

St Bernadette Knights of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 9/19/2025

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:26 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__P

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 __E__ 3YT Andrew Vedros __P__
Rec Mark Bascle P Chancellor Al Hargis P Lector Bruce Benoit P

Also present Special Guest: Fr Andre Melacon

Motion to dismiss reading minutes and accept them as published M Gerard Vedros
Andrew Vedros, 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 Andy Dufrene seconded by Peter Fos. Motion passed unanimously.

Fr Andre talked about the two newly Canonized Saints St Carlos Acutis and St Peter Giorgio Frassati. Fr spoke a great deal about St Carlos Acutis who passed away at a young age but had a profound effect on many of the youth. He started a website for Eucharistic Miracles. He offered up his suffering for others. He talked about Evangelization is essential to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and that Holiness is possible.

Unfinished Business: Small personal yard signs for Rite to Life were made to be sold for \$15 and the profits would be sent to Hope Restored. Craig mentioned that we would have Trunk or Treat on Wednesday October 29 and to sign up call the office and request a spot in front of the Latino Hall. There being no further old business, GK Portier moved on to New Business.

New Business: The first order of new business was the discussion of a 50/50 raffle to be done in conjunction with the meal with proceeds to go to YEP, it was tabled to be brought up at the officers meeting. There being no more New Business to come before the council, New Business was closed.

Grand Knight's report, Craig started off by talking about the Proof of Concept Membership drive to be held on October 11 and 12th at all masses. He thanked everyone that helped with the cooking for the Bishops Charismatic Celebration and that participated in the Bishops Installation. We had a great response, and he appreciated the work and dedication. He also reported that the Trivia Night fundraiser generated \$4,300 and thanked the Cherry Family for all the work they donated.

Knight of the Month: Don Pickering

Family of the Month: Mason Authement Family

District deputy Mark Bascle talked about the importance of making sure that all the Per Capita for State and Supreme were paid on time as well as the importance of getting YEP in on time for the State Deputy's Award. He also talked about the Bishop Greco Fund and the use of the Greco Fund Memorial Cards and how you could have someone added to the list at St Mary's to be prayed for daily by the KC Chaplin.

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 in addition to those listed on the website. Craig's son in law & Nephew, Michael Chassion Family, Terry Landry, Al's Sister, Nelson Dupre, 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 8:15 pm

Mark K Bascle PGK,

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