

Knights of Columbus

Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois

Minutes for January 12th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Grand Knight Rick Cervantes after exemplification of 3 new members. Deacon Russ led us into a prayer . The Pledge of Allegiance was recited afterwards. 22 and 3 new 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. Dave Sullivan
X - Chaplain Vacant
P - Assn't Chaplain Deacon Russ Swim
E - Chancellor James Britton
P - Recorder Kevin Barton
P - Fin. Secretary Dick Hunt
P - Treasurer Chuck Gibbs

P - Dist. Deputy David Yordy
P - Advocate Kevin Houser
X - Lector Vacant
P - Warden John Doak
P - Inside Guard John Perez
P - Outside Guard Jeff Schaecher
P - 1yr Trustee William Weston
X - 2yr Trustee
X- 3yr Trustee
X - Ins.Fld. Agnt. Paul Kehoe

- 1) **Recorder:** <http://kofc658.org/site/minutes/> A motion was made to approve last month's minutes by John Doak , seconded by Rick Cervantes . Motion carried out. Deacon Russ let everyone know that the minutes are online.
- 2) **Chaplain's Report:** See Deacon's Question Box in Council Abstract. Deacon Russ we are now into Ordinary time on the Church calendar. Time to focus on the Faith life. Maybe take in an extra mass. Whatever you can do to focus on your Catholic faith. Please send questions to the deacon's mailbox.
- 3) **Grand Knight message:** See in Council Abstract. 2022 was a great year.
- 4) **Financial Secretary:** Balance sheet displayed on the large screen. 74 members yet to pay membership. A little over halfway to all membership being paid. Holiday cash raffle made us 1300 plus dollars profit. Coming up on Memorial Day it will be time to set the flags again.Made 320 dollars last time we set them. 300 in postage for 3 digit raffle and other. Net income 2900 some dollars. Close to breaking even for the first 6 months. william motioned and Lance seconded. Motion carried to accept the financial report.
- 5) **Membership report:** James was not here. Lance brought up that his Daughter can lament the membership cards since they fall apart easily if anyone is interested in her doing that at one of the meetings. We did welcome 3 new Brother Knights before the meeting today.

6) **Service Programs' Reports:**

Faith: Jim- Adoration hours are going well. Kevin Houser is doing a good job of getting the calendar out in a timely manner. Thank you notes from the seminarians. New members introduced themselves. Kevin Hoffman ,Don Hauer, and Dana Keimig are our new members. Everyone welcomed them.

Family: John Doak wanted to let the new members know to go to the Knights gear website if you need any items. They have a good selection of gear on there and the site is updated all the time.

Dave Yordy- Only one poster was turned in for the Keep Christ in Christmas contest. 25 dollars first place for the one candidate. Motioned from Jeff Scaecher and seconded by Andy Olsen. All approved. Athletic director excited for the free throw contest. There will be 12 categories. 480 dollars for awards. 12 first place and 12 second place. 25 dollars for first place and a certificate. After some discussion on the prizes and deciding that cash is what the kids would like the most the motion was approved by John Doak and seconded by William Weston.

Dean Lackey has found a council in Florida. He has been very active in it. Good luck to him.

Community:

- **Coffee and conversation-** First Sunday of every month. There has been a good turnout. Chuck Gibbs and Dave Sullivan have been doing a good job. Trying to have a table set up for Knight membership on this day. Starting to show success. Good way to get new membership and meet new people.
- **Midwest Food Bank-** Next Wednesday back at the Vibrant Center. Next 3 months it will be at the Vibrant Center. So it will be cold. If anyone knows a small warehouse that we could use for extra storing would be nice.
- **Life- Jack:** Welcome back Jack. Jack thanked everyone for praying for him and special thanks to Deacon Russ for being there for him and his Family. March for life could be switched to June. So something to keep an eye on. Read the article in the Abstract.
- **Fourth Degree:**

Honor Guard- Dick: St. Pats parade- March 18th is the date. As many Knights that can attend the more the better and can be any degree to be in the parade would be great. Things will start out with Mass at St. Marys and then on to the start of the bridge for the parade. The float will be there for Knights that cannot walk the whole way. Need at least 10 4th degree members in regalia to be in the march. Please show up.

District Deputy Report- Dave:
Old Business:

Pro Life Breakfast- Jerry: January 22nd. 50 years to the date Roe vs Wade was passed. Need volunteers in the kitchen to help make the pancakes. Jerry has shifts split up and shown on the screen. We will start cooking at 7am. If on the first shift try to be here about 30 minutes before 7 to get the kitchen set up and ready to go. We expect a big turnout.

10) New Business: Abstract costs are really going up. 250 dollars from Stecker graphics right now to send out all the mail copies. A lot of savings by keeping it bulk mail. 222 people on the list right now. Maybe we will look into increasing the cost of the ads as a possibility. Maybe at least 10 dollars more an ad. 40 dollars an ad right now is the cost for a year. That cost has not changed for a few years. Pretty cheap advertising considering the number of customers that see the ads. We will look at this for the next 6 months. Raising the rates of the ads is one motion and if we can't get the money then maybe we will look into quitting printing the Newsletter and just offering the online version. We will table this for now and look at it again at the next meeting.

Dave is working with Rachel's Vineyard and is making an effort to raise funds for them. Dave is asking for every council to support one or two women to attend the retreat through them. They have really good reviews and testimonials. 175 dollars is the cost per woman to send to the retreat. Next retreat is in March. Motion to support up to two attendees. Dick seconded the motion. Brochures could be put in the Churches to promote it. Jim suggested for the motion to be amended through the pro life breakfast money. We voted for the 350. Motion was approved... Majority vote.

11) Good of the Order: March the 10th is the date for the fish fry. Lance Johnson is running it. 15 dollars per dinner and ages 4-16 5 dollars a head. More expensive this year because we got to buy the fish.

John Doak brought to our attention that Pete Ricketts from Nebraska who previously served as governor of Nebraska was just sworn in as a senator in Congress and he is a Brother Knight.

50/50 won by Dave Sullivan.

12) Prayers for members: Updated in the Abstracts.

13) Closing Prayer Led by Deacon Russ Swim.

14) Meeting adjourned for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin A Barton

Kevin Barton, Recorder