

Knights of Columbus Lansing Council #3540

General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday 04/02/24

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	P	A	<u>EX</u>
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	P	A	<u>EX</u>
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 03/05/24, with the correction that the financial secretary was NOT present to give his report, seconded & approved.

Chaplain's Report – Father Krolczyk – Happy Easter! This is a very solemn, spiritual time of year. The traditional greeting is Jesus Christ is Risen and the response is Indeed He is Risen! That greeting is used by Catholics and Orthodox religions. Christ rose from the dead in a body that was both the same, yet different. Catholic definition of what happened at the Resurrection: “we will all have that body, some day.” At Easter time, Christ's resurrection is proof that we will all come back some day and meet each other again. Those faithful departed we love, are with Christ and the only way we can be with them now is at the altar and through communion. Easter should be a time of rejoicing because we will see our loved ones again.

Grand Knight Report

– William Benne – April 4th is the final practice for the exemplification team. Anyone that is on the team, please be here so we can run through it. We will meet Thursday at 7pm
Stage – is currently at St. James being used for the Playhouse which ends on April 14th. We need to pick it up tentatively on Saturday, April 27th at 9:30am. Any help moving it will be greatly appreciated. We will rent a truck for transportation; The church is covering the cost of the rental.

Scribe is still needed for the newsletter. Next month will be Matthew's last newsletter. If we do not get a scribe, that will be the last newsletter. Matthew is more than willing to teach the new scribe everything they need to know.

Treasurer Report

-Dean Hope presented the Treasurer's Report as of 04/01/24. Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer Report as read.

Financial Secretary Report

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

Membership Report

– Marty Liszewski: We have 2 drives coming up. The first one will be at the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The 2nd drive will be at St. Ann's on May 4th & 5th after all the masses. We will need lots of help that weekend to cover all the masses. Please wear your council shirts to masses that weekend.

Charities Ambassador: Tom Cipich – no updated report as of this morning. All the totals are the same as last month. Members of the Veterans of Manteno are in need of many items. I have the list of items if you are interested in helping out. Members of St. Ann's church will be delivering the items.

Program Reports

-Vocations: Steve Robinette –

-Swim Team: Steve Robinette – we have had a challenging couple of weeks. Our pool is down along with many other pools in the area for maintenance. We have 8 swimmers that won gold medals. The good news is that Eisenhower wants to help us out as does Munster. Our swimmers will be back in a pool soon. The 1st weekend of June is the Olympics in Bloomington.

-Church Director: Steve Robinette – Reminder - I take communion to the homebound along with several other knights here. We hear from family members that the homebound feel like it is a burden to ask for communion. It is not a burden at all and we are happy to do it. Please contact us for those who need to receive communion at home.

-Food Pantry: Steve Robinette- is going very well.

-CARDINAL STRITCH ASSEMBLY #205 REPORT: Bob Layne-Stritch meeting will be tomorrow 7:30 hosted by Trinity #3755 11207 S. Union Ave East Side of Chicago. All 4th degree knights are invited to come. Food & beverages will be provided.

-Clergy Night: Michael Kabala, April 12, 2024 from 6-9:30pm to honor our religious and our clergy. \$30 per ticket. You must rsvp for the event to secure your spot. Call the office to rsvp, you pay at the door that night. There are currently (12) clergy that have rsvp'd.

Silver Rose celebration will take place in August.

- Spelling Bee: Peter Marx – Regional Spelling Bee went ok. It was held on March 16th at the hall. There were (3) contestants from Mokena plus our (1) contestant. The team from Mokena took home 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and are advancing to State competition which takes place at the end of this month. Thank you to everyone that helped with this event: Bob Lane, Mike Kabala, Grand Knight, William Benne, Matthew Martinez and Greg Morris.

- Dues & Holiday Cheer: Peter Marx- 2nd notices will be sent out this weekend. We have set a record for holiday cheer. We have collected over \$1800! Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far & there is still time to donate if you have not yet.

- Slate Committee: Mike Kabala, met tonight. We should have the slate finalized by the next meeting and then we will publicize the slate. If you would like to become an officer, speak to one of us or the Grand Knight.

- Columbian Club: Chris A. Siatta, we had a great weekend. The Easter Brunch was a success. Everything is now 100% run by us. Ace Catering has officially moved out. The restaurant is open every Friday, great menu, it is posted on the window outside the office and also on our social media. The food is very good. Come on out for dinner and support the Club. Wednesday – Saturday, there is a limited menu available in the lounge. Wednesday is Bingo, Friday is Trivia followed by karaoke.

June 15th will be the first summer concert held in the beer garden. The Club is working with WGK William Benne to purchase a couple of grills. Food in the beer garden on concert nights will be run by the knights and all proceeds from the food will go back to the knights. We will have a simple menu, hot dogs, hamburgers, and Polish sausage.

The raffle is currently being worked on.

- Annual Car Show: Jeff Rosina the car show will be the Sunday after Labor Day. If you are interested in signing up, please let me know.

- Community Meal: WGK William Benne- the community meal is at St. Andrew's on April 14. We will be feeding approximately 40-50 people.

We pick up the food from the hall, set up from 1-2pm, serve the people from 2-3pm and then clean up, will be done by 3:30pm. Please come out and help.

- Good Neighbor Parade – all forms and information is on the Lansing website, if you are interested in participating, go to the site.

- Palm Sunday service, we will have a service, promoted by Saint Faustina, our patron saint of divine mercy. 45 min – hour, benediction, rosary, palms. We are all encouraged to pray for the world. Wear your council shirts, all are invited.

- Spaghetti Dinner: Matthew Martinez – we are having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 20, from 4-8pm to benefit our Knights in need fund. \$8 for adults, children 4-11yrs \$5, 3 & under free, cash bar. If you can help, please leave your name and number on the sheet in the back of the room. We need lots of volunteers for this event. Volunteers should be there at 12pm to help with prep, setting up, etc.

Insurance Agent Report –

District Deputy Report – Matthew Martinez -housekeeping, we need the council's help in attending the fraternal order benefit meetings. Supreme requires any council that has 100 or more members to have a minimum of 14 members attend benefit meetings during each fraternal year. Currently, our council only has (3). We need 11 more to meet our quota. FYI – if the council does not meet this quota, the council will NOT get any credit for any of the activities that you have participated in this year. You have done a lot so please, if there is a fraternal order benefit going on, make effort to attend so the council can get credit. Our insurance agent will be adding another benefit night in May.

Knights on Bridges for Life- April 12/13 and 19/20

Illinois March for Life will be in Springfield, Wednesday April 17th.

State Convention is May 16th -19th at Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg.

State Deputy Jeff Peters is running for a 2nd term.

Final Council Housekeeping note – please have your slate of officers to me, DD, by next month so I can conduct your election at the June general meeting. You will then need to plan the installation of officers. Thank you to the council for purchasing a furnace raffle ticket. You helped support All Soul’s Parish exceeded its goal of \$100,000. Happy Easter, Jesus Lives & has become our ultimate sacrifice. Jesus called ordinary men to be his disciples, and one of those disciples happened to be Peter, if you all didn’t know, Peter was one of the 12 who denied knowing Jesus 3 times. Peter became our first Pope and is the rock of the Catholic Church. This is very similar to what Father McGivney did for this organization. He called ordinary men to meet in a basement at St. Mary’s Parish in New Haven, Connecticut to help out with women and children who were orphaned. We have a membership quota of 11 members that we have to meet. We all have an active role to play in getting new members.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Trustees have reviewed the bills and found them in order and submitted them for payment.
- Council Shirts, first order should be in by April 10th. Prices: Small-XLarge \$37, 2X, \$40.50 & 3X \$41.50 Those interested in ordering shirts, fill out the form at the back of the room. We need to have (11) to place an order or we get charged an extra \$15.

Sick & Condolences – Tom Cipich

New Business – -Resolution 1208, 1st reading: Fund Annual State Convention, May 16th – 19th, 2024 for a sum in the amount of \$1000.

Meeting adjourned by Worthy Grand Knight William Benne at 9:12 PM