

Knights of Columbus Lansing Council #3540

General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday 10/03/23

Meeting called to order by Worthy Grand Knight William Benne at 8:00 PM.

Opening prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call (silent) of officers executed by the Recorder

Chaplain	Father Krolczyk	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Grand Knight	William Benne	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Deputy Grand Knight	Dominic Podsiadlik	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Chancellor	Tom Lessner	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Financial Secretary	Pete Marx	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Treasurer	Dean Hope	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Recorder	Joe Sarwacinski	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Advocate	Mike Cipich	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Warden	Peter Tyderek	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Inside Guard	Greg Morris	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Outside Guard	Howard Morrison	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Outside Guard	Todd Burnley	<u>P</u>	A	EX
3 Year Trustee	Roger Tyderek	<u>P</u>	A	EX
2 Year Trustee	Chris J. Siatta	<u>P</u>	A	EX
1 Year Trustee	Michael Kabala	<u>P</u>	A	EX

Minute Approval – Motion made to accept the minutes from the 9/5/23 meeting as written, seconded & approved.

Chaplain's Report – Thank you to our Deacon who filled in for me at the last meeting. I was recovering from a small procedure that day & couldn't drive. Political situation of the nation – 2 ridiculous impeachments of last president, now speaker of house has been voted out of office, more impeachments. Finally, His Holiness had taken a poll of bishops in regard to blessing same sex unions. This is contrary to the moral fibers of the teachings of the church period. The synod of synodality, which is when they try to align the bishops in regard to what they can do or not do. In this synod, lay people both men & women are given the right to vote, which had previously been only the bishops who were given the responsibility to vote. Bishop Kevin Birmingham was found deceased, very young bishop, 52 years old. I knew him very well. He had just been appointed the vicar of this vicariate a couple weeks ago.

Grand Knight Report

– William Benne - Ron Fisher, please tell everyone I said hello at your next meeting. Misses all of us. On Oct 1, several of us were out there with the right to life banner – I'd like to thank Mike Kabala, Tom Cipich and Steve Robinette for attending and we had about 5 other lay people there, so we had a good turnout. October 20 we will have an Octoberfest here, tickets are \$35, mugs will be included & we will get \$5 per ticket for the mugs. Depending on the weather, it will be either inside or outside. Oct 28, from 4-7 we will have a trunk or treat outside in the parking lot by the beer garden. See Peter Tyderek if you are interested in helping with the event. Oct 21, from 10:30-12 we will be on the 170th street bridge in South Holland for the right to life, which is the Knights on Bridges program. There will be a banner on the inbound and outbound. Please see Tom Cipich if you can help out.

Treasurer Report

-Dean Hope presented the Treasurers Report as of 10/2/23. Motion made, seconded, approved to accept the Treasurers Report as read. Chris Siatta made a motion that the raffle be closed and the amount as stated be placed into our general fund, motion seconded, ALL in favor.

Financial Secretary Report

- Pete Marx presented financial report. Motion made and seconded for all bills to be passed over to the trustees and if found in order to be paid.

Membership Report

– Marty we had a ministry fair at All Souls Parish, we had no interested people that wanted to join. It was also in the bulletin. Need help at the masses to help get more people.

Program Reports

-Food Pantry: Steve Robinette – no report

-Vocations: Steve Robinette – vocations raffle is doing pretty well.

-Swim Team: Steve Robinette – we are in our 2nd week, Thanks for Pete Marx coming and helping out. Anyone else who is interested in helping with the special Olympics, come on out.

-Charities Ambassador: Tom Cipich - Assessments have been updated. Tom presented totals less donations.

We received approx. \$2500 in medical equipment that was no longer needed. Wheelchairs, crutches, portable toilets, etc. We contacted Faith Church in Dyer which supports a program called Living With Hope. This organization refurbishes the equipment.

- Community Meal- Worthy Grand Knight Bill Benne – November 5th, At St. Andrews, Calumet City, 1 – 3:00 serving the homeless; Fr Lewis had signed a contract with a company from Illinois to supply all the meals, all we have to do is supply the bodies to serve the meals. We usually are done by 3:30 after clean-up.

-CARDINAL STRITCH ASSEMBLY #205 REPORT: Bob Layne the next Stritch Assembly meeting is Oct 4 at St Theodore Guerin 7025 West 126th Street in Palos Heights, starting at 7:30pm. Clergy Night: Tom Cipich was a very good dinner. Power of Prayer was the topic presented. Thank you for sponsoring the tickets for our specified attendees.

-Right for Life Knights on Bridges Tom Cipich – Saturday Oct 21 at 170th Street for 10:30 AM – 12 PM; there is a signup sheet available.

-Lansing KoC Back to School Car Show Jeff Rosina it was a successful event. Over 62 cars registered & on display here at the KoC hall. Each of the cars was blessed by Father Mark from All Souls Church, after there

was a prayer for safe driving. Each of the registered cars received a goodie bag with automotive care items and St Christopher medal or holy card. We collected several boxes of school supplies and \$535 in cash donations and food items for the food pantry. Thank you to everyone that helped including Bill, Mike, Howard, Peter

-Christmas Show beach boys : Michael Kabala, Sounds of Summer. Tickets are \$60 each. Saturday, Dec 16th 5-10pm. 25 tickets have been sold so far, goal is 275 tickets sold.

-Tootsie Roll Drive: Michael Kabala, tootsie roll drive will be closed in about 2 weeks. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart! We have a little more to go to reach our goal. 20 businesses have answered our plea for donations.

-Columbian Club: Chris A. Siatta, our summer concert series has ended. We will have a group coming out on October 14, follow us on Facebook for all the details. Our next big event is Octoberfest. If we sell \$200 tickets, that will pay for the mugs we bought. The club is doing well, we got a new machine in the bar, come check it out.

- Coats for Kids: Chris A. Siatta will be getting together with Peter Marx after the meeting to order the coats. We will be handing them out with the toy run and whatever is left over will be donated to the schools.

- Breakfast with Santa: Roger 1st resolution will be read at the next meeting. Will also have a form to fill out for names & ages of kids. December 9, 9 AM – 12PM, free for kids 10 & under, usually around \$10 for adults but price has not been finalized with caterer yet. You can also email Peter Tyderek with the information on kids you are bringing.

-Retention: Dominic Podsiadlik 16 total members, with an outstanding balance. This will be closed out by the next meeting.

- Children's Essay & Poster Contest: District Deputy Matthew Martinez- Essay contest requirements were distributed to the religious education classes. They will have until Oct 13 to submit their essays. We should know who the top 3 are by the next meeting and they will move on to the next level of the contest. The poster contest starts in December and will run the entire month with the religious education program at All Souls Parish. Peter Tyderek has asked to be my co-chair so he will be

helping me with that. Judging will take place in January and then we can send them on to the next level of the contest.

- Trunk or Treat: Peter Tyderek –It is Saturday, October 28 from 4 – 7 PM, bring your cars, kids, grandkids, ALL are welcome, this will be a public event. Knights will provide hot chocolate. Everyone brings their own candy to distribute and we currently have about 9 cars. Motion made and seconded for \$200 in holiday supplies for this event.

-Church Director: We are still in need of a church director.

Memorial Mass: Mike Kabala, father and I have been talking about this. We would like to have it here, either before or after a meeting. The date is Sunday, Nov 12. Details will be reported at the next meeting.

Insurance Agent Report – annuities have increased their rate for the next quarter, rates are guaranteed.

District Deputy Report – Reminders, keep your council current with the youth protection program form 4348. “Supreme has an updated report on the status of councils with safe environment keeping.” Diocesan Team Lead arch diocese of Chicago. District Deputy has some questions for our Grand Knight which he will address after the meeting, because it says something that I do not agree with; that someone is not in compliance even though we are in compliance. It is important that we do keep our children safe when we have events, especially when we have these events, we have to have trained members there to make sure that the council is in compliance. So, make sure we keep that in mind. Something to ask yourselves, rhetorical question: How is the council contacting members who have not been to a meeting in a while? Something to think about. There are some ways to do that, keep that in mind. Thank you to the council for filing your form 10784 which is the paternal programs report for the Silver Rose. You are definitely going to get credit for that. Thank you. Some of my thoughts on membership, council is now thru one quarter of the year and our quota for new members remains unchanged at 13, it is good to hear that Marty will be holding the membership drive but from last meeting to this meeting, only 1 person asked me for the QR code. With a raise of hands, does everyone here have the QR code to sign up new members on their phones? That’s not good. You guys all need to have that so you

can sign someone up instantly with that code. If you need the code, let me know and I will be more than happy to share it with you after the meeting. The form 100s no longer exist and that is the way Supreme wants us to sign up new members. The code is also on the membership website and in the church bulletin.

I also read a few articles on the synod and synodality they were positive articles, one was from Pope Francis himself if you are interested in seeing them, please see me after the meeting. Changes from our local vicariate on Sept 19 Pope Francis announced that he's accepted the resignation of Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry who turned 75. Bishop Kevin M. Birmingham will replace Bishop Perry, however as of yesterday Bishop Birmingham passed away. He was just shy of his 52nd birthday. The Pope will have to appoint a new vicar for this area. There is no timeframe on that, could be tomorrow, next month, we just don't know. Please keep Bishop Birmingham's family in your prayers. This was very sudden. If he goes at 52, God help us all. Maybe it was his time to be called. The religious education director at All Soul's Parish has resigned. The parish is now in need of a new DRE and there is currently a job posting in the bulletin with a complete job description. Please share this information with your family and friends. Father Mark is having to teach religious education on Sundays after services and that is not fair. Other news, unfortunately further relegation for a parish on Sept 28, 2023 All Souls Parish received the official decree that St James worship site is no longer an official church building. There is still an appeal process that people can appeal this decision so this is just another step in the process.

Change of season, falling into less sunlight, cooler temperatures and next month we will be celebrating Columbus Day. The council will be planning activities that will keep you active and visible through these cooler months remaining active also keeps the council visible with the community and creates opportunities for membership.

If the council would like to come together and celebrate mass some time, we should do that, and wear our council t-shirts.

Mark your calendars: Thursday January 25, 2024, 7 PM the Chicago Chapter for the Knights of Columbus will be meeting here at Kacey's.

For those of you who don't know, the Chicago Chapter for the Knights Of Columbus currently they have 13 different assemblies within the chapter and they represent 94 councils throughout northern Illinois. Their border goes to the Wisconsin border north to Will County to South Lake Michigan to the east to Dekalb to the west. This is a large area for the chapter to be covering. If you would like to learn more about what they do and how they can help us, mark your calendars for Jan 25 and come out to the meeting. General reminder to the council if we will be holding a soccer or essay contest the District Deputy will need to be notified. The competition would have to take place in October at council level with preparation for District and Regional competitions to follow. Question was brought up inquiring about the basketball free throw contest. It is available to do but we need to act on getting the kit soon because the event is usually in January at council level with District and Regionals etc. to follow in February and March.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Trustees have reviewed the bills and found them in order and submitted them for payment.
- 2nd Reading of Resolution #1202 for Coats for Kids, motion made and 2nd, ALL in favor

New Business

- Motion made and seconded with all in favor to allocate \$300 for the annual Turkey Shoot.
- 1st Reading of Resolution #1203 Breakfast with Santa funding of \$1200 for the event, Saturday December 9 from 9am – 12pm.
- Award presented to Deacon James Detloff for his consistent effort in helping the council.
- Award presented to Jeff Rosina for holding the car show.

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Grand Knight Summary – I apologize for the length of the meeting; we will be using the stopwatches next month.

Meeting adjourned by Worthy Grand Knight William Benne at 9:17 PM

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