

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome McEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for May 9, 2023, General Meeting

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

The meeting was opened by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Opening Ode was sung.

There were 15 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(excused)

Outside Guard Kierin Kerbawy

Warden Bradley Gagnon(excused)

One-Year Trustee Mike Gardner

Two-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Three-Year Trustee Geoffrey Kerley(excused)

Advocate John Ingraham

Minutes for previous meeting stand approved as published.

Report of Admissions:

Brother Paul Lacroix reported on the exemplification that was held a week ago. Tom Bertsch, a Charter Member, was the class honoree, whose grandsons Tom and Steve Bertsch along with Jacob and Patrick Bertsch were being exemplified.

Grand Knights Report:

#1Exemplification and Star Council:

Our Worthy Grand Knight Paul Gadola mentioned that the recent exemplification was well attended with support and presence of several members and new member's families. We are hoping to recruit 2 new members to obtain Star Council status within the next month with an additional exemplification before the end of June.

#2 New Shirts:

We plan to budget for and purchase new shirts for all officers, priests, and Deacon members in the next fraternal year.

#3 Columbian Award:

District Deputy Kevin Duffy talked about what it would take for our council to qualify for the Columbian award. He stated that many of the events our council has held would help to qualify us including our Late-Night breakfasts and Special Olympic participation. Our Grand Knight will be collaborating with other members to complete the application for this award.

Kevin also gave an update on the ultrasound initiative. More than enough funds have been raised to acquire an ultrasound machine for the Cristo Rey Community Center. A decision is still being formulated as to what to do with additional funds that were raised.

#4 Hosting June First Saturday:

Members were requested to volunteer to help with this event which will be occurring on June 6th.

#5 Annual Meeting:

Our Grand Knight and Financial Secretary were nominated and approved to attend.

Father Peter is also expected to attend. Brother Paul Lacroix was chosen as an alternate.

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:

Brother Frank Goeddeke made suggestions that he hoped would improve our exemplification process. Our District Director mentioned that it may be possible to utilize the district traveling degree team in the future. Other suggestions were made that might also help our council's exemplification team better prepare for future exemplifications.

Brother Kerbawy presented information on Our Lady of Grace Special Needs Family Bowling Ministry led by Amy Schneider. At last Sunday's event there were 13 bowlers and 7 families in attendance.

Good of the Order:**Prayers are requested for:**

Brother John Schwend and family.

Brother Kierin Kerbawy and his family.

Brother Anthony Rohac.

Joanie Jay, the wife of Brother Brian Jay.

Ron and Philomena Piock, FNO Bishop Albers.

Father-in-law of Brother Brad Badaloff.

The meeting was closed by reciting the Hail Mary.

Prayer to Bishop Baraga.

Prayer for Vocations.

The closing Ode was sung.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.