

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for January 8, 2019 General Meeting

7:30 PM

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 21 present, 18 members of our council, our worthy Navigator from Lansing Assembly 3334, Ken Balcer, Quentin Abbott from Resurrection (transferring to the college council), and Tony Cherniawski from the Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibit.

The doors were closed, and Inside Guard Mike Wooley stood in for Warden Russ Martin. Brother Wooley vouched that all present were in possession of their membership cards and currently in good standing.

Meeting was opened by praying The Lord's Prayer, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing the first verse of The Opening Ode.

Roll call of officers was taken by Recorder Patrick Daniels. Deputy Grand Knight Scott Jakovac, Warden Russ Martin, and Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer were absent and excused.

December minutes were handed out at the meeting, but they have not yet been published. Deacon/Brother Dave Zygmuntowicz (Ziggy) made a motion to accept the minutes. Two-Year Trustee Paul Gadola seconded. All present in favor.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- **New admissions.**
 - College Knights: December 2018
 - Daniel Beaudrie - Transfer in
 - Mathias Dahl
 - Jacob Wenzel
 - Ian Chesla

Vicente Amado
Ricardo Aquino
Michelangelo Kakos

- College Knights: January 2019
 - Devin Humphries
Michael Pitev
John Binkowski
Sam Binkowski
Benjamin Robbins
John Adelman
Corey Fellabaum
Nathan Glaza
Mark Ostermeyer
- 7816: January 2019
 - Alex Prince
Jacob Allen
 - Grand Knight asked if a “yes” or “no” vote on all applications would be sufficient and no one present opposed. Brother Wooley, Brother Gray, and Brother Abbott passed out slips of paper to each member present to serve as ballots, then collected them.
 - Brother Gray counted the ballots. Vote to approve all applicants for membership was unanimous.
 - Chancellor Larry Meyer made a motion to destroy the ballots. Brother Gadola seconded. All present in favor.
- **Church membership drive**
 - The church membership Drive was last weekend. Deputy Grand Knight Scott Jakovac, Father Gary, Brother Dave Myers, and all of the trustees were there to help after each Mass. Big thank you to everyone else who helped out. One new application for our efforts, but a lot of interest cards were passed out.
 - It's important to note that we're not simply pushing for membership, we're planting a seed and putting the Knights in the public eye. We want the Knights to be more visible in the parish.
- **January 26 (Busy day!)**
 - Hosting First Degree in Father Mack Hall. Bishop Baraga room will be used as the antechamber. We still need a Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight for the ceremony.
 - Father Gordon's installation as pastor will be held at the next corporate communion, the same day. He's asked for a strong showing at that Mass from the Knights.
 - Following that Mass, we are hosting a spaghetti dinner. We are in need of a team leader for the event. Brother Chuck Graff volunteered.
 - It should be noted that Sister Dorothy Ederer will be speaking at the spaghetti dinner about Holy Cross Services and the Volunteers of America.
 - Deacon Ziggy noted that St Thomas's feast day is January 28th. The reliquary will be out on the 26th.

- **College council update**
 - We've received a follow-up letter from our State Deputy regarding the college council; they will be moving directly to a full college council (independent of our council), rather than starting as a round-table (part of our council). As such, they will need 20 applications/members to get started - and will be at 18 applications/members after Chris and Quentin officially transfer.
 - Quentin spoke about the process and their journey toward building the council. Quentin and Chris have met with Katie Dillard and Father Gordon several times in the past couple weeks. They've met with men's and women's groups, making it known that they hope to respectfully work with these campus organizations and with the campus ministry at St. John's.
 - First recruiting drive planned for the first week of February.
 - Brother John Schwind noted that he was part of a college council in undergrad. Quentin said that he would like to talk to him after the meeting about how that council came about and activities/volunteer efforts in which they participated.
 - Our Worthy Navigator Ken Balcer asked whether or not College councils require Second and Third-Degree Knights. It was confirmed that college councils (not round tables) follow the same rules as a regular council (and officers must be at least a Third Degree).
 - Financial Secretary Dave Myers reiterated that the State Council really wants to see this work out. If need be, perhaps our council could look into sending transfers to the college council to get them approved, then bring them back to 7816 after four to six months.
 - Our Worthy Navigator noted that he has two names for Quentin if transfers are needed, one being a Third Degree and the other being a Fourth Degree.
- **Late Knight Breakfast**
 - Another success. Lots of food and lots of students there to enjoy it.
- **District 54 meeting**
 - Tuesday, January 15 is the District 54 meeting. Meeting will be at Lansing Catholic Central following 6:30 Mass.
- **Adoration**
 - Fr. Gordon and Fr. Gary have both asked the Knights to help fill the chapel for Adoration every Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Grand Knight noted that he has reached out to other parish groups to see about creating a schedule. He noted that this is doable if we can set shifts for Knights and members of other parish groups to attend.

OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

- 7816 has 275 members - but only 44 have paid their dues to date.
- We still have outstanding checks from FY 18.
 - Recorder noted that there is an error on the October minutes; October minutes should state that all donations for the previous fiscal year have been "mailed," not that they have been "cleared." The January report shows an outstanding balance of \$4,550. These are checks have been mailed but have not been cashed (they have not cleared).

Financial Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report. Following up on dues.

Trustees' Report

- One-Year Trustee Art Weber and Two-Year Trustee Paul Gadola had nothing to report.

Other Reports

- Chancellor Larry Meyer introduced Tony Cherniawski with the traveling Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibit.
 - Tony presented on his traveling display of the Shroud of Turin. The Shroud display is a traveling ministry of the Knights of Columbus Council 11276 (Fort Wayne, IN) and Council 9711 (Lansing, MI). He gave an annotated history of the display and noted that he is going to be traveling with the presentation again this year. Any and all donations are appreciated as he's hoping to raise funds for aluminum frames for photos of the Shroud and fuel expenses.
 - Grand Knight (and others present) expressed interest in sponsoring the tour and having Tony present at St. Thomas, both the parish and the school. We will need to speak with Fr. Gordon and Meghan Loughlin-Krusky, principal at St. Thomas.
- Our Worthy Navigator Ken Ballinger provided an update on several upcoming events.
 - Major degree on April 6th and 4th degree on April 27th
 - 77th Michigan District II Exemplification will be held on April 27, 2019 at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center.
 - Candidates: \$70, \$10 for pictures/class picture
 - Candidate/Sir Knight luncheon: \$5
 - Ladies Program/luncheon: \$15
 - Banquet: \$35

- Grand Knight added that he will be sending an email to all First, Second, and Third-Degree Knights regarding upcoming ceremonies.

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 Ingot; 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; Pauline Wooley, mother of Brother Mike Wooley; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Mike Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Mike Wooley; Brother William Derengoski; Brother Paul Miller; Brother Gary Hauser; Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Gary Hauser; Nancy Jordan, mother of Brother John Schwind; Brother Leo Christel; Mary Lou Christel, wife of Leo Christel; Brother Christopher Niemela; Cheryl Slocum, friend of Brother John Ingraham; and Brother John Ingraham. 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 reciting the Lord's Prayer and singing the first verse of the Closing Ode. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Daniels, Recorder