

St Bernadette Knight's Of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 7 / 14 /2026

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Mark Duplantis @ ____ 7:25 PM ____.

He opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of Allegiance.

The roll of officers was then called:

GK Mark Duplantis P DGK Gerard Vedros P Chap Fr Eric E

FS Maurice Evans P Tres George Swindel P Adv Peter Fos P

War Richard Daigle P OG Carol Lirette P IG Edward Pinell P

1YT Andrew Vedros E 2YT Andre' Benoit E 3YT Craig Portier P

Rec Mark Bascle P Chancelor Ralph Mitchel Jr P

Also present Special Guest: Fr DOC

Motion to dismiss reading minutes: M Craig Portier S Peter Fos

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 George Swindel Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept Tres and FS report: M Andy Dufrene S Terry Doughtry

Unfinished Business: There being no unfinished business to come before the council, GK Mark Duplantis, moved on to New Business.

New Business: A motion was made by Maurice Evans and Seconded by John Fos to give the Seminarian \$300 in the Fall and \$300 in the Spring and get the checks to Fr Mitch or whomever oversees the Formation House and Seminarians to get it to them to eliminate checks getting lost. The motion passed but Roy Landry opposed the motion.

Other: 4th degree report by FN Cragin Portier There will be an exemplification in Lafayette on July 25th. Fr August W Vandebilt Assembly will host another exemplification in May of 2027. The next Hour with a Hero program will be on August 18th and the guest speaker will be Hunt

Downer. District Deputy Mark Bascle thanked everyone for their support over the last three years as FN and congratulated Both GK Mark Duplantis and FN Craig Portier for their elections as well as the new officers and said he was sure the future of the Council and Assembly were in good hands as he knew both Men would do excellent jobs and asked everyone to continue to support them in their new roles.

GK Report: Mark told everyone that if they need anything or want to have something talked about at the meetings to please get with him before the meetings. Mark said he had a committee of cooks, and a different cook would cook a meal for each meeting going forward and the Council would pick up the cost of the meals. GK Mark Duplantis presented Brother Craig Portier a plaque recognizing him for his service as Grand Knight from 2022 to 2026.

Knight of the Month: A J Collins

Family of the Month: Al and Gretchen Hargis

Closing Prayers: Paul Prejean, Gretchen Hargis, Amy Benoit, Kerry Buche, Paul's Granddaughter, Nichola Prosperie

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:34 PM

Mark K Bascle

PGK and Recorder

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