

St Bernadette Knights of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 8/12/2025

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:15 Pm. He opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of Allegiance.

The roll of officers was then called:

GK Craig Portier __P____ DGK Mark Duplantis P__ Chap Andre Melancon__E____ FS Maurice Evans _P__ Tres Gerard Vedros __P____ Adv Ralph Mitchel Jr __P____ War Richard Daigle _P____

OG Peter Fos __P__ IG Edward Pinell ____P____ 1YT Andrew Benoit __P____ 2YT George Swindell __E____ 3YT Andrew Vedros __P____

Rec Mark Bascle P Chancellor Al Hargis P Lector Bruce Benoit P

Also present Special Guest

Motion to dismiss reading minutes and accept them as published with the exception of making George Swindel present at the June meeting where he was marked as excused. M Joe Szush, S George Swindell, the motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Secretary reported that all bills and monies collected had been forwarded to the Treasurer for payment or deposit. The Treasurer reported that all bills were paid current, and all monies collected had been deposited. Motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer report by Mark Landry seconded by George Swindell. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business: Small personal yard signs for Rite to Life were brought up and it was decided to purchase 100 and mark them up as a fund raiser with proceeds going to Hope Resorted since we do Baby bottle campaign for Crossroads. The public rosary will be held on August 23 @ 1pm at Page Insurance across the bayou from the mall. The budget was discussed and voted on a motion to accept as presented by Mark Bascle seconded by Maurice Evans, the motion passed unanimously. There being no further old business, GK Portier moved on to New Business.

New Business: The first order of new business was. Mark Bascle stated that he would contact crossroads to find out when we may be able to hold a baby bottle campaign and would get back to the console after he had the information. There being no more New Business to come before the council, New Business was closed.

Grand Knight's report, Craig started off by thanking everybody who worked at the garage sale. It was a tremendous success for the church community. He then reminded everybody that trivia night was going to be this Saturday after the meeting on 16 August and let Ben Canada Porsche Cherry give a report. Ben went on to say the doors would open at five to tribute would start at six and there would also be a costume contest that night. He tried to make it family-oriented, so everyone and their children were invited and encouraged the Knights to invite everyone to come out and have a

good evening. Craig also said that we had been asked to cook on August 3rd for a charismatic prayer meeting that would be done in conjunction with Bishop elect Simon Peters ordination that week on Friday, September 5 we were going to cook fried catfish and fried shrimp for 200 people. Craig also reminded everybody about the dress out for the bishop's ordination and installation on September 5 at 2 o'clock at Stauffer gym on Nichols campus. Craig also reminded everyone of the men's conference that was coming up on October 18 but stated that there was a fourth-degree district meeting called on the same day that he Mark Bascle and Maurice Evans would have to attend so they would not be able to attend the men's conference.

Knight of the Month: Andre Benoit

Family of the Month: Mike and Amy Delaune

District deputy Mark Bascle used his report time to pass out the awards for the 2024 - 2025 night of the year Mr. Craig Portier who also received the order of merit for that year. He then presented the award for the fourth-degree family of the year and that went to Mike and Amy Delaune. He gave a brief report about the fourth-degree installation the month before in July and reminded everybody that there was an exemplification in Slidell on August 16 as well, as asking everybody who wanted to stand in the honor guard for the bishop's ordination to make sure that he had their name on the list to verify with Rocky as seating was going to be important.

Good of the Order: Lector Bruce Benoit spoke about the importance of the public rosaries and positive effect it was having in the community. He reminded everybody of the time and date for the next public rosary.

For the closing prayers the following people were named to pray for the struggles they were facing. A J and June Collins, Allie and Perlle Kramer, Ken Ellender, Candice Porsche, Reggie Pontiff Family, Don Myers and Family and Esile Cherry Family, Genevieve Vedros, James Walker, and the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney.

There being no further business to come before the council closing Prayer was said and the Grand Knight ended the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Mark K Bascle PGK,

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