

**Minutes for April 9, 2019 General Meeting**

**7:30 PM**

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM. There were 16 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The doors were closed and Inside Guard Mike Wooley stood in for Warden Russ Martin. Brother Wooley vouched that all present were in possession of their membership cards and currently in good standing.

Meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the first verse of The Opening Ode.

Roll call of officers was taken by Recorder Patrick Daniels. Deputy Grand Knight Scott Jakovac, Two-Year Trustee Paul Gadola, Warden Russ Martin, and Outside Guard Luke Gray were absent and excused.

Chancellor Larry Meyer made a motion to accept March minutes. Mike Mackin seconded. All present in favor.

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

- New admissions.
  - Financial Secretary had no new admissions to report.
- Admission (1st) Degree
  - Unfortunately, we were unable to organize an Admission Degree in March. Currently looking to host on April 23.
  - Two pending applicants, Alex Prince and John Wallace.
  - Brother Frank Goeddeke said the date works for him - but he will need to check with the degree team.
    - Brother Frank Goeddeke also wanted to note that he is still short a Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight for ceremonies; if we cannot fill the degree team, is it worth hosting a degree ceremony?
    - Grand Knight noted that we have two new additions to the degree team; both Brother Gray and Brother Lacroix are currently working on memorizing their lines.
    - In response to the degree team having new members currently working on their roles, Brother Wooley asked about putting the script on the television in the room, adding that it takes away away from the ceremony when someone needs to ask for their lines.
    - Advocate John Ingraham put something together a while ago, but it was never used.
    - Recorder Patrick Daniels asked about the format. Rather than just scrolling through the script, would it be possible to put it into some kind of presentation or in PowerPoint?
    - Brother Goeddeke said that he is against using a monitor/television to prompt those who struggle with their script, stating that if someone can't remember their lines, maybe they shouldn't take part.
- Blood Drive on Friday, March 15
  - Brother Eric Sudol organized the drive again this year. They filled 50 bags/pints again this year.

- Tootsie Rolls
  - Brother Dan Phillips volunteered to stay after masses at St. John's. Brother Paul Heberlein volunteered to stay after masses at St. Thomas Aquinas. Grand Knight will also be present at all three masses at St. Thomas Aquinas and will collect money from Brother Heberlein; he'll meet Brother Phillips after the 8:00 PM mass at St. John's.
  - To all present: Show up and volunteer whenever possible. College Knights may or may not present/able to help with the Tootsie Roll drives.
- Late Knight Breakfast on Tuesday, April 30
  - Hoping that the College Knights will be there to serve. We will be cooking, but need enough to cover serving as well, just in case.
- Run for Riley on May 8
  - We've been asked to host a pancake breakfast again this year. Planning on pancakes, sausage, juice, and milk. Brother Chuck Graff said he would take stock and see what/how much we already have on hand.
- St. Vincent de Paul
  - The truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be at St. Thomas Aquinas following masses on both Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 to accept donations. They've asked the Knights to be on hand to help load the truck.
  - It was noted that this is the same weekend as the Lansing Art Festival.
- Next year's calendar
  - Grand Knight asked about keeping meeting to the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. No motions/alternative dates put forth.

## OTHER REPORTS

### *Chaplain's Report*

- Chaplain Fr. Gordon Reigle joined us just as the Grand Knight finished his report (bringing attendance for the meeting to 17).
- Holy Week begins Sunday, April 14.
- Fr. Gordon wanted to thank the Knights for all of their hard work with the fish fries.
  - Treasurer John Anton thanked Fr. Gordon for his attendance and support.

### *Treasurer's Report*

- All expenses for the fish fries have been paid. Income for three have been reported, due to the dates/calendar.
- Brothers in Need currently at \$1,050.
- Charities currently at \$1,165.
- Dues... About 79% of our dues-paying members - 159 of 202 - have paid annual dues to date. We have 37 members (\$925.00) still outstanding.
- Masses have been scheduled for Brother Richard Alward and Pauline Wooley, mother of Brother Mike Wooley.

### *Financial Secretary's Report*

- Still working through roster and sending notices. Possibly suspending 28 members in rears (delinquent for two years).
- Brother Myer said that he'd been approached by Shared Pregnancy of Lansing, asking if the Knights would sponsor a booth (either a fish pond or sucker tree, something like that) at their Lifesavers Celebration and Fundraiser on Thursday, April 25 for \$25.00. He asked about possibly donating the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle tonight to the event.
- Brother Daniels confirmed the amount was \$25.00, then made a motion to donate \$25.00 to Shared Pregnancy of Lansing's Lifesavers Celebration and Fundraiser. Brother Ingraham seconded. All present in favor.

### *Trustees' Report(s)*

- One-Year Trustee Art Weber thanked everyone for their help with the fish fries and thaws..
- Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer wished to acknowledge the College Council for their help last week, specifically Quentin and Mathias.
  - Brother Wooley asked if it would be possible to publicly thank the Knights - our council and the college council - and all who attended the fish fries at a mass at St. John's.

### *Other*

Grand Knight thanked those who came to St. Thomas to watch the game on Saturday. Deacon Ziggy asked about hosting a watch party as a fraternal event and, even though it was short notice, there was a good turnout.

Brother Wooley thanked Brother Anton for offering masses for his mother.

Brother Chuck Graff wanted to note that the Rosary for Life is on Saturday, May 11 at the Capitol. He also wanted to encourage everyone to see *Unplanned*, a movie about Abby Johnson and Planned Parenthood. He said it was a great movie, very eye-opening. In a way, the film and its message is validation of what we're doing; it supports our work, our support of pro-life causes. Grand Knight added that he included information about the movie in his last update email. It's currently showing at Celebration and NCG.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Fr. Gordon is able to/would like to attend the State Convention Memorial Day/Memorial weekend on behalf of Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816. Grand Knight willing to hear motions to extend a lump sum reimbursement of \$750.00 to Fr. Gordon (the same amount as our other two delegates, current and previous Grand Knight).

Advocate John Ingraham made a motion to reimburse Fr. Gordon up to \$750 for expenses. Brother Frank Goeddeke seconded. Vote was not unanimous; all present but one voted for the motion.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Prayers were requested for: Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Bishop Earl Boyea and Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling; Fr. Jake Foglio; Fr. Mark Inglot; Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht; Fr. Jerry Ploof; Anne Graff, wife of PGK Chuck Graff; Debbie Engan, sister of PGK Graff; Tammy Pruitt, niece of PGK Graff; Brother Mike Wooley; Pauline Wooley, mother of Brother Mike Wooley; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Mike Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Mike Wooley; Brother William Derengoski; Brother Paul Miller; Brother Gary Hauser; Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Gary Hauser; Nancy Jordan, mother of Brother John Schwind; Brother Leo Christel; Mary Lou Christel, wife of Leo Christel; Brother Christopher Niemela; Brother Vern Johnson; Cheryl Slocum, friend of Brother John Ingraham; and Brother John Ingraham. Also, all men and women serving in the U.S. Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent DePaul Society. We're also offering prayers for

healing for the clergy and parishioners of the Catholic Church here and around the world, especially those affected by recent events and revelations.

Closed by reciting Hail Mary, Prayer for Vocations, and singing the first verse of the The Closing Ode. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Treasurer John Anton won the 50/50 raffle. He donated his winnings back to the council refreshment fund.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 7:30 PM in the Bishop Baraga Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Daniels, Recorder