

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**  
**Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council 7816**

**Minutes for September 10, 2019 General Meeting**  
**7:30 PM**

Grand Knight Paul Lacroix called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 12 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The doors were closed by Inside Guard Mike Wooley, standing in for Warden Luke Gray. Brother Wooley vouched that all present were in possession of their membership cards and currently in good standing.

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

Recorder Patrick Daniels took roll call of officers. Roll was as follows:

- **Grand Knight Paul Lacroix, present**
- *Deputy Grand Knight (Position vacant)*
- *Chaplain Fr. Gordon Reigle, absent and excused*
- **Financial Secretary Dave Myer, present**
- **Chancellor John Schwend, present**
- **Recorder Patrick Daniels, present**
- **Treasurer John Anton, present**
- **Advocate John Ingraham, present**
- *Warden Luke Gray, absent and excused*
- **Inside Guard Mike Wooley, present**
- *Outside Guard (Position vacant)*
- **One-Year Trustee Paul Gadola, present**
- *Two-Year Trustee Mark Meyer, absent and excused*
- *Three-Year Trustee Tom Collisimo, absent and excused*

Grand Knight asked all present to review July minutes. With no edits noted, Grand Knight asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Inside Guard Mike Wooley made said motion. Recorder Patrick Daniels seconded. All present in favor.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- Admissions and reading of applications
  - Grand Knight stated that he believed there were no new applications received in the past month. Financial Secretary Dave Myer confirmed.
- Open officer positions
  - Deputy Grand Knight and Outside Guard positions are still open. Grand Knight will be making some followup calls to trustees and potential candidates.
- Garage Bash
  - ... was supposed to be last Saturday, but Grand Knight and Fr. Gordon were busy. After discussion, potentially looking at October date. More to follow.
  - Brother Art Weber suggested we bump it to next year, as we have to tailgate party coming up. Everyone was in agreement.
- Dedication of preschool
  - Dedication and blessing to follow pancake breakfast.
- Fr. Tad, bioethics seminar on Tuesday, October 8
  - Al Weilbaeher and Deacon (Brother) David Zygmontowicz have arranged for Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., "Fr. Tad," to speak at St. Thomas Aquinas on Tuesday, October 8. Times are 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM (End of Life) and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (Beginning of Life).
  - Adult Faith Formation sponsoring the talks. State council is donating \$250 to host dinner for Fr. Tad and clergy.
  - Church council has been working on this since January. Knights will be attending in lieu of general meeting. We're hoping to fill the church, so encourage friends and family to attend.
- Tailgate for Michigan State vs. University of Michigan, November 16.
  - Planning to have a cookout/gathering at St. Thomas. We would have hotdogs and popcorn and maybe some other treats for sale. Game will be streamed in the school gym (free of charge). More to follow.
- Dilation and evacuation abortion petition
  - We've currently collected 555 signatures, most of them from St Thomas. State council has asked us to do another round. Grand Knight will be sending an email looking for volunteers.
- MSU ticket scanning
  - Sorry to say that Key has passed away. New supervisor at the gate, he's all about the work and likes helping out - but he's going to be working on focusing on supervising the gate, not just scanning.
  - Of our 26 volunteers, we had 13 for the Tulsa game, 5 were not Knights.
  - For Western we had 14 volunteers, 6 were not Knights. We ran out of scanners, so 2 of our volunteers had to fill in as ushers.
  - For Arizona State we currently have 13 volunteers signed up, 8 of the volunteers are not Knights. If you're volunteering for the Arizona State game, kickoff is at 4:00 PM. You'll need to be there an hour and a half ahead of time, unless it's your first game, then you need to be there 2 hours ahead of kickoff.
  - Percentage of participation is down... Overall participation is down one or two volunteers from the first two games last year. Michigan state supplied pizza and salad for dinner for the first two games, but Ed was not certain if that was going to continue.
    - Brother John Schwend asked for an application.
- Family Vocation Night at the Lugnuts, August 10
  - We collected money and purchased tickets for 33 parishioners.
  - We covered Fr. Gordon's ticket; \$9 and we received a \$4 tip from somebody else for organizing the ball game outing - so the ultimate cost us was \$5.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### *Treasurer's Report*

- Expenses were higher this month due in part to the semi-annual per capita taxes for State and Supreme going out; of the total \$2,921.10, \$1,322.25 went to taxes (\$1,028.75 went to State and \$293.50 went to Supreme).
- There are currently 19 donation checks outstanding - but Grand Knight is aware and not everything has been distributed. Grand Knight will work with Brother Anton next week to ensure all donations have been mailed.
- Refreshments were restocked - but we are currently \$61.92 in the hole. (So we need to remember to have the 50/50 raffles at every general meeting!).

### *Financial Secretary's Report*

- We had one transfer out, Manuel Colunga, Miguel Colunga's father.

### *Trustees' Report*

- One-Year Trustee Paul Gadola provided an update on hats from Rosary Book and Gift Shoppe. Should arrive this week.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*No unfinished business.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Pancake Breakfasts*

Regarding the pancake breakfasts, Grand Knight had an update on our organizer, Brother Chuck Graff. Chuck is doing well and is out of the hospital, but he will need to step down for the foreseeable future. We will need to ask someone to take over organization and/or form a committee. To that point, Chancellor John Schend suggested we create binders to organize supplies (including food, serveware, dinnerware, flatware, and drinkware) and general processes (operation, maintenance, and cleaning of all equipment and the kitchen and the gym) for both the pancake breakfasts and fish fries.

Brother Weber offered to check in with Chuck and handle supplies [from Gordon's], but if the regular crew that has been handling the breakfasts continue to show up, we should be fine. Brother Weber also raised the idea of having less breakfasts over the course of the year, possibly having one every other month [rather than monthly]. Weber also said that he would be checking the cooktop prior to the breakfast.

Grand Knight said that he would take stock on Thursday. He also said that he has receipts for past breakfasts and should have standard operating procedures from Chuck by the end of the week.

### *Recruitment*

Grand Knight underscored the importance of our being mindful of the recruitment quota, adding 16 to 17 new members this fraternal year. If everyone present were able to recruit one person, we would be very near to our goal. We must focus on building our ranks and need more members for everything that we do for the parish and community at large. Invite friends and family. Invite fellow parishioners.

Brother Mike Mackin asked if we could get an article or posting in the bulletin. Grand Knight confirmed that Brother Mark Meyer will be writing something up for the bulletin.

### *General news and updates from Knights in attendance*

Grand Knight introduced our guest, Jacob Mayer. Jacob hails from Sanford, MI (Council 8043) and is a student at Michigan State University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Astrophysics. He's interested in volunteering with our group - and we extended an invitation for him to help out with the pancake breakfast following Mass this weekend.

Speaking of Mass this Sunday, Advocate John Ingraham stated that the 11:00 AM Mass will be offered for the soul of his wife. He asked that we keep her in our prayers.

Brother Larry Meyer noted that Assembly 3334 will be participating in the Lansing Remembers 9/11 parade along Grand Ave and Michigan Ave tomorrow. Furthermore, Brother Meyer reminded those present that we have a 9/11 memorial in Lansing at Wentworth Park; a 10-foot 'H beam' salvaged from the World Trade Center. The memorial is surrounded by bricks bearing the names of those from Michigan who lost their lives in the tragic events in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia on September 11th, 16 years ago. Chancellor John Schwend also noted that there is a ceremony at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, MI at 6:30 PM.

### **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 Koenigskecht; 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; Phyllis Izdebski, mother-in-law of Brother Wooley; Jim Wooley, brother of Brother Wooley; Brother William Derengoski; Brother Paul Miller; Brother Gary Hauser; Shirlean Hauser, wife of Brother Hauser; Nancy Jordan, mother of Brother John Schwend; Phil Schwend, mother of Brother John Schwend; Mable Galbraith, grandmother of Brother Patrick Daniels; Brother Christopher Niemela; Brother Vern Johnson; Cheryl Slocum, friend of Brother John Ingraham; Brother John Ingraham; and Brother Frank Goeddeke. 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 reading the Prayer for Vocations, reciting the Hail Mary, and singing the first verse of the The Closing Ode. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:30 PM in the Bishop Baraga Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Daniels, Recorder