

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois**  
**Minutes for April 21, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Grand Knight Rick Cervantes. Deacon Rush led us into started a Rosary. 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	Rick Cervantes
P - Deputy G.K.	Jeremy Goffrier
E - Chaplain	Msgr. Mark Merdian
P - Assn't Chaplain	Deacon Russ Swim
E - Chancellor	James Britton
P - Recorder	Andy Olson
P - Fin. Sectry	Dick Hunt
E - Treasurer	Dean Lackey

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

1) **Recorder:** <http://kofc658.org/site/minutes/> Jim Wieland made a motion to approve, Deacon Swim seconded. Motion carried.

2) **Chaplain's Report:** See Deacon's Question Box in Council Abstract.

3) **Grand Knight Message:** Thank you for showing up and supporting council and GK Cervantes.

4) **Financial Secretary:**

- Balance sheet displayed on the large screen. Some money that has come in is already spoken for, examples: Pro-Life donations & Ukraine Solidarity Fund. We rounded the USF to \$500 and matched to \$1,000. Membership dues still coming in. Vocation checks have been mailed out and have received thank you notes for some. Dave Yordy made a motion to approve report as read. Kevin Houser seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Service Programs' Reports:**

**Membership:** Nothing to report. Did Church drives and they are working on one. James Britton has the names to follow up.

**Faith:**

- Adoration going good.

**Community:**

- A lot of Knights participated as Holy Thursday Sentinels at Sacred Heart and St. Pius on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Broke/rotated shifts up into 15/20 minutes.
- St Malachy's Confirmation with Bishop Tylka on April 6th had 12 Honor Guards. Will be back on May 2 for school Mass. Will also have a confirmation on May 22 at 1:30 at St. Pius with Bishop Tylka.
- Have Field Day Mass on May 30 at 9 pm at Calvary Mausoleum.
- Flag Retirement on June 11 at 9 at Arsenal. No marching.
- Midwest Food Bank was yesterday April 20<sup>th</sup>. We are back inside at Expo Center. Come May 18 to help and have fun. Vietnam Veterans and kids from ARC also help.
- Blood Drive was April 18<sup>th</sup> \*\* 126 scheduled \*\* 104 donation units collected \*\* 11 deferred \*\* 11 no shows (with appointments) \*\* We had 1 first time donor. Thank you to all who helped. Want to have more Jordan parents involved. Blood Center donates x number of dollars per donor.

**Life:** We dodged a real bullet with HR 3755. 48 to 46 votes. Would have enshrined abortion on demand, anytime at the cost of the tax payer. Would have prohibited a lot of future pro-life laws and struck down existing pro-life laws. Women's Choice celebrated 20 years with volunteers. Ultrasound machine has required routine maintenance. March 2022 hit a milestone of 1,500 ultrasound machines. There will be a need to replace machines over time. Recommend that we consider supporting the purchase of an ultrasound machine like we did in 2016(?). We just had to come up with ½ and Supreme came up with the other half.

6) **4th Degree Report:**

- All officer positions have been filled except for Scribe.
- Priest Appreciation Dinner Dean Lackey & Louie Alongi.
- Sir Knights will assist with the uniform assistance program.

- Next meeting St. Ambrose Parish,

7) **District Deputy Report:**

- St. Joseph Icon was very successful. Will be presenting at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's; TBA. Tied into the Delta Church Drive. Hopefully get more members.
- State Convention this weekend. Will be picking up raffle tickets. All business focus and membership. G.K. is part of WATCH this weekend & Dean is unable to attend. Anyone who wants to go is welcome to go with David Yordy. David's hotel and travel will be covered by our council up to \$800.
- John Deere Classic. Working with Dick to send out information. Invite to volunteer for tournament June 30<sup>th</sup> & July 1<sup>st</sup>. Higher ranking golfers due to schedule change.
- Jeremy is working on another membership drive at St. Mary's and Sacred Heart.

8) **Old Business:**

- Fish Fry on March 25<sup>th</sup> had a great turnout. Thank you to all who helped.
- Exemplification on April 2nd had one go through and a great opportunity to go through the degree in McCarthy Hall.
- Men's Retreat on April 2<sup>nd</sup> had about 45 guys show up. Really absorbed the talk. Thank to Jerry for helping. Deacon Swim is asking Fr. Chase.

9) **New Business:**

- Annual Men's March is April 30th, 8:30 - noon Peoria Riverfront. Food and fellowship after Mass.
- Nights of Knights in Peoria is April 30<sup>th</sup>

10) **Good of the Order:**

- St. Patrick's Society thanks the Honor Guard for attending the St. Patrick's Mass.
- Rex Scranton passed away.
- Planning on doing a council steak fry in nea.
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Civic Awards is June 12, 5 social at Holiday Inn. Request for Honor Guard. Tyler Evans is the Police Officer of the Year and Andrew Pratt Firefighter of the Year.
- Recommend the Stern Center.


11) **Prayers for members:** See monthly Abstract. Please pray for Rex Scranton. Add Bob Spalding.

12) **Closing Prayer** Led by Deacon Swim by and blessing by Msgr.

13) **50/50 was won by Kevin Houser.**

14) **Meeting adjourned** for refreshments and fellowship. Jim Wieland made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Olson, Recorder