

St Bernadette Knight's Of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 8/8/2023

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:00 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 E 1YT Andrew Vedros P 2YT Woody Louviere P 3YT Mark Duplantis E
Rec Mark Bascle P Chancellor Al Hargis P

Also present Special Guest: Fr John and Fr Andre

A motion was made by Peter Fos to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as published and seconded by Woody Louviere. 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 the monies that came in were reported to be \$500. Disbursements totaled \$1,788.16. A motion to accept the FS report as presented was made by Andrew Vedros and seconded by Woody Louviere. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer gave a report stating that all bills and communications were paid and current. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Peter Fos and seconded by Andy Dufrene. The motion passed unanimously.

The Grand Knight moved on to unfinished business. Ralph Mitchell reported that the building committee met and had someone come out and look at the plumbing on the Bernadette house and it is all good. The water line and sewage lines run parallel to the side of the house so access for any new fixtures would not be a problem. He also reported he met with Jimmy Danos the Diocesan Coordinator for buildings and is working on presenting a scope and concept for the project. Ben Cherry gave a report on the process of the Trivia Night and requested \$300 for seed cash for the event. He also stressed the importance of volunteer help needed to have the event. The event doors would open @ 5PM. There being no further business the GK moved on to new Business.

Craig then proceeded to New Business. Mark Bascle reported that we would hold our yearly Baby Bottle campaign on Jan 20th and 21st of 2024. Craig reported that Trunk or Treat will be on Oct 25 and Fr Andre recommended the Knights serve Hot Dogs and Nachos for the event to raise some Funds. Craig talked about making a football pool \$25 per square and splitting half and half, the funds raised to Hope Restored and rest to winner of the pool. Details will be worked out later. A brief discussion was held to have another pancake breakfast maybe in October after one of the 9 am masses and have a member speak about the benefits of joining the KC's after each mass. A motion was made by Gerard Vedros to transfer \$3,000.00 to the General funds account to cover the negative balance in Cash Flow. The checkbook was not negative because of dedicated funds in the account for Building Fund, YEP, Brother Duty etc. The motion was seconded by Maurice Evens. After a brief discussion Ralph Mitchell made an alternate motion (tabling the prior motion by Gerard) to transfer all funds from the Growth account and the Scholarship account to the general funds since the funds have not fared well over the last several years and we are not receiving service for the accounts anymore but are still getting charged fees for handling of the accounts. The finance committee will meet to discuss how to handle and invest the funds, and whether to put them in CD's or some interest-bearing account. Mark Bascle seconded the Motion and the Motion Carried.

Craig then moved on to the Grand Knight's report. Craig reported that the Council had made Star Council and received the State Deputy's Award for the 2023 Columbian year. He thanked the Council for all the hard work and stated this was a team effort even though the Award is presented to the Grand Knight and asked them for continued support in the future. He told the council of the project headed by Maria Immaculata to acquire an Ultrasound Machine and that the council pledged \$1,500.00 to the cause. He then talked about the Charities we did the last year and would continue to support such as Steubenville and the Baby Bottle Campaign and now Hope Restored and envisioned 3 fund raisers for the year.

Mark Bascle reported on the Patriotic Program and that the new program was put for the new Columbian Year. He also reminded everyone of the 4th degree meeting on the third Tuesday of the month and that there was the 4th degree exemplification to be held on August 12th in Zachary. Fr Vandebilt Assembly will have 5 candidates go thru the exemplification. At that time, he informed the group that District 16 had made star district for the Columbian Year due to the efforts of the St Bernadette Council and congratulated them on their outstanding year.

Craig then moved on to the Good of the order. Craig announced that George Swindell was the Knight of the Month, and the Terry Daughty Family was the family of the month.

The Grand Knight adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm as no further business needed to be brought before the council.

Mark K. Bascle

Past Grand Knight and Recorder/Secretary