

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois**  
**Minutes for May 13, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Grand Knight Chuck Gibbs. A Memorare prayer was led by Msgr. Merdian and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 20 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
P - Lector	James Britton
P - Warden	Dave Sullivan
E - Inside Guard	Tom Lawrence
E - Outside Guard	Lou Granato
P - 1yr Trustee	David Yordy
E - 2yr Trustee	Jim Wieland
X Vacant - 3yr Trustee	Vacant
X - Ins.Fld. Agnt.	Paul Kehoe

**Minutes:** <http://kofc658.org/site/minutes/>

**1) Grand Knight Priorities:**

- Jack Swan made a motion to accept the nominations, Kevin Houser seconded. No other nominations made.
- Help with the Mid-West Food Bank distribution is May 19, 9-11am, QC Expo Center. Sign up on the abstract.
- Memorial Day Mass is 9 AM Calvary Cemetery. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard. Bring tent and umbrella.
- June 6, Corpus Christi Procession at 1 pm at St. Pius. Holy Hour in Church and will progress out of Church and go past Rectory and go around the block. David Yordy will be heading that up, four for canopy, four to help with traffic. There is also a Corpus Christi procession Sacred Heart to St. Mary between Masses 8 am and 10:30.
- Tootsie Roll Drive will be a week later, Sept. 24-26.
- Donations: Large project for St. Pius to help replace the retaining wall on the stairs side. Not proposing that we don't pay for the whole project. Cost is \$30,000 to \$50,000. Chuck suggests we donate \$10,000. Recommend doing a matching funds drive. Also proposed having a drive within our membership. Also suggest donating to Birdies for Charities. Money beyond what we do for Coats for Kids and paying for Tootsie Rolls could go towards the project. The windows in the atrium need to be replaced. Msgr. is working with parish council towards plans to raise funds; capital campaign. It was suggested that we have a wall for a wall to put our plaques and memorabilia.
- \$3,500 will be donated to the RI Police Department. Possibly \$2,000 towards Christmas Charity, \$1,000 towards Honor Guard and \$500 towards Boy Scouts. Also suggest supporting the Fire Department and find what charities they have. Recommend donating checks at the Civic Awards. Please give suggestions to Chuck.

**2) Chaplain's Report:**

- Thank you to all who came to the Holy Hour. Expect Holy Hour on October 14.
- Please refer to the June abstract for the Deacon's Question Box article.

**3) Membership:** Try your best to get new members and hope to have more events.

**4) Financial Secretary:**

- Members please contact Dick Hunt if you need a copy of the report.
- We need to get some people off the rolls that have not paid dues for years.
- David Yordy made a motion to approve the financial support as presented, Rick Cervantes seconded.

**5) Treasurer's Report:** Bob VandeVoorde is retiring.

**6) Service Programs' Reports**

**Community:**

**Faith:**

- Adoration is going well.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary is at St. Pius X May 30 at 10 AM.
- Chuck will chair for a 2<sup>nd</sup> future Fish Fry

**7) Chapter Report:**

- Night of Knights was a great evening. Was hoping to have more attend.

- Jack is looking for someone to take over the one term Chapter.

8) **4th Degree Report:**

- Looking to have a social on June 3 at Riverfront Grille.
- The Flag Retirement Council project will be June 12 with the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard participation. Shelter 3 on Arsenal Island. Bud Phillis has received permission. Fire Stations as well has various members such as David Yordy & Louie Alongi collect flags that need to be retired/respectfully disposed of.

9) **District Deputy Report:**

- Need to have people to enter projects into the Supreme system for our forms. Should earn the Columbian Award this year.
- Congratulations to Chuck for his dedication to the Grand Knight position and dealing with the unique challenges. We need to keep building our council membership. Chuck encourages our membership

10) **Old Business:**

11) **New Business:**

- The State Convention is open to any member. Chuck & Rick is unable to attend. Chuck will send anyone who wants. Might be limited to officers, but could possibly be delegated by Grand Knight. Council pays for hotel and per diem for miles from state. David Yordy is going and will pick up the booklets; need to know how many to order.
- We have the go on Coffee and Conversations. June 6<sup>th</sup> would be the first one, but not in July and August.

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

13) **Closing Prayer** by Deacon Swim

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Andrew Olson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew Olson, Recorder