

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for August 13, 2019 General Meeting

7:30 PM

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. There were 13 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The doors were closed by Warden Luke Gray. Brother Gray vouched that all present were in possession of their membership cards and currently in good standing.

Meeting was opened by reciting the Lord's Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing the first verse of The Opening Ode.

Trustee Mark Meyer, sitting in for Recorder Patrick Daniels, took roll call of officers. Roll was as follows:

- **Grand Knight Paul Lacroix, present**
- *Deputy Grand Knight (Position vacant)*
- *Chaplain Fr. Gordon Reigle, absent and excused*
- *Financial Secretary Dave Myers, absent and excused*
- **Chancellor John Schwend, present**
- *Recorder Patrick Daniels, absent and excused*
- **Treasurer John Anton, present**
- *Advocate John Ingraham, absent and excused*
- **Warden Luke Gray, present**
- **Inside Guard Mike Wooley, present**
- *Outside Guard (Position vacant)*
- **One-Year Trustee Paul Gadola, present**
- **Two-Year Trustee Mark Meyer, present**
- *Three-Year Trustee Tom Colosimo, absent and excused*

Grand Knight asked all present to review the July minutes. Grand Knight asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Brother Russ Martin made said motion. Brother Larry Meyer seconded. All present in favour.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- No new applications but we have gained two new e-members: Michael T. Gardner and Dr. Kevin Jacobs.
- Lugnuts Night for Vocations: We sold 34 tickets via the parish sign-up.
 - Approximately 2,000 Knights, friends and family members state-wide were on hand to see the home team post an impressive victory.
- September 7 is a proposed date for the Fr. Gordon Garage Bash. It also happens to be "International Buy a Priest a Beer Day."
 - This date conflicts with the MSU-Western Michigan home football game.
 - Start time at 6 p.m.? Food? (GK suggested burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, cole slaw, chips)
- Tailgate Party for MSU-Michigan game is slated for Nov. 16 in parking lot between the school and church.
 - We have room for 30-40 tailgate spaces.
 - Day after opening of deer season (firearms)
- Petition drive to end "dismemberment abortions" was a very successful.
 - We collected 555 signatures over seven Masses, including 470 at St. Thomas.
 - Big "thank you" to all Knights who helped collect signatures from Maureen Dillon, Ann Zygmuntowicz and Father Gordon.

OTHER REPORTS

- Brother Ed Kupec reports that we have 13 new crew members (and an overall total of 29) signed up to scan tickets at Gate K during MSU home football games.
 - Brother Ed would like the council to acknowledge the service of non-Knights at these games, perhaps at the end of the season with a certificate of appreciation.
 - Treasurer John Anton reminded Ed that “you are my hero,” as participation numbers continue to increase in year five of this program.
 - Brother Ed responded by saying he is hiring for a new supervisor. All interested candidates are encouraged to apply.

Treasurer’s Report

- Three Masses this month for deceased brothers.
- Refreshment fund is down; Brothers in Need fund stands at \$6,285.
- Motion to approve 19/20 fraternal budget (Gradola), seconded (Gray). All present in favour.
- Brother Chuck Graff saluted Brother Gray for an outstanding job at the picnic, in which he and his fiancé worked diligently to solicit 50/50 funds.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trustee Paul Gadola is working on finalizing an order with Educational Outfitters (Brother Michael Wegener) for 60 hats with the Council 7816 logo, to be worn at all Council food functions so as to comply with state food safety regulations. Plus, they’ll help make us look sharp while on the job.
 - Motion to spend \$591 to purchase 60 hats for the Council (Gray), seconded by Brother Mike Woolley. All present in favour.
- Brother Brennan Hayden, insurance agent, reintroduced himself to the Council and provided an update on some of his planned activities for the coming year. Our council goal is to recruit six new insurance members.
- Brother Chuck Graff led a discussion of the upcoming pancake breakfasts, and whether or not to sub bacon for sausage and diced potatoes for hash browns. He promised to deliver a financial analysis (“cost breakdown”) at the next business meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Brother Larry Meyer gave a rousing recap of his visit to New Haven, Conn., home of the Knight of Columbus Museum. “If you ever have the chance,” Brother Meyer beamed, “make sure to put it on your bucket list. The art and history in that building is simply magnificent.” Well stated, Brother Meyer.

Prayers were requested for: Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Bishop Earl Boyea and Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling; Fr. Jake Foglio; Fr. Mark Ingot; Fr. Gary Koenigsnecht; 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; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Wooley; Brother William Derengoski; Brother Paul Miller; Brother Gary Hauser; Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Hauser; Nancy Jordan, mother of Brother John Schwend; Mable Galbraith, grandmother of Brother Patrick Daniels; Brother Christopher Niemela; Brother Vern Johnson; Cheryl Slocum, friend of Brother John Ingraham; Brother John Ingraham; and Brother Frank Goeddeke. 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 the Hail Mary, and singing the first verse of the Closing Ode. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., in the Bishop Baraga Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Meyer, Trustee