

St Bernadette Knights of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 4/5/2024

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:32 pm. He opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of Allegiance.

The roll of officers:

GK Craig Portier P DGK James Cherry P Chap Andre Melancon P FS Maurice Evans P
Tres Gerard Vedros P Adv Ralph Mitchell P War Richard Daigle P OG Marvin Redmond P
IG Edward Pinell P 1YT Andrew Vedros P 2YT Woody Louviere E 3YT Mark Duplantis P
Rec Mark Bascle P Chancellor Al Hargis P

Also present Special Guest: Fr Andre' and Fr Stephen

Both Fr Andre' and Fr Stephen both were very thankful to the Knights for having the awning removed from the side entrance to the church by the Sanctuary across from the Rectory.

A motion was made by Gerard Vedros to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as published and seconded by Andrew Vedros. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Secretary gave a report stating all bills had been turned over to the Treasurer for payment. He also reported that the membership quota for the year was nine and the quota was met for the year. A motion to accept the FS report as presented was made by Mark Bascle and seconded by Al Hargis. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer gave a report stating that all bills and communications were paid and current. Ending balances in the various accounts were as follows: Checking Account spendable balance \$13,852.34. Scholarship fund \$1000. Misc CD \$50,000. Building CD \$300,000 and \$23,516.03 Building funds in the Checking account. Brother Duty has a balance of \$368.92 and YEP is \$396. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by George Swindel and seconded by Terry Doughty. The motion passed unanimously.

Grand Knights Report. Craig gave out thanks to the Knights for help and successful events. He was especially pleased with the help for the Lenten Meals and Relay for life.

The Grand Knight moved on to unfinished business. There wasn't much unfinished business so again Criag just thanked everyone for the help with all the functions that had been going on

around the church. He also reported that after the building donation were made that the remaining funds were still going to be put in some type of money market account so they could still have access to the funds. Fr Andre asked if someone could take up the monitoring of the Alter Servers and we could get back to presenting the Alter Server of the Month awards and certificates and that each year after January we could do a banquet for them and present an Alter Server of the year award. Mark Bascle agreed to monitor the program. They would go back and start with Alter server of the month beginning in January 2024. There being no further business the GK moved on to new Business.

Craig then proceeded to New Business. Since it is the year that the new slate of officers is to take office, the current officers were put up for nominations to refill their current positions. Nominations were closed and will reopen at the May meeting and elections will be held in June. It was also stated that there would be a dress out for the Knighting of Fr Paul at Annunziata at 9am on April 14th and he would be Knighted by District Master Kell Luke.

Craig then moved on to the Good of the order. In Good of the Order, it was requested that Mr Cherry's Family be remembered in prayer as he lost his sister on Friday, April 5th. The council donated \$282,810.64 to St Bernadette Church to build a meeting hall. The presentation of the Diocesan Patriotic Essay Contest would be Friday 4/12/24 to Julie Davis at the prayer gathering at 1:30. The gavel was passed to Ralph Mitchell Jr, and he presented the KofM and FofM awards. The Knight of the Month was given to Mark Bascle and Family of the Month was given to Craig and Susan Portier. The council felt this was necessary for all the hard work the Knight and Family did on an ongoing basis and they did this on their own initiative.

The Grand Knight adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm as no further business needed to be brought before the council.

Mark K. Bascle

Past Grand Knight and Recorder