

## **Knights of Columbus, Council 7816**

### **Minutes of March 12, 2013**

Some 16 Knights were present when Grand Knight Charles Graff called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Opening prayer and ode were followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of officers. On motion of Peter Bertsch, with support from Trustee John Ingraham, minutes of the February meeting, as posted on the Council website, were approved

### **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

There were no new applications for membership.

### **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

Papal Intention for March: that the Knights' respect for nature will grow with the awareness that creation is the work of God. Also pray that the Holy Spirit will lead our Cardinals to the man that God chooses in the election of our next Pope.

Brother Brad Bertsch notes that there are two annual bowling tournaments. One is the officers, the other the regular-statewide. Council 7816 took first place of 81 teams in the officers tournament, our first such championship. The team consisted of Brad and Tom Bertsch, Scott Jacovac and Jim Schimmel.

In the regular tournament our council finished ninth of 150 teams. Bowling team members thank the Council for its financial support.

Mrs. Cecilia Tombelli, director of the 40 Days for Life campaign, asks Knights to come and pray the Rosary on Wednesday, March 13, from 11-11:30 a.m. with Bishop Earl Boyea of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing. Go to the Womancare abortion clinic, 1601 East Grand River, Lansing, just west of the Groesbeck Golf Course. Wednesday marks the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the campaign.

A thank you note was received from Sister Dorothea for our support of St. John's annual dinner dance.

Another note has been received from Denise Waytes, who asks what might happen if every Catholic would pray a rosary on the same day. She cites the case of October, 1573, when Europe was saved from the invasion of the Turkish fleet by the praying the Rosary before the Battle of Lepanto. She urges us all to pray the Rosary, if possible, between 12 noon and 3 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29, 2013, for world peace and a return to our community moral values.

Good Friday also marks the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena which will be celebrated on Sunday, April 7 at IHM Parish.

There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Wednesday, March 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing to support Bill Chasse's bid for election as State Warden. No District funds will be spent on this election. Information is available at 517-321-2209.

Brother Eric Sudol reports that we finished with 29 units in the recent Blood Drive, which exceeded our goal of 25.

The 40 Cans for Lent program is going well. Our goal is 20,000 pounds of food.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Treasurer John Anton distributed a handout detailing the state of the Council's finances and the history of fish fries from 2002 through last Friday.

He also noted that five Masses will be said for two deceased Brother Knights, Dr. Richard Griffin and Thomas Broughan.

Financial Secretary Rich Poljan reports that we are still collecting dues. Notices of intention to suspend have been turned over to the Retention Committee. It appears likely that about 45 members will be suspended.

Chairman Dan Phillips urges Brother Knights to sign up for the annual Palm Sunday weekend Tootsie Roll Drive. Volunteers are sought for the two hour shift at Goodrich Shop Rite, 940 Trowbridge Rd., East Lansing. All funds, Dan reminds us, go directly to local charities which serve the mentally impaired. Brother Ingraham spoke of the charitable work done as a result of this drive.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A note has been received about financial issues at Hanna's House. They expect a financial shortfall of about \$1000 per month and may have to close. We were asked if we might consider some kind of assistance. After brief discussion, including our resources and the possibility of a District-wide aid program, the matter was referred to the officers.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Prayers were requested for the following:

Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Carl Mengeling, Angela Baker, Norm Barkeley, Subrina Marie Bartel, Carol Bergin, Tom Clement, Nicci Cole, daughter of Brother Scott Cole, Jan Davenport and Virginia May, sisters of P.G.K. Bill LeVeque, as well as Brother Bill's mother Catherine

Also, Frank DeRose, Lisa Ellis, Thomas Foehntman, Joe Frazier, Lori Froberg, aunt of Trustee Jason Johnson, P.G.K. Paul Gadola, Michael John Gagnon, Jennifer Gardner, Kelleigh Gustafson, Regina Howard, Phyllis Izdebski, Chancellor Mike Wooley's mother-in-law.

Also, Tom Jackson, Joseph Jeffries of the Rudland, Mi., Council, Ben Johnson, 12-year-old son of Brother Jason Johnson, Ann Johnson, Lawrence Kelly, Charlene King, Ray King, Curt Leahy, Larry Lesparis,

Carolyn Lewis, spouse of P.G.K. Chuck Lewis, Joan Lubisch, Fr. Bill Lugar, Mary Ellen McCoy, Mary Ann Majuski, eldest daughter of Brother Leo Christel, Linda Malloy, George Merva and Kathleen Murphy.

Also, John Paris, Annette Plant, Dennis Rich, Monica Sebenick, Brother Ingraham's sister, Lynn Schroeder, special intention of Michael Arthur Shields, Patrick Shields, Bill Stelzer, David Tompor, Marcus and Lue Venyah, Alice Vielbig, spouse of P.G.K. John Vielbig, Suzette Wesolek, Ben Williams, Elizabeth Wolek, Pauline Wooley, Brother Mike's mother, and Laura Young.

Also, all men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

A closing prayer was said and a closing ode was sung.

Respectfully submitted,

John Molloy, Recorder