

Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for November 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Deputy Grand Knight Rick Cervantes. A Decade of the Rosary was led by Deacon Russ Swim and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. 19 Brother Knights in attendance.

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

E -Grand Knight	Chuck Gibbs
P - Deputy G.K.	Rick Cervantes
E - Chaplain	Msgr. Mark Merdian
P - Assn't Chaplain	Deacon Russ Swim
A - Chancellor	Jeremy Goffrier
P - Recorder	Andy Olson
P - Fin. Sectry	Tarre Kroft
P - Treasurer	Bob VandeVoorde

P - Dist. Deputy	David Yordy
P - Advocate	Kevin Houser
A - Lector	James Britton
A - Warden	Dean Lackey
E - Inside Guard	Lou Granato
E - Outside Guard	Dave Sullivan
P - 1yr Trustee	David Yordy
P - 2yr Trustee	Jim Wieland
P - 3yr Trustee	Louie Alongi
P - Ins.Fld. Agnt.	Jeff Schaecher

Minutes: No minutes distributed.

1) Deputy Grand Knight

- Thank you from the Jan Garlock Moline Challenger League.
- Louie delivered boxes of coats to Skip Along. Gave SA thank you to Chuck.
- 10 people have asked for grants/donations. The committee will be looking at them.

2) Membership

- 1st Degree will take place at the next Council Meeting. Get our candidates lined up.

3) Asst. Chaplain's Message

- Reminder we are approaching Advent. Please put extra effort into your prayer time and get to adoration periodically.
- See Abstract for Deacon's Question Box. Why do we go to Mass?
- *The Good Ole' Days* article per Lance request was read. Brother Knights came to the aid of a sick Brother Knight and his family.

4) Financial Secretary

- A check from the Estate of Betty Stange was received from \$21,726. Asking for a thank you to be sent to the niece.
- Please pay your dues when you get your notice.

5) Treasurer's Report – See handout Jeff S. made a motion to approve. Greg S. 2nd. Motion approved.

6) Service Programs' Reports

Faith

- Adoration is going fine. Kevin Houser is working with Andy to get information into StPiusRI.WeAdoreHim.com.
- Deceased Member Mass went off without a hitch; Thank you to Deacon Swim for having it well planned. Only one family represented. Thank you to the Honor Guard which came out in a great number and added a lot.
- Men's Morning of Reflection on November 23 at St. Mary's. More details in the November Abstract.

Community

- Midwest Food Bank dates & sign up (or just show up) are in the Abstract and calendar.
- Blood Draw had 75 good draws with 109 people scheduled. We still want to hit 100 for Fred. Next one in April.
- Bags Tournament on Nov. 24th. Flyers are available to pass out and share. Send to all of your friends.

Family/Youth

- Octoberfest was successful. Thank you to all who volunteered to help. Next year want to make it bigger and better and a family event.

Life: No report.

7) District Deputy Report

- We are compliant for the Save Environment Training. Good job.
- The drive for State Council is getting membership. Ask the practical Catholics you know to join.
- Asking a Brother Knight to step forward to take on the Free Throw Contest & Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Brother Knight and Principle Smithers would be the best contact. David Yordy is working on arrangements

with councils to get this happening.

- No reason why we can't earn the Star Council award. Faith In Action is an easy one and we did everything last year but that. There are four topics we have to do and four more activities in those areas. Doesn't have to be exactly what they have on the list.
- David is going to State training and will have more to talk about in the future.

8) **4th Degree Report:** No report.

9) **Old Business**

- An idea was shared to give a free 1st year membership to those who sign up to join the KofC at Sacred Heart & St. Pius Coffee & Conversations.
- Louie Alongi has requested that we give the Boy Scouts \$100 from last year and \$100 for this year; total \$200. Also \$100 for the Salvation Army. Greg S. made a motion to approve. Jeff S. 2nd. Motion approved.
- Birdies for Charities check received. 7.25% bonus. Total 34 pledges \$1,864.62. Last year total 37 pledges \$2081.06.
- The Vocations Raffle sold 121 books at \$15 apiece. Some gave more. Total of \$1990+. Will be sending in books. State gets \$5 a book; \$726. We get \$9 plus a little more since some gave more. More than last year. Drawing Dec. 1.
- ID Drive collected just over \$7,000 and sent forward. Down about \$1,000 from last year. Maybe crumby weather and people are not carrying cash as much anymore.
- Plaque received from St. Mary's for stain glass window restoration.

10) **New Business** – Lance wants to have the Fish Fry on March 13 & March 27. Alleman is having their Fish Fry on Feb. 28. Looking to add cheese pizza. Asking if we have wine & beer; need to let Tarre know. Insurance is 165 + 25 and comes out of the project. Need to bring that idea to Msgr.

11) **Field Agent's Report**

- We had major degree in Oct. and one in Geneseo recently. Woodhull is having a major degree on Dec. 8th. We should ask our non KofC brothers, not do you want to go, but which one do you want to go to.
- Alan Knack introduced himself. Works on the Arsenal and lives in Rock Island.

12) **Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family:** Names mentioned and prayed for in closing prayer; see Abstract for complete list. Please keep all of these individuals in prayer.

13) **Closing Prayer** by Deacon Swim.

14) **Meeting adjourned** for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Olson, Recorder