



Knights of Columbus,
New Hampshire State Council,
Executive Board Meeting Minutes:
Parish of the Assumption, 150 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03820
Saturday October 11, 2025 9:00 am to 12:00 noon



Call to order:

Mark Messier, SD 9:00a

Opening Prayer:

Rev Agapit Jean Jr., PSD, SC 9:01a

Pledge of Allegiance:

Robert Garand 9:03a

Roll Call:

Dave DeWorken, SS 9:04a

X = Present * A = Absent * E = Excused * NA = Not Expected

Voting E-Board Member =	V
X State Deputy, Mark Messier	V
X State Chaplain, Father Aggie Jean, PSD	V
X State Secretary, David DeWorken	V
X State Treasurer, Allen Ouellette	V
E State Advocate, Hon. Jordan Ulery	V
X State Warden, Mark Lukitsch	V
X Immediate Past State Deputy, Tim Kingsley	V
X State Membership Director, Ken Tarara	
X State Training & Development Dir., Greg Taillon, PSD	
E State Executive Secretary, Edward A. McCann, PSD	
X State Ceremonials Director, Ron Barnovsky	

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E	District Master 4 th Degree, Jay Morris
E	State Program Director, Ron Bourque
E	State Faith Director, Michael Pitaro
X	State Community Director, Bob Garand
NA	State Family Director
X	State Life Director, Roy Dennehy
E	State Vocations Director, Ed McCann, PSD
N/A	State Convention Chairman
E	Field Agent, Kevin Brown
X	EFF Director Brian Stringer
E	Co EFF Ryan Labree

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Dave DeWorken, SS 9:04a

State Chaplain's Report:

Rev Agapit Jean Jr., PSD SC 9:05a

Local council 807 is doing well. Active and recruiting. A comment was made regarding low attendance by councils at meetings and state events. How do we get them back? There was a lengthy discussion on the Why this is. Financial issues, different priorities, less in person socializing, younger members not engaging.

State council to continue to encourage councils and GKs to attend meetings and functions. Focus on the "Why" we do things or need to do things. Revamp meeting agendas – more focused on GKs and councils not a parade of speakers at the mic. Open forums and problem solving. Getting GKs more involved and more interactions. More fellowship, fraternal activity, not just business.

State Deputy's Report:

Mark Messier, SD 9:30a

- COH Goal: Intake goal of 350 for Fraternal Year 2025-2026. Congrats to NH! As of 9/30/25, we have a total intake of 72 in the 1st quarter. We needed 70 to reach the 20% state goal for 1st quarter. With that we will receive the Supreme incentive of a 2.5% reduction, If we hit 50% goal by mid year = another 2.5% reduction. Additional reduction of 1 per every 10 on line members brought in.
- Zone Mtgs scheduled new mtg format.
- SD Mid Year mtg – Denver, CO 11/14/25 – 11/16/25

State Secretary's Report:

Dave DeWorken, SS 9:40a



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Budget Report

Kof C Asset Advisors, LLC

Kidney Fund

SS not in attendance. See report submitted.

State Treasurer's Report:

Allen Ouellette, ST 9:40a

General Fund:

Charity Fund:

Kidney Fund:

Tootsie Fund:

Granite Knight Fund:

See report submitted.

State Advocate's Report:

Hon. Jordan Ulery, SA 9:43a

- Safe Environment Program Compliance (Praesidium Program).

SA not in attendance. No report submitted.

Bills and Communications:

Mark Messier, SD 9:44a

Lighthouse PCC, thank you card

Supreme letter to Options – Rochester – new ultrasound machine.

State Membership Report:

Ken Tarara/Ron Keys SMD 9:45a

We are maintaining a good trajectory on membership intake.

Most new members are being exemplified and brought in to the local councils.

Significant lack of council engagement. 38 councils still no new members TYD.

SMD reached out and only 6 councils responded.

Need DDs help with their councils.

Much opportunity- need to focus on what works.

Implementing COR and other programs to attract men.

DDs – hold quarterly or semi annual org meetings for their districts – sharing of best practices

State Program Director's Report:

Ron Bourque, SPD 10:05a

Mike Pitaro, SFD

Robert Garand, SCD

Roy Dennehy, SLD

Ron Bourque & Mike Pitaro not in attendance due to medical issues.

Bob Garand:

Men's retreat was well attended. Lots of prayer time, Mass each day, spiritual sharing and much fellowship and fraternal bonding. Look forward to increasing attendance next year.

Camp Fatima – good attendance- weather(rain) off and on throughout the weekend. Work day meeting in January 2026. Once determine date for 2026 work day it will be posted to the state website.

Pilgrim Icon Program – Denis Querrad working on sign up sheet for councils. Encouraging all councils to participate.



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Break – 10:35am

Standing Committees:

State Ceremonial Report:

Ron Barnovsky, SCD 10:45a

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

Reminder the on line degree is scheduled for every other month.

Thanks for all who helped to fill in for team member absences to get the September exemplification done.

Need DDs to help notify when council exemplifications are completed.

State Function Activity Report: 11:05a

Granite Award Banquet – Will be held at Magdalen property. A specific date TBD. Still need to find a host council.

We need to get submittals for applicants DDs and councils - anyone can recommend or submit. Need multiple applicants.

We will continue to consider future utilization for state events or meetings. There is an ongoing need for volunteers to help with misc projects. The Diocese will send out periodic notices for these requests.

Let's do what we can to help.

Scholarship dinner went well, despite lower attendance. Again, need to find ways to get more councils to support these state functions.

Revenues for charity raffle were down about \$2k from previous year. Continue to lose money as fewer and fewer councils are participating. This is puzzling since 50% of the proceeds go back to the council's selected beneficiaries.

The winners of the raffle drawing will be posted on the state website.

Evangelization and Faith Formation - COR: Brian Stringer 11:13a

COR expanded team in support of the current zone meeting structure.. See attached report.

Goal for current year is for 30 councils running COR. According to the Form 944's there are 42, well above the goal. See attached report for other details.

Will be starting an EFF monthly news letter in Nov.

Training and Development Report:

Greg Taillon, PSD 11:22a

- New Grand Knight Training on 9/20/25.

New GK responses are down. Initial training scheduled in June was postponed due to low response.

A modified schedule was used for 6 GK who attended. Good feedback on the content and effectiveness by attendees.

Square system financial reports – working with SS Dave DeWorken. Revising files and reports for easier use by SS,ST, & Ed McCann.

Vocations Report:

Ed McCann, PSD

Not in attendance. Information to come on Seminarian support from councils(RSVP) and the Seminarian Christmas gift card program.

Unfinished Business:

Mark Messier,SD 11:39a



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Roles & Responsibilities – letters went out to Directors & Chairmen regarding the roles and responsibilities of their leadership positions. This was intended to formalize expectations of each leadership role. It will also serve as a guideline for future appointees or to anyone who aspires to take on one of these leadership roles.

2026 State Convention Location – Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa – Whitefield, NH. Schedule Convention planning meeting for early December.

Ed McCann & SS Dave DeWorken are working with the hotel on the food and menus and room accommodations and costs. We hope to have this information out to all sometime in early November.

New Business:

Mark Messier, SD 11:42a

DD Mid year mtg – 12/13/25 – Belmont, NH. All DDs and Directors will be invited and required for this meeting.

Support for Directors & Chairmen – State functions. Executive Secretary, Ed McCann and Jim Lockwood, will be dividing up the state functions and working in support of the chairmen to provide more advanced notifications of upcoming events and various “to do” lists in preparation for the different events throughout the Fraternal year.

They will work from the master list being reviewed and revised, led by Greg Taillon and SS Dave DeWorken.

Liability Coverage review – We will be reviewing the current liability insurance policy to ensure there is proper provision to cover our over night/camping events. Also, to transition to the upcoming new beginning policy date of Feb, 1st of each year.

Catholic Charities request for donations. They have had a big uptick in requests for assistance, therefore looking to solicit additional donations. This will be communicated as another charitable service option for those councils who may be able to help or choose to do so.

Council to Council Program – Salem 4442 – They offer consideration for funding or financial assistance with council programs. The policy description and requirements are documented and posted on the website for any councils who may want/ need to apply.

Report of the Fourth Degree:

Jay Morris, DM 12:00p

Armond Carrigan Marshall

On behalf of DM, State Marshall, read the DM’s submitted report.

See attached report

Insurance Report:

Kevin Brown, GA

Not in attendance, no report submitted.

Good of the Order:

Mark Messier, SD 12:05p

- Ed * sandy – Dave D, his wife Maureen, Bob Jones (recovering), Ron Bourque, Ed Mele, Joe Kowalik III, Ron Keys, Mike Pitaro, Paul E. Roy, James Barry council 12988.
- All NH Knights sick, injured anything ailing them
- Priests – religious, active duty military – and anyone we missed.

Closing Prayer:

Rev Agapit Jean Jr, PSD SC 12:10a