

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816**

### **Speaker for November 13, 2018 General Meeting**

**7:30 PM**

John Oliver came to speak to the council about a mission trip he's planning for 2019. John is in the process of becoming a deacon through Holy Apostles College and Seminary's diaconal formation program.

John organizes St Thomas Aquinas's Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Program. Students travel to Eastern Kentucky to volunteer with Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). CAP was founded by Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting, a Roman Catholic priest from northern Kentucky.

John shared some economic facts regarding poverty in Eastern Kentucky. In addition to ASB, CAP also hosts mission trips. He's in the process of organizing a parish mission trip to Eastern Kentucky next August. He needs registrations by the end of the calendar year to gauge the size of the group. John's not sure about transportation yet as the size of the group will dictate their needs, but they've carpooled in the past. He added that volunteers can pay in installments if need be and they don't need to worry about tools as CAP has an agreement with Lowe's and Makita for equipment. He should know the project, the specific house, by spring.

Contact John at [olivajoh@gmail.com](mailto:olivajoh@gmail.com) or call (616) 902-4966. Information on the mission can be found online at <https://elcatholics.org/mission-trip>.

### **Minutes for November 13, 2018 General Meeting**

**7:57 PM**

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix called the meeting to order at 7:57 PM. There were 19 members present when the meeting was called and Warden Russ Martin vouched that all present were in possession of their membership cards and currently in good standing.

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

Roll call of officers was taken by Recorder Patrick Daniels. Deputy Grand Knight Scott Jakovac and Treasurer John Anton were absent and excused.

October minutes have been published. Brother Paul Stevens made a motion to accept the minutes. Brother Martin seconded. All present in favor.

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT**

- New admissions.
  - Financial secretary had no new applications to report.
- Grand Knight met with Fr. Gordon.
  - Gave him a tour of the church and school grounds.
  - Hoping to meet with him for an hour or so this Friday or next Monday to ask him to be our chaplain. This would also be an opportunity to ask Fr. Gordon on what the Knights can do to support him and the parish.
- Fr. Ryan's farewell picnic was Sunday, October 28.
  - Good turnout. Big "thank you" to everyone who came and helped out.
- Our Worthy District Deputy forwarded an announcement from Jason Prelo, manager in charge of Faith in Action Helping Hands and Community Programs,
  - "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for 2019 holiday posters/calendars. Entries are due January 31, 2019.
  - Plan is to share this with the school and have each classroom participate. Each classroom would choose a winner from those who participate, then either the school or the Knights would choose a winner from those submissions.
- Roster updates.
  - Everyone who volunteered put great effort into contacting everyone before the vote to rename the council. We want to make another effort to contact all members to ensure contact information is current.
  - One-Year Trustee Art Weber stated that it may be a good idea to try to contact everyone via mail first, then call on anything that s returned.
  - Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer suggested that, in addition to updating the roster, we could also ask what activities everyone is interested in, what will draw participants/volunteers.
- Late Knight Breakfast will be Tuesday, December 11 (same night as General Meeting).
  - We will need eight to ten volunteers. Breakfast preparation and serving runs from 6:00 PM to 11:30 PM. We should plan on arriving by 5:00 PM to get things around.
  - Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer stated Mass time may have changed. Brother/Deacon David "Ziggy" Zygmuntowicz confirmed the Mass schedule has been changed, but he wasn't certain of the new time. Brother John Schwend confirmed that the website has the mass at 8:45 PM.
  - Based off the time, Grand Knight said we need to plan on serving from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### *Treasurer's Report*

- Treasurer John Anton was absent, but our Grand Knight shared his report with all present, pointing out that our third Pancake Breakfast was the most profitable we've had so far and that the donation towards the Diocesan Assembly Event was approved for \$614.25 and is reflected in the report.
- Brother Paul Stevens made a motion to approve the report. Chancellor Larry Meyer seconded. All present in favor.

### *Financial Secretary's Report*

- Financial Secretary Dave Myer confirmed that dues will be going out shortly. They should be out by November 17th.
- Currently have 267 members in the council. One new honorary life member.

### *Trustees' Report(s)*

- One-Year Trustee Art Weber, Two-Year Trustee Paul Gadola, and Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer had nothing to report.

### *Other Reports*

- Other officers present had nothing to report.

## **OLD BUSINESS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### *Lenten fish fries*

Grand Knight noted that parishioners have inquired about adding a different kind of fish or simply adding to the menu. Brother Gadola said that this is worth looking into, but Brother Weber noted that it would be hard to beat the current deal that we have with Gordon's; they give us breaks where they can, typically dropping fuel charges on deliveries.

Grand Knight commented that prices always jump as we approach Lent (and Brother Weber agreed). Brother Gadola suggested that, if we add more to the menu or look at switching to a higher quality fish, we could consider charging more.

Brother Schwend asked if comments were made regarding the fish, specifically. He worked several fish fries last year and the general response seemed to be very positive. Grand Knight agreed; there's typically a really good response from the parish to the fish fries. Brother Goedeki asked if this was one person commenting on/complaining about the fish or several individuals.

Brother Weber commented that the new refrigerator improved the thawing process - and has definitely helped with the quality of the fish.

Brother Stevens asked about the possibility of adding shrimp. Brother Weber noted that we fried some shrimp last year, after the fish was done, and the oil was an absolute mess; there's no way we could fry shrimp while fish is going. Brother Wooley echoed Brother Weber, saying we don't have the equipment to be doing too much more than we already are.

Brother Daniels asked what was being done about waste, food that is given, but not eaten. Any efforts to reduce waste will aid in managing cost. Furthermore, he added that if additional items are available, it's possible that shrimp (though shrimp doesn't seem a viable option) or anything else that's added could simply be an additional charge. This way the cost of remains where it's currently at.

Brother Gray agreed that portion control is important and noted that the cost of a to-go order is the same as all you can eat. We could consider doing one plate/single trip for \$10 and all-you-can-eat for \$12 (or some other amount).

Brother Weber said that we need to start looking at Friday Captain's to help with preparation and the fry. He will be taking stock and looking at what supplies are needed.

Grand Knight thanked everyone for participating in the discussion. Officers will discuss further at their next meeting.

#### *Tootsie Roll drive*

Tootsie Roll Drive are also coming up. We need to check with Saint Martha to verify whether or not we are on our own for Tootsie Rolls.

#### *Free Throw Contest*

Free Throw Contest is coming up and we need to start thinking about dates. District Deputy wants to be involved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *Evangelization*

Deacon Ziggy asked to address the council. Bishop Boyea appointed him as Director of Evangelization and he thanked the council for our support of seminarians, but asked about our support of other vocations. What of friars and missionaries? What of deacons and nuns? What of entering a religious life through the vocation of marriage? It's important to support all vocations.

He noted that the Diocese of Lansing has no new priests being ordained in 2019. There are 2-6 priests who will be retiring (or may retire) next year. Another 45 priests will be retiring in the next 5 years. Even with all of this, it's important to note that this year's class at Sacred Hearts is the largest class since their formation (though he's not certain if we have any from our diocese entering).

Deacon Ziggy still goes and walks Flint, simply speaking and praying with people. He invited all present to think about how they can evangelize in their daily life, even if it's something as simple as praying before meals - especially when out in public.

### **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 Mike Wooley; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Mike Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Mike Wooley; Brother William Derengoski; Brother Paul Miller; Brother Gary Hauser; Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Gary Hauser; Brother Leo Christel; Mary Lou Christel, wife of Leo Christel; Brother Christopher Niemela; 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 offering a prayer for our deceased brothers and reciting the Lord's Prayer. The first verse of the The Closing Ode was sung. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 7:30 PM in the Bishop Baraga Room.

Note: \$35 in the 50/50 raffle. Winner took \$15 and donated the remainder back to our refreshment fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Daniels, Recorder