

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for May 10, 2016 General Meeting

Sixteen members were present when Grand Knight Mark Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. After an opening prayer and singing of the opening ode, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call of officers was taken. Brother Mike Wooley moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting, seconded by Brother Paul Stevens. Motion carried.

ADMISSIONS REPORT

- No new applications:
 - 1st Degree Ceremony held Tuesday, April 26th. Congratulations to the new initiates Michael Thompson and John Tiffany.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- Great effort at the Late Night exam week breakfast at St. John's from brothers, Centofanti, Tucker, Weilbaecher, Menacher and Zygmontowicz. We served several pans of pancakes and bacon to a hearty bunch of Spartans. Katie was happy we were able to contribute to. By her count, the sixth of these late night affairs. From start to finish, roughly 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 3rd.
- We've agreed to serve pancakes, sausage/bacon and juice/milk after the Tartan Fest Run for Riley this coming Saturday. The participants will be ready to eat shortly after 9 a.m., so we need some help with food prep and service. Tartan Fest committee is setting up tables outside. We will not be involved in set up or take down. Looking for half-dozen or so volunteers. I will send a Doodle signup link. We can also use this event as a recruiting opportunity. Brother DuMont brought the council informational trifold to my house last night, so we'll look for a place to display it Saturday morning -- and maybe hand out a few pamphlets.
- We had a semi-successful 1st Degree installation on Tuesday, April 26. Mike Thompson and John Tiffany both completed their 1st Degrees; however, a third candidate, Ed Robinson, left the proceedings early and did not return. He did send an apology to both Art and me. He did say that he felt the timing was not right for him to participate in the ceremony.
- The Living Rosary will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at the state Capitol. District Deputy Dave Myers is encouraging Knights to participate if they can. (See District newsletter for additional info).
- The State Convention is May 26-28 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Leo Christel and Chuck Graff will represent the council, and District Deputy Myers said the hospitality room will be well-equipped.
- Sunday, July 24th, Parish Picnic at Patriarche Park scheduled for 12 p.m., chairman is Gary Adamo.
- Brother Dr. George Bettman (charter member, honorary life member, 3rd Degree member) passed last week.
- Brother Jason Johnson would like to hand over administration rights to the 7816 Face Book page, volunteers welcomed.
- M.I. Drive dispersal of funds to be reviewed.
- Election of Officers in June for July installation.

OTHER REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report:
 - Review of latest monthly financial statements, no major activities.

- Mass intentions:
 - 5 each or deceased members Dr. George Bettman and Frank Ghinelli
 - 1 for member's sick wife Lucy Hedley
 - 1 for Gerald and Norma Jean Sleep
- Financial Secretary's Report:
 - 289 members YTD
 - 10 new initiates YTD
 - 17 past due members (13 intent to suspend)
- Trustee's Report: nothing to report
- Chancellor's Report: nothing to report
- Program Director's Report: nothing to report
- Advocate's Report: nothing to report
- Unfinished Business (via FS Rick Poljan):
 - Upcoming Fall Fundraiser, MSU football games ticket scanners, \$2,000 raised for the council last season.
- New Business:
 - 35th Anniversary of Council Charter upcoming, special recognition to Brothers Leo Christel and Larry Meyer, both charter members present at the general meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Prayers were requested for the following:

Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Bishop Earl Boyea and Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling; Fr. Jake Foglio; District Deputy Dave Myers; PGK Paul Gadola; Past Recording Secretary John Molloy; Anne Graff, wife of PGK Chuck Graff; Marcus and Lue Venyah; Brother Ken Norton; Pauline Wooley, mother of Brother Mike Wooley; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Mike Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Mike Wooley; Brother Chuck Lewis; Brother Don Hillman; Brother Brian Jay; Brother Bill Stelzer; choir member Frank Tuma; family of Brother Dr. George Bettman (charter member); family of Alan Lander, brother-in-law of Brother Chuck Lewis; and family of Fr. Frank William. 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 June 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM. A closing prayer was offered and the closing ode was sung. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Railling, Recorder

