

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for December 13, 2016 General Meeting

Thirteen members and one guest were present when Grand Knight Mark Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm: Brothers Russ Martin, Paul Stevens, Deacon David Zygmontowicz, John Ingraham, Art Weber, Rick Poljan, Mike Wooley, Chuck Graff (late), Larry Meyer, Scott Jakovac, Brad Bertsch, Chuck Lewis, Matt Klotz, GK Mark Meyer, and Brother Tom Fox of Assembly 3334. After praying the Our Father and singing the opening ode, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call of officers was taken. Brother Dante Centofanti was excused. The meeting was started early so that some of the Brothers who were going to put on the Late-Night Breakfast with Father Mark could leave early and head over to SJSC to start the breakfast cooking.

ADMISSIONS REPORT

- No new applications.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- GK Meyer gave the floor to Brother Scott Jakovac who brought the Council up to speed about the bowling league. There are seven Council members on the team and they won the league last year. Scott invited the Brothers to join them on Thursday nights at 7 pm at the Royale Scot lanes just west of the airport. He asked for \$400 to cover a portion of their annual fees. GK Meyer brought up a resolution to fund the team, Brother Martin seconded the motion. There was no discussion and all but Brother Stevens passed it. The GK said we would need to vote on it during the officers' meeting. The Bowling Tournament is being held in February. Brother Poljan suggested that these types of requests be a part of our budget process in June.

OTHER REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report:
 - The recent breakfast did well despite the poor weather. With other income, we are now in the black.
- Financial Secretary's Report: nothing to report
- Trustee's Report: nothing to report
- Chancellor's Report: nothing to report
- Advocate's Report: nothing to report
- Unfinished Business: Deacon Ziggy brought up the sculpture of Jesus that is planned for the school grounds. He brought photos to share. The table will be 4.5 feet wide by 12 feet long and will seat 12 people. It will be placed between the gym door and the Kindergarten door on the west side of the building. Total cost will be ~\$55,000. The statue is bronze and takes 8 to 10 months to complete. They are made in Canada. Brother Zygmontowicz is working on a plan with Father Mark Inglot to secure \$5,000 to keep the 2016 prices. Fr. Mark wants help from the Knights for money and for help moving

the parts when they arrive. Brother Brad Bertsch offered help from he and his brother Brian to help with the table, chairs, and landscaping. There will only be six of these statues in the U.S.

- Deacon Zygmontowicz mentioned that the Senior Ministries will be hosting a fair in April 2017. They would like help from the Knights to hand out brochures, do some set up and clean up, and to borrow our kitchen aprons. The date for the event is Saturday April 29th, from 9 am to 2:45 pm. They would like set up on Friday night. Many groups will be represented here and the theme for the event is: "Live Longer, Live Better."
- Brother Poljan looked in his notes and indicated that we had set aside money for the bowling team in the budget. Then he mentioned that we collect \$10 from each member for the Capital Fund. Brother Weber noted that we collected \$1,300 last year and did not spend it. Brother Poljan pointed out that pulled together for the kitchen project (\$50,000). Brother Lewis noted that when we put these types of requests into the dues statements and it made a big difference. Brother Weber agreed, but we also used the building fund that had been accumulating for many years.
- New Business:
 - Brother Wooley noted that Sam's Club has a grill on sale for \$500 that is a little larger than the one we borrowed this summer for the picnic. Brother Weber mentioned that they have these sales yearly, and that we have no need for one now. We are low on funds too.
 - Grand Knight Meyer noted that there will be a Free Throw Contest on January 22nd at the STA gym. Brother Matt Golzynski is no longer our Youth Director and has been replaced at STA School by Gregg Boldman. Brother Graff noted that early advertisement helps to get more involvement. Brother Fox said that they held their contest tonight at Resurrection School. They held it during basketball practice and got about 25 kids participating.
 - Brother Fox said that he has a vested interest in this Council; he needs Fourth Degree members. He said the Assembly would also help to pay for the sculpture. Brother Fox mentioned that they have a Major Exemplification in April. Now that Fr. Mark is involved (4th Degree member), now he and other Diocesan Priests will be more supportive of and involved with the Fourth Degree.
 - On Sunday February 26, there is a in Warren, MI at 4 pm and they are asking for donations at the door for the event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Prayers were requested for the following:

Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Bishop Earl Boyea and Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling; Fr. Jake Foglio; PGK Paul Gadola; 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 Ken Norton; Pauline Wooley, mother of Brother Mike Wooley; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Mike Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Mike Wooley; Brother Chuck Lewis; Brother Don Hillman; Brother Bill Stelzer; Brother William Derengoski; choir member Frank Tuma; family of Fr. Frank William; Brother John Ingraham; Monica Sebenick (John's sister); and Brother Bob Schneider. Also, all men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. A closing Hail Mary with a prayer for vocations was offered and the closing ode was sung. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Graff, Recorder