2026
Recorder Meeting Minutes

- **Grand Knight Gary Grace called the In-Person Meeting to order at 7:00pm**
- **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 — Excused
    - Inside Guard – Jeff Grotegeers — Present
    - Outside Guard – John Owens — Present
    - Lecturer - Bill Uhland — Present
    - Trustee – James Ressler — Present
    - Trustee – Jason Thurman — Present
    - Trustee – Steve Brunts — Present
    - Membership Chaiman – Rob Schultz — Excused

- **Previous Minutes** - There was a motion to approve the September 10 Council 9981 meeting minutes. This motion was seconded and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

- **Chaplain & Spiritual Advisor** – Deacon Sparks
    - Scott mentioned the following events
        - Rooted in Christ the Truth of Catholic Social Teaching, October 15, 6pm at St. Clare of Assisi
        - Celebrate Life Mass, October 17, 10am, Cathedral Basilica
        - Amendment 3 Information Night, October 21, 6:30pm, St John the Baptist
        - Tell Me Why You Are Catholic, Evangelization Workshop for Grandparents, October 24, 8:30am, Cardinal Rigali Center
        - Ward off Evil Spirits and Celebrate Our Saints, with Father John Mayo, October 31, 10am, Cardinal Ragali Center
        - Election Vigil Holy Hour, Noverber 2, 6pm, IW Church
    - Scott talked about today's readings, asking the question, "Are we good Catholics or Good Citizens" Scott reflected on St Paul's rebuke of the Galatians. As good Catholics we should be good citizens, while balancing that with good Catholic morals. We should always aware of the duties of both, while knowing that our Love of God always comes first.

- **Grand Knight's Report:** Gary Grace remarks
    - Thanks to all Knights who served, grilled and assisted with set-up and clean-up assistance for last month's annual Parish Picnic. The Knights received a warm thank you note of gratitude for our support from the Parish Staff and Council.
    - Talked about the upcoming DD drive scheduled for October 8 – 11 and October 16 – 18. Jim Ressler has sent several emails with the link to the spreadsheet for sign-ups. See the spreadsheet or contact Jim or Gary.

- Mentioned the Family Picnic at Faust Park Pavillion on Oct 18 th at 1 pm. No cost, but bring a side dish to pass. Contact Trustee Jason Thurman for additional information.
- Mentioned the Holy Spirit Assembly #3588/St. Louis Assembly #565 combined 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony on Saturday, Oct 24 th at St. Clare of Assisi

- **Deputy Grand Knight's Report:** Jim Reineke
  - Reported he heard raving reviews for the Knights and their efforts at the Wordstock Parish picnic.
  - Jim reported that Vince is continuing to work getting shirts and taking orders. See Jim after the meeting if you'd like a shirt.
  - Thanked all who have already signed up for the DD Drive and encouraged everyone to sign up to work one of the street intersections or store front time slots.

- **Council Director**: Andy Dyszlewski & Jeff Grotegeers –
  - Jeff reported that the September 9 Blood Drive collected 39 pints. Thanked everybody who helped with the setup and cleanup and those Also mentioned that next years Blood Drives will be January 9, May 8, and September 11.
  - Andy reported that they are still finalizing the Golf Tournament results and will be getting the monies distributed out to the charities in the next couple weeks.
  - Jim Ressler spoke about the DD Drive. It started today and early results appear off to a good start. Bryan has some cards made up with QR codes for making donations via our Square account or Venmo. Jim mentioned several of the collection sites that still have opening and provided details for picking up your supplies before you go to the collection sites. See Jim to get signed up.

- **Family Director**: Jason Thurman – Not present – No report
  - Jason reported on the upcoming Council picnic at Faust Park on October 18 at the pavilion by the playground.
  - **Condolence Chairman:** Scott reported that Deacon Ruether is working on plans for the Remembrance Mass on Saturday, November 7. He may be requesting the Honor Guard to participate. Bill Uhland will read the list of names at the Mass.

- **Community Director**: Bryan Hewing –
  - The Basketball Free Throw contest will be Tuesday, Jan 5
  - Candlelight Vigil For Life Mass at St Anslem Parish 2 weeks from tonight at 7pm.

- **Life Director**: Steve Dickhut – No report
  - Will talk about the Coalition Life fundraiser for Ultrasound machines as part of Unfinished Business.
  - Vince Throckmorton –
    - Felice Coures : Vince Throckmorton
      - Felice Coures will be a Halloween theme this month so it should be fun. Come out and help out for an hour or 2. Get there about 6:30 – 6:45. See Vince for details.

- **Faith Director**: Ted Juen – Not present
    - Third Sunday Rosary for vocations – Sunday, October 18 after 8:45am Mass.

- **Trustees**: Chris Williams, Jim Ressler, Jason Thurman –
  - No report

- **Holy Spirit Assembly No. 3588**: Don –
  - This information was reported by Ron Meier as part of his District Deputy report..

- **Fourth Degree/Honor Guard:** Andy Dyszlewski –
  - No report

- **Exemplifications**: Don Mueller –
  - This information was reported by Ron Meier as part of his District Deputy report..

- **Chancellor:** Ted Juen – Not present - No Report

- **Lecturer:** Bill Uhland – No Report

- **Advocate**: Vince Throckmorton – No Report:

- **Treasurer:** Steve Field – Reported
  - Council is in great financial condition. Currently have about $96,000+ on hand, with savings account at about $24,000 in CDs and checking account about $73,000. We have about $60,000 in liabilities, mostly allocated for our charities, leaving us with about $13,000 in operating funds for the Council.

- **Financial Secretary:** Jamie Hartzell –
  - Reported that he is receiving some very sincere hand written thank you notes from the Charities that we give to.

- **Membership Chairman:** Rob Schultz – Not present - No report

- **District Deputy**: Ron Meier –
  - He spoke on how amazing the Beatification Mass was. He purchased a coin that is now a 3rd class relic. He will be raffling it off as a second part of our 50/50 raffle. So one of our Knights will win this Relic tonight.
  - Ron mentioned the 4th Degree Exemplification coming up on October 24 at St Clare of Assisi.
  - He mentioned that Supreme and State are making this month the month of the Rosary and recruitment. He would like for the Council to try and track the number of rosaries said both group and individual and let him know so he can pass on the information.
  - 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:**
  - Jamie presented a motion to fund the purchase of ultrasound machines for Coalition Life. This is a joint effort including our Council and 3 other Councils, Holy Infant, St Joe, and Ascension to raise one-half of the needed funds, with Supreme matching our half. Our share of would be $7,625.
  - Jason still working to resolve the lock box issue. If anyone needs a key, see Jason.

- **New Business:**
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- **General Agent/Field Agent** – Not Present

- **Good of the Order**:
  - The Council offers well wishes for all Knights with birthdays in October.

- John Owens thanked the Council for the donation to the Interfaith Charity organization.
- Thank you from Gary Grace, Jim Reineke, and Ron Meier to everyone for all the help with the multitude of projects that are taken on by this Council.
- Steve Field spoke about the Stewardship weekend to be held this weekend.

- **Special Intentions:**
  - For cousin of Bryan who passed away, Bryan cured of his kidney cancer. For Jim Normile's wife who has been taken back to the hospital.

- **50/50 Drawing**: Winner – Ron Meier Winner 2nd drawing for Relic - Mark Strick

- Closing prayer - Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

- Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm