

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for August 10, 2021, General Meeting

Grand Knight Paul Gadola called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

All persons had received the honor of membership, the doors were closed, and guards assumed their position.

Grand Knight on behalf of the Worthy Warden acknowledged that all attendees were in possession of their current membership card.

The meeting was opened by reciting an Our Father.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were 15 members present when the meeting was called to order.

Officers present:

Grand Knight Paul Gadola

Deputy Grand Knight Scoot Jakovac(excused)

Financial Secretary Dave Myers

Recording Secretary Tony Rohac

Treasurer Arthur Weber

Inside Guard Mike Wooley

Outside Guard Bradley Gagnon

Chancellor John Schwend(excused)

Warden Luke Gray(excused)

One-Year Trustee Tom Colosimo

Two-Year Trustee Mike Gardner(excused)

Three-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Advocate John Ingraham

Lecturer Greg Perkowski

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for last General Meeting were reviewed and approved as published.

Report of Admissions and the Reading of Applications:

No new application. One new transfer, Larry Combs from Greensboro, Georgia was in attendance.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

#1

Parish Picnic:

The parish picnic is scheduled for August 15th to start around noon and run until 3:00pm. It will be held on church grounds. Members working on it should show up around 10:30am-11:00am

at the latest. Arrangement for a grill has been made, food has been ordered, and tent will be delivered Friday afternoon.

#2

MSU Ticket Taking:

Ed Kupec gave an update on applicants. We have 13 commitments. Chuck Graff, who is taking over for Ed, attended training meeting, and obtained uniforms that he distributed to participants in attendance. Check in is at gate M and where you will check in with your supervisor. We will be stationed at gate K. Participants will be given ID, timecards and playbooks on game day at the gate along with a meal voucher. Wear tan/Cayce shorts or pants and only MSU logo hats if wearing a hat. Be present 2 hours before game. You can pick up bus pass at commuter lot on Mt Hope if you are parking a vehicle on campus. Our Grand Knight thanked Ed for his five years of chairing this project. MSU normally has 550-600 ticket takers. Currently they only have 190 signed up. Friends and family can participate in this effort. You don't have to be a member of our council.

#3

Pancake Breakfast:

Our council has committed to serving a pancake breakfast on September 19th as a part of the ministry fair for our parish. Chuck Graff will be taking the lead for this project.

#4

Grand Knight Plaque:

Our Grand Knight asked Brother Wooley to take the lead in getting a plaque listing all of our council's Grand Knights that served it's forty-year history to be displayed along with the deceased member plaques.

#5

40th Anniversary Celebration:

The date of this event is October 9th after 4:30 mass in St Thomas gym.

The committee working on this event plans to put information about it in the church bulletin near the end of August with ticket sales to start in mid-September. Anticipated attendance is 200. If expected ticket sales is not approaching the 200 level by mid-September, the event will be opened to all parishioners. Ticket prices will be \$50 per couple and \$30 for an individual. Rusty Hill will MC. Past Grand Knight, Paul LaCroix, is working on a required one-day liquor license.

#6

Officers Installation:

Officer's installation will be on Tuesday, August 24th in church at 7:30pm with a social gathering in the Bishop Baraga room.

Dress should be business casual. No blue jeans, shorts or tee shirts.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Our Grand Knight and Financial Secretary attended the last District meeting and reported that there is a beta test for uncollectable dues. Members in arrears will be sent to State and the State will collect dues instead of Financial Secretaries sending out dunning letters. We have about 22 members in arrears.

Recognition Plaque:

A recognition plaque was presented to our Past Grand Knight, Paul LaCroix, by our Grand Knights, Paul Gadola, thanking him for serving as Grand Knight. Purchase for the last three years.

Preparation of the plaque was arranged by Brother David Myers

Supreme Insurance Representative Report:

Brennan Hayden, Knight of Columbus Insurance representative, reminded us of the emails that were sent out about the upcoming Educational Webinar, Fraternal Benefits, on August 18th at 7:00 pm. He talked about the rating, quality, and power of insurance products such as guarantee rates on single premium whole life and regular life insurance policies and encouraged all to take a look at them. The Knights of Columbus Insurance is hiring and they are ten people short if you're interested in becoming an agent. The Knights Insurance group has recently introduced Mutual Funds.

Lecturer Presentation:

Lecturer, Greg Perkowski, as part of his duties to educate our council, gave a presentation to introduce himself and his family. He is a former member of Knights of Columbus at St Casmir parish and was president of their parish council. His wife Patty is a Spiritual Director and obtained her degree at St Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt and also has a social degree. She was State social worker. His oldest son John is married, lives in Chicago, has a computer science degree, works for US Foods, and leads a team of programmers that manage their website. His other son Nick is a struggling artist and has created a website to sale his paintings. Greg also has fraternal twins that were born eight weeks premature. Andrea is a Certified Nurse's Assistant who has worked with the elderly at nursing homes in the Kalamazoo area where she lives. She is currently working for a company that sale medical equipment and medical tests. Greg's other daughter Vickie has a degree in biology and wants to become a veterinarian and currently works for the Capital Area Human Society. Greg is a graduate of Michigan Tech with a degree in chemical engineering and is a chemical engineer. He works at Dart Container in Mason which makes foam cups, solo cups, and different food service products. Greg is the manager of the material operations group. Dart is a vertically integrated company that makes a lot of the plastic that is used to make their products. Greg's group designs and builds the plants that make Dart products. Greg showed some pictures of some of reactors used at the plants he helps design. Greg has been at Dart 37 years. He likes to play bridge and is a member of the ACBL. He also likes to play strategy games like Dungeons and

Dragons. Greg o likes to camp at the Boundary Waters, which is past the Artic Water Shed, north of Minnesota, at the Quetico Provincial Park where the Lansing School District took an annual high school trip that Greg went on when he was in high school. Greg is born and raised in Lansing.

Prayers are requested for:

- Pope Francis
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- Bishop Earl Boyea
- Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling
- Fr. Jake Foglio(deceased)
- Fr. Mark Ingot
- Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht
- Fr. Jerry Ploof
- Fr Gordon
- Fr Matthew
- Fr Mike
- Fr Mathias Thelen
- Past State Supreme Knight Carl A Anderson
- State Supreme Knight Patrick E Kelly
- Brother Chris Bergin(deceased)
- Brother Bill Cleary
- Brother William Derengoski
- Brother Pat Dillon
- Brother Frank Goeddeke
- Debbie Engan, sister of PGK Chuck Graff
- Tom Fox(deceased)
- Jennifer Gardner, wife of Brother Mike Gardner
- Brother Scott Gillespie
- Anne Graff, wife of PGK Chuck Graff
- Gary Graff, brother of Brother Chuck Graff
- Tammy Pruitt, niece of PGK Chuck Graff
- David Sommers, father-in-law of Brother Luke Gray
- Brother Gary Hauser
- Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Hauser
- Brother John Ingraham
- Joyce Magner, friend of Brother John Ingraham
- Cheryl Slocum, friend of Brother John Ingraham
- Joe Ingram, Brother of Brother John Ingraham
- Joe Joseph, Friend of Scott Jakovac
- Brother Vern Johnson
- Brother Paul Miller
- Brother Mark Meyer
- Mark, brother of John Ingraham
- Brother Christopher Niemela
- Brother Paul Stevens

- Brother Bill Stelzer
- Easton Wooley, grandson of Michael Wooley.
- Dante Centofani, PDGK, and his wife Karyne

Prayers were also requested for all men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent DePaul Society. Also offering prayers for healing for the clergy and parishioners of the Catholic Church here and around the world. As well as, Law Makers and Government Officials, First Responders and Medical Healthcare workers, Teachers at STA school and Staff.

Meeting was closed by reciting the Hail Mary. Prayer to Father McGivney and Bishop Baraga. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.