

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

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Grand Knight Rick Cervantes. 22 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) **Opening prayer:** Deacon Russ led a decade of the Rosary.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Followed the decade of the Rosary.
- 3) **Grand Knight's message:** See in Council Abstract. Need to start staying on topic so that everyone can get their topics discussed in a timely manner.
- 4) **Deacon's remarks:** See Deacon's Question Box in Council Abstract. Reminder about the Parish retreat.
- 5) **Financial Secretary:** Balance sheet displayed on the large screen. Look at the games account. Revenue where we got renewals. Just one winner in a month's time. February dues trickling in still. Motion to approve financial report by Lance seconded by Dave Y.

**6) Membership report:**

Juan Carlos was sent by state to our council for membership. We referred him to the St.Ambrose in Davenport council. That is his home Church.

Transfer-In- Father Peter Sarnicki and Father Witold Adamczyk

Withdrawal- Brian Becker, Jacob Smithers and William Warlop

Retention Committee: 6 members for Affiliate member transfer have been decided on.

6 members that have not paid 2022 and 2023 dues

21 members that have not paid 2023 dues- Will get contact numbers for these members as well and try to contact.

Retention committee to try to call the 6 members that have not paid for the last two years. Hopefully by April we can get this all wrapped up.

**7) Program Reports:**

**Faith-** Jim W.- Jim is on vacation.

**Family-** Dave Y.- Two Family events just finished. Onto the regional finals. Just one poster from the Keep Christ in Christmas. We have two winners from every division in the free throw contest. Scheduled for the regionals March 20th at 10 am. 200 participants in the basketball contest. Dave and Rick will present the checks on the 20th.

**Community-**

**Fish fry-** March 10th- Lance- Got all the food for the fish fry. School kids are trying to earn service hours for helping the fish fry out. Need volunteers to help guide the kids in what to do. Jerry Schroeder will provide the music for the fish fry. A lot of tables and chairs to set up. Will have kids manning the drinks so it is not as messy as last year. Will have beer for the fish fry. Beer is a good will donation. A note on the desserts to take only one a person. Stations of the Cross at 5:30 the same day. Lance would like to see us get 300 dinners sold. The Clergy eat for free.

**Blood Drive-** April 10th- Louie- 128 people scheduled for that day. There Were 24 people last year that did not show up. Openings 3:30-5pm. Would like to get to 130 people.

**Italian Dinner-** April 22nd- Louie- This is the 15th-16th year. All the money raised for this goes to charity. Knights running the 50/50 raffle. If you sign up early for the dinner you get 2 dollars off. The dinner receipts and bar sales will be split. Prices are going up. The Italian society asked if the raffle basket and wine pull proceeds can go to the Italian Society for their scholarships fund that they are donating to it. Dick proposed for the Knights to keep the money from it due to the Knights manning it all. Chuck suggests that we give the proceeds from those to the Italian Society since we do not have a set project that it would go to. Kevin Houser suggests that since the Italian Society puts on the dinner and does all

the cooking and that we should go ahead and let them keep the proceeds. The only thing the Knights are doing is manning it and supplying the beer. Motion to accept William Weston seconded by Kevin Houser.

**Life-** Jack- Jack is not here. Two pro life things coming up March 21st is the March for life event. the 2nd event on March 17th through the 26th is the bridges for life.

**8) Old Business:**

**Into the Breach-** Dave y update from session in Geneseo last month.About 25 people there. They had two people there possibly wanting to be Knights. They showed three videos on Into the Breach. The Priests there participated in the presentation. Then they held an exemplification after the presentation. One person did become a Knight. The program was about an hour. Will be worth doing here in the Quad Cities according to Dave.

Check requests for poster and free throw winners. Dick requests that the individual who runs these programs to officially request the checks on how much and to whom.

Check requests for Pro- Life agency donations

Check request for Rachel’s Vineyard donation

**9) New Business:**

**Abstracts/ Newsletter-** Review committee work and proposal- Proposal is for cost reduction. The newsletter cost 34 percent more than last year. 3500 dollars for printed envelopes and postage. That is over 55 percent of the dues if we take all the dues in. Two things the committee did was getting ahold of the members that get both the email copy and hard copy. They also contacted ones that had emails and filtered out the people that are no longer in the system or no longer members. Former members as well it was suggested that they will not get a copy anymore. We are down to about 50 members that will still receive a hard copy. Dick printed out a newsletter using a program called Publisher to cut down on the newsletter to save costs. Got it down to about 4 sheets double sided to send out. Costs will be only 700 a year compared to 3500 dollars a year. Maybe a few Knights can print these copies out in color. 4th degree has used Allouez council newsletter before. Dave Y proposed that maybe the 4th degree council can put some money in to get some of their messages in. We need one person that can raise revenue for the newsletter. Maybe help to get more advertising dollars. Sanctuary marble floor cleaning- Need 3-4 people to help clean the floors maybe April 1st or Good Friday. Use mops and sponges. Professionally it will cost 2000 dollars.

**10) Fourth Degree/ Honor Guard-**

Father Michael Pakula- Visitation 3-6pm, Tues. March 6th- Funeral Wed. March 7th, 10am- Bishop Tylka- Dick thanked all the Sir Knights that came out to participate.

St. Patrick’s Day Mass and Parade- March 18th- Mass at StMary’s at 10am. Participation is not just an honor Guard event it is for all Knights. The parade will be at 11am a few blocks from St.Mary’s Church. There will be a float in case walking is hard.

Sacred Heart Moline dedication of Parish gathering space, Bishop Tylka, 4pm Mass March 18th- Need Honor Guard escort. Don’t have to be just 4th degree to participate.

Holy Thursday Eucharist Adoration- St. PiusX and Sacred Heart April 6th- After Holy Thursday at St.Pius X after the mass is over until midnight. Does not have to be just 4th degree as well.

**11) District Deputy:** Dave Yordy- March 30th 4th degree dinner meeting at the Cellar in Geneseo. The end of April might be the Clergy. Convention is coming up March 22nd,23rd and 24th. A lot of stuff online. Knights are engaged in supporting Ukraine. Knight of Knights only approved 6 people. No one out of this district.

50/50 winner was Louie won 29.00.

**12) Good of the order-**

**13) Prayers for members-**

Elizabeth Brueggen	Jim Casey	Bev Casey	Jim Cecil
Achiel Dupont	Gene Fowler	Jerry Fowler	Jim Fobert
Joseph Lazio	Norma Manning	Deacon Paul Martin	
Tina Olson	Red Pearson	Mary Jo Pulford	Sue Schaecher
Jerry Schroeder	Jack Showalter	Bob Spalding	Richard Tipton
Jim Wells	Betty VanDeVoorde		

**13) Closing Prayer-** Prayer for our deceased members. Father McGiveney intercession prayer was led by Deacon Russ.

**14) Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn by Dave Yordy. Seconded by many.

Respectfully submitted,

***Kevin A Barton***

Kevin Barton, Recorder