

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 7816

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Eighteen members were present when Grand Knight Charles Graff called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Following an opening prayer, led by Deacon James Kasprzak, and an opening ode, Brother Knights recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

P.G.K. George Merva moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting, as posted on the Council website. Motion was approved.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The Grand Knight reported that:

The papal intention for February is that migrant families, particularly mothers, may be sustained and accompanied in their difficulties by the work of the Knights.

We are sponsoring a blood drive on March 1 in Fr. Mac Hall. We need volunteers to set up, take down and donate blood.

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Lansing April 5-6 at the Lexington Hotel. This is an opportunity for Third Degree members to complete their journey into full Knighthood.

40 Days for Life begins on Ash Wednesday. Council is asked to be present one day a week to protest abortions at 1600 Grand Avenue. Individually, please consider praying an hour each week during the 40 day campaign.

The 40 Cans for Lent drive also starts on Ash Wednesday. Urge your family and friends to make this Lenten food drive a success. Our goal is to collect 20,000 pounds of food between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday

We need more Fish Fry captains for March 1.

Keep selling those State Raffle tickets. The drawing will be held on March 16.

Remember our goal: One new member per council per month. Tell people about the good things that the Knights do for you and the community. Then ask them to join us so that we can do even more.

Treasurer John Anton gave his monthly report and distributed a handout to those present. Included was a history of Lenten fish fries. This year we showed improvements in performance from the first to second week, although we are somewhat behind last year's pace.

Financial Secretary Richard Poljan reported that:

We now have 327 members. Five have withdrawn. Two have transferred to other Councils. Sixty-six have not paid their current dues. Some 40 carryovers have been delinquent in dues for "a long time." It is expected that about 40 members will be suspended. We need to get the Retention Committee at work on this.

Deacon Kasprzak and Brother Al Weilbacher discussed the Council's involvement in the Hospitality Ministry. They stressed the importance of each person being made to feel welcome to worship with us. They gave examples of people who have had horrible things happen to them during the week and the need to let them know that St. Thomas Aquinas is a Church that will treat them differently than the world treats them. A warm greeting is a way of reaffirming each person's value and importance to the Body of Christ.

Knights were encouraged to sign up to serve on occasion as members of the Hospitality Ministry.

Dan Phillips, chairman of the annual Palm Sunday weekend Tootsie Roll Drive, spoke briefly on Plans for this year's event. He described problems of finding locations this year, although some new sites will replace lost ones. Volunteers, as usual, will be needed.

Peter Bertsch reported that he has received four checks, totaling \$5,100 for the Kitchen Fund which has been given directly to St. Thomas Aquinas.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership was received from Leslie Rout. Chancellor Michael Wooley spoke briefly in support of the candidate who was then approved. The customary motion to destroy the ballots also was approved.

COMMUNICATONS RECEIVED

A thank you letter was received from Rev. Mark Ingot, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, for the \$30,000 contribution Council 7816 made last year to support the new school kitchen.

A letter thanking the council for its contribution also was received from Right to Life of Ingham County.

NEW BUSINESS

Council approved a motion to have 10 masses said, five for each of two recently deceased members.

Officers reduced a request from the District Deputy from \$400 to \$250 and a second vote was then taken on the \$250 amount. Motion carried.

A second vote was taken for \$1200 for new K of C events signs, particularly Fish Fry signs. Deputy Grand Knight Art Weber spoke briefly in favor of the motion, which then carried.

Council approved (second vote) a \$429 expenditure to purchase Tootsie Rolls jointly with St. Martha's Council for this year's Palm Sunday weekend drive.

Council also approved the officers' recommended slate of delegates and alternates to attend the State Convention on Mackinac Island. It also approved \$750 to support the Grand Knight's (First Delegate) convention expenses. Other delegates will receive support from other (non-Council) sources.

Council also approved a motion by Peter Bertsch to reimburse those who spent out-of-pocket Food Basket funds at St. John's Dinner-Dance

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Prayers were requested for the following:

Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Carl Mengeling, Angela Baker, Norm Barkeley, Subrina Marie Bartel, Carol Bergin. Thomas Broughan, recently deceased, Tom Clement, Nicci Cole, Brother Scott Cole's daughter, Jan Davenport and Virginia May, sisters of P.G.K. Bill LeVeque, as well as Brother Bill's mother.

Also, Frank DeRose, Lisa Ellis, Thomas Foehntman, Joe Frazier, Lori Froberg, Aunt of Trustee Jason Johnson, , P.G.K. Paul Gadola, Michael John Gagnon, Jennifer Gardner, Kelleigh Gustafson, Regina Howard, Phyllis Izdebski, Chancellor Mike Wooley's mother-in-law

Also, Tom Jackson, Joseph Jeffries of the Rudland, Mi., Council, Ben Johnson, 12-year-old son of Trustee Jason Johnson, Ann Johnson, Lawrence Kelly, Charlene King, Ray King, Curt Leahy, Larry Lesparis, Carolyn Lewis, spouse of P.G.K. Chuck Lewis, Joan Lubisich, Fr. Bill Lugar, Mary Ellen McCoy, Mary Ann Majuski, eldest daughter of Brother Leo Christel, Linda Malloy, George Merva and Kathleen Murphy

Also, John Paris, Annette Plant, Bridget Reynolds, recently deceased daughter of Brother Joe Reynolds, Dennis Rich, Monica Sebenick, Trustee John Ingraham's sister, Lynn Schroeder, special intention of Michael Arthur Shields, Patrick Shields, Bill Stelzer, David Tompor, Marcus and Lue Venyah, Alice Vielbig, spouse of P.G.K. John Vielbig, Suzette Wesolek, Ben Williams, Elizabeth Wolek, Pauline Wooley, Brother Mike's mother, and Laura Young.

Also, all men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

A closing prayer was led by Deacon Kasprzak and a closing ode was sung,

Respectfully submitted,

John Molloy, Recorder

