

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for October 9, 2018 General Meeting
7:30 PM

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix called the meeting to order and asked Inside Guard Mike Wooley to shut the doors - and, in place of our Warden and Outside Guard, asked that Brother Wooley confirm that all present were in possession of their membership cards and currently in good standing. There were 13 members present when the meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Paul Lacroix.

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, Chancellor Larry Meyer, One-Year Trustee Art Weber, Outside Guard Luke Gray, and Warden Russ Martin were absent and excused.

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- New admissions and upcoming membership drive.
 - Robert Krusky, husband of Meghan Loughlin-Krusky (principal of St. Thomas Aquinas), has submitted an application. Rob is a fiscal officer with Michigan State University and, in addition to his wife being the principal, he also has two young children enrolled at St. Thomas.
 - Financial Secretary Dave Myer, Brother Francis Goeddeke, and Inside Guard Mike Wooley passed out slips of paper to each member present to serve as ballots, then collected them.
 - Brother Wooley and Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer counted the ballots. Vote to approve Rob Krusky for membership was unanimous.
 - Brother Stevens made a motion to destroy the ballots. Brother Goeddeke seconded. All present in favor.
 - Possible transfer from Colorado. The family is new to the area and, as the wife was taking a tour of the school, it was mentioned that the husband is/was a Knight.
 - Financial Secretary Dave Myer confirmed that there are no other new applications for membership.
 - Our District Deputy, Paul Kelsey, will be joining our membership drive following the October 21 masses. Brother Chuck Graff suggested setting up an extra table for him.
- College council update.
 - While there is apparently an ongoing membership drive, the college council has not turned in any Form 100s as of a week ago yesterday (Monday, October 1).

- There has been some slight friction... Chris Kolomjec Jr., the head of the college council is the son of State Treasurer, Christopher Kolomjec. Chris attended a men's group, asking attendees to join. Grand Knight received several complaints from current Knights in the men's group.
 - We've since been issued an apology from State Deputy William H. Chassé and the Director of College Councils, stating the college council was out of line and doing so. There hasn't been any follow up.
- Our first Pancake Breakfast was Sunday, September 30.
 - Brother Graff commented that he wasn't certain whether or not attendance was up, but we went through more food than usual.
 - Al Weilbaecher, Director of Adult Faith Formation, thanked us for working with the Faith Formation committee. He was very surprised - and pleased - with the turnout.
 - Grand Knight confirmed that, while this breakfast was moved, we are reverting to the second Sunday schedule starting this month.
 - Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer commented on breakfast themes. The Veterans Day breakfast is coming up and our former Navigator, Tom Fox, volunteered to make waffles again for us this year (several months ago). It might be worth following up with him to see if he's still willing/able to come in.
- The parish farewell picnic for Father Ryan will be Sunday, October 28. The Knights have been asked to supply baked beans and potato salad for 350 people. We'll also be helping with cleanup.
- We presented our first Family of the Month to Brother John Dunn and his family on Sunday, September 30.
 - While the original plan was to present at the end of mass, it was switch to the beginning. Very well received.
 - New nomination from the parish at large (rather than the Knight's needing to make a nomination). We will discuss at the next officers' meeting, Tuesday, October 23.
- We are hosting a Major Degree on Saturday, October 13.
 - Admission Degree at 9:00 AM with Formation Degree at 10:30 AM.
 - Both Stephen and Nate, the Grand Knight's sons, will be there. There are also three other Knights from our council coming for the Formation Degree.

OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer John Anton shared that, similar to August, we didn't see much activity in September; we had \$50 income and \$30 expenses last month.
- Pancake Breakfast preparation will be included in October's report. Brother Anton also wanted to note that there was a significant increase on the first breakfast this year compared to last year, about \$200, and he wanted to again encourage us to incorporate a theme. ("Themes seem to add to the attendance.")
- All donations from last fiscal year have cleared.
- Thomas Brennan passed away last month and five masses have been scheduled for him.
 - Our Brothers in Need fund is currently about \$5,000.
- Brother Anton again urged that we continue the 50/50 raffle at our meetings as the raffle goes towards refreshments.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report.

Trustees' Report(s)

- Two-Year Trustee Paul Gadola and Three-Year Trustee Mark Meyer had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vote on Made for Happiness Assembly Gathering contribution

Our council was asked to contribute \$614.25 to the Made for Happiness Assembly Gathering. Brother Francis Goeddeke asked for clarification on where/how this amount was determined. Financial Secretary Dave Myer stated that the State Council set a total contribution of \$25,000 for the assembly, making the Knights of Columbus a presenting sponsor; each Council was to contribute a set amount based off their membership. Grand Knight added that, while the financial support the Knights added to the event was great, it was better to see the manpower, the volunteers, that showed up. Recording Secretary Patrick Daniels asked whether or not a vote was required as a higher amount, \$625, was already approved in our budget. Grand Knight said it was best to vote and we can take the matter to the next officers' meeting.

Brother Paul Stevens made a motion to approve the \$614.25 contribution. Two-Year Trustee Paul Gadola seconded. All present in favor. We will discuss and vote again at the officers' meeting on Tuesday, October 23.

MSU ticket scanning update

Brother Ed Kupec provided an update. Next home game is against Michigan on Saturday, October 28 - and it is a noon game. We have a new volunteer, Mark Michael, who can apparently close out the season (work the rest of the games).

NEW BUSINESS

Lenten fish fries

Fish fries are coming up fast - and the parish is already asking about new options or different kinds of fish. Three-year Trustee Mark Meyer noted that Easter is later next year, April 21. Brother Daniels noted that Ash Wednesday will be March 6.

Tootsie Roll drive

Tootsie Roll Drive are also coming up. Brother Dan Phillips is willing to lead this again. Are we going to be sticking to the churches this year? Brother Meyer confirmed that it's okay to be in the streets again and Grand Knight noted that's something we can consider, so long as it's not a safety concern.

Council website

Treasurer John Anton inquired about our website, mentioning that, while it's only \$100, the fee should be due very soon. Grand Knight noted that he will be speaking with our worthy Advocate, John Ingraham, about adding additional content to the site.

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 vocations and the Hail Mary. The first verse of the The Closing Ode was sung. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 7:30 PM in the Bishop Baraga Room.