

Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for February 11, 2021

Meeting called to order and started with the installation of officers at 7:01 PM by Grand Knight Chuck Gibbs. The 1st decade of the Luminous mystery was led by Msgr. Merdian and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 17 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
P - Deputy G.K.	Rick Cervantes
P - Chaplain	Msgr. Mark Merdian
P - 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
A - Lector	James Britton
A - 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: <http://kofc658.org/site/minutes/>

1) Grand Knight Priorities:

- Donations: Two agencies Children's Therapy Center & SKIP Along could not participate in the Tootsie Roll Drive due to COVID. Chuck proposes we give each agency \$1,000. Jack Swan Made a motion. Deacon Swim 2nd. Approved.
- \$1,500 was given to us from the Altar Rosary Society to help update the Sister's residence. Spent around \$2,100. We will pay an additional \$1,800. The kitchen remodel has been put on hold as it is a huge expense, \$17,000.
- Jordan is asking for sponsors to help pay for the truck, but they have been covered. Would like to combine the \$1,000 that was budgeted to Alleman & Jordan, and give that to Jordan. David Yordy made a motion to give divert the \$1,000 to Jordan and give Jordan \$2,000. Rick Cervantes 2nd. Motion approved.
- We have a cost of \$120 to give award certificates to...
- Audit has been signed off by the trustees and submitted on time.
- Kevin has the names of the Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year. Kevin is still trying to get together and recognize them at the stations. Hoping to have a dinner next year. Chuck suggests we have a Teacher of the Year as well.

2) Chaplain's Report:

- Please see the March abstract for Deacon's Question Box. If you were not at the meeting, you missed a great elaboration of Deacon's answer.
- Memorial Mass for our deceased Brother Knights is scheduled for November 6 at St. Pius' 4 PM Mass.

3) Membership: Get out into your parishes and get members in since we can't do Church drives. Challenge for each member to get two new members each. John Perez just joined last Wednesday, after years of prayer and a nudging of Kevin Barton. Three degrees in 20 minutes.

4) Financial Secretary:

- See report that was sent out.
- Membership dues is just over 300. Approximately 100 are honorary. Of 200 left, only about 110 have not paid dues. Took in around \$5,600 last year in dues.
- Games account has had no activity; i.e. have not written any checks. One person spoke with Dick Hunt who believes they have one, but has not been paid. Based on deposits, it seems like we should have 250-260 numbers. Jim Wieland has not received a bills notice to renew.
- _____ made a motion to approve, _____ seconded. Motion approved.

5) Service Programs' Reports

Faith:

- Adoration: Looking to send out a mass email to membership. Dick Hunt (members) or Andy Olson (members & friends) can send out.

Community:

- **Right to Life:** We received corporate donations, checks from individuals, after Mass donations at three parishes (7 Masses). Total \$5,483.37. Add burgers 256.07. Split with four agencies and it will be around \$1,400 each. Dick asks counsel to bring it up to \$6,000 so each agency will be receive \$1,500. Louie made a motion, Greg 2nd. Would like to entertain a discussion to lock in our obligations (Goals) for State (this is found on the State's site). David will send some details. Recommend talking to Jenny in Kankakee. Make sure we give the money that we say the money is being raised for, is going. We agree that is what happens. \$200 will be given to make the amount to \$6,000.
- No Italian Dinner on April 17. Moved to Oct. 16.
- Lance will not be able to do the Drive By Fish Fry.

Family: No report.

Life: March for Life was virtual.

- 6) **Chapter Report** April 24. Knight of Knights. Msgr. has offered the Mass. Social 5 to 5:30 Will be at Stearns. Price to be determined.
- 7) **4th Degree Report:** Would like to open up the meetings. April 1st time and place to be determined. Exemplification at St. Ambrose, Milan March 6, 10 AM, be there at 9:30. Not aware of a packet for 4th Degree. David will follow up with Bud Phillis.
- 8) **District Deputy Report:**
 - New Supreme Knight.
 - Being asked to encourage the support of parishes. Ask Priests what they want the Knights to do for Easter.
 - Encourage recruitment and get people to come back to the Church.
 - Our meetings are now open to anyone to come to our meetings. Anything financial will be done in a closed session. Want us to be an open, accessible organization; not seen as a secret organization. Bring families to degrees.
- 9) **Old Business:**
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- 10) **New Business:**
 - St. Patrick's Day Parade has been postponed.
 - Jill Rodts is asking for help to set up chairs for the Divine Mercy movie in McCarthy Hall next Thursday at 1 PM. Event is 6:30 to 8 pm.
 - Looking for faithful adorers to help double up 21 hours from 3 to 6 am that are currently held by one adorer. Please remember to sign in on the iPad.
- 11) **Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family:** See monthly Abstract. Please contact Andy to add and/or remove.
- 12) **Closing Prayer** by G.K. Gibbs.
- 13) **Meeting adjourned** for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Olson, Recorder