

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for August 8, 2023, General Meeting

Grand Knight, Anthony Heidt, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was opened by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Opening Ode was sung.

There were 14 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The Recording Secretary read the Roll of Officers.

Officers present:

Grand Knight Anthony Heidt

Deputy Grand Andrew Gallavan

Financial Secretary Dave Myers

Recording Secretary Tony Rohac

Treasurer Arthur Weber

Inside Guard Mike Wooley

Outside Guard Kierin Kerbawy(excused)

Warden Bradley Gagnon(excused)

Advocate John Ingraham(excused)

One-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Two-Year Trustee Geoffrey Kerley

Three-Year Trustee Paul Gadola

Minutes for previous meeting stand approved as published.

Report of Admissions:

Nothing to report.

Grand Knights Report:

#1 Rosary:

The Rosary was said at 7:00pm in the Cana Chapel led by Brother Rick Bryce prior to tonight's General meeting.

#2 Eaton Rapids Ultrasound Initiative:

Our Grand Knight, Anthony Heidt, mentioned that he received a mailer from the Eaton Rapids council requesting our council's participation in their ultrasound initiative. We have talked about

this previously and he wanted to open the idea up to the brothers for consideration and to think about it. We will talk more about it at our next Officers' meeting.

#3 Church Picnic:

Our Parish picnic is coming up this Sunday. Our Grand Knight sent out a signup and reminder for this event and requested all the presence that we can have.

#4 Lugnuts Vocation Night:

We currently have about 45 people signed up to attend. Last year's attendance of 72 is our goal. The deadline to sign up will be next Monday.

#5 Is It I (The Last Supper Play):

Father Peter is proposing that we assist his Grand Father is staging this play at our parish during Lent. He will be making a presentation at our next General Membership meeting to discuss more about doing this and to update everybody and to see if it's something we're interested in doing. He's hoping to make it a bigger event than it is in his parish.

#3 Dinner with Father Gordon:

Our Grand Knight had dinner with Father Gordon on Saturday and offered Father our help if he needed anything from the Knights. Father wanted our Grand Knight to thank us and let all of us know he is very happy that we a helping with the parish picnic and is very excited to have our help.

#4 Essay Contest:

There is a Catholic Citizenship essay contest for the St Thomas 8th grade class that our Worthy Grand Knight is submitting an offer to assist our principle in organizing this for the students.

#5 Seek 24:

Our Grand Knight received a request for assistance from a senior year nursing student who is trying to organize a trip to this event in St Louis for 8 MSU students this coming January. Our Grand Knight will ask her to ask for assistance from the Student Ministry as our council has already made our contributions for this fraternal year.

Chaplain's Report:

Nothing to Report.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was presented and approved.

Our Worthy Treasurer, Art Weber, stated that supplies for the upcoming parish picnic have been ordered or are in house. He asked for assistance in picking up ordered supplies. He also presented a one-page SOP and is looking for a volunteer to take over organizing this project as he has been doing it for several years.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Trustees Report:

Our Worthy Trustee, Paul Gadola, displayed samples shirts of a few of the larger sizes that can be ordered for council shirts. Our Worthy Grand Knight will send an email to all Officers requesting the sizes they would like to be ordered for them. Paul also thanked Brother Rick Bryce for leading tonight's rosary.

Advocates Report:

Nothing to report.

Program Director's Report:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report:

New Business:

Brother Chuck Graff, Chair of our MSU Ticket Taking activity, reported that he has sent an email to previous participants listing the schedule and required background form. Our Grand Knight will send out an email to all members.

Parish Updates:

Brother Paul LaCroix stated that the St John's HVAC system will be completed in about a week and a half, St Thomas church floor will be finished in about a week and a new security camera was installed in the school.

He may be looking for help patrolling the St Thomas parking lots for the Michigan game. He also needs help on November 8th helping with Right to Life Michigan bus parking.

Good of the Order:**Prayers are requested for:**

Anita Schimmel, Neice of Brother Jim Schimmel.

Joni Jay Brian, Brother of Brother Jay Brian.

Beverly Darnel, Cousin of Brother Michael Wooley.

Arlen Heba, Sister-In-Law of Brother Chris Fry.

Prayer to Bishop Baraga.

Prayer to Father McGivney

The closing Ode was sung.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

