

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome McEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for March 14, 2023, General Meeting

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

Inside Guard, Michael Wooley, 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 14 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The Recording Secretary read the Roll of Officers.

Officers present:

Grand Knight Paul Gadola

Deputy Grand Knight Scott Jakovac(excused)

Financial Secretary Dave Myers

Recording Secretary Tony Rohac

Treasurer Arthur Weber

Inside Guard Mike Wooley

Outside Guard Kierin Kerbawy

Warden Bradley Gagnon(excused)

One-Year Trustee Mike Gardner(excused)

Two-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Three-Year Trustee Geoffrey Kerley

Advocate John Ingraham

Minutes for previous meeting stand approved as published.

Report of Admissions:

We had one new transfer and one e-member who was approved.

Grand Knights Report:

#1 Ultrasound Initiative

A cornhole tournament is being planned for Saturday March 18th to raise money for this initiative. Paul Lacroix will have food, pop, popcorn etc. available for sale and needs help setting up and taking down tables and bleacher. A screen will be setup to project the NCAA games.

#2 Blood Drive:

A blood drive was held last Friday. The chairman for this project was not able to run the event but our Grand Knight found volunteers to take over for him. 42 units of blood were collected.

#3 Tootsie Roll Drive:

The current chair for this project is not able to attend but a signup genius will be sent out for this event which will take place Palm Sunday weekend. Canisters, vests, and tootsie rolls will be available at parishes.

#4 Fish Fry:

We were struggling with staffing last week. Our Worthy Grand Knight, Paul Gadola encouraged all to sign up to help and thanked all who have helped.

Chaplain's Report:

Nothing to Report.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was presented and approved.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Nothing to Report.

Trustees Report:

Nothing to Report.

Advocates Report:

Nothing to report.

Program Director's Report:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report:

New Business:

Nothing to report:

District Deputy Report:

Our District Deputy, Kevin Duffy thanked us for agreeing to host the cornhole tournament. He encouraged all to participate in the Tootsie Roll Drive and mentioned how it gives us a chance to be seen and how the charities it supports count on the funds raised. He encouraged all to participate in cornhole tournament described above and thanked us for hosting it.

Kevin also mentioned that in less than 3 weeks just under \$26,000 has been raised for the Ultrasound initiative.

Kevin also talked about member engagement and officer recruiting and questioned who's going to step up to take the place of our current officers. Our Grand Knight added his encouragement for this.

Good of the Order:

Prayers are requested for:

Brother John Schwend and family.

Brother Bradley Gagnon.

Wife of Brother Andrew Gallavan.

Brother Kierin Kerbawy.

Family friend's father-in-law of Brother Kierinn Kerbawy.

Jack Hutchison, Uncle of Brother Chuck Graff.

MSU shooting victims and injured:

Deceased:

Alexandria Verner

Arielle Anderson

Brian Fraser

Perpetrator:

Anthony McRae

Meeting was closed by reciting the Hail Mary.

Prayer to Bishop Baraga.

Prayer to Father McGivney.

Closing Ode was sung.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.