

Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for July 13th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Grand Knight, Dave Sullivan after installing the new Officers for the year and a light dinner. 25 Brother Knights in attendance.

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

P - Grand Knight	Dave Sullivan
P - Deputy G.K.	John Doak
X - Chaplain	Vacant
P- Assn't Chaplain	Deacon Russ Swim
X- Chancellor	Vacant
P - Recorder	Kevin Barton
P - Fin. Secretary	Dick Hunt
P- Treasurer	Chuck Gibbs

P - Dist. Deputy	Rick Cervantes
P - Advocate	Kevin Houser
X - Lector	Vacant
P - Warden	John Perez
P - Inside Guard	Scott Perez
P - Outside Guard	Jeff Schaecher
P - 1yr Trustee	Rick Cervantes
P - 2yr Trustee	Lance Johnson
A- 3yr Trustee	William Weston
X - Ins.Fld. Agnt.	Paul Kehoe

- 1) **Opening prayer:** Father Witold led with an opening prayer over the jewels of the appointed 2023-2024 officers.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited after the opening prayer.
- 3) **Grand Knight's message:** See in Council Abstract.
- 4) **Deacon's remarks:** See Deacon's Question Box in Council Abstract. Remember the Men's Retreat with speaker Father Luke on August 19th at McCarthy Hall after the 8am Mass. Deacon Russ advised everyone to check out the Vicariate website for more info. He is hoping for a big turnout.

5) Financial Secretary:

Most of our money to the plus side is being made from the games account. The average winner is getting a 25 dollar check while the cost is 27 dollars a number with a lot of numbers not being played. Will get with Dave Sullivan and John Doak on a new budget for this year. Other than that just the usual, Paid out for stamps, ink and paper for the 44 Knights still receiving the paper newsletter. Rick Cervantes motioned to approve the financial report. Seconded by many. Motion was approved.

Treasurer- Chuck: Nothing to report.

Warden- John: Nothing to report.

District Deputy- Rick: Rick was installed as the District Deputy and the focus on what the Supreme Council wants to go with this year is to strengthen the Catholic Faith in Catholics, a new CORE program that has a few Knight Brothers discussing things going on, Parish involvement and how to get Families back to Church, Charity and membership. The Supreme Council would also like to have members take a safety course online as there has to be two to three trained Knights at every event that has Children involved due to the Supreme Council having to kick 21 members out for abuse to Children. Right now only 40 percent of the Councils are in compliance with the safety standards. Rick would like all of us to take the safety course to try to be at 100 percent in our Council.

6) Membership report:

Rick C- Delta Church Drive will start again after some Masses to help garner Church members' interest to know more about the Knights and to possibly join the Knights.

7) Program Reports:

Faith- Jim W.- Still supporting 5 seminarians. Jim passed out the raffle tickets for vocations. They don't have to be turned in until November with the raffle being held in December. Also Jim asked about a bigger Nativity scene to donate to Calvary Cemetery. The one he has there right now is a smaller one. The costs would be around 700 to 800 dollars.

Family - Not much on family right now. Dave is looking for someone to head this program as he has talked to the principal of Jordan and she would like the Keep Christ in Christmas program as well as others to keep going.

Community- Chuck: Riverbend Food Bank will be at the Expo Center this month on the 19th. It runs from 9am-11am. The higher ups from Riverbend main office in Peoria will be here in town to see how things are going and to talk with the people from the Stern Center about when the food bank will run from there.

Advocate- Kevin Houser- Adoration is going good. Need one person to fill John Verona spot as his work schedule conflicted with the adoration schedule. New member to the Adoration team, Scott Perez, volunteered for his next slot.

Life- Jack: Advised everyone that has not seen the movie "Sound of Freedom" to go and watch it. The United States is

one of the worst perpetrators of the child sex smuggling trade and this movie brings this subject out in the open and hopefully enough people in Congress and other places can start doing something to put a stop to it. Jack would like everyone to keep praying for Illinois as we have one of the worst government officials as far as supporting pro life. Illinois has become a go to state for women looking to get an abortion. Jack said that Iowa has made big strides to stop abortion.

8) Old Business:

Avenue of flags: The next installment of putting the flags out is the Labor Day weekend.
Abstract/ newsletter ad revenue: Jeff Schaecher said that we are looking into doubling the ad prices this year and still seeing what we can do to drum up ad support.
Budget for 2024 Fraternal Year: Not decided on yet. Will be discussed with Dave Sullivan, Dick Hunt and John Doak.

9) New Business:

4th degree cookout, August 3rd: Bring your own steak or whatever you want to cookout for this dinner. Asking for RSVP so they know how much to buy in dessert and drinks.
Men’s retreat August 19th: Father Luke Spannagel will be the speaker for this event that starts after the 8am Mass. This event is about 3 hours altogether. Father Luke will give two 15 minute talks.
St.Pius X Parish fest- August 26th: The Parish Fest got pushed back to the 27th due to another event happening at the Church. The Fest will be after the 10:30 Mass. Looking for volunteers to set up chairs and what not as well as take down.
Jordan School Anniversary Mass- August 30th: Bishop Tylka will be there. More information to come. Looking for Honor Guard to participate in this event.

10) Fourth Degree/ Honor Guard- *

- Labor Day Parade- Monday, September 4th- Our plan to participate: We are marching only. The last few years not enough Knights have been showing up. We have had barely enough Knights to even carry the banner. So the float will not be used. Dick would like a bigger turnout this year around. Many events going on in the next few months- Jordan School’s Anniversary, September 4th the Labor Day Parade, On September the 9th we are having the Unborn Children's Mass at Calvary and September the 10th the Civic Awards at the Stern Center all requesting Honor Guard.

12) Good of the order- Dave Sullivan presented a certificate to Rick Cervantes for all the hard work he did while he was Grand Knight and now Rick is the District Deputy and carrying even more duties. The Council appreciates all the hard work Rick.

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- Father Witold said a closing prayer.

14) Adjournment- 50/50 Won by Kevin Hoffman. Meeting was adjourned after that...

Kevin A Barton

Kevin Barton, Recorder