

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**East Lansing Council 7816**

**Minutes for November 8, 2016 General Meeting**

Eleven members and one guest were present when Grand Knight Mark Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm: Brothers Russ Martin, Frank Goeddeke, Al Stuart, Paul Stevens, Deacon David Zygmontowicz, John Ingraham, Art Weber, Dante Centofanti, Mike Wooley, Chuck Graff, GK Mark Meyer, and Brother Tom Fox of Assembly 3334. After praying the Our Father and singing the opening ode, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call of officers was taken. Brothers Rick Poljan, and Chuck Lewis were excused.

**ADMISSIONS REPORT**

- No new applications.

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT via DGK**

- GK Meyer received the September meeting minutes before the meeting and noted that they would be reviewed and submitted.
- GK Meyer will take the three approved candidates to St. Martha's Council tomorrow for induction into the First Degree of our Order.
- He handed out a brochure of the Fourth-Degree Exemplification that took place at St. Thomas Aquinas last Saturday. GK Meyer said the exemplification went well with 41 candidates making their Fourth Degree including GK Meyer and DGK Dante Centofanti. Chaplain Father Mark Ingot and PSD Robert Fox were honorary guests.
- Ms. Kelly McVeigh is urging Knights to support Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing's fundraising banquet Jan. 22 at the Kellogg Center.
- There are two service events for the upcoming weekend: scanning tickets for the MSU football game versus Rutgers, and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning at the STA School gymnasium. The following weekend is the MSU versus Ohio State football game. After the football season, those involved in volunteering to scan tickets need to meet with Brother Ed Kupec as a group and debrief to see what works well and what does not. This year we are short about five to six slots so far, this season; it is possible to make up these vacancies over the next games, but it will require new people to step up and fill out the background clearance to be able to work the games.
- This Sunday at the breakfast, the omelet guys will be there.
- GK Meyer asked the Council when we typically release the funds for the Keep Christ in Christmas billboard. Brothers responded that we typically get an official request with the dollar amount specified.
- GK Meyer received a letter from Supreme regarding the Safe Environment as part of the Diocesan program (fingerprinting and background checks). Brother Mike Wooley replied that Brothers would go through this program only when they would be working with one on one with young people. Brother Tom Fox offered clarification as well, this program is necessary to make Star Council if working with youth for the Youth Director and the Grand Knight.
- GK Meyer mentioned the funeral mass for William Roccas will be held November 18 at St. Thomas.

**OTHER REPORTS**

- Treasurer's Report:

- There were two breakfast earnings, and there was other money collected and being spent, but not much activity so far, this year. At the end of October, we are in the red \$793.35.
- Financial Secretary's Report: no report
- Trustee's Report: nothing to report
- Chancellor's Report: nothing to report
- Advocate's Report: nothing to report
- Unfinished Business: nothing to report
- New Business:
  - Deacon Zygmuntowicz announced that he and Brother Deacon Jim Kasprzak were starting a new program called "Soul Food with the Deacons." This will be similar to the Diocesan "Theology on Tap" that has been ongoing for a number of years for college-aged parishioners, but for a more mature group. He also mentioned that the four deacons in our parish will be having a Deacon Discernment Day. They are also revamping the Couples Series and will also be taking it on the road to Jackson, MI. Deacon "Ziggy" also showed the Council some photos of a life-sized carved sculpture of Jesus at the Last Supper with the table. There are empty seats around the table for students or anyone to have their lunch. It is planned to be outside the school on the north side.
  - Brother Tom Fox said he had a discussion with Father Mark Ingot at the Exemplification regarding the Assembly's desire to help out with projects that he might want to complete at our parish, including something like this sculpture.

#### **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; PGK Paul Gadola; Past Recording Secretary John Molloy; Anne Graff, wife of PGK Chuck Graff; Debbie Engan, sister of PGK Graff; Tammy Pruitt, niece of PGK Graff; 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 Bill Stelzer; Brother William Derengoski; choir member Frank Tuma; family of Fr. Frank William; Brother John Ingraham; Monica Sebenick (John's sister); and Brother Bob Schneider. 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 December 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. A closing Hail Mary with a prayer for vocations was offered and the closing ode was sung. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Graff, Recorder

