

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for June 10, 2014 General Meeting

Twelve members were present when Grand Knight Art Weber called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After an opening prayer and singing of the opening ode, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call of officers was taken. Trustee Chuck Graff moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting, seconded by Andy Gallavan. Motion carried.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- GK reported 2 new members were inducted during the First Degree Ceremony held before the general meeting; also attending was a member from the Cristo Rey Council.
- Reception for Fr. Anthony was a roaring success. Father Anthony was very pleased with the reception and with the fleece jacket that was presented to him. Thanks to the Poljan Family and the rest of the volunteers.
- Reminder that the Parish Picnic is July 27 – the doodle is out so please sign up.
- The Annual State Convention was held on May 22-24 on Mackinac Island. GK Art Weber, Financial Secretary Rick Poljan and PGK Chuck Graff reported that it was an amazing experience.
- New volunteers are needed to step up for committees and leadership positions. Knights should help promote. PGK Chuck Graff mentioned that it is very rewarding.
- PGK Chuck Graff's food drive worked out real well with 4,155 pounds of food collected. DePaul Society played a big part in the success.

OTHER REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report

It was a light month for the council.

Annual Giving Fund to be decided at the next officers meeting. Recommendations are welcomed.

Planning to reserve some funds for Fall and Winter charities.

About \$1,700 collected from donations not tied to a charity.

b. Financial Secretary's Report

No new applications in hand.

Council is down 7 members from last fraternal year.

Final membership count is about 300 members for the 2013/2014 fraternal year.

Intentions to suspend will be sent to 20 members that have not paid dues over last several years (about 10 have left the state or are unaccounted for).

c. Trustee's Report

PGK Chuck Graff attended the last parish council meeting held on May 20. He noted that the parish is planning events for the 75th Anniversary. Theme will be to honor the past, enliven the present, and inspire the future. The parish needs help capturing history and will be looking to the Knights for other support.

d. Chancellor's Report – nothing to report

e. Program Director's Report – nothing to report

f. District Deputy's Report

Dave Myers stated that things are good in the district.

Flag retirement ceremony scheduled for June 14 at Council 788 with an ice cream social after.

Joint meeting with both Lansing assemblies scheduled for June 17 with an awards night. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

g. Unfinished Business – nothing to report

h. New Business

Knight of the Month – May: Gary Tucker

Family of the Year – Eric Sudol Family, who helped with the annual blood drive and many fish fries.

Ushers are needed for the 4:30 PM Saturday masses.

Financial Secretary Rick Poljan proposed to set aside funds for the parish capital campaign.

Council elections were held for the 2014/2015 fraternal year. Results following:

Grand Knight – Art Weber*

Deputy Grand Knight – Mark Meyer*

Chancellor – Larry Meyer*

Recorder – Rob Railling*

Treasurer – John Anton*

Advocate – Vacant

Warden – Andy Gallavan*

Inside Guard – Mike Wooley*

Outside Guard – Russ Martin*

3 Yr Trustee – Chuck Lewis*

*Due to no other nominations per position the officers were elected by acclamation.

Continuing Trustees:

1 Yr – John Ingraham

2 Yr – Chuck Graff

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Prayers were requested for the following (carried over from earlier meetings):

Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Bishop Earl Boyea and Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling, Angela Baker, Norm Barkeley, Subrina Marie Bartel, Tom Clement, Brother Scott Cole's daughter Nikki, Jan Davenport and Virginia May, P.G.K. Bill LeVeque's sisters, as well as Brother Bill's mother, Catherine, Lisa Ellis, Thomas Foehrtman, Joe Frazier, P.G.K. Paul Gadola, Regina Howard, Phyllis Izdebski, Chancellor Mike Wooley's mother-in-law, Tom Jackson, Joseph Jeffries of the Rudland MI council, Lawrence Kelly, Charles Kelly, Charles King, Ray King, Curt Leahy, Larry Lesparis, Joan Lubisich, Fr. Bill Luger, Mary Ann Majuski, eldest daughter of Brother Leo Christel, Linda Malloy, John Paris, Annette Platt, Dennis Rich, Lynn Schroeder, Marcus and Lue Venyah, Alice Vielbig, spouse of P.G.K. John Vielbig, Pauline Wooley, Brother Mike's mother, Laura Young, and Tom Kinney. Also, all men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 8 at 7:30 PM. A closing prayer was offered and the closing ode was sung. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Railling, Recorder