

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois**  
**Minutes for January 9, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 6:58 PM by Grand Knight Dave Sullivan. Opening prayer led by Father Witold and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. 20 Brother Knights in attendance.

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

**Minutes:** No minutes distributed.

**1) Grand Knight**

- Not a lot going on, but will be picking up soon.
- Elections of Officer coming up.
- Most of the nativities have been taken down.

**2) Father Witold Report:**

- Kitchen is done. Can get a frier.
- Working on sound system.
- New sister will be coming in March and is a classical teacher. Possibly do a regular Bible study.
- St. Mary's flooring will be worked on next week. Sound system being finished up. Lights to be installed as well. Should be done by end of January.
- Mission Appeal will be coming up. Two friars are in the process of canonization. Will get relics at each Church.
- Father Peter and Witold will be going on required annual retreat in Orlando with other friars.
- People are saying they are confused by the changing doctrine in the Church. Still one God, Trinity, moral teachings, Commandments have not changed, precepts. External practices have changed that are not about doctrine. Example A Sister Brambilla has been assigned by Pope Francis as Prefect of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; nothing in doctrine says it must be a man. Sometimes Priests might give an incorrect interpretation, such as not attending Sunday Mass; it is a sin, we are required to attend Mass.

**3) Asst. Chaplain's Message**

- Holy Hours May 8 & Oct. 9 at 5 PM St. Pius.
- Deceased Remembrance Member Mass is at St. Mary's November 1.
- See Abstract for Deacon's Question Box: Pope Francis opened a Holy Door during the Jubilee Year.
- St. Pius might be the location for the Bishop to come to the QC to celebrate the Diocese's 150 years.

**4) Financial Secretary**

- Membership Dues are coming in. 94 honorary (no dues) 84 already paid, 62 not paid. 22 have not paid prior year(s).
- **Fraternal Survey Form 1728 due January 31. Semiannual Audit Form 1295 due February 15.**

**5) District Deputy Report**

- Get our 1728 form done. Need to get done, but don't need to send out to everyone. Can lose our tax free status.
- Would be nice to have a membership drive and fraternal event night. Need at least 14 participants; record a video.
- Poster Contest is done and just need judged and sent in.
- District Free Throw close to February. March 9 will have the regional.
- January 26 will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification in Dwight, IL. Can also do 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. Last one using the format.
- February 12 at the Cathedral will be celebrate. 4 PM and honor Guard can be there by 3 pm.
- Mike Decalla (SP?), moving up in leadership including being the new Marshal in the Western part of Illinois.
- Had to remove four councils removed from the Diocese because they did not pay their per capita(?).
- Election of Officers: Slate of officers in May and election in June.

**6) Membership** – February 9 will be a membership drive while also sponsoring the Family & Children Mass.

**7) Service Programs' Reports**

**Faith** No report.

**Family/Youth** Director: Around 30 posters to judge from different grades; due February 26. Good turn out for essay contests and the winners were rewarded. Jordan PE teacher helped complete the Free Throw contest. Working on getting the district before the regional; possibly the same day.

**Community:** Midwest Food Pickup – Wednesday, January 22nd in the morning.

**8) Life:** For the past 50 years, abortion has been a big topic and continues worldwide. State Council Respect Life, abortions count for 52% of all deaths in the world. Don't lose site of this issue.

**9) Old Business**

- 5th Sunday Rosary was led by Karen Wieland. Thank you.
- New Aprons getting compliments.
- Jordan Casino Night donation - \$500 January 31<sup>st</sup>
- JFK council/GAF donation for the Garcia family who lost their home- \$500
- Coffee & Conversation was down.
- Family and children's Mass, February 9th at 10:30 Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month). Will have a St. Valentines Day theme. Want to have a membership drive after 4, 8 and 10:30 Masses.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon (may have more information after the February 1st Chapter meeting; Dick attending). Want to have it at all three parishes, but at least Sacred Heart, RI.
- Eucharistic Procession in May from Joliet Diocese to Peoria (3 days at Cathedral) to Davenport Diocese.
- Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Diocese is asking all to pray the "Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe" on that day. Will be emailed out.
- 9 Days for Life Novena January 16th to 24<sup>th</sup> NOT TOO LATE to sign up on the USCCB site or contact Dick Hunt who will send it out.
- ~1,000 rosaries were blessed. Will be working on pro-life rosaries in the future that have meaningful colors on them. Plan to do a Rosary at least a Mass each weekend. Contact Dick Hunt if you would like to help lead. Rosaries will be available with the explanation for the intentions of each bead. Recommend having someone passing them out.

**10) New Business –**

- Support Religious Education Pancake Breakfast on March 23; Farrell Hall available. Need someone to spear head & Davide will assist.
- Lenten Fish Fry on March 7. Farrell Hall available (2 days after Lent starts). Stations was after fish fries. Alleman doesn't have a date set.
- Side Notes: Catholic schools on break March 16 and day after St. Patrick's day Mass & parade.
- Kevin Houser brought up the Civic Awards. We have a plaque filled and need a new one that costs \$495; available now but will cost more later. Looking into having it displayed in City Hall; previous one not displayed.
- Free throw contest-dates for district and regional competition – March 9th, Jordan Catholic School
- [COR](#) group and would need a Council of Evangelization... leader. Not necessarily a KofC program, but for all men.
- Form 1728-report of council activity. Need three signatures of the trustees. Will get it done by the end of January.
- Blood drive – April 7<sup>th</sup>, more details to come.
- Italian Dinner – April 26th, more details to come.

**11) 4th Degree Report**

- 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree and Exemplification, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, Feb 22nd
- St Patricks' Day Mass. Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's. Has been too cold in the past and not many interested. Anyone can participate. Honor Guard will lead the procession in for Mass.
- Eucharistic Procession through the Diocese of Peoria, May 19th to 21<sup>st</sup>
- February 5<sup>th</sup> is the next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at St. Ambrose.

**12) Good of the Order:**

- May 16-17 convention coming up.
- Thank you cards/notes from: Christmas Cards from Jordan & Women's Choice Center (saved three babies and mothers via Plan B reversal.
- We have two tickets for the casino night. Let John Doak know.
- Page 6<sup>th</sup> has a picture of Jack Swan's daughter holding a baby in the KofC Columbia magazine.
- Lou Granato won the 50/50.

**13) Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family:** In particular Joyce Mack

**14) Closing Prayer** to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Deacon Swim and blessing by Father Witold.

**15) Meeting adjourned** for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Olson, Interim Recorder