

St Bernadette Knights of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 6/10/2025

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:12 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 James Cherry __P____ Chap Andre Melancon __E____

S Maurice Evans _P____ Tres Gerard Vedros __P____ Adv Ralph Mitchel Jr __P____

War Richard Daigle _P____ OG Marvin Redmond __P____ IG Edward Pinell __E____

1YT Andrew Vedros __P____ 2YT Woody Louviere __E____ 3YT Mark Duplantis __P____

Rec Mark Bascle P Chancelor Al Hargis P Lector Bruce Benoit __P____

Also present Special Guest: =

Motion to dismiss reading minutes: M Andrew Vedros 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 Bascle seconded by Andrew Vedros. Motion carried.

Chaplin's Message: Fr Andre spoke about the Appointment of Fr Simon Peter to Bishop Elect of the Diocese of Houma/Terrebonne. Bishop Elect Simon Peter is to be the first African Bishop Appointed in the United States. Fr Andre could not express enough how lucky we are to have him to be the next Bishop especially since he was selected from within the Diocese.

Unfinished Business: The first order of unfinished business was the nomination of Officers for the 25 to 26 Columbian Year. Grand Knight Craig Portier, Deputy Grand Knight Mark Duplantis, Chancelor Al Hargis, Recorder Mark Bascle, Treasurer Gerard Vedros, Advocate Ralph Mitchell, Jr, Warden Richard Daigle, Inside Guard Buddy Pinell, Trustees Andrew Vedros, George Swindel, Andre Benoit. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Mark Bascle to close

the nominations and seconded by Joe Szush and the motion passed. Maurice Evans being FS cast 1 vote by acclamation for all the officers that ran unopposed, and they were elected. Small personal yard signs for Rite to Life were brought up but tabled to a future meeting. The public rosary will be held on June 21 at 100 Mire Street by the large Rite to life sign at 1pm. Mark Chauvin made a plea for help to move things from his mother's house on Duglas drive to the garage sale stock at 8 am on Thursday the 12th. There being no further old business, GK Portier moved on to New Business.

New Business:

There was no New Business to come before the council, New Business was closed.

Grand Knight's report, Craig thanked everyone for all the help with the Campus Cleanup and all the help getting ready for the dedication of the New Building that was on June 8. There was a great turnout. He reported that the Columbina Award, the McGivney Award and the Founders Award had all criteria met and the council should receive the Star Council Award and the State Deputy award for the 25 26 Columbian year. Craig presented James Cherry a special service award for 46 years of continuous service as an Officer in the Council. James Cherry Sr was made Deputy Grand Knight Emeritus and fully vested with all the benefits accrued by that position including the right to wear the Deputy Grand Knight Jewel at any time he feels to do so. Craig asked Mr. Cherry to read the Membership report for the last time as Deputy Grand Knight and gave James the floor to address the council. It was a great inspirational moment and very heartfelt and well-deserved Honor to have such a Moral Compass for so many years to help guide our Council

Knight of the Month: James Cherry Sr

Family of the Month: Mark and Becky Landry

Good of the Order: Ralph Mitchell shared that the next Cor meeting would be July 29th.

Closing Prayers for Bishop Elect Simon Peter, Sonny's Sister, Sybil McCain, Mr. Dale Hebert's Wife, Fr Andre's nephew Mighty Max, Eric Hatch Family Mark Bascle's eyes, Christene Robertson, Miss Ada, Don Robinson, A J and June Collins, Allen and Perly Kramer, Miss Pat Kramer, Woody Louviere, Jenny Chatanier, Mike and Amy Delaune, Dan and Shellie Myers, Robert Mitchell, Maurice Evans and for 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 @ 8:14 pm

Mark K Bascle PGK,

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