

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816**

### **Minutes for, March 8, 2022, General Meeting**

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

Worthy Warden, Luke Gray, 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 17 members present when the meeting was called to order.

### **The roll of officers was read by the Recording Secretary.**

#### **Officers present:**

Grand Knight Paul Gadola

Deputy Grand Knight Scott Jakovac(excused)

Financial Secretary Dave Myers

Recording Secretary Tony Rohac

Treasurer Arthur Weber(excuse)

Inside Guard Mike Wooley

Outside Guard Bradley Gagnon

Chancellor John Schwend

Warden Luke Gray

One-Year Trustee Tom Colosimo

Two-Year Trustee Mike Gardner(excused)

Three-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Advocate John Ingraham

Lecturer Greg Perkowski

### **Minutes for previous meeting were approved as published.**

#### **Report of Admissions:**

Nothing to report.

#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:**

##### **#1**

##### **Fish Fry:**

March 4<sup>th</sup> fish fry went well. 346 meals were sold. Channel 10 interviewed our Worthy Past Grand Knight, Paul LaCroix, and it was posted on Facebook. A new app, Sign Up Genius, is now being used for our members to volunteer dues to issues with the Doodle app.

### **#3**

#### **Affiliate Member Program:**

The program is progressing. Our Grand Knight met with our trustees after our last meeting to review a plan of action and they have been contacting the 10 members who may qualify for this new program and what their status is.

### **#4**

#### **MR Tootsie Roll Drive:**

Our council will be conducting our MR Tootsie Roll Drive after each mass on Palm Sunday. All members are asked to assist with this after the mass they attend. Vests, collection canisters, and tootsie roll will be at the back of the church. Volunteers should leave shortly before the end of mass to assist with this. PGK Paul LaCroix will order tootsie rolls. Grand Knight, Paul Gadola will assist with St Thomas Sunday masses.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's report was presented by our Past Grand Knight.

#### **Financial Secretary's Report:**

We have 24 members with outstanding dues.

#### **Trustees Report:**

There was nothing to be reported.

#### **Lecturer's Report:**

Larry Meyer and Rusty Hills will be a couple of our next guest speakers.

#### **Presentation:**

Our Presenter, Father Matthew, was introduced by our Worthy Lecturer, Greg Perkowski. Father gave a presentation on his life as a missionary and priest. Father grew up in Milan, Michigan. His father is a drag racer and longtime member of the Milan Dragway. He attended the St Joseph parish in nearby Whittaker. Father received a bachelor's degree in communications from MSU and was involved in several ministries and bible study on campus. He worked for a short time at a Christen radio station and then ended up working and living at the Straight-line Ministry homeless shelter helping to add an evangelical aspect to the ministry. After 2 and a half years at the ministry, Father felt his was being called to the Seminary and went to attend the Sacred Heart Seminary. From there his spiritual director, who is now Bishop Beau, helped him decide to join the Redemptorists. He finished his theological studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St Louis, Missouri. After that he was asked to go to Nigeria for three years for some mission experience. While there, Father became a formator and taught religion and English outside the city in the jungle area. After his mission experience he was ordained as deacon and then as a priest and became an associate pastor at St Alphonsus Church in St Louis. He was put on a parish preaching team and traveled all over the country preaching parish missions and retreats, Novenas, etc. He then became pastor at St Alphonsus.

After several he was sent to Rome and worked in office at the Vatican and then was assigned to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he was involved in several ministries. He was then asked to go to Minneapolis, Minnesota and became a member of the evangelization team. From there he asked to come back to the Diocese of Lansing to do ministries and experience average life as a priest. After giving this history of his life, Father took questions and gave several answers and related several of his detailed experiences while in Africa and on mission experiences in the US.

### **District Deputy's Report:**

District Deputy, Kevin Duffy, thanked our council for work done on affiliate member process. He reminded us of the State raffle drawing which will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and that the Michigan Knights of Columbus Respect Life dinner will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded us that there is a \$500 drawing for those who have recruited new members through the end of March. He also noted he has poster for MR drives.

### **Chancellor's Report:**

Brother Schwend mentioned he felt Father Matt gave a great talk. He also reviewed issues with Doodle and our new link for fish fry volunteer sign up.

### **Membership Director:**

Still need to schedule Exemplification.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Worthy Warden, Luke Gray, informed us that snack cupboard is full and soda is restocked in frig.

Brother Luke also reviewed and updated us on the results of the sacramental collection.

### **New Business:**

Nothing to report.

Prayers are requested for:

- Pope Francis
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- Bishop Earl Boyea
- Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling
- Fr. Jake Foglio(deceased)
- Fr. Mark Ingot
- Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht
- Fr. Jerry Ploof
- Fr Gordon
- Fr Matthew
- Fr Mike
- Fr Mathias Thelen
- Past State Supreme Knight Carl A Anderson
- State Supreme Knight Patrick E Kelly
- Past State Deputy, Richard McCloy, Sr.
- Former District Master 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Glenn Barry

- Dante Centofani, PDGK, and his wife Karyne
- Brother Chris Bergin(deceased)
- Brother Bill Cleary
- Mikey Demello, friend of Brother John Schwend
- Brother William Derengoski
- Brother Pat Dillon and wife Maureen Dillon
- Brother Frank Goeddeke
- Debbie Engan, sister of PGK Chuck Graff
- Tom Fox(deceased)
- Jennifer Gardner, wife of Brother Mike Gardner
- Brother Scott Gillespie
- Anne Graff, wife of PGK Chuck Graff
- Gary Graff, brother of Brother Chuck Graff
- Tammy Pruitt, niece of PGK Chuck Graff
- Debbie, sister of Brother Chuck Graff
- David Sommers, father-in-law of Brother Luke Gray
- Brother Gary Hauser
- Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Hauser
- James Howard, Father-in-Law of Brother Anthony Heidt
- Brother Claude Kidd
- Paul Lane, Brother-in-Law of Brother Mike Gardner
- Brother Robert Lieder and his wife Mary Beth
- Joyce Magner, friend of Brother John Ingraham
- Cheryl Slocum, friend of Brother John Ingraham
- Joe Ingram, Brother of Brother John Ingraham
- Mark, brother of John Ingraham
- Jessica and her husband and son, daughter of John Ingraham
- Joe Joseph, Friend of Scott Jakovac
- Brother Vern Johnson and his wife Joan
- Brother Paul Miller
- Brother Christopher Niemela
- Brother Paul Stevens
- Brother Bill Stelzer
- Jim Swartz, Knight's sale agent
- Don Westly, Knight's sales agent, and his father
- Marsha, aunt of Brother Michael Wooley
- Father Dave Hutchins

Prayers are also requested for all people serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent DePaul Society. Also offering prayers for healing for the clergy and parishioners of the Catholic Church here and around the world. As well as Law Makers and Government Officials, First Responders and Medical Healthcare workers, Teachers at STA school and Staff.

People of Ukraine.

Meeting was closed by reciting the Hail Mary.  
 Prayer to Father McGivney and Bishop Baraga  
 Closing Ode was sung.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.