

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816**

**Minutes for May 14, 2019 General Meeting**  
**7:30 PM**

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. There were 13 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The doors were closed by Warden Russ Martin. Brother Martin vouched that all present were in possession of their membership cards and currently in good standing.

Meeting was opened by reciting the Lord's Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing the first verse of The Opening Ode.

Recorder Patrick Daniels arrived just after the Ode was sung and took roll call of officers (bringing total present to 14).

- **Grand Knight Paul Lacroix, present**
- *Deputy Grand Knight Scott Jakovac, absent and excused*
- *Chaplain Fr. Gordon Reigle, absent and excused*
- *Financial Secretary Dave Myer, absent and excused*
- **Chancellor Larry Meyer, present**
- **Recorder Patrick Daniels, present**
- **Treasurer John Anton, present**
- **Advocate John Ingraham, present**
- **Warden Russ Martin, present**
- *Inside Guard Mike Wooley, absent and excused*
- **Outside Guard Luke Gray, present**
- **One-Year Trustee Art Weber, present**
- **Two-Year Trustee Paul Gadola, present**
- **Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer, present**

Grand Knight asked all present to review April minutes.

After reading the minutes, Brother Chuck Graff asked for clarification on St. Vincent's coming to St. Thomas this weekend. Grand Knight stated that St. Vincent's is coming to St. Thomas to accept donations of clothes, appliances, and whatever other donations parishioners see fit to bring.

With no other questions or items for discussion, Brother Paul Stevens made a motion to accept April minutes. Two-Year Trustee Paul Gadola seconded. All present in favor.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- Admissions
  - Financial Secretary Dave Myer is looking for other degree ceremonies in the area. There is a ceremony at the Immaculate Heart of Mary this Thursday. We're hoping that our one remaining applicant, John Wallace, is able to attend
- Tootsie Roll Drive
  - The annual Tootsie Roll drive on April 14th took in \$1,935. Treasurer John Anton noted we raised about \$350 more than last year. There was a slight mix-up with money taken in at St John's, but it's been rectified.
  - We owe St. Martha's \$117.00 for the six cases of Tootsie Rolls for this year - but, come to find out, there's an outstanding bill from 2017 of \$117.00. Brother Anton wasn't wholly surprised; the balance was in the books, but we never received an invoice. We will take care of it out of this year's sales (as it's the same fundraiser).
  - Brother Anton shared a list of organizations we donated to from the 2018 Tootsie Roll Drive. Recorder Patrick Daniels and Brother Chuck Graff asked whether all of the charities on the list cashed their checks. Grand Knight and Brother Anton confirmed that the checks from this particular fundraiser are supplied by the state and, as far as they know, donations were received and the checks cleared.
  - Treasurer asked about adding additional organizations to the list. Brother Daniels asked if the Knights had ever considered donating to Caring About Kids, Inc., an organization that offers enrichment to foster care children in Ingham County. Grand Knight noted that the Tootsie Roll Drive is specifically designated for charities that benefit handicapped or disabled individuals - but we could consider this charity at the end of the year.
  - Treasurer read off the list of organizations, confirming that there will be no changes:
    - Giving Tree Farm
    - Special Olympics Area 8
    - Beckmann Center
    - Moore's Living Center
    - Peckham Vocational Center
    - Diocese Handicap Ministries
    - Rainbow Homes
  - Brother Chuck Graff made a motion to split the Tootsie Roll Drive funds between the same groups. Warden Russ Martin seconded. All present in favor.
- Late Knight Breakfast
  - Seven or eight members of the college council were present to serve the meal. Big thank you to the five or six members of our council who attended and helped sling pancakes.
  - District Deputy was present and there are ongoing conversations regarding the future of our relationship with the college council.
- Run 4 Riley
  - We put on a pancake breakfast for the Run 4 Riley event this past Saturday, May 11. We served roughly-

At this point Fr. Gary and our visiting seminarian, Mark Martin, joined us. Fr. Gary wanted to give us an opportunity to meet Mark. He has two years left in the seminary. Mark's from Hillsdale and is a Third-Degree Knight. Grand Knight and Mark have met (and Paul has already put him to work).

Treasurer John Anton asked if there was any update on Patrick Brennan and whether or not he was still in the seminary. Mark said that Patrick is not currently in the seminary; he's joined St. Paul Evangelization Institute/St. Paul Street Evangelization - and it seems to be a better fit for his personality and his calling. Brother Anton also asked if there were any seminarians from our parish other than Miguel Colunga at Sacred Heart. Fr. Gary confirmed that there are several new seminarians starting this year, but, no, there are no new confirmations this year (unfortunately).

Fr. Gary and Mark thanked us for our time.

- Run 4 Riley (cont.)
  - We put on a pancake breakfast for the Run 4 Riley event this past Saturday, May 11. We served about 80 people (about half of what was expected).
  - Leftovers are going towards a breakfast for Teacher Appreciation Week at St. Thomas. Brother Graff noted that the grill needs to be at 375 and Brother John Schwend offered to come and help out.
- St. Vincent's
  - Already discussed.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### *Treasurer's Report*

- April is typically our second busiest month. We had about \$10,000 income, including some dues - but, again, dues are down this year...
- Regarding dues, it's important to keep in mind that State and Supreme have a per capita rate, meaning that they're taking their cut regardless of whether or not we actually collect the dues.
- Charitable donations are down this year; currently about 78% of what we expected to take in. It's anticipated that we'll have about \$9,000 at the end of the year for charities.
- Masses have been scheduled for Brother Richard Alward.
  - As the Brothers in Need fund is still over \$6,000, Brother Anton asked the council to consider scheduling masses for Chris and Carol Bergin (for their health) and Louis Holden, the Grand Knight's brother-in-law.

### *Trustees' Report(s)*

- Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer asked that we consider getting something in the bulletin about upcoming volunteer opportunities at home Michigan State University football games (ASAP).
  - Recorder Patrick Daniels agreed, noting that Brother Ed Kupec, the organizer, mentioned getting the word out to the parish by mid-June.
  - Brother Graff asked what happened with getting additional volunteers through the school. Grand Knight noted that the school did not pan out last year - and the Recorder added that there was an issue with the ages of some of the groups who wanted to volunteer; volunteers must be 18.
  - One-Year Trustee Art Weber asked, if we open this up to the school and teachers and parents, could there be an issue with the funds going to the Knights, rather than going to the school? Grand Knight said that it would depend on how we ask or present it to the school. Brother Daniels agreed that it would depend on how it's framed; if the council presents it to the school with the understanding that a lot of our fundraising directly benefits the church and the school, there may not be an issue donating to the council, to

the cause. If not, we are our own volunteer group with MSU. Since we're no longer associated with Lansing Catholic Central, we could bring them in and give them their funds... If nothing else, it's more bodies.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Outside Guard Luke Gray asked about a second vote to extend a lump sum reimbursement of \$750.00 to Fr. Gordon to attend the State Convention Memorial Day/Memorial weekend. Brother Paul Stevens made the motion. Brother Martin and Brother Gray seconded. All present in favor, no opposed. Second vote passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *FY20 Officers*

As our Financial Secretary, Dave Myer, is out tonight, Grand Knight Paul Lacroix opened the floor for the discussion of officer nominations for next year.

- Grand Knight
  - Paul Lacroix requested consideration for a second term. No one present was opposed and there were no additional volunteers or nominations.
- Deputy Grand Knight
  - Grand Knight has an individual in mind, but needs to speak with him first.
- Financial Secretary
  - Grand Knight said he would be speaking with Brother Dave Myer and asking him to serve another year as Financial Secretary.
- Chancellor
  - Grand Knight put it to the floor. Brother John Schwend expressed interest. No one present was opposed and there were no additional volunteers or nominations.
- Recorder
  - Grand Knight nominated Brother Patrick Daniels. Brother Daniels accepted the nomination. No one present was opposed and there were no additional volunteers or nominations.
- Treasurer
  - Grand Knight nominated Brother John Anton. Brother Anton accepted the nomination. No one present was opposed and there were no additional volunteers or nominations.
- Advocate
  - Grand Knight nominated Brother John Ingraham. Brother Ingraham accepted the nomination. No one present was opposed and there were no additional volunteers or nominations.
- Warden
  - Grand Knight nominated Brother Luke Gray. Brother Gray accepted the nomination. No one present was opposed and there were no additional volunteers or nominations.
- Inside Guard

- Grand Knight said he would be speaking with Brother Mike Wooley and asking him to serve another year as Inside Guard.
- Outside Guard
  - Grand Knight is seeking nominations. No nominees or volunteers at this time.
- One-Year Trustee
  - Paul Gadola (formerly Two-Year Trustee)
- Two-Year Trustee
  - Brother Mark Meyer (formerly Three-Year Trustee)
- Three-Year Trustee
  - Grand Knight said he would be speaking with Brother Tom Collisimo.

Grand Knight asked if there were any additional nominations or volunteers and, hearing none, asked for a motion to vote on the current nominees. Recorder Patrick Daniels asked whether or not it was appropriate to vote on an incomplete roster. Grand Knight agreed, stating nominations and any open positions will be discussed at the next officers' meeting on Tuesday, May 28. We will plan on voting at the June general meeting.

#### *Additional Masses*

Brother Chuck Graff made a motion for Treasurer John Anton to schedule masses for Louis Holden and Chris and Carol Bergin. Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer and Brother Paul Stevens seconded. All present in favor.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Prayers were requested for: Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Bishop Earl Boyea and Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling; Fr. Jake Foglio; Fr. Mark Inglot; Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht; Fr. Jerry Ploof; Anne Graff, wife of PGK Chuck Graff; Debbie Engan, sister of PGK Graff; Tammy Pruitt, niece of PGK Graff; Brother Mike Wooley; Pauline Wooley, mother of Brother Wooley; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Wooley; Brother William Derengoski; Brother Paul Miller; Brother Gary Hauser; Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Hauser; Nancy Jordan, mother of Brother John Schwend; Mable Galbraith, grandmother of Brother Patrick Daniels; Brother Christopher Niemela; Brother Vern Johnson; Cheryl Slocum, friend of Brother John Ingraham; and Brother John Ingraham. Also, all men and women serving in the U.S. Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent DePaul Society. We're also offering prayers for healing for the clergy and parishioners of the Catholic Church here and around the world, especially those affected by recent events and revelations.

Closed by reciting Prayer for Vocations, Hail Mary, and singing the first verse of the The Closing Ode. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 7:30 PM in the Bishop Baraga Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Daniels, Recorder