

St Bernadette Knights of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 7/8/2025

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

S Maurice Evans P Tres Gerard Vedros P Adv Ralph Mitchel Jr E

War Richard Daigle P OG Peter Fos P IG Edward Pinell E

1YT Andrew Benoit P 2YT George Swindell E 3YT Andrew Vedros P

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

Also present Special Guest: =Lauren Boudreaux Formation Head at St Bernadette

Motion to dismiss reading minutes: M Andrew Vedros S Joe Szush, 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 Andrew Vedros seconded by George Swindell. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business: Small personal yard signs for Rite to Life were brought up but tabled to a future meeting when we have more information. The public rosary will be held on July 12 at 1;00 at the Veterans Memorial Park by South Down Plantation. It will be a Patriotic Rosary. There being no further old business, GK Portier moved on to New Business.

New Business: The first order of new business was the presentation of the proposed Budget for the 2025 2026 Columbian year. There was some discussion and Craig asked if anyone had any suggestions or concerns about the budget to think about it and come to the officers meeting in August or bring them up at the next Council meeting and we will vote on the budget at our

August Meeting. There being no more New Business to come before the council, New Business was closed.

Grand Knight's report, Craig passed out the awards for the Knight of the year for 24 to 25, Mark Duplantis and the Family of the year 24 to 25 Terry and Lillie Doughty. Craig also talked about the Pilgram Icon from Supreme and that it would be displayed at all masses the weekend of July 12th to the 13th. He stated that KCLS would be July 19th in Prairieville and that the next COR meeting would be July 29th at 7pm in the Bishop Latino Hall and everyone was invited not just KC Members. He went on to say the Council had met all requirements for the Star Council and State Deputy awards for 24 to 25 Columbian year. He also went over the new guidelines for the State Deputy award for the 25 to 26 Columbian year requirements. He turned the floor over to District Deputy Mark Bascle who just hit on some of the changes that would come into play in the 25 to 26 Columbian year. He emphasized the commitment of State Deputy Robert Charpentier that the District Deputies would be trying to work with their Councils that are not baseline councils and try to get them active and sustainable or they would look at shutting them down or merging them with other councils. He took some time to talk about the importance of adopting a Council Budget and the seriousness of Safe Environment and the troubles that councils not compliant could have.

Knight of the Month: Maurice Evans

Family of the Month: George and Paula Swindell

Good of the Order: Lector Bruce Benoit spoke a little about the impact speaking at youth functions of formation can make. He also took a minute to remind everyone about the Public Rosary Saturday the 12th at the Veterans Memorial Park at 1pm.

For the closing prayers the following people were named to pray for the struggles they were facing. A J and June Collins, Allie and Perlie Kramer, Ken Ellender, John and Wanda Fos daughter, Geneane Vedros, Andrew Benoit's Foster Child 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 @ 9:38 pm

Mark K Bascle PGK,

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