

Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for December 12, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Grand Knight Chuck Gibbs. A Decade of the Rosary was led by Msgr. Merdian and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. 25 Brother Knights in attendance.

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

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

P - Dist. Deputy	David Yordy
P - Advocate	Kevin Houser
P - Lector	James Britton
P - Warden	Dean Lackey
P - Inside Guard	Lou Granato
P - 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

1st Degree held: Three new Brother Knights. Danny works for Bath Fitters and looks forward working with our Council.

Minutes: No minutes distributed.

1) Grand Knight

- Grants and Donations committee went very well with six members. Meet 4 or 5 times per year. The group was very diligent and discussed the policies and procedures and all grants. All came to consensus on each grant request. Handout showed 4 pillars of the KofC that the requests were scrutinized. The flip side showed seven requests. Lance made a motion to approve. Dick Hunt 2nd. Approved unanimously. Form will be linked to from the web site. Request groups give as much detail. It was requested that \$1,000 goes to each parish to use at their discretion. Dean made a motion to write checks to the three parishes. James Britton 2nd. Discussion brought up the point that we should gift money for specific purposes. This money was budgeted and the budget was approved. Other councils do not approve an overall budget, but rather approve on a case by case basis. GK Gibbs encourages people to be aware of what is going on. Motion approved.

2) Asst. Chaplain's Message

- Encourage all to continue your Advent journey.
- See Abstract for Deacon's Question Box. We know a lot about Mary from Tradition and putting what we know to be true together to discover another truth.

3) Membership: Drive on Feb. 8 & 9 at St. Mary's. David Yordy has a list of ten new members from the past year and will pass that onto Jeremy.

4) Financial Secretary: Dues notices are going out. Please help stuff tonight and please pay your dues.

5) Service Programs' Reports

Faith

- Adoration is going well.
- 40 spots for volunteers for the Pro-Life breakfast. 8 to Noon on Sunday, January 19. An idea was shared that other councils have found that if you set a price that is what they pay. If you ask for a donation, they might make more. GK would like to try this on a smaller scale. Will be sending out letters asking for donations. We could possibly get lists from pro-life organizations, but they are probably protective of their lists. Another thought was to have the pro-life organizations include the information in their newsletters. All three have already responded that they will include the information. Dick will follow up and ask if donations could be asked for. A basket could be set out. Another thought was to post the amount as a suggested donations. Committee leaders can discuss these for their events. Our griddles must be under a hood

Community: The Knights raised \$1081.86 for the Salvation Army. \$300 was from the Allouez Council, 4th Degree, & Italian Americans.

Family/Youth Director:

- Free Throw Contest & Keep Christ In Christmas Contest is moving forward.
- Faith in Action will be held on December 29 in conjunction with the 5th Sunday Rosary.

Life

- The icon for Our Lady of Help for Persecuted Christians was on display. Prayer cards were given out to all members.

6) District Deputy Report

- No reason why the Allouez Council can't get Star Council.
- Video will be shown after the meeting. Working on eliminating barriers they are hearing from potential Knights. Trying to support the Church. Knights need to be in the Church pulling people into it.

7) 4th Degree Report

- Christmas Social was great and had 49 people enjoying a great meal.
- Exemplifications are coming up in Lyle Feb. 22 & Savannah.

8) Field Agent's Report

- Kevin Barton from St. Pius also joined our council.

9) Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family: Sue Schaecher, Bev Casey, Jeff Barnes, Norma Manning and Betty VanDevoorde

10) Closing Prayer by Deacon Swim.

11) Meeting adjourned for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Andrew Olson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'A'.

Andrew Olson, Recorder