

Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for August 13, 2020

Meeting called to order and started with the installation of officers at 7:03 PM by Grand Knight Chuck Gibbs. An opening prayer was led by Msgr. Merdian and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. 23 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
P - Chaplain	Msgr. Mark Merdian
E- Assn't Chaplain	Deacon Russ Swim
P - Chancellor	Jeremy Goffrier
P - Recorder	Andy Olson
P - Fin. Sectry	Dick Hunt
E- Treasurer	Bob VandeVoorde

P - Dist. Deputy	David Yordy
P - Advocate	Kevin Houser
P - Lector	James Britton
P - Warden	Dave Sullivan
A - Inside Guard	Tom Lawrence
A - Outside Guard	Lou Granato
P - 1yr Trustee	David Yordy
P - 2yr Trustee	Jim Wieland
P - 3yr Trustee	Louie Alongi
X - Ins.Fld. Agnt.	Paul Kehoe

Minutes: No minutes distributed.

1) Grand Knight:

- Update on Deacon Swim by Brother Knight and Brother In-Law Greg Schneider. Everything is going positively. Continue prayers for Deacon's recovery.
- Fish Fry is Saturday, please come and help.

2) Membership:

- No new information, but getting a lot of transfers.
- Everyone should try to find two people of interest and get one to join by the end of the fraternal year.

3) Financial Secretary (Dick Hunt):

- Received another due. Please send to our new KofC PO box; at top of abstract.
- Consolidated/transfer \$5,000 funds from money market to general fund; will not show on general report.
- Asked if an abbreviated summary of the general fund could be put into the abstract, but don't need to show additional funds. See Handout from meeting.

4) Treasurer's Report: –No Report

5) Service Programs' Reports

Faith: Vocation Raffle \$1490 brought in. See Jim Wieland for books. We support three seminarians.

Community:

- Fish Fry need help at 1 pm. Need other helpers at 4. Have fry guys and bake guy and gal already. Need runners, cooks, sales people. Have walkie talkies to get orders in.
- Sept. 18-20 is the ID Tootsie Roll Drive. Have locations & organizations lined up, waiting on one. Tootsie Rolls have been delivered (63 cases instead of 33). May have some who order. Will be sending out emails and will be at churches. Will require masks with disposable gloves as an option. Suggestion to reach out to Leo Council to see if there are some guys that want to help. Jeremy mentioned that they have sold cases to Catholic organizations for them to use.
- Trivia Knight is set up with a date, but we won't be able to do this if we are still under the 50 person capacity.
- Blood Drive is Oct. 5, Farrell Hall. Save your blood and sign up with Louie. Still trying to get 100 good units for Fred.

Family/Youth:

- 5th Sunday Rosary, August 30, 10 AM St. Pius X. Come help.
- More details will be presented about the Faith In Action essay contest will be given next month. Andy will contact the principals at Jordan and Alleman, CCD, and Catholic home school group.

Life:

- Field Day Mass of Remembrance, Calvary Cemetery, RI Saturday, September 12, 9:00 – 10:30am.

6) 4th Degree Report:

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7) Chapter Report:

- Talked about recognizing our veterans in our abstract
- Hoping to have a Mass in honor of Father Bader.
- Our four newest members received certificates.
- Attended Supreme Convention. The Church basement where Father McGivney in New Haven founded was restored.
- Coffee and conversation will start at Our Council will host our Chapter meeting here at St. Pius X. Will rotate around the diocese. April meeting will typically be in the QC's, maybe St. Ambrose will host. Thank you

8) District Deputy Report:

- Next Saturday there is a meeting and David Yordy will be leaving at 8:30.
- Leave No Neighbor Behind opportunities are available on the Supreme website. Check those out.
- Co-Adjutor Tylka will have two 4th Degree from our Father Bader Assembly. Louie and one other Knight have been invited.

9) Good of the Order: Share your thoughts.

10) Old Business:

- Columbus Day Banquet is iffy. The intention is to have it, but may have to postpone it until another time. Chuck will contact Hy-Vee. Could also do the recognition at a meeting.

11) New Business:

- Care Link buckets will be held at the doors of St. Pius on August 30 after the 10:30 Mass.
- Looking at doing a presentation ceremony at the Fire and Police Stations to honor a Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year. Look at providing a meal at both. At the Officer's Meeting Louie suggested that we carry a project for the Police Department for equipment that they need, or give a donation for a portion to meet a need. One possible idea is another K-9 which would be between \$9,500 and \$10,000. We would get together some morning or different shifts with rolls, doughnuts & coffee. Louie asked for discussion and motions to be made. We could do something for the fire-fighters at a later time. Request for a punch list and have something that aligns with categories within the categories. Jack made a motion to cover the costs for coffee, doughnuts and rolls. Dean Lackey 2nd. Motion approved. Have the grant committee put together a proposal, write something up and present it to the committee. Please send your ideas to Louie Alongi.
- Get your Knights of Columbus masks from Supreme for \$9.
- Next Wednesday is the Food Pantry, Midwest Food Bank. Looking for someone to help cover the paper work.
- No news about the Birdies for Charity, but not a great response.

12) Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family: Please see abstract. [Don Beck passed away.](#)

13) Closing Prayer by Msgr. Merdian.

14) Meeting adjourned for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Olson, Recorder