

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for November 9, 2021, General Meeting

There were 17 members present when the meeting was called to order.

Worthy Warden, Luke Gray, vouched that all members were in possession of their current membership card.

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

The opening ode was sung.

The roll of officers was read by the Recording Secretary.

Officers present:

Grand Knight Paul Gadola

Deputy Grand Knight Scoot Jakovac(excused)

Financial Secretary Dave Myers

Recording Secretary Tony Rohac

Treasurer Arthur Weber

Inside Guard Mike Wooley

Outside Guard Bradley Gagnon

Chancellor John Schwend

Warden Luke Gray

One-Year Trustee Tom Colosimo

Two-Year Trustee Mike Gardner

Three-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Advocate John Ingraham

Lecturer Greg Perkowski

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

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Pancake Breakfast:

Next breakfast is November 14th, and it will also be our date for a membership drive.

Our Grand Knight will send out a sign-up email.

Our Deputy Grand Knight will be preparing omelets.

Morning volunteers should arrive by 8:00am.

Member Installation:

Plans to install new members has been delayed until near the end of November.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Member Dues:

Financial Secretary, David Myers, believes dues will be sent out by the 1st of December. A link for credit card payment will be sent out with a note on fraternal activities which is being prepared by Pas Grand Knight, Paul Lacroix.

Meeting Speakers:

Lecturer, Greg Perkowski, let us know that a presentation by Father Matthew is confirmed for our February meeting and then introduced Art Weber who made a presentation on his life's background, his family and work life experience.

Art Weber Presentation:

Art was born and raised in Eagle River, Wisconsin, a small town of 1,300 that grew to 1,600+ with the addition of territory that includes the county seat and the first permanent Indian settlement, Wisconsin Northwoods. The area contains one of the highest concentrations of lakes in Northern America, a chain of 28 lakes. It's known as the home of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby. It is where the Eagle River flows to the Wisconsin river which flows to Mississippi river which flows to New Orleans. Art has 3 brothers. His oldest brother Jim worked for about 35 years for the postal service and is an avid sportsman. His brother Pat is an electrician and a jack of all trades. He became Director of Public Work for the city, was head of the Recreation Association and was a Fire Chief for about 25 years. Art's brother Mike is a surveyor and owns a surveying company. There is a pond hockey tournament with 34 rinks that is put together by USA Hockey and sponsored by Labatt's that Art's brothers help lay out and manage the logistics of at the local level. Mail is delivered by boat in the summer and snowmobile in the winter. Art ended up playing hockey for Princeton as center or left wing. Art and his wife Christie have 3 daughters. Nora, the oldest, is working on a PHD in sociology at Bloomington Indiana, Master of Political Science at UNC Chappelle Hill, and did a yearlong fellowship in Austria as a German English major. She's been involved in adult literacy programs. She worked in Boston for a couple of marketing companies. Ella, the middle daughter has a History English Anthropology major. She worked in Boston at Harvard in their special collections and then the Biltmore Foundation that build Central Park and then went on to the National Park Service where she traveled around the country to National Park doing a historical perspective of their vegetation and species and planning what would be needed to bring it back to what it had been. She then went to Minneapolis to get a master's degree in landscape architecture and then went back to Boston to work for the US Fish and Wildlife Service overseeing refuges in Cape Cod. Mary, Art's youngest daughter, has a degree in analytics and statistics and has worked for JPMorgan Chase then as an analyst for the Chicago Metropolitan Area Planning working mainly with transportation and as a liaison for funding projects. All daughters are U of M grads. Art went on to tell story of his outdoor feral cat and adopted dog Ruby. Art and his wife like to travel to areas with mountains and streams from Crisp Point Lighthouse on Lake Superior to Big Sky to Yellowstone and the stone museum in northern Wisconsin and Falling Waters. Art earns his living studying visual systems focused on the retinal ganglion cells first with frogs and then cats, monkeys, rats, and rabbits. Art went on to describe the structure and functioning of the eye's visual system and experiments he has

performed. Over the last several years Art's work has focused on glaucoma, the second cause of blindness. Art's group has developed a contact lens with imbedded electronics that can measure and monitor eye pressure, one of the main issues of glaucoma. The work has been funded by Fast Forward Medical Innovations which is funded by Michigan Economic Development Corporation and works with Spartan Innovation to create startups or license products which helps to fund other upcoming projects. Art and his college are working with the UM fast-paced program which helps commercialize their research. Art spends about 60% of his time doing research versus teaching.

Other Business:

Brother Larry Combs spoke about and distributed Keep Christ in Christmas wrist bands.

A 50/50 drawing was held.

Prayers are requested for:

- Pope Francis
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- Bishop Earl Boyea
- Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling
- Fr. Jake Foglio(deceased)
- Fr. Mark Ingot
- Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht
- Fr. Jerry Ploof
- Fr Gordon
- Fr Matthew
- Fr Mike
- Fr Mathias Thelen
- Past State Supreme Knight Carl A Anderson
- State Supreme Knight Patrick E Kelly
- Past State Deputy, Richard McCloy, Sr.
- Former District Master 4th Degree, Glenn Barry
- Brother Chris Bergin(deceased)
- Brother Bill Cleary
- Mikey Demello, friend of Brother John Schwend
- Brother William Derengoski
- Brother Pat Dillon and wife Maureen Dillon
- Brother Frank Goeddeke
- Debbie Engan, sister of PGK Chuck Graff
- Tom Fox(deceased)
- Jennifer Gardner, wife of Brother Mike Gardner
- Brother Scott Gillespie
- Anne Graff, wife of PGK Chuck Graff
- Gary Graff, brother of Brother Chuck Graff
- Tammy Pruitt, niece of PGK Chuck Graff
- David Sommers, father-in-law of Brother Luke Gray
- Brother Gary Hauser

- Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Hauser
- Brother John Ingraham
- Joyce Magner, friend of Brother John Ingraham
- Cheryl Slocum, friend of Brother John Ingraham
- Joe Ingram, Brother of Brother John Ingraham
- Joe Joseph, Friend of Scott Jakovac
- Brother Vern Johnson
- Brother Paul Miller
- Mark, brother of John Ingraham
- Brother Christopher Niemela
- Brother Paul Stevens
- Brother Bill Stelzer
- Dante Centofani, PDGK, and his wife Karyne
- Paul Lane, Brother-in-Law of Brother Mike Gardner
- James Howard, Father-in-Law of Brother Anthony Heidt

Prayers were also requested for all men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and members of the Rosary-Altar Society and St. Vincent DePaul Society. Also offering prayers for healing for the clergy and parishioners of the Catholic Church here and around the world. As well as, Law Makers and Government Officials, First Responders and Medical Healthcare workers, Teachers at STA school and Staff.

Meeting was closed by reciting the Hail Mary.
Prayer for Vocations was recited
Closing Ode was sung
Prayer to Father McGivney and Bishop Baraga
Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.