

St Bernadette Knigh114 of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 6/9/2026

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:36pm. He opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of Allegiance.

The roll of officers is as follows::

GK Craig Portier __P__ DGK Mark Duplantis E Chap Andre Melancon __E__
FS Maurice Evans __P__ Tres Gerard Vedros __P__ Adv Ralph Mitchel Jr __P__
War Richard Daigle __P__ G Peter Fos __P__ IG Edward Pinell __P__
1YT Andrew Benoit __E__ 2YT George Swindell __P__ 3YT Andrew Vedros __P__
Rec Mark Bascle P Chancelor Al Hargis P Lector Bruce Benoit P

Also, present Special Guest: A J Collins

Motion to dismiss reading minutes and accept them as published by M Peter Fos
S George Swindel, 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 Treasurer report by Maurice Evans seconded by Al Hargis. Motin to accept the Financia Secretary report by Andy Dufrene Seconded by Steve Bechnel. Motions passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business: The Nominations were closed with a motion by Mark Bascle and a second by Andy Dufrene.

The following nominations were made:

Grand Knight Mark Duplantis

Deputy Grand Knight Gerard Vedros

Chancelor Ralph Mitchell

Recorder Mark Bascle

Treasurer George Swindel

Advocate Peter Fos

Warden Richard Daigle

Inside Guard Buddy Pinel

Outside Guard Carol Lirette

3 year Trustee Craig Portier

2 year Trustee Andre' Benoit

1 year Trustee Andrew Vedros

FS Maurice Evans placed a vote by acclimation for all unopposed candidates, and they were all elected to office. There being no further old business, GK moved on to New Business:

GK reported that collections for the garage sale would go from July 6 to the 11th. The Kolbe Society retreat will be 6/13/26. 10/2/26 will be the men's conference at ST Bernadette. KCLS will be on June 25th in Prairieville. June 28th is the priest going away party after the 5:30 mass. We have been asked to boil 50 pounds of shrimp for cocktails. Trivia night is August 22, 2026. There was no other new business to come before the Council. New Business was closed.

Grand Knight's report thanked everyone for their continued help and gave his report on his tenure as GK and preparing to turn the reigns over to incoming GK Mark Duplantis. He asked the Council to continue to work as hard to support Mark as they have him over the years.

Knight of the Month: Mark Bascle

Family of the Month: Craig and Susan Portier as mandated by the council.

District deputy Mark Bascle talked about upcoming dress outs. He talked about the upcoming 4th degree transer of offices to Craig and his new Staff and thanked all the Knights for the help with events and the success of the 4th degree over the past three years and asked everyone to support Craig in his new role as Faithful Navigator.

Good of the Order: Lector Bruce Benoit reminded everybody of the time and date for the next public rosary which would now be scheduled every 2nd Saturday of the month at 1pm.

For the closing prayers there following names were brought up for prayers for healing: Donald and Mercedes Bascle, Sydney Robichaux, Nadine Pinell, Terry Doughtry,

Charles Gouire, Benoit Family, June Colins and Clyde Duplantis and Harold Leray's souls.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:35pm

Mark K Bascle PGK,

St Bernadette Recorder 7355