

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for February 14, 2017 General Meeting

Twelve members were present when Grand Knight Mark Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm: Brothers Dave Myers, Frank Goeddeke, John Ingraham, Paul Stevens, Mike Wooley, Art Weber, Chuck Graff, Dan Levine, Jim Schimmel, Dante Centofanti, Tom Fox, and GK Mark Meyer. After praying the Our Father and singing the opening ode, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call of officers was taken. Brothers Larry Meyer, Rick Poljan, Russ Martin, Al Stewart, and Chuck Lewis were excused.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- GK Meyer noted that the January meeting minutes were posted to the website today, so check them over and get back to GK Meyer with any additions or corrections.
- The Sunday breakfast had a great turnout. People were hungry and ate most everything that was prepared and were also generous.
- On March 19th, the Council will be holding a recruitment blitz at St. John Student Center and Church after all of the masses. GK Meyer attended the winter District meeting on January 13th where recruitment was the topic. Our Council's recruitment goal is 17 new members and we have six members so far, this year. We need to man the masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 5 pm, and 7 pm to bring this number up.
- March 3rd is the first Lenten Fish Fry of the season. Fish will be thawed on Monday February 27th, please show up to start things off right! Brother Weber noted that we will need "all hands-on deck" this season due to brothers being gone during part or most of Lent, e.g., Mike Gardner and his wife will miss five of the Frys, Brother Czarnnecki will miss two, and Mike and Patty Niemela will miss every one of them. They will be caring for his brother with cancer, keep them all in your prayers. Brothers Bruce Keilen and Paul Heberlein will be on board frying fish. The prices are the same from Gordon's as last year so we can keep the costs the same: \$10/adult, \$5/child 5 to 15 years old, under 5 are free. We got permission to put up our banners and we got new one made. The Town Courier will advertise the Fish Frys for us, and Brother Brad Bertsch will again accept the Gordon's deliveries for the Council (thank you!). We need to thaw on Monday nights because the fish is so cold and the gym is used for sports the other nights. By Friday, the fish is thawed out appropriately. Shifts are 1:00, 4:30, and 6:00 to close. Brother Centofanti asked when to show up for fish thawing. Brother Weber said between 6 and 6:30 pm.
- March 3rd there will also be a Red Cross Blood Drive from 2 pm to 7 pm. Brother Eric Sudol will again head this event up.
- Our Council held the District Free Throw Contest on February 12th in the STA gym. There were 35 participants. The winners go to Mt. Pleasant for the State Tournament.
- GK Meyer noted that we needed to take the second vote for Delegates for the Annual Convention. Brother Ingraham made a motion that we should take the second vote, seconded by Brother Wooley. Brother Ingraham asked the GK for a list of the delegates and alternates before voting. Those brothers were: GK Meyer as the First Delegate, brother Weber as the Second Delegate, past District Deputy Dave Myers as the First Alternate, and brother Graff as the Second Alternative. Then brother Ingraham brought up the motion to approve the Delegates and Alternates, which was seconded by brother Stevens. The vote was unanimous. Our Chaplain, Fr. Ingot, declined to attend the convention this year.
- GK Meyer is attending a steering committee meeting at St. Martha's on Monday, February 20th.

- We received a Thank You letter from Holy Cross Services through John Lynch, its CEO.

OTHER REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report:
 - The breakfasts have done well this year; they are all done now for the year with fewer people, but people were generous.
 - Brother Weber noted that we are now in the black, all per diems are paid up, and just waiting for the MSU ticket scanning money to arrive. The upcoming Fish Frys are our big money maker for the year, and will help us make money for our summer distributions.
 - He has submitted the Schedule A, B, and C K of C Forms for the Semiannual Council Report.
- Financial Secretary's Report: not present.
- Trustee's Report: nothing to report.
- Chancellor's Report: not present.
- Advocate's Report: The men's retreat had a better turnout than last year, but we still can do better; could fill up the Retreat Center. They discussed the New Evangelization, and with that Faithfest 2017 at St. Francis Retreat Center on June 24th. It was a great time last year, come out again this year!
- Deputy Grand Knight: nothing to report.
- Brother Tom Fox, the Faithful Navigator for Assembly 3343 gave us an update. Two weeks ago, he was in the hospital! Next Tuesday is a Grand Knight's meeting at St. Casimir's Parish; this will be a preparation for the exemplification coming up in the spring. Brother Fox would like us to take out an ad in the Exemplification Brochure to help support this effort. He mentioned that they were also collecting wheelchairs for the Warriors Care Project for veterans (personal care items too) that they give to the VOA who passes them along to vets in need. Tom said that the CEO of the VOA was very happy and surprised to have the K of C involved. Brother Fox also mentioned that they are planning to do a benefit Rock and Roll concert for refugees, and he already has three bands lined up! Rare Earth, Frog and the Beeftones, and another to be named. This will be done through St. Vincent Catholic Charities. He also noted that only three Assemblies in Michigan give out chalices to their deceased members. This is not a normal process at every Assembly. The Honor Guard will be attending the concert. He might move the Assembly meeting to STA in April, stayed tuned.
- No unfinished business.
- No new Business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Prayers were requested for the following:

Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Bishop Earl Boyea and Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling; Fr. Jake Foglio; PGK Paul Gadola; Past Recording Secretary John Molloy; Anne Graff, wife of PGK Chuck Graff; Debbie Egan, sister of PGK Graff; Tammy Pruitt, niece of PGK Graff; Brother Ken Norton; Pauline Wooley, mother of Brother Mike Wooley; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Mike Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Mike Wooley; Brother Chuck Lewis; Brother Don Hillman; Brother Bill Stelzer; Brother William Derengoski; choir member Frank Tuma; family of Fr. Frank William; Brother John Ingraham; Monica Sebenick (John's sister); Brother Bob Schneider, Elizabeth Myers (Dave's wife), Paul and Joe Ingraham (John's brothers), and Mike Niemela's brother. Also, all men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent DePaul Society.

There had been some contact from Carol Malloy, past Recorder John Malloy's wife, to our Treasurer. We are going to reach out to John and Carol to see how they are doing.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. A closing Hail Mary with a prayer for vocations was offered and the closing ode was sung. Meeting was adjourned at ~7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Graff, Recorder