

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Grand Knight Chuck Gibbs. A decade of the rosary was led by Deacon Swim and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 15 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
E - 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
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: <http://kofc658.org/site/minutes/>

1) Grand Knight Priorities:

- Fish Fry will be done in cooperation with Jordan. No one has stepped up to be the chairman, so G.K. Chuck Gibbs will undertake the project. Want to have the teachers and administration to help.
- Supreme is being encouraged that some officers have credit cards to pay for dues, etc. instead of a check. There are guidelines to follow and require authorized signers. _____ made a motion to get a credit card. Dean seconded. Motion approved.
- This is the first month that anyone who wants to come to a council meeting may. The financial part of the meeting would be closed. Rick is looking into a new format. This opens us up to have speakers. Next month the R.I. Chief of Police will be speaking.
- There are brother Knights who would like to donate \$3,500 to the R.I. Police Dept. to help purchase a K-9. On December 8 the Grant Committee voted to bring it to the council for a vote. Discussion was had. A recommendation could be made back to the Grant Committee if we think it needs to be done. Jack made a motion that we grant the money of \$3,500 whether they use it for the K-9 or not. Seconded. Motion approved. Dick made a motion that we talk with the Police Chief give us a list programs that would be for community relation programs such as Cops for Christmas, Honor Guard, etc. for the \$3,500 to go towards. David 2nd. Motion approved.

2) Chaplain's Report: Please see the March abstract for Deacon's Question Box.

3) Membership: Work on getting new members. The suspension process is done in committee.

4) Financial Secretary:

- See report that was sent out. _____ made a motion to approve, _____ seconded. Motion approved.

5) Service Programs' Reports

Community:

- March 26, 4:30 to 7:30. Fish Fry will be in this week's bulletin. Jordan is notifying parents. Chuck will be working with Nancy and Brother Knights to help.

Family:

- Sentinels see David sheet passed around.
- Church cleaning during Holy Week.
- March 23, 6:30 pm Insurance Fraternal Benefit Night, Farrell Hall, St. Paul Mtg. Room, RSVP Yordy 563-529-6582

Life:

6) Chapter Report:

- St. Joseph Novena started yesterday, see email.
- US Bishops have approved Maderna & Pfiser which had limited use of aborted. Johnson & Johnson & _____ has directly used aborted tissue. Please voice your disapproval to those administering.

4th Degree Report:

- 5 Sir Knights joined 4th Degree
- Knights are needed for Holy Thursday.

- Night of Knights is honoring Msgr. Merdian & David Yordy.
- Honor Guard for Night of Knights.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade has been postponed until August.
- The Assembly is supposed to receive the _____ award.

7) **District Deputy Report:**

- Hoping to have the John Deere Classic. No volunteer groups, just volunteer.
- Contact David if you can help someone get to work every work day. Davenport to the North Park Mall.
- Safe Environment Training. Need Annual Fraternal Survey to be done. Need to get the information into the system.

8) **Old Business:**

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9) **New Business:** Rick is asking G.K. to approve \$300 to support Father Fortunato's (SP?) who is in Tanzania and building a rectory. Father Luke is having a donation basket out.

10) **Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family:** See monthly Abstract. Please contact Andy to add and/or remove.

11) **Closing Prayer** by Deacon Swim

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

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Olson, Recorder