

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Jerome McEachin East Lansing Council 7816

Minutes for September 12, 2023, General Meeting

Grand Knight, Anthony Heidt, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Prayer to Father McGivney

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Opening Ode was sung.

There were 22 members present when the meeting was called to order.

The Recording Secretary read the Roll of Officers.

Officers present:

Grand Knight Anthony Heidt

Deputy Grand Andrew Gallavan

Financial Secretary Dave Myers

Recording Secretary Tony Rohac

Treasurer Arthur Weber

Inside Guard Mike Wooley

Outside Guard Kierin Kerbawy

Warden Bradley Gagnon(excused)

Advocate John Ingraham

One-Year Trustee Paul Lacroix

Two-Year Trustee Geoffrey Kerley

Three-Year Trustee Paul Gadola

Minutes for previous meeting stand approved as published.

Report of Admissions:

Nothing to report.

Grand Knights Report:

#1 Rosary:

The Rosary was said at 7:00pm in the Cana Chapel led by Brother Rick Bryce prior to tonight's General meeting.

#2 Exemplification Dates:

Our Worthy One-Year Trustee, Paul Lacroix, gave an update. We have 2 new e-members. Paul will check further on their status and exemplification forms with a decision for approval for them to join the council to be made at the next Officers' meeting.

#3 Right to Life:

There will be a Michigan Right to Life march on November 8th. Our Grand Knight sent an email to remind all to sign up to help with the parking of the buses on our parish property for shifts from 9-11am and/or 1-3pm.

#4 MSU/UM Game Parking:

There will be a church staff meeting tomorrow to further talk about what the plan will be for this event.

#5 Is It I (The Last Supper Play):

Father Peter is proposing that we aid his Grand Father, Rock Fournier, in staging this play at our parish during Lent. Rock made a presentation showing a short video of an earlier play presentation at his parish, and supplied a brochure, and a script. 4-5 actors may be needed to replace performers that may not be available to perform if presented at our parish. He thinks it could be a bigger event at our parish than it is in his parish with a potential of 500 attendees.

Chaplain's Report:

Nothing to Report.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was presented and approved.

The budget was reviewed and approved.

A discussion ensued about raising our council dues from \$25 to \$30 and amending the by-laws to reflect this change. The revised By-Law will be voted on at the next 2 General Meeting meetings.

District Deputy's Report:

Our District Deputy, Keving Duffy, let our Grand Knight know that there is a tentative date for the dedication of the donated ultrasound machine on November 7th at 5:00 pm at Cristo Rey. He also wanted to remind us to promote registration and attendance for the March for the Right to Life on November 8th.

Brother Dave Myers spoke about the State Knight's of Columbus has a program called the Cross Catholic Outreach Food Packing Program. They are supplying donations and workforce to get this program started in various dioceses. The first event will be in Novi on October 14th. The weigh food and bag for a family of 4. 90% goes overseas and the other 10% locally. Each council is asked to generate \$2 per member to get the program going, there is a video about the program on the State website. They want to do one in Lansing in the next 3 months. An email will be sent out notifying members to view video to be discussed at future meetings.

Insurance Agent's Report:

Our Worthy Insurance Agent and Investment advisor, Brennan Hayden, reported that annuity rates keep going up.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Trustees Report:

Our Worthy Trustee, Paul Gadola, has ordered shirts and will pick them up this week and pass them out at the next Officers' meeting.

Advocates Report:

Nothing to report.

Program Director's Report:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Brother Tom Colosimo reported on the result of the softball team season. The team finished in second place and third place in the tournament.

New Business:**Good of the Order:****Prayers are requested for:**

MaryJo White, Godmother of Brother Kierin Kerbawy.

Pam Haan, Gardner Mattsson and family and friends of Brother Kierin Kerbawy

Prayer to Bishop Baraga.

The closing Ode was sung.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.