

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois**  
**Minutes for Feb. 9th, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Deputy Grand Knight Dave Sullivan Deacon Russ led us into a prayer. One decade of the rosary. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited afterwards. 19 Brother Knights in attendance.

**Roll Call of Officers** - (P-present, E-excused, A-absent, N-not present, X-not applicable)

E - 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
E - 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 Jeff Schaecher . Motion carried out.
- 2) **Chaplain's Report:** See Deacon's Question Box in Council Abstract. Deacon Russ said there will be a men's retreat coming up.
- 3) **Grand Knight message:** See in Council Abstract.
- 4) **Financial Secretary:** Balance sheet displayed on the large screen. 31 members yet to pay membership. 8 members have not paid for 2 years and 6 members have not paid for 3 years. The ones in arrears for 3 years we will put them in the Affiliate program. Not much else going on. Motion to make it an even number, \$1000, per agency that we are donating to per the pro- life pancake breakfast was made. Annual storage fee was paid. Motion to approve financial report by Dave Yordy and seconded by Jeff Schaecher.
- 5) **Membership report:** James was not here. One transfer in. Benjamin Shoonmaker transferred to our council. We have a prospect named Luan Carlos Ramirez that filled out the online survey. He was directed to our council but he put down Spanish as his preferred language so perhaps we might direct him to a different council that he might prefer.
- 6) **Service Programs' Reports:**

**Faith:** Jim Weiland was not here to report.

**Family:** Dave Yordy- We only received one poster for the Keep Christ in Christmas. Dave said it was a pretty impressive one but we did not get a higher turnout due to the timing. The free throw shooting contest is Grace and Jordan Schools. From 1pm to 4pm at the Jordan gym sometime in March. The date will be posted in the Abstracts. Volunteers needed by 1pm as shooting starts at 2pm.

**Community:**

- **Coffee and conversation-** First Sunday of every month. There has been a good turnout.
- **Midwest Food Bank-** Next Wednesday still at the Vibrant Center.
- **Life- Jack:** Was not here. Will be in the Abstract.
- **Fish Fry-** March 10th. Still need volunteers. For the people that don't eat fish we will have cheese pizza. Increase price from 9- 15 dollars due to the cost of everything now. Any help will be appreciated. Karen Gibbs volunteered to help with desserts. The food will cost more because we have to buy it versus the prior year when we used up what we had the previous year. Will have music there again this year.
- **Blood drive-** Is the Monday after Easter from 130- 6pm. Louie will be making calls. Jordan gets 1 dollar for every donation plus the 250 dollars just for hosting the drive.
- **Italian Dinner-** Going to try it without tickets this year. Will be here at Pius. This will be the last year Louie will be the President of the Italian Society. Will have a flier in the Abstracts.

**District Deputy Report- Dave: Into The Breach-** Dave and Dick will be going to Galesburg February 19th to check this program out to see if it would be worth it to bring this program to the Quad Cities. Spouses can go to this program as well. The topic is why it is important to have strong Catholic men in the family.

**Old Business: Pro Life Breakfast- Jerry:** Jerry was happy with the turnout. Did not make as much money this year

due to the mail in donations being less than last year. Thank you Dick and Lou Granato. Did well with the revenues. Propose a possibility of moving the next one to June maybe to line up with the first anniversary of Roe vs Wade being overturned.. Down 1900 from last year. Dick proposed the council putting in any extra to even the donations to each agency after waiting to see if any more donations come in. Hoping to drop the checks off to the agencies this month .

**10) New Business:** Abstract costs are really going up. 250 dollars that Stecker graphics charges 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. 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. 242 people receive the online version. Next 3-4 months, putting it in the abstract that we will be going to the online version only and if anyone wants to receive a hard copy to get a hold of us via phone or email. Will put in the next few newsletters about needing a response for anyone that still wants one.

- **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.
- Also that same day there will be the 125th Anniversary of Sacred Heart at 3pm. Bishop Tylka as well as all the previous living clergy that celebrated mass there at Sacred Heart will be there. Honor Guard participation has been requested. There will be a dinner at the Stern Center afterwards.
- There will also be a Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Pius and Sacred Heart on April the 6th 8:30pm until midnight. Sentinels have been requested for both places. Don't have to be an Honor Guard to participate. Dick will be sending an email out asking for volunteers.
- Shaunessy Shaw asked the Knights if they could help with funding for her continued religious education for the CCD program at St. Pius. Motion was made for 750 dollars. We are waiting to see if St. Pius Church is going to help fund her continued religious education as well. Maybe we can put a bucket out at the fish fry for continued religious education.

**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.

**50/50** won by Dave Yordy.

**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