Knights of Columbus
St. Luke's Council #16053
Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 7, 2026

Call To Order Time: 7 p.m.

Location: *St. Luke's Catholic Church Main Hall* (basement)

Officer	Name	Attendance (Present, Excused, or Absent)
Grand Knight	Joe Lofgren	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Taillon	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul Languirand	Excused
Chancellor	Matty Blake	Present
Recorder	Greg Funaro	Present
Financial Secretary	Doug Johnston	Present
Treasurer	Chris Ernster	Present
Advocate	Walt Rok	Absent
Warden	Bob McGovern	Present
Inside Guard	Jim Cunha	Excused
Outside Guard	David Roach	Present
Trustee 1	Tony Ballirano	Present
Trustee 2	Joe Palazzolo	Present
Trustee 3	Rich FitzGerald	Present
Lecturer		
Program Director	Joe Lofgren	Present
Membership & Retention Director	Matty Blake	Present
Evangelization & Faith Formation Director	Paul Languirand	Excused
District Deputy	Sean Andrade	Present
Field Agent	Jim Fielding	Absent

Other Council Member Attendees: Present, Excused, or Absent

Name/Attendance		Name/Attendance	
Chuck Arneson	Absent	Dave Pearson	Present
John Beaulieu	Present	Mario Sturla	Present
Michael Canini	Present	John Donelan	Present
Bill Donohue	Absent		
Ed Fitzgerald	Absent		
Ted Lally	Present		
Paul Maloney	Present		
John McAdams	Excused		
Bob Nichols	Present		
Ted Paull	Present		
Chris Salvadore	Present		
David Seel	Absent		

1. **Call to Order**: Joe Lofgren called the meeting to order (7:03).

2. **Opening Prayer**: Fr. Taillon led the opening prayer.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**: Joe Lofgren led the pledge.

4. **Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**: September meeting minutes approved. Reminder that minutes are archived on the council webpage on the parish website.

5. **Chaplain's Message**: N/A

6. **Grand Knight's Report**: Joe Lofgren, introductory remarks.

7. **Financial Report**
   - **Financial Secretary**: Doug Johnston, nothing new since last meeting other than insurance was paid. Doug Johnston motion to keep $1000 in membership dues, move rest into operating. Approved.
   - **Treasurer**: Chris Ernster. As of September 30, 2026: Operating: $5158.11 Reserves: $650.00 Available: $4,508.11 Motion approved to accept. Treasurer's Report (see table below). Also, invested $7,132.38 in backpacks and jackets in September. Bill Donahue and Squantum Association donated $5500 in September. (see report below)

	Treasurers Report		
	Sep-26		
Account	**September 30th**	**Reserves**	**Available Funds**
Operating	$1,262.20	$ -	$ 1,262.20
Member Dues	3,895.91	650.00	3,245.91
Total	**$ 5,158.11**	**$ 650.00**	**$ 4,508.11**
Invested $7,132.38 in backpacks and Jackets in September			
BD and Squantum Assoc donated $5500 in September			

8. **Programs**
   - **Faith**: Dave Pearson, at the end of the 9am Mass (Sunday, October 11), presentation to seminarian (Alex Richardson) of $500. Fr. Taillon suggestion to hold the presentation at the end of Mass approved.
   - **Family:** Doug Johnston, report on logistics/details of *St. Luke's Country Music Festival* (Saturday, October 17, 6-8:30pm). Request for setup/help (e.g., cooks, servers, cotton candy machine, parking, money table, etc.) will be made over Flocknote. Doug discussed food prices, amounts, etc. Fr. Taillon, discussion of payment processes, recruitment of other volunteers outside Knights, etc.
   - **Community**: Doug Johnston report on *Coats for Kids*. 360 coats procured.
   - **Life**: Chris Ernster, report on upcoming events re *Respect Life*. For details, see Chris Ernster. Joe Lofgren supporting comments.

9. **Membership & Retention Committee**: Council will have a table at the *Country Music Festival* that will include recruiting material.

10. **Evangelization & Faith Formation Committee**: Dave Pearson report on *Cor*, which is a regular men's gathering focusing on prayer, formation, and fraternity. See Dave for details. *St. Luke's and Bishop Hickey Councils* will initiate *Cor* as a joint venture starting in January 2027.

11. **Program Planning Committee**: Joe Palazzolo, report on best practices checklist. See Joe for details. Also, information on other reports, survey for members.

12. **Insurance Agent**: N/A

13. **District Deputy**: Sean Andrade, report on State meeting. Insurance changes, see Sean Andrade for details. Report on recruitment, RI leading entire Order in growth. Council expectations, challenges, goals, etc. Report on events, see Sean for details.

14. **Unfinished Business** (motions carried over from previous meetings): N/A

15. **New Business** (new motions): Fr. Taillon, request re. Picerne Foundation donation. Joe will work it with Fr. Taillon offline.

16. **Good of the Order** (awards, recognition): N/A

17. **Lecturer's Reflection**: N/A

18. **Grand Knight's Summary**: Joe Lofgren, brief remarks.

19. **Closing Prayer** (including intentions for sick or distressed members): Joe Lofgren asked for prayer intentions, and in honor of the *Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary*, he led the Knights in the *Memorare*.

20. **Adjournment Time**: 8:01pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Drafted by Recorder Greg Funaro; attested by Grand Knight Joe Lofgren