

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for December 10, 2019 General Meeting
7:30 PM

Warden Luke Gray, filling in for Grand Knight Paul Lacroix, called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. There were 10 members present when the meeting was called to order (and 1 prospective transfer).

The doors were closed by Inside Guard Mike Wooley, standing in for Warden Luke Gray. Both Warden Luke Gray and Brother Wooley 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.

Recorder Patrick Daniels took roll call of officers. Roll was as follows:

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

Warden inquired with Recorder on November minutes. Recorder Patrick Daniels confirmed receipt of recording, but the meeting has yet to be transcribed. With that said, approval of November minutes will be tabled until they are written and received by the Grand Knight.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- Admissions and reading of applications
 - One potential transfer in, Anthony James Heidt (in attendance).
- Open officer positions
 - Deputy Grand Knight and Outside Guard positions are open. Grand Knight is still looking for candidates.
- Fr. Tad, bioethics seminar in October
 - Knights attended in lieu of general meeting. Very good turnout.
- MSU ticket scanning
 - At this point Warden turned the floor over to Brother Ed Kupec.
 - Brother Kupec started the update with an overview of Michigan State's system; there are two kinds of workers at gates, contractors and volunteers. It's better for Michigan State to use volunteers than hire contractors (because contractors are paid an hourly rate and cost more money).
 - With that said, Gate K is the second largest gate, behind only Gates A/B, the student entrance. In addition to general admission, Gate K is responsible for scanning athletic prospects. The slot for the athletic prospect entrance was initially reserved for a contractor due to additional time requirements (brunch for said prospects prior to game) - but they stopped showing up, so Brother Kupec assumed this responsibility. Due to the additional time involved, this position paid \$150, rather than \$50. Gate K staff also encompasses two slots on the east side for medical assistance and Gate M, the entrance for prospects and coaches (comped tickets).
 - Gate K originally planned for five contractor slots and three volunteer groups to cover the remaining posts, St. Thomas KoC, Owasso Nazarene, and Grand Rapids Grizzlies (high school group).
 - At the Maryland game there were zero contractors and St. Thomas KoC only had nine volunteers. Brothers Larry Meyer and Ed Kupec stayed late to help. Brother Kupec noted that Gate K is no longer considered "our gate" and is now, technically, Grand Rapids Grizzlies' gate [due to higher volunteer counts].
 - In 2018, we had 23 in the work pool, all Knights. In 2019 we had 28 in the pool, 19 Knights and 9 parishioners. Of the 9 parishioners who volunteered, 6 are planning to come back, 2 were not, and one was unsure.
 - We should have a check for \$4,675 coming in. Treasurer John Anton noted that the drop in the percentage of participation is disappointing, but it's important to keep in mind that the count is up and funds overall are up.
 - Brother Kupec underscored the need for parish participation and we will need to revisit this in June/July.
 - Brother Gray noted that our hunt for volunteers for ticket scanning needs to be announced at both St. Thomas and St John's. He added that it's great to have it in the bulletin, but the bulletin is not always read in its entirety (if it's read at all); we need to have somebody talking to people.
 - Brother Chuck Graff asked if there was an appeal made to the council. Brothers Daniels and Kupec confirmed that there were several emails, two at least.
 - Brother Kupec noted that Grand Knight spoke to all of the teachers and staff at the school and there was zero interest, definitely not the way to go.
 - Brother Gray asked whether or not we've spoken with the college council.
 - Brother Kupec asked about putting together a letter to thank parishioners who volunteered. Treasurer John Anton proposed Recording Secretary write a letter of appreciation. Recorder Patrick Daniels said that he would bring it to council officers or the January meeting once it's done. Brother Anton proposed a free ticket to pancake breakfast or fish fry to show appreciation.

\$60 for Deacon Ziggy to attend deputy dinner. State deputy tribute dinner

John Schwinn made motion for all. John Anton seconded. All in favor.

Mother Teresa house... Hospice at Walnut and Ionia three clients / patients at a time. Diocese pays property tax. Looking for volunteers. Any support they can get.

Brother Weber saw Chris birkin. Looked good, some confusion, but looked relatively good. He has been moved to Robin Wood landing

Frank Getty has bladder cancer

Matthew sands, son-in-law of John Ingram John schwind, looking for a job in Lansing

OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

- We're about a third behind on our breakfasts this year, compared to last year. We're currently at \$180.66 profit.
- Credit card fees have gone up, there's now a 3.2% service fee.
- Dues will be going out soon. We should see these coming in soon.
- Brother Art Weber asked about consolidating savings accounts. Brother Anton suggested we revisit that later in the year.

Trustees' Report

- One-Year Trustee Paul Gadola noted that the late-night breakfast is tonight. Brothers Mark Meyer and Mike Mackin are at St. John's Student Center now. He's looking for volunteers to head over after the meeting, if anyone is available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recruitment

Grand Knight underscored the importance of our being mindful of the recruitment quota, adding 16 to 17 new members this fraternal year. If everyone present were able to recruit one person, we would be very near to our goal. We must focus on building our ranks and need more members for everything that we do for the parish and community at large. Invite friends and family. Invite fellow parishioners.

Brother Mike Mackin asked if we could get an article or posting in the bulletin. Grand Knight confirmed that Brother Mark Meyer will be writing something up for the bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS

Pancake Breakfasts

Regarding the pancake breakfasts, Grand Knight had an update on our organizer, Brother Chuck Graff. Chuck is doing well and is out of the hospital, but he will need to step down for the foreseeable future. We will need to ask someone to take over organization and/or form a committee. To that point, Chancellor John Schend suggested we create binders to organize supplies (including food, serveware, dinnerware, flatware, and drinkware) and general processes (operation, maintenance, and cleaning of all equipment and the kitchen and the gym) for both the pancake breakfasts and fish frys.

Brother Weber offered to check in with Chuck and handle supplies [from Gordon's], but if the regular crew that has been handling the breakfasts continue to show up, we should be fine. Brother Weber also raised the idea of having less breakfasts over the course of the year, possibly having one every other month [rather than monthly]. Weber also said that he would be checking the cooktop prior to the breakfast.

Grand Knight said that he would take stock on Thursday. He also said that he has receipts for past breakfasts and should have standard operating procedures from Chuck by the end of the week.

General news and updates from Knights in attendance

Grand Knight introduced our guest, Jacob Mayer. Jacob hails from Sanford, MI (Council 8043) and is a student at Michigan State University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Astrophysics. He's interested in volunteering with our group - and we extended an invitation for him to help out with the pancake breakfast following Mass this weekend.

Speaking of Mass this Sunday, Advocate John Ingraham stated that the 11:00 AM Mass will be offered for the soul of his wife. He asked that we keep her in our prayers.

Brother Larry Meyer noted that Assembly 3334 will be participating in the Lansing Remembers 9/11 parade along Grand Ave and Michigan Ave tomorrow. Furthermore, Brother Meyer reminded those present that we have a 9/11 memorial in Lansing at Wentworth Park; a 10-foot 'H beam' salvaged from the World Trade Center. The memorial is surrounded by bricks bearing the names of those from Michigan who lost their lives in the tragic events in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia on September 11th, 16 years ago. Chancellor John Schwend also noted that there is a ceremony at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, MI at 6:30 PM.

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; Fr. Mark Inglot; Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht; 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; Phil Schwend, 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 reading the Prayer for Vocations, reciting the Hail Mary, and singing the first verse of the The Closing Ode. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:30 PM in the Bishop Baraga Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Daniels, Recorder