

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome McEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for July 11, 2023, General Meeting

Grand Knight, Anthony Heidt called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Opening Ode was sung.

There were 13 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The Recording Secretary read the Roll of Officers.

Officers present:

Grand Knight Anthony Heidt

Deputy Grand Andrew Gallavan

Financial Secretary Dave Myers

Recording Secretary Tony Rohac

Treasurer Arthur Weber

Inside Guard Mike Wooley(excused)

Outside Guard Kierin Kerbawy(excused)

Warden Bradley Gagnon(excused)

Advocate John Ingraham

One-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Two-Year Trustee Geoffrey Kerley

Three-Year Trustee Paul Gadola

Minutes for previous meeting stand approved as published.

Report of Admissions:

Nothing to report.

Grand Knights Report:

#1 Weekly Email:

Grand Knight can forward to the Chaplain and decide if there is any information he would like to forward to the rest of the members.

#2 Church Picnic:

Brother Paul Lacroix will send out a sign-up genius for setup, cleanup, food service etc.

Things will be worked on before our next Officers meeting.

#3 New Members:

Still have one e-member that needs to attend exemplification. We hope to recruit more new members at the Parish picnic before scheduling an exemplification, probably in September.

#4 Semi-Annual Council Audit:

On August 15th, the semi-audit is due. Art Weber will have this prepared and signed off on by the Grand Knight and Trustees before the next Officers meeting.

#5 Council Directory Information Form:

John Ingram has updated the Officers on our website and will bring copies to the next Officers' meeting.

#6 District Meeting:

Brother Andrew Gallavan attended the district meeting and reported that as other fraternal organizations are dissolving ours is growing even though we lose 6 members a day in Michigan. He mentioned that our council receives a recruiting fee for each new member. There is a core men's group that is being run in Brighton that meets once a month on a Friday or Saturday for all parish men to attend for prayer information and socializing that all chapters are encouraged to start up. Further information will be forthcoming. There will be a District meeting at St Thomas on July 19th that Andrew, our Grand Knight and previous Grand Knight will be attending.

#7 Additional Events:

Golf Tournament on August 27th, Ford Field Day September 24th, Bowling Tournament October 14th and State Level Bowling Tournament in February if anyone is interested.

Chaplain's Report:

Nothing to Report.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was presented and approved.

Financial Secretary's Report:

We have been notified that we have achieved a Star Council status.

Trustees Report:

Trustee Paul Gadola reported he received information on tickets for the Lugnuts game for Vocations on August 18th that will be available online or through the parish office.

Paul also modeled the new council shirts that will be purchased for all Officers.

Trustee Paul Lacroix presented information on the Jubilee Mass next Tuesday, July 18th.

He requested attendance and assistance from all members and mentioned that the Fourth-Degree members will be attending. He also spoke about the Parish Picnic on August 13th.

Brother Gadola stated that August 13th is also the Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney.

He also announced that our newest member, Rick Briss, will be leading a rosary to be said Advocate John Ingraham before each of our upcoming General meetings at 7:00pm. An announcement will be made.

Arrangements will be further discussed at the next Officers' meeting. Paul also talked about the St Vincent DePaul Society encouraging and looking for more men members.

Advocates Report:

Program Director's Report:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report:

New Business:

Brother Geoffrey Kerley made a motion to sponsor a hole for The Shiawassee County Right to Life golf outing on August 19th. The motion was approved.

Brother Gallavan spoke about The Michigan Catholic Biblical School that is starting in September and asked that our council consider donating towards the program. He was asked to obtain a request from the school in writing.

Our Grand Knight recognized our Previous Grand, Knight Paul Gadola with a plaque and gavel for his contribution for years of service as Grand Knight.

Good of the Order:

Prayers are requested for:

Brother John Ingraham.

Prayer to Bishop Baraga.

Prayer to Father McGivney

Prayer for Vocations.

The closing Ode was sung.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.