

Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for September 14th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Grand Knight, Dave Sullivan . 15 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

P - Chaplain Fr. Witold Adamczyk

E - Assn't Chaplain Deacon Russ Swim

X- Chancellor Vacant

P - Recorder Kevin Barton

P - Fin. Secretary Dick Hunt

E- Treasurer Chuck Gibbs

P - Dist. Deputy

P - Advocate

X - Lector

E - Warden

A - Inside Guard

A - Outside Guard

P - 1yr Trustee

E - 2yr Trustee

P - 3yr Trustee

X - Ins.Fld. Agnt.

Rick Cervantes

Kevin Houser

Vacant

John Perez

Scott Perez

Jeff Schaecher

Rick Cervantes

Lance Johnson

William Weston

Paul Kehoe

1. Opening Prayer- Father Witold led in a short blessing and then led a Our Father.

2. Pledge of Allegiance- Said after Prayer.

3. Grand Knight's Message – Dave- See in the abstract. Special recognition award to Kevin Hoffman for staying longer than he planned and going above and beyond to help out at the Parish Fest.

4. Deacon's Remarks – See in the newsletter. Father Witold had some remarks. Reminding of the main teachings of the Catholic Church.

5. Officers' Reports Deputy Grand Knight - John- Nothing to report.

Financial Secretary – Dick- Renewal for games account coming up. General funds misc. 100 dollar donation from Bob VandeVoorde. 5.70 donation by Dave Sullivan for doughnuts for the men's retreat. Our share of the Parish Fest did not cover our expenses for food and drinks. Men's retreat did not cover the cost of doughnuts provided. 960 dollars from the vocation raffle so far in. Behind compared to where we were last year. . 352 dollars for Avenue of Flags. Ahead of the budget there because of more routes taken on. On the expense side we donated 300 dollars to the Great River Challenge. Men's retreat expense was 80.70. Tootsie Rolls for ID drive are paid for with an expense of 643.50. The cost of Tootsie Rolls has not changed for 3 years. We paid the bill earlier this year. Financial reports motioned to approve by Brion Eckert and seconded by Greg Schneider.

Treasurer – Chuck- Not present.

Warden – John was not present.

Advocate - Kevin- Adoration is going good.

District Deputy – Rick- Safe environment training- Would like to see all active members take this training. It is about a 40 minute program at Knights.org. Also a webinar on COR that any of the Knights can watch. The theme on that is faith, formation and fraternity. General discussion among 3-4 members on those topics. Tax forms have to be sent in as well. General assistant fund should be about 1 dollar a member to help out Knights in need. Maybe we can fund this from the 50/50 raffle.

6. Membership Report- Nothing new to report.

7. Program Reports

Faith – Jim W. Family – 960 dollars for vocation raffle so far. We have until November to get them all turned in. We are supporting 8 seminarians right now.

Community – Chuck – Was not present. Reminder that the Food Bank will be held at the Expo Center September 20th. Could always use more volunteers.

Life - Jack- Jack was not present. Pro-Life message will be in the Newsletter.

8. Old Business * Men's Retreat: The Understanding of the Eucharist – August 19 – Rick or Deacon- Father Luke led the retreat and the topic was the importance of being the male leader in the Family.

*** St Pius X Parish Festival – August 27 after 10:30 Mass – Dave-** Jim Wieland brought out his popcorn machine which was a big hit. Kevin Hoffman got a special recognition certificate for going above and beyond to help out at the Parish fest.

*** Sir Knight Ron Staes Christian Wake Service, Visitation, and Funeral – August 28 & 29-** Four Sir Knights went to the service. Means a lot to the Families when we show up to pay our respect.

* **Jordan Catholic School Anniversary Mass w/ Bishop Tylka – August 30, 9:00am – Dick-** 11 Knights participated in the Mass. Good turnout. Monsignor was there.

* **Avenue of the Flags – Labor Day – Flags up Fri Sept 1, Flags Down Tues Sept 5 - Dick *** - Flags were put up on the 3rd and taken down on the 5th. Dick volunteered for the Council to take on more routes. It is a good money maker for the Council. Looking for another team to take on another route. Next flag day will be Veteran's Day. So we need to figure it out by then. Already committed. Avenue of Flags has brought in 1048 dollars so far.

Labor Day Parade – September 4 – Dick- 9 Knights showed up for the parade. Looking for a better turnout next year. Also Family members can participate.

* **Mass of Remembrance for the Unborn – September 9, 9:00am – * Dick-** 11 Knights in attendance. Not a good turnout. Most in attendance were the Knights and their Families. Maybe we can advertise better next year. See if the Church can make this more of a priority. Louie counted 21 people in attendance.

Civic Awards Dinner – September 10, 5:00 pm – Kevin- Civic Awards went really good. A good turnout from the Rock Island Police Department. They really appreciate the honor as well as the Fireman of the year. Kevin thanked Louie Alongi for starting the Civic Awards many years ago. The Civic Awards was even mentioned on the news.

* **Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive – St Pius, September 9 & 10 – Greg-** Greg is still taking volunteers to do the ID drive at 7-11 and at Pius. Greg asked that the cost of the Tootsie Rolls be covered. It is in the budget. 640 dollars. Jim Wieland motioned to approve and William Weston seconded.

9. New Business * Brother Jerry Schroeder resignation- Jerry sent out an email to all the Knights thanking them and letting them know that due to his health issues he is stepping out of the Knights of Columbus. He does not want to be a member in name only. Dave Sullivan and all the council agreed he can come back any time and all will be praying for him. We will also need someone to step in and take over the Pro-Life pancake breakfast as Jerry ran that. Jerry has notes and will offer advice on how to run the breakfast.

* **Brother Mark Lioen transfer to Council #6189, Richmond, VA-** All approved.

* **General Assistance Fund-** Is there to help any Knights in financial need. Money comes from the coffee and conversation and maybe possibly the 50/50 raffle. We have not used this yet.

* **Nativity Scene-** Dick priced some Nativity sets online and came up with a few sets for the Council to vote on. The Council decided on the painted one of the plain white ones. Dick and his Wife are donating a few pieces of the set as well as Dave Sullivan and his Wife. So just need approval from the Council to buy the rest. John Doak motioned to approve and Loie Alongi seconded.

* **Request for Money from Sister Teresa Maria-** Sister Teresa Maria is requesting help with funding with a trip that 6 students will be taking in January to further their religious education. The cost is 3600 dollars. The Council discussed Having the students help out with some of our fundraisers to earn some of that money. One example is the Trivia night.

* **Request for Money from Mindy Olson-** Mindy Olsen requested 300-500 dollars for Eucharist Activity patches for revival. Different patches can be earned for different activities in the Church. One set can be earned per Family any extra will be charged to the Family. The Council agreed to 400 as the Olsen Family does a lot for the Parish as well as for the Knights. Louie motioned to approve and Dave Yordy seconded.

* **Midwest Food Bank Distribution – September 20-** Hoping for a good turnout. At the Expo Center from 9am to 11am.

* **Coffee & Conversation – October 1-** There will be coffee and conversation following the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses.

* **Emmaus Procession, Sacred Heart, Moline to Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf – October 7-** 3.5 mile walk this year instead of a 5 mile plus walk last year. Everyone can park at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bettendorf and take the shuttle over to Sacred Heart in Moline. We are walking over the 74 bridge this time. There was a request for 200 dollars to help pay the costs of the buses and police traffic control. Bishop Tylka will be there and the Honor Guard is requested to help carry the canopy.

* **Jordan School Blood Drive – October 9-** Louie said he has over 100 participants signed up for the blood drive and a list of all new Families going to Jordan that he can call.

* **Allouez Council Holy Hour – October 12 (before October Council meeting)-** Trying to get more Knights to participate in Holy Hour. Bringing Family with as well was discussed. Jim Wieland's Wife is going to cook chili afterwards.

* **Trivia Night – October 21-** Can make around 7000 dollars profit by having Trivia Night. Tables of 8 and expected 40-50 tables in the Jordan School gym at 110-120 dollars a table. Jordan School will provide baskets that they will put together. They get the gains from that. Chuck put together two cash prize awards for first and second place that will draw a crowd. 240 dollars for first place and 120 dollars for second place. Trivia starts at 7pm.

10. 4 th Degree / Honor Guard * Very Busy September – Labor Day Parade, Traveling Monstrance, Mass for the Unborn, Civic Awards- It has been a very busy month so far.

Coats for kids- Dick is shooting for 8 boxes of coats this year instead of the 6 that we usually get. They have boxes of

coats for toddlers now that he would like the Council to donate to the Children’s Therapy Center. The other 6 go to Skip-A-Long day care center. Council approved. Birdies for Charity funds go to this.

11. Good of the Order- Dave Yordy thanked everyone and let us know that he is staying on as a member of Allouez Council and even though he is moving away he will be back once a year to participate in any activities. Kevin Hoffman also agreed to take on a couple different projects- The free throw contest and the keep Christ in Christmas essay.

12.Prayers for Sick & Distressed- Prayers for Deacon Russ. Greg Schneider was in contact with Deacon and said his surgery went well and he needed to rest a few days.

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 led a closing prayer and blessing.

14) **Adjournment- 50/50** 22 dollars was won by Kevin Houser.

Kevin A Barton

Kevin Barton, Recorder