

Knights of Columbus Lansing Council #3540

General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday 9/5/23

Meeting called to order by Dominic Podsiadlik at 8:00 PM.

Opening prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call (silent) of officers executed by the Recorder

Chaplain	Father Krolczyk	P	A	<u>EX</u>
Grand Knight	William Benne	P	A	<u>EX</u>
Deputy Grand Knight	Dominic Podsiadlik	<u>P</u>	A	EX
Chancellor	Tom Lessner	P	A	<u>EX</u>
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	P	<u>A</u>	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, seconded 8/1/23 & approved.

Chaplain's Report – Deacon Jim Detloff, We have two events next week, one negative & one positive. First event is on Sept 11 we will be celebrating the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. There is a website for the memorial, and they will have a ceremony beginning on 9/10, start with members of the family, first responders, and those that lived around the area that were affected. They try to honor all the people that were killed in the 9/11 attack as well as those that were killed in the bombing on February 26,1993 the bombing of the World Trade Center in which a lot of children were killed that were in the nursery. The ceremony is broadcast at 8:30am eastern on 9/11. They take pauses when the two towers were hit and also when the pentagon was hit. One of the things our founding fathers said was that this country would never be attacked from the outside and overcome from the outside but only from within. We have to keep that in mind when we have an upcoming election to make sure we have honest and people who are faithful to the country, elected. Gentleman be aware who is running for office. Another big event that is coming up that no one knows about because it is not advertised but if you read the church bulletin it is the Celebration of the Birth of Mary. You won't find this in any publications or in the news, etc because it is a positive event. It was the time that Mary was born so that she could become the mother of Jesus, who came to save us from all of these things like the 9/11 attacks. There are no records of her birth. December 8 is the Immaculate Conception and September 9 is exactly 9 months prior to that. Joaquin & Ann were Mary's parents. We get this information from a document that was written and considered to be inspired by God. The document is called the Protevangelium of James (the first book of James) written about year 135/145. In case you don't know it, Mother of God, she tells us we should be good, and follow her son's instructions and live in accordance with God's will. PSA ridge road is closed Sept 5-13 for railroad construction going through Munster.

Grand Knight Report

– Dominick Podsiadlik, acting Grand Knight - We received several thank yous: a letter from St. Joseph's Carmelite Home for Girls, a letter from All Soul's parish, a thank you from the Catholic Office of the Deaf and from Calumet City Resources. These were read and passed around.

Treasurer Report

-Dean Hope presented the Treasurers Report as of 9/4/23. Motion made, seconded, approved to accept the Treasurers Report as read.

Financial Secretary Report

- Pete Marx presented financial report. Motion made; all bills passed on to the trustees found in order to be paid seconded to accept the financial secretary's report as read & bills passed over to be paid. Report will be filed.

Membership Report

– Marty, we had a table set up at the Silver Rose event. A ministry fair is scheduled for Sept 30 & Oct 1 at All Souls Parish. We also have our membership drive scheduled for Oct 7 & 8th at All Soul's Parish.

Program Reports

-Vocations: Steve Robinette – vocation raffle is going pretty good. We started selling tickets this past week. It ends Nov 23, drawing is on Dec 22nd.

-Charities Ambassador: Tom Cipich - Assessments are updated. New goals: Newman fund \$870, ID drive \$8902, Respect for Life \$191.40, Vocation \$435, GAF \$191.40

-CARDINAL STRITCH ASSEMBLY #205 REPORT: Bob Layne, next meeting is tomorrow night at 7:30, St. Benedict Church in Blue Island; 2339 York Street. Enter the church on the Vincennes side. The host council is Blue Island council 1366. District Deputy Matthew Martinez also distributed copies for the assembly's Clergy Night which takes place September 28th at Mama Vesuvio's. Clergy are free, members are \$30 each. Money is due by 19th. There are also flyers available for the Friendship Dinner on Thursday, October 19, \$60 per person.

-Sounds of Summer Show : Michael Kabala, Sounds of Summer. Tickets are selling. Tickets are \$60 each. Saturday, Dec 16th 5-10pm.

-Tootsie Roll Drive: Michael Kabala, tootsie rolls are here, will need volunteers for September 15th, 16th, 17th you guys have always stepped up to help and I really appreciate it. Sept 14 is Union Station. Need volunteers.

-Silver Rose Service: Michael Kabala, It was brought to our attention by our District Deputy Matthew Martinez. Grand Knight William Benne was sad that he wasn't going to be in town for this and asked me to take it over. Tom Cipich and deacon helped make all the parish contacts. We were very privileged to have this honor. It was a very beautiful service. We had 42

people in attendance - 8 members in uniform and 6 more from the motorcycle escort. Would've liked to have more people in attendance. It went very well otherwise. Next year we will advertise a lot more, maybe offer food.

-Holiday Cheer: Pete Marx – will be closing this out very soon.

-Queen of Hearts fund raiser: was approved; currently on hold per WGK

-Columbian Club: Chris A. Siatta –Board member election is following this meeting. Two spots are available, the Tydereks both Peter and Roger are up for re-election.

-Council Raffle: Chris A. Siatta –raffle is done. Winners were announced on August 19th. Bob Layne, Grand Knight Bill Benne, Chris J. Siatta and Howard have been out there selling tickets vigorously the past few weeks. We did end up making a little bit of money which will allow us to move forward with some programs.

- Swim Team: Steve Robinette –Is helping people with needs, make it to the Special Olympics. Sept 12, picnic in beer garden starting at 5:30pm. Come out and meet the swimmers. We have one swimmer that is wheelchair bound. He has to be placed into the pool, then proceeds to complete the race, has to be helped out of the pool and back into his wheelchair. He has won several gold medals. I hope you can all make it to the picnic and meet him, he also happens to be Tom's grandson. The swimmers are excited to meet everyone especially since the KoC sponsors them! Season starts on Sept 26th at TF South swimming pool, 6pm. Come on out and watch.

- Trunk or Treat: Peter Tyderek – It is Saturday, October 28, 4pm, bring your cars & candy, kids, grandkids, ALL are welcome.

-Knights Car Show, Jeff Rosina – KoC Back to School Car Show, Sunday Sept 10th. Flyers were passed around. We are hoping to get about 40-50 cars. They are asking for a few knights to help with registration, direct traffic and with set up/teardown. No charge, cash donations & school supplies will go to the food pantry. All cars are welcome if they are registered. Friendly event, no judges. We will also have a blessing for the cars and for all the students traveling back to school.

-Essay Competition, District Deputy Matthew Martinez is looking for a co-chair. The essay needs to be 500-750 words, topic is "How Can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age" we will be asking the 45or so students in the religious education program; they will have the rest of September and

beginning of October. We will then utilize the rest of October to read the essays and choose the top 3. We will also have the poster contest after this.

Insurance Agent Report – absent

District Deputy Report – Housekeeping: Form 1831 is due on October 2, the disability renewal; Membership, we used to have to carry a form 100 in our pocket to get members. Now we don't have to. All we have to carry is this hashtag. I can give you a copy of this and you can put it on your smartphone. Please see me after the meeting and I will give it to you. This is what has happened since the last time we met: we had the Supreme Convention and they encouraged all brother knights to "Grow in the calling to be first in faith and charity in our parishes, homes, communities and around the world" In an effort to strengthen catholic men and help them grow in faith formation supreme knight Kelly announced a new initiative called COR which was described as a "game changer". There is also a new video series that is out called "Into the Breach" the mission of the family, a five-part miniseries. To reiterate again, COR is not a program that we do and get credit for. COR is a faith-based study which the knights are being asked to start. It is something we should do to build more spiritually and get more in touch with our spiritual side of things for others. All of this information has been shared with our Grand Knight Bill Benne, if you are interested in starting a COR chapter, either let him or myself know and we will get you started with some training. It can also be considered a men's group. I received the fraternal survey in the mail, even though I completed one in the spring. I'm not sure why it was sent again, if you didn't do it in the spring, or even if you did, there are a couple of ways to fill it out – paper copies, or you can use the hashtag & website to do it online. Supreme has asked us to turn it in. The exemplification of the 4th degree will not be changing. If you have any questions about that, I can tell you now that I spoke to Sir Alex and he has told me, there were some questions that it might be going away and other rumors. The 4th degree will remain the same. There may be a couple tweaks, or slight changes but the degree itself will remain the same. Finally, there was a question about 501C3 and local councils. I spoke to our state advocate Jim Jacko and this is what he shared with me: a council cannot be a 501C3, the only 501C3 is the **** Knights of Columbus official state charity. That charity arm is the only arm for 501C3 that can operate in the state of Illinois. District Deputy Matthew

Martinez gave recorder a copy of the correspondence from the state for purposes of recordkeeping but is under direct order not to distribute, but to read the document. Question, was asked how do we run the Queen of Hearts without the 501C3? District Deputy Matthew Martinez stated that you cannot unless you use someone else's 501C3. That is how other councils do it. Chris J Siatta asked the question: What do we do with the Queen of Hearts now since it was already approved via a resolution? District Deputy Matthew Martinez answered: I respectfully ask you to take that question to your officers and discuss it there.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Trustees have reviewed the bills and found them in order and submitted them for payment.
- Purchase of Our Lady of Guadalupe raffle ticket which costs \$100. Motion was made a seconded to purchase a ticket for the Our Lady of Guadalupe raffle, all were in favor.

New Business

- 1st Reading for Resolution 1202: to fund the Coats for Kids program, not to exceed \$850 to be held on Nov 7th. Sponsored by Chris A. Siatta, Peter Marx and Joe Sarwacinski.

Grand Knight Summary – no report.

Good of the Order -

Meeting adjourned by Dominic Podsiadlik at 9:04 PM

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