

Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for October 14, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Grand Knight Rick Cervantes. Opening Memorare prayer was led by Msgr. Merdian. 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	Rick Cervantes
P - Deputy G.K.	Jeremy Goffrier
P - Chaplain	Msgr. Mark Merdian
P - Assn't Chaplain	Deacon Russ Swim
E - Chancellor	James Britton
P - Recorder	Andy Olson
E - Fin. Sectry	Dick Hunt
E - Treasurer	Dean Lackey

P - Dist. Deputy	David Yordy
P - Advocate	Kevin Houser
X - Lector	Vacant
P - Warden	Dave Sullivan
E - Inside Guard	John Perez I
P - Outside Guard	Kevin Barton
A - 1yr Trustee	Charles Gibbs
P - 2yr Trustee	David Yordy
P - 3yr Trustee	Jim Wieland
X - Ins.Fld. Agnt.	Paul Kehoe

1) Chaplain's Report:

- See Deacon's Question Box in Council Abstract.

2) Grand Knight Message: Thank you to Karen Wieland for the wonderful meal following Holy Hour.

3) Membership:

- Welcome to William Weston has transferred from Arizona and is a 4th Degree Knight. Married with four kids. David gave Rick the Form 100 and will pass it onto Dick Hunt.
- Jack Swan shared a QR code that can be scanned by potential members. David has a bunch to share. David Yordy will send the QR code to Katherine for the bulletin.

4) Financial Secretary: Balance sheet displayed on the large screen. Need participation in October. Need to find some ways to raise funds.

5) Recorder: Minutes: <http://kofc658.org/site/minutes/> David Yordy made a motion to approve. Louie Alongi Second.

6) Service Programs' Reports:

Family:

- 5th Sunday Rosary on Oct. 31, 10:30 am at St. Pius X.
- Essay Contest being picked up Oct. 21 from Jordan & Alleman. Each grade 1st prize \$40 & 2nd prize \$20.
- Christmas Poster Contest coming soon.

Faith:

- Successful Holy Hour
- Vocation Raffle Tickets sent out. 40 to 50 were returned. Will report on the money next week. We have another seminarian Peter Schoomaker.

Adoration: Is going well

Community:

- Blood Drive had 95 donations of blood. Good news is that \$250 a grant was given to Jordan for their participation. They also received \$1 for each donation: \$345.
- Chuck & Karen Gibbs have taken over the leadership of the Midwest Food Bank project. Dates in the Abstract along with a sign up. Provide food for 30 area food pantries including St. Pius. We can use more Knights to help us.

Life:

- October is Respect Life month. Hopefully everyone is participating in pennies, Rosaries and prayers for life. Pro-Life message was in the October Abstract. Waiting to see what the Federal Judge will do in Texas. Pray very hard that our government officials will come to light and support pro-life. All of us can adopt a child.

7) 4th Degree Report:

- Meeting last Thursday at the Cellar in Geneseo. 30 attended.
- 1st Thursday in December is our Christmas Social; stay tuned.

8) Chapter Report:

- Chapter meeting was last Saturday. All councils have been asked to pay \$0.10 per member. We have not paid ours yet. Must pay in order to have a...

- Night of Knights is December 1st.
- Next meeting is the 2nd Saturday due to the District Deputy meeting being the 1st Saturday.

9) **District Deputy Report:**

- At the Officer's Meeting we were challenged to complete everything that needs to happen for Star Councils. The hardest is membership. Ask people who you think are practical Catholic men. One council has plans to get their six members they need. The Membership kit has been given to James.
- District Deputy meeting next week.
- Collecting items for the gift basket for the Leo Council Trivia Night. Money goes to the Vets. Dick will be at the Food Pantry at 9 on Monday; drop your items off.

10) **Old Business:**

- 35 Knights helped with the Tootsie Roll Drive. Around \$6,300. Have some more Tootsie Rolls to collect money for. Jack Swan made a motion that the Council make a \$643.50 donation to cover cost of the Tootsie Rolls. Louie Alongi second. Motion approved.
- The Parish Picnic went very well.
- The Blue Mass was very nice at Sacred Heart.
- Great River Challenge was very good. Thank you to the Knights who helped with the 50/50 and attended.

11) **New Business:**

- Civic Award details in email. Looking for more Knights to attend. Contact Kevin Houser who needs to give a head count to Holiday Inn. Knights are getting donations for the honorees. Need start up money for making change the night of the banquet.
- Columbus Day Social will follow the Nov. 6 Deceased Member Mass at 4 pm St. Pius in McCarthy Hall. No cost, heavy hors d'oeuvres. David Yordy & Jeremy Goffrier will co-host. Free will donation. Would love to have the Honor Guard for the Mass and flag. Will not be live streaming. Will have reserved seating. Invite all Deceased Member Mass goers to join us for the C.D. Social. If you know someone personally who you can give a ride, please offer.
- Coats for Kids needs to be done this month. 4 boxes to Skip Along (asked for 6 total) and 2 to Children's Therapy. The Birdies for Charities & Tootsie Rolls helps cover the cost. Looking at a little over \$2000 end of October. William made a motion to purchase 8 boxes. Greg Schneider 2nd. Louie is willing to help deliver to Skip Along or anywhere else. Cost is \$20 to \$30 a coat.
- Holiday Cash Raffle to help make us visible and get money for charity. Rick is asking us to sell \$5 raffle tickets to people. Prizes 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, & 3rd \$100 (\$600 + \$50 for printing = \$650) total = sell at least 130 tickets to break even). Would like to sell at the Rock Island Churches. December 15 is the drawing.

12) **Good of the Order:**

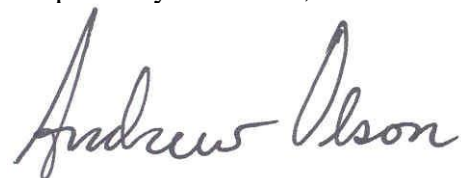
- Bob VanDeVoorde was presented an Our Treasurer forever.
- David Yordy won the 50/50.

13) **Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family:** Add Susan DeBlock, Bud Phillis & Red Pearson. See monthly Abstract. Please contact Andy to add and/or remove.

14) **Closing Prayer** Led by Deacon Swim & Msgr. Merdian

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

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Olson, Recorder