

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome McEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for February 14, 2023, General Meeting

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

Inside Guard, Michael Wooley, vouched that all members were in possession of their current membership card.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Opening Ode was sung.

There were 22 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The Recording Secretary read the Roll of Officers.

Officers present:

Grand Knight Paul Gadola

Deputy Grand Knight Scott Jakovac

Financial Secretary Dave Myers

Recording Secretary Tony Rohac

Treasurer Arthur Weber

Inside Guard Mike Wooley

Outside Guard Kierin Kerbawy

Warden Bradley Gagnon(excused)

One-Year Trustee Mike Gardner(excused)

Two-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Three-Year Trustee Geoffrey Kerley

Advocate John Ingraham

Minutes for previous meeting stand approved as published.

Report of Admissions:

Nothing to Report.

Grand Knights Report:

#1 Ultrasound Initiative:

A mail stuffing was prepared seeking donations which will be sent to all the registered households of St Thomas, St Martha, and St Mary's in Williamston.

A cornhole tournament is being planned to raise money for this initiative. There will be a meeting on Thursday at 7:00pm in the conference room adjacent to the Parish office. (Meeting was canceled due to inclement weather) With our District Deputy coordinating the planning for

this event. The tournament will be held on March 10th in the gymnasium and all three parishes will be participating.

#2 Fish Fry:

Brother Paul Heberlein will be taking over the scheduling for this event. There was discussion about number of people that will be needed for each slot. The first fish fry will be next Friday, February 24th. There will be inside seating as well as drive up service. Brother Art Weber has ordered supply and checked out the facility. Enough fish was received to cover the first 2 fish fry as supply was more available than last year. Brother Paul Lacroix had office staff prepare a flyer for this. There will be family pricing this year. This Friday at 4:00pm all are invited to meet in St Thomas parking lot to car pool to St James in Mason to observe their fish fry process. They are the gold standard for fish fries. Pricing was reviewed. Scouts will be helping with drive up service. Girl scouts will be present on February 24th and March 17th. Father Gordon has asked to lead an Irish sing along at the March 17th fish fry to celebrate St Patrick day from 5-6:00pm. Brother Paul Lacroix mentioned that he will be installing new food heaters in the kitchen near the end of this week.

#3 Protect Life Michigan:

A second vote was held and passed to match a \$500 Parish donation to this cause to help sponsor their upcoming fund raising event.

#4 St Joseph Icon:

There is a St Joseph Icon present in our church courtesy of the Knights rotating through the three area parishes that will be present until the end of the week. A scripted ceremony may be held to accompany it and our Grand Knight will get a note out on when this will be done.

Chaplain's Report:

Nothing to Report. All priests were visiting community areas due to shooting incident that took place on MSU campus.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was presented and approved.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Brother David Myer put together an affiliate member list for the State Council consisting of 8 members who have been delinquent on dues for at least 2 years. These members were taken off our council roll so we won't be billed for per capita charges. They will be able to be reinstated if they catch up on their dues.

Trustees Report:

Brother Paul Lacroix mentioned that Brother Gagnon is not doing well and asked to have him put on prayer list. Brother John Schwend gave a summary and update on his twin sons. Who are currently doing fine. It's been a rough go for John and his wife Britney since the babies were delivered prematurely by c section on September 6th, 2022.

Advocates Report:

Nothing to report.

Program Director's Report:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report:

New Business:

Nothing to report:

Good of the Order:

Prayers are requested for:

Brother John Schwend and family.

Brother Bradley Gagnon.

Brother Martin Dolan.

Jack Hutchison, Uncle of Brother Chuck Graff.

Lisa Clark, Aunt of Brother Kierin Kerbawy.

Bob Banks, Uncle of Brother Kierin Kerbawy.

Brother John Ingraham's daughter Jessica's father-in-law.

Marshall Patten, Brother Art Weber's great nephew

MSU shooting victims and injured:

Deceased:

Alexandria Verner

Arielle Anderson

Brian Fraser

Perpetrator:

Anthony McRae

Meeting was closed by reciting the Hail Mary.

Prayer to Bishop Baraga.

Prayer to Father McGivney.

Prayer for Vocations.

Closing Ode was sung.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.