Knights of Columbus
Allouez Council 658, Rock Island, Illinois
Minutes for July 11, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM by Grand Knight David Sulivan. Opening prayer was led by Deacon Swim and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Brother Knights in attendance.

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

P	Grand Knight	David Sulivan	
P	Deputy G.K.	John Doak	
E	Chaplain	Fr. Witold	
P	Assn't Chaplain	Deacon Russ Swim	
-	Chancellor	Vacant	
E	Recorder	Kevin Barton	
P	Fin. Sectry	Dick Hunt	
P	Treasurer	Chuck Gibbs	
P	Dist. Deputy	Rick Cervantes	
P	Advocate	Kevin Houser	
-	Lector	Vacant	
E	Warden	John Perez	
P	Inside Guard	Lou Granato	
E	Outside Guard	Scott Perez	
P	1yr Trustee	_____ Snyder	
-	2yr Trustee	Jim Wieland	
E	3yr Trustee	Louie Alongi	
E	Ins.Fld. Agnt.		

Minutes: No minutes distributed.

1) **Grand Knight**
   - Introductions done for all the current & new members.
   - Thank you to everyone with Avenue of the Flags.
2) **Asst. Chaplain's Message**
   - See Abstract for Deacon's Question Box.
3) **Officers' Reports**

   Deputy Grand Knight—All welcome to dinner at Sacred Heart after Mass this Saturday, with entertainment.

   Financial Secretary—Need to send Supreme a form report of budget by August. All trustees should sign.

   Treasurer– Wrote a lot of checks. We need a new Treasurer. Will work with Chuck Gibbs and Dick Hunt. The hope is that the Treasure would become the Financial Secretary next fraternal year.

   Advocate – Our Annual Civic Awards Dinner is Sunday, September 8. Please put on your calendar and attend. 5 cocktails 6 Dinner at Stearns in Rock Island.
4) **District Deputy Report**
   - Great way to start off the fraternal year with a live Exemplification.
   - Goal to build up our Catholic men in families.
   - We are now in District 53; there was some merging.
   - Get all of our forms sent in. Especially our Safe Environment compliance. Meet our Membership goals.
   - Birdies for Charity numbers will be coming out soon.
5) **Membership:** Fourth Degree Exemplification in Geneseo, Phil Rowe, Lou Granato, & Father Peter. Our quota is 15. Have a few in arrears and need to make contact. In decent shape in comparison to other years.
6) **Service Programs' Reports**

   Family/Youth Director: No report.

   Faith Director: Morning of Reflection coming up.

   Community Director: Midwest Food Bank distribution is July 17. Need volunteers from 9 to 11 to help load trucks. Stearn's Beverage in Milan.

   Respect Life: Dick Hunt will be focusing on Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide. Not just coving pro-life, but multiple areas to respect life. Birdies for Charities is used for help cover costs for Coats for Kids, but it is seen as a community activity by Supreme. We lean towards respect life issues. Wanting to look for what else we can do to help.
7) **Old Business –**
   * Bridges for life-6/22
   * 4th degree exemplification
   * Avenue of Flags-7/3 and 7/7. Getting up to 300 flags. Need volunteers & trucks to help.
   * Independence Day Mass-7/4 @ 8:30
   * Respect Life pancake breakfast-7/14
   * Parish Festival-8/25 Will be cooking up brats and hotdogs on the grill. Not a money maker, but supporting the

Church activity. Probably start about 11:30.
* Tootsie Roll drive - 9/13&14 at the stores and 9/21&22 at the Churches. Need volunteers to be at the stores and doors. September 14 is also the Mass for the Unborn.
9. New Business
* 9/7-Saturday morning reflection- 7:30 Mass followed by refreshments and guest speaker Father John Theriyong, Forming a conscience in an election year. This is for all Catholic Men. Rosary – 8:00am, Mass – 8:30am, Speaker to follow in McCarthy Hall after Mass
* 9/14- 9 AM Mass for the unborn. (see 4th Degree / Honor Guard below) At the Mausoleum. Will have a process to the born/unborn babies.

8) 4th Degree / Honor Guard

* This is a patriotic degree. Please reach out to Dick or other members if you want to learn more.
* Cookout & meeting at Farrell Hall, August 1st - bring your own meat to grill. Everything else is supplies & free. All 4th Degree members invited, please RSVP by July 29.
* Field Mass for the Unborn at Calvary Mausoleum, with prayer service at the Unborn Memorial Saturday, September 14th, 9:00 AM. Please attend.

- Uniform prices are going up September 1st, 2024. Current $449 & New $475. The Assembly can loan you up to $500, and pay back $25 per month interest free. Met with Jerry Fowler about a Jamboree that will be for all councils in the Vicariate. Looking at August or September of 2025 at St. Pius. Each council can have a booth of what they want to share. Have children activities available and get dads involved. Have soccer challenge & free throw competitions. Come and go as you please. Will have food.

9) Good of the order & Sick or Distressed Brothers & Family:

- Email from David Yordy saying he will be home for the October meeting. Get your raffle tickets before he comes.
- Got a call from Bob Pulford, his wife and him are in hospice.
- Red Pearson passed away last night; July 10.
- Kelly McLaughlin thanked us for our $500 donation towards the Gala.
- Eucharistic Revival is coming to a crescendo with Eucharistic Conference in Indianapolis. You can participate because EWTN will be covering the major events. Go to the Relevant Radio and EWTN sites for more details. Meant to help inspire the faithful to go out. The following weeks after the Gospels are John's Discourse.
- Pray for Fulton Sheen, Michael J. McGivney, & Pio in Arizona. Also pray for our most vulnerable. Encourage to push for a birth certificate for every unborn/aborted baby.

10) 50/50 won by Mike McKinney.

11) Closing Prayer Memorare by Deacon Swim.

12) Meeting adjourned for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Olson, Substitute Recorder