

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois**  
**December 14, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Grand Knight Dave Yordy. The Opening Prayer was led by Deacon Russ and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Twenty-two Knights were in attendance.

**Roll Call of Officers** - (P-present, E-excused, A-absent, N-not present, x-not applicable)

P - Grand Knight	David Yordy	E - Advocate	Kevin Houser
E - Deputy G.K.	Chuck Gibbs	x - Lector	Vacant
E - Chaplain	Msgr. Mark Merdian	P - Warden	Rick Cervantes
P - Assn't Chaplain	Deacon Russ Swim	E - Inside Guard	Bob Spalding
P - Chancellor	Greg Schneider	P - Outside Guard	Dr. Bud Phillis
P - Recorder	Jim Mack	P - 1yr Trustee	Josh Brueggen
P - Fin. Sectry	Tarre Kroft	A - 2yr Trustee	Kevin Rafferty
E - Treasurer	Bob VandeVoorde	P - 3yr Trustee	Jack Swan
x - Dist. Deputy	Vacant	E - Ins.Fld. Agnt.	Jeff Schaecher

**Minutes**

- Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as submitted.

**1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony**

- Welcomed two new members: Don Hauer and Nick Anderson.

**Admissions/New Applications**

- Major Degree is scheduled for Feb 11 Utica.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is scheduled for Mar 10, 2018 in Peoria.

**Membership**

- Members- Please do what you can to recruit new members, each current member should try to bring in one new member. The recruiting goal is for the addition of 22 new members.

**Grand Knight's Report**

- Please support the Pancake Breakfasts – Nov 12 & Dec 10 are in the books. Thanks to those that were able to attend and participate. Next Pancake Breakfast dates are Jan 21 & Feb 11. Anyone interested in assisting with the design of the poster, please contact Grand Knight Dave.
- Future Fund – The Committee is still formulating their recommendation.
- Fred/ Tony Recognition – Several great suggestions for both. For Fred: Contribution to Augustana Scholarship (Jeff), Blood Drive Recognition (Louie), Chalice (Jim C.), Next Major Degree (Jim C.), Tree at Church or cemetery (Jack). For Tony: Contribution to Leo Council.

**Assn't Chaplain's Message:**

- Deacon Russ Question Box addressed the question "*Silence is Where We Meet God.*" full text in December Abstracts.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob's Income Statement was reviewed and passed as presented

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Tarre mentioned the dues statements are pending.

**Reports of Service Program Committees:**

**Church Director:** Jim Weiland

Coffee & Conversation held on December 3-support for the event is growing, Next C&C is scheduled for January 7  
Adoration – Fourteen members have stepped forward. Thank you!  
Vocations – Sold 91 raffle books

**Community Director:** Louie Alongi

Midwest Food Bank November 29 Expo Center, 9am-11:30am The event supports 35 area food pantries, please consider volunteering to help at this event. Future date is Dec 20 at the new location.  
Meals – Pancake Breakfast November 12, December 10. Thank you!  
Ring the Bell-November 17 Hy-Vee 10 am-8 pm. Another Thank you!

**Council Director:** Chuck Gibbs

Annual Night of Knights Dinner, Apr 14, Peoria (see Jack's report for more details)  
Dining Books \$35

**Family/Youth Directors:** Andy Olson/Tarre Kroft

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary – Dec 31, please consider leading a decade of the rosary with Andy.  
Domestic Church Kiosk has arrived and a location will be established.

**Life Director / Chaircouple:** Jack & Luann Swan

Pro-life Report-Washington March is January 19, St. Mary's Bus, the Knight's contributed \$500 in support.  
The Annual Night of Knights Dinner will be held April 14th, 2018 at Spalding Council Hall in Peoria, with Mass to be held at the Cathedral or St. Joseph's Church downtown Peoria. It was noted that a Council's Chapter dues must be paid by Dec. 30th to be eligible to have a Sir Knight named Knight of Knights..  
There is a Fourth Degree Exemplification scheduled for March 10, 2018 in Peoria at the Pastoral Center with Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 5:30 PM and the Dinner to be held at the Pastoral Center following Mass.

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Report:**

- December 7 Christmas social, Christ the King

**Old Business:**

- Future Fund Subcommittee -The subcommittee is working to have proposals to be voted in the Winter.

**New Business:**

- Convert support requested for Sarah Nelson. No formal action yet.

**Field Agent Remarks:**

- Please consider the financial options available through the Knight's Insurance/Annuity

**Sick & Distressed:**

- Passed:
- Ill:Walt Schaecher

**Closing Prayer led by** Deacon Russ. Meeting adjourned for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Mack, Recorder