

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Lansing Council 7816**

**Minutes for August 14, 2018, General Meeting
7:30 PM**

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix stated the doors shall be closed. Our Warden, Brother Martin, confirmed that all present were in possession of their membership cards and currently in good standing.

Opened meeting by praying The Lord's Prayer, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing the first verse of The Opening Ode.

Thirteen are present (twelve members and our Worthy District Deputy, Paul Kelsey) when the meeting called to order by Grand Knight Paul Lacroix. The roll call of officers was taken. Deputy Grand Knight Jakovac, Chancellor Meyer, Advocate Ingraham, and Inside Guard Wooley were absent and excused.

July minutes have been published. Grand Knight asked if there were any additions or changes to be made. Brother Martin made a motion to accept the minutes. Brother Weber seconded. All present in favor.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- Applications
 - Three applications:
 - Geoffrey Kerley
 - Attends St. Thomas.
 - Geoff has been involved with RCIA for two years.
 - Involved in Boy Scout Troop 263 (Williamston).
 - Interested in helping with pancake breakfast.
 - After Grand Knight asked for a motion to take a vote, Brother Martin made a motion to hear all three applications, then vote on all three at once, rather than listen to each separate. Brother Meyer seconded. All present in favor.
 - Both of Grand Knight Paul Lacroix's sons, Nathan and Steven Lacroix.
 - Both grew up as members of the parish. Both of are Eagle Scouts.
 - Nathan has helped out with our soccer challenge.
 - Stephen is employed by the church.
 - Paper ballots were distributed. Geoff was designated Candidate 1, Nathan was designated Candidate 2, and Stephen was designated Candidate 3. All 13 members present voted "yea" on each of the candidates.
 - Brother Francis Goeddeke made a motion to destroy the ballots. Brother Dave Myer seconded. All present in favor.
 - After conferring with Al Weilbaeher, we will be moving the September pancake breakfast to the third Sunday, September 16, to coincide with the Faith Formation Open House.

- Supreme gave a directive regarding membership; our council needs to bring in 31 new members this year. If everyone present at the meeting is able to recruit two members, we will meet that goal - but the breakfast may aid in this effort.
- New field agent.
- Our new field agent is Brennan Hayden. Brennan should be making contact this month, but Grand Knight has his contact information if anyone needs it.
- Family Vocation Night at Cooley Law School Stadium
 - The game was on Friday, August 10. We had 5 tickets requested for the Lugnuts game, two couples and one single.

OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

- Brother Anton began by saying that July is typically a quiet month, but we did have some expenses relating to the picnic last month.
- Charitable works in FY 2017:
 - \$ 15,216.11 donated last fiscal year.
 - We will be setting aside an additional 5% from FY 17 assets for charitable giving this year (about \$2,000).
- Semiannual report (1295) due to Supreme. The final draft is ready, and it will be forwarded along to District, State, and Supreme this week.

Advocate's Report

- Worthy Advocate, John Ingraham, was absent.

Trustees' Report(s)

- Three-Year Trustee, Mark Meyer, Brian Flynn with Diocese of Lansing Youth Ministries requested that we consider a donation of \$200 for the upcoming high school conference, Who Do You Say That I Am, on Sunday, November 4. Brother Meyer asked that we discuss at the next officers' meeting.
- Two-Year Trustee, Paul Gadola, had nothing to report.
- One-Year Trustee, Art Weber, noted that the picnic went well and thanked everyone for their help.

District Deputy

- Greetings from Bill Chasse, our new State Deputy.
- Clergy Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, October 11
 - Developed with Bishop Earl Boyea. The Clergy Appreciation Dinner is a celebration of all of the hardworking clergy and staff that guide and serve us. Bishop Boyea will celebrate mass at 5:00 PM with a spaghetti dinner to follow at 6:30 PM. Proceeds will benefit various Diocese of Lansing needs. Asking for a \$200 from Council to go towards the event (and associated expenses). Advance tickets are \$15 until September 15. After September 15, tickets are \$20. Each council is being given 10 tickets to sell - the end

goal being \$150 in ticket sales and a \$50 donation (if we don't sell more than the 10 tickets provided), totaling those mentioned above \$200.

- District Deputy noted that we need to comp or cover tickets for clergy who wish to attend.

- Made for Happiness Assembly Gathering will be Saturday, September 22.
 - Suggested donation from our council (based off membership) is \$614.25. Treasurer, Brother Anton, confirmed that we allotted for \$625 and will adjust the budget accordingly.
 - All are encouraged to attend. Tickets are free, but folks will need to go to the diocese website to reserve them.
 - Outdoor Eucharistic Procession from St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing to the Breslin Center in East Lansing (9:00 AM to 11:30 AM), the Assembly Gathering with speakers and music (1:00 PM to 4:30 PM), and an all-diocesan Mass (4:30 PM to 6:00 PM).
 - The procession is about the four-mile walk. Takes about an hour 45 minutes to two hours.
 - Need volunteers!
 - We need 20 volunteers for setup, 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We currently have 12 volunteers.
 - We need 10 volunteers to aid with the procession, 6:30 AM to 12:00 PM.
 - We need roughly 100 volunteers to aid with the Mass (primarily passing out and collecting bibles) from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM. It's critical that we try to fill this need.
 - Be prepared for a lot of information in the coming weeks from Grand Knight.
 - We were asked to provide parking for buses. Dean Transportation provided us with a parking layout.
 - Also, we're close enough that we will likely have the building open to anyone who needs it.

- First Degree on August 28th at St. Thomas. Try to attend and support new Knights.

- District meeting on Thursday, September 6; Mass at 5:00 PM with a reception to follow. All officers should try to attend.
 - Could run long... There will be lots of speakers.

- Surge for Service has been discontinued, replaced by the new Faith in Action program model.

- Keep membership sustainability in mind this year.
 - There is still a possibility of a council at Michigan State this year or next year.

OLD BUSINESS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Renaming the council

We still have a resolution on the table to rename the council in honor of Rev. Msgr. Jerome V. MacEachin. The Resolution was presented by (now) Three-Year Trustee and Past Grand Knight Mark Meyer at our June meeting. The first vote on the matter took place during our July meeting. The first vote passed, but a second is still needed.

Grand Knight noted that there are several members present who were not in attendance for the reading of the proposal and/or the first vote. While he offered to reread the proposal, no one asked him to do so. The Grand Knight also noted that he may have been remiss in not providing the vote tally after the previous vote. Grand Knight asked Outside Guard, Richard Gray if he had the poll. The poll was eight for renaming the council in honor of Rev. Msgr. Jerome V. MacEachin and five against (with five abstaining).

Grand Knight then opened the floor to anyone who wished to address the council on the matter. Our Worthy Financial Secretary, David Myer, made a motion to wait on a vote until the next meeting due to lower attendance tonight. Brother Weber seconded. All present in favor. Our Three-Year Trustee, Mark Meyer, stated that it's in our best interests to get more members to next month's meeting for the second vote. Just put: We need more people here at our meetings. Grand Knight asked for suggestions from all present. Brother Meyer suggested calling members. Grand Knight said that was an option, so long as we're fair and attempt to invite everyone. He asked if an email would be a better option (more time efficient). Brother Meyer agreed that an email is always an option, but the resolution and both letters, one for renaming the council and one against, has been sent and posted online (in our minutes). He also noted that it has been some time since we've audited/updated membership emails.

Our Worthy District Deputy, Paul Kelsey, noted that he has seen the resolution and motions. He added that there are solid arguments both for and against renaming the council and, worst case scenario, this could become a divisive matter for the Council. Paul also suggested that we write an article for the parish bulletin. Grand Knight stated that he has spoken to Fr. Mark and confirmed that he wishes to remain a neutral party in the resolution and vote. Be that as it may, Brother Kelsey noted that the bulletin is available to the entire parish, not only at Mass but on the parish website; the bulletin may aid in reaching additional council members.

Brother Gray asked if calling was an option if the roster was split between those present. Grand Knight asked if anyone present was willing to make some calls and Brothers Goeddeke, Weber, Gadola, Gray, Myer, and Meyer all volunteered.

Grand Knight stated that, while we need a quorum of at least 50% of the officers and one additional member for a vote to be valid, it's essential to make any and all efforts for more involvement - especially on this matter. District Deputy asked if the election was a deterring factor for attendance. Our Recorder, Patrick Daniels, quickly noted that most members who regularly attend meetings are present and, if anything, the resolution has raised interest, bringing in several additional attendees.

Grand Knight again asked who would be willing to call (both for his personal notes and the meeting minutes). Again, Brothers Goeddeke, Weber, Gadola, Gray, Myer, and Meyer volunteered. Brothers Anton and Daniels also volunteered. Grand Knight thanked everyone and said he would draft an email to go out to everyone on the matter, but he'd like a script to be read on each call. Brother Daniels said he would draft a text.

Budget

Treasurer put forth the budget for this fiscal year. Brother Martin made a motion to accept. Brother Gadola and Brother Meyer both seconded. All present in favor.

Knights of Columbus Family of the Month

Grand Knight stated that Fr. Mark inquired about the Family of the Month program. Unfortunately, there have been no nominations to date. Grand Knight opened the floor to submissions.

Brother Weber nominated the families of John Dunn and Brad Birch. Grand Knight chose Trent Ludwig and his family. Brother Anton asked if it was possible to use these three nominations as our first three Families of the Month. Grand Knight confirmed that was appropriate, as no other submissions have been received. Grand Knight asked Brother Weber to draft a write-up for Dunn and Birch. Brother Meyer nominated the family of Howard Reeves for future consideration.

MSU ticket scanning update

Brother Kupec said that he will be picking up the passes, playbooks, and uniforms this week. We currently have 18 security forms on file. First game (Utah State) is in two weeks, Friday, August 31.

Before closing the meeting, Grand Knight gave the podium to District Deputy, Paul Kelsey. Brother Kelsey wished to remind everyone that the installation of state leadership was Saturday, September 8. We have a local Knight being installed as the State Deputy, and our support is encouraged. The event is \$40 to attend. Mass will be 4:30 PM at St. Gerard. He also noted that they are still taking donations and ad purchases for the event booklet. The event is protocol, it's religious, and it's very forward-thinking. Financial Secretary, David Myer added that there will be three bishops in attendance and over seventy priests... and an open bar.

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; 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 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; Sharleen Hauser, wife of Brother Gary Hauser; Brother Leo Christel; Mary Lou Christel, wife of Leo Christel; Brother Christopher Niemela; 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 East Philadelphia.

Closed by offering the Hail Mary. The first verse of the Closing Ode was sung. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 7:30 PM in the Bishop Baraga Room.