

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**East Lansing Council 7816**

**Minutes for January 10, 2017 General Meeting**

Fourteen members were present when Grand Knight Mark Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm: Brothers Russ Martin, Al Stuart, Larry Meyer, Dave Myers, John Ingraham, Paul Stevens, Mike Wooley, Matt Klotz, Kyle Leemon, Art Weber, Chuck Graff, Dave Szidik, Dante Centofanti, and GK Mark Meyer were present. After praying the Our Father and singing the opening ode, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call of officers was taken. Brothers Rick Poljan and Chuck Lewis were excused.

**ADMISSIONS REPORT**

- There were three new applications. Dan Levine: a member of STA, is a Comcast Sales Representative, Dan met GK Meyer at the Ministry Fair, has two children, is 55 and lives in Haslett. Manfred Patterson, Jr., who also met GK Meyer at the Ministry Fair and works at home for Apple, is a member of STA and a member of the military and may need to deploy within two years, he is 26, and is married with no children yet. Nicholas Kneeshaw is a 10-year Navy veteran and is retired, is a member of STA, has been married for 5 years and lives in East Lansing and is originally from Marshall, Michigan. GK Meyer met with him for about 20 minutes prior to the meeting tonight.

The GK asked for a motion to vote on these candidates. Brother Martin made the motion; it was seconded by Brother Stevens. The Council's decision was to vote for all three candidates with one ballot, not three times. All three were accepted. Brother Stevens made a motion to destroy the ballots; it was seconded by Brother Larry Meyer.

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

- GK Meyer noted that the Winter District meeting was this coming Friday, and membership will be the main topic of discussion. Our Council needs 17 members for this Fraternal Year to make our quota, so we need 8 more members. GK Meyer read a letter from the State indicating that our District is short on membership for Lansing so far this year. We need two more members before February to stay on track for meeting our quota goal. The GK noted that we need a few Brothers to join the membership retention team. GK Meyer introduced new Brother Dave Szidik and asked him to introduce himself. Dave is married to Isabell and they have two sons: one is a deputy sheriff in Isabella County and will be getting married this September; the other is discerning to become a monk and studying to become a priest at St. Meinrad Monastery in southern Indiana. Dave owns Image Builders, a distributor of promotional and specialty products.
- The breakfast last Sunday had a good turnout by the Knights, was moderately attended by the parish, but the income was good.
- There will be a Men's retreat this coming weekend at the St. Francis Retreat Center. Brother Ingraham spoke highly about it and said it would be a good way to start the New Year. He said that once you attend one of these retreats, you will always come back.
- This coming Saturday there will be a funeral mass for Brother Rich Zapala who was a founding member of this Council. At 9 am, they will be receiving friends and Brother Christel wants all the Knights to sit together. Treasurer Weber said that he will have five Masses said for Rich. It was proposed to Brother Weber that he pick another Mass day for our deceased Brothers, because Friday mornings were very booked up for months out.

- The Free Throw contest will be held on Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the STA School Gymnasium.
- Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Diocesan Free Throw Contest also at the STA School Gymnasium.
- Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> starts the Annual Lenten Fish Fries.
- Brother Eric Sudol is setting up the Annual Red Cross Blood Drive and is just looking for a date now (March 3<sup>rd</sup> has been chosen).
- Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at STA will be the Senior Fair with the theme of “Living Longer, Living Better.” GK Meyer met with Char Ezell who asked for the Knights’ help.
- GK Meyer noted that we needed nominations for the Annual Convention to be held from May 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> on Mackinac Island; he needs a First and Second Delegates and their Alternates. GK Meyer was nominated as First Delegate. After a vote, GK Meyer was chosen as the First Delegate. A motion was made to destroy the ballots by Brother Ingraham, seconded by Brother Stevens, after which the ballots were destroyed. Brother Weber was nominated as the Second Delegate. A motion was made to close the nominations by Brother Larry Meyer and seconded by Brother Stevens, a vote was taken and Brother Weber was chosen as the Second Delegate. GK Meyer asked past District Deputy Dave Myers if he would accept being the First Alternate; he accepted. Then, GK Meyer asked Brother Graff if he would accept being the Second Alternative; he accepted. The GK needs to send in the names by March 17<sup>th</sup>. These Delegates and Alternates must be voted on again.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

- Treasurer’s Report:
  - The “Brothers in Need” Fund is part of our annual dues and is used for funeral masses and to help our Brothers.
  - The breakfasts are doing well; there are fewer people, but they appear to be more generous. There is one more breakfast left this Fraternal Year.
  - Brother Weber went through the balances and now we are solid in the black!
  - 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: The Chancellor found a 2006 Council Membership Directory. There was some discussion about doing one of those again soon.
- Advocate’s Report: Nothing to report
- Deputy Grand Knight: Nothing to report
- New Business:
  - DGK Centofanti brought up a question of considering doing some recruiting at SJSC this winter. This started a discussion. GK Meyer indicated that he also wanted to have recruiting new members’ material as part of our Lenten Fish Fries displayed at the front table as people come into the gym. He will speak to Ms. Katie Diller to get some student volunteers for the Fish Fry’s. Brother Wooley suggested getting the Boy Scouts involved; especially now the Brother Paul

LaCroix is now working full time at the Church. Brother Weber noted that they are quite helpful with running the food to the cars in the parking lot at our Carry-Out Service.

**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 Engan, 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), and Paul Ingraham (John'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.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Graff, Recorder