

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 7816

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2013

Some 14 members were present when Grand Knight Charles Graff called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

After an opening prayer and opening ode, Brother Knights recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Advocate Leo Christel's motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting, as posted on the council website, was approved.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The Grand Knight reported that:

We should remember the Papal Intention for January "...That during this Year of Faith, the Knights may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and joyfully bear witness to the gift of faith in Him."

Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary at 7 p.m., before General Meetings begin about 7:45 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The Rosary will be prayed before the February meeting. We have a CD on the Rosary if you would find that a welcome aid.

A Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, Jan. 13 in the St Thomas Aquinas Gym.

The Men's Retreat will be held this weekend at St. Francis Retreat House

We need some volunteers for the Lenten Fish Fries. If you can help, please contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight Art Weber.

We are working to make Star Council this year. Remember the goal: one new member each Month for each Council

There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, Jan.19 at 10 a.m. Bishop Boyea will join many Pro-Life leaders at the event

Free Throw Contest will be held at 1:30 p.m. that day

St. Martha's Church in Okemos will host a Major Degree on Saturday, Feb. 24. Please advise the Grand Knight if you would like to attend your Second and Third Degrees or want to go through a First Degree with a friend.

We will sponsor a Blood Drive on Friday afternoon March 1 in Fr. Mac Hall. We will need volunteers.

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Lansing on April 5 at the Lexington Hotel. Advise the Grand Knight or a Council officer if you want to complete your journey into Knighthood.

We hope to have another food drive, 40 Cans for Lent. The Grand Knight will contact Fr. Mark to clear this.

Please sell those State Raffle tickets. A percentage comes back to our Council. Trustee Peter Bertsch can supply you with more tickets if you need them.

Please pray for our Country and Church Times are hard and prayer helps.

APPLICATONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

There were no new membership applications.

OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer John Anton gave his monthly financial report and distributed a handout.

Financial Secretary Richard Poljan reported on progress made with incoming dues, but noted that some suspensions will soon be processed. The Retention Committee will work with those Knights who are in arrears in their dues..

Council voted to pay bills submitted and approved by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Deputy Grand Knight Weber again asked for volunteers to help with the Lenten Fish Fries and gave a "Progress and Problems" report on the new system in the "new location."

OLD BUSINESS

Brother Russ Martin moved to take the required second vote and to approve a dues waiver and make a \$200 contribution to a Brother-in-Need. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

First votes, both of approval, were taken on the following items As required by our bylaws, **second votes will be taken on the requests:.**

- 1) Motion to approve a request from the District Deputy for a \$400 contribution
- 2) Motion to approve a \$180 expense to reserve space for the Parish Picnic.

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, 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, Dianne Goeddeke, recently deceased spouse of P.G.K. Frank Goeddeke, 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 Lugger, Mary Ellen McCoy, Mary Ann Majuski, eldest daughter of Brother Leo Christel, Linda Malloy and George Merva

Also, John Paris, Annette Platt, Bridget Reynolds, recently deceased daughter of Brother Joe Reynolds, Dennis Rich, Monica Sebenick, Trustee John Ingraham 's sister, Lynn Schroeder, 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, men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and the St. Vincent DePaul Society

A closing prayer was offered and a closing ode was sung.

Respectfully submitted,

John Molloy, Recorder