

Knights of Columbus Lansing Council #3540

General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday 12/05/23

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	P	A	<u>EX</u>
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	<u>P</u>	A	EX
2 Year Trustee	Chris J. Siatta	P	A	<u>EX</u>
1 Year Trustee	Michael Kabala	<u>P</u>	A	EX

Minute Approval – Motion made to accept the minutes from 11/07/23 as presented, seconded & approved.

Chaplain's Report – Father Krolczyk – upcoming Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception, which must be celebrated. Jan 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Father spoke to a few people after mass, and they said that they had not understood the meaning of the Immaculate Conception until he had explained it. I would like to explain it to those here also. Immaculate means with no sin; when did the Immaculate Conception happen? It was the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother Ann. God predestined her and knew what her answer would be when the archangel proposed to her that she would be the mother of God and she answered “fiat” let it be done to me as you say and then she was impregnated by the Holy Spirit. Sinless, because she was to bear in flesh the second person of the Holy Trinity and she gave him all of his material substance. There was no physical father of Jesus. God was his Father. Joseph adopted him. In 1854 Pius XI declared the dogmatic statement of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in the womb of her mother she was conceived without sin. He proclaimed that a dogma of the church meaning that every catholic must believe in this teaching. 1858 when Bernadette Soubirous had a vision of the mother of God and the place is still going today at Massabielle in France. Her priest thought she was crazy. The priest finally asked her to find out what this woman's name was. Bernadette went and asked the mother of God what her name was and the response was “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Bernadete didn't know what that was all about. She went to the parish priest and told him that the woman said she was the Immaculate Conception and the priest asked again and was floored because this girl could not possibly know anything about the Immaculate Conception, and she had truly seen & spoken to the mother of God. So please remember what the Immaculate Conception is and don't forget to celebrate it on Friday as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Grand Knight Report

– William Benne – For your information, if you came in through the lounge, there is a box of “toys for tots” which will be there until Dec 15th, you can put an unwrapped toy in there. We still need a scribe and church director. We are also still looking for members for the exemplification team, if I don’t get any members this week, I will be picking some people to get this going. It would be nice to have volunteers. Would like to have a pancake breakfast and a spaghetti dinner by the end of May. Please see me if you are interested in chairing one of those.

Treasurer Report

-Dean Hope presented the Treasurers Report as of 12/04/23. Motion made, seconded, approved to accept the Treasurers Report as read.

Financial Secretary Report

- Pete Marx presented 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’re coming to the end of 2023. We will have info in the bulletins for Christmas, New Year’s and the week after. We will have another recruiting drive in May. I received a transfer tonight, from Mother Queen of Knights, a 4th degree knight, Mark Gerrity, who attends St. Laborious Church.

Charities Ambassador: Tom Cipich –Tom presented totals less donations. Has been in touch with the director of Charity Ambassadors who has informed me that we have \$3100 tied up in money going to the recipients. We are just about to lose that money if the proper paperwork is not sent in for Sam and Dan the treasurer.

Program Reports

-Vocations: Steve Robinette – went excellent, everything is turned in.

-Swim Team: Steve Robinette – swim is going good. The Christmas party is on Tuesday Dec 12 so we are going to need Santa to attend. We will be doing training in March.

-CARDINAL STRITCH ASSEMBLY #205 REPORT: Bob Layne-Stritch Assembly Memorial Mass will be tomorrow 7:30 sponsored by the Chicago Heights Council, 997 2525 Halsted Chicago Heights, IL Toys for Tots is being run through the Stritch Assembly so we will be taking toys there tomorrow also.

-Christmas Show beach boys: Michael Kabala, Sounds of Summer. Tickets are \$60 each. Saturday, Dec 16th 5-10pm. You can call the office to purchase tickets with a credit card or can call me. We are approaching the 200 ticket mark. The mayor of Lansing was invited and she responded although she can't attend she will pass the information along to other officials. They will play 2 sets: 8-8:45, 9-10pm. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

- Spelling Bee: Peter Marx – booked for January 27, here at our hall, registration will begin at 10am, contest will start at 10:30, 5th-8th grade boys & girls from our area; regional will be March 16. WGK William Benne asked for us to start promoting.

-Dues & Holiday Cheer: Peter Marx-will be mailed out later this month and I will also be adding the \$12 for the Holiday Cheer.

- Breakfast with Santa: Roger Tyderek, December 9, 9 AM – 12PM, free for kids 10 & under, \$15 for adults. We have had an overwhelming response. We are gifting 30+ kids, grandkids, etc. Breakfast will begin at 9:30, shortly after that Santa will be arriving to pass out the gifts. All the gifts have been purchased. Calumet Bakery will be donating the sweets for the event, so please patronize them.

- “Keeping Christ In Christmas” Poster & Essay Contest: Matthew Martinez – we sent out 150 essay entries, 9 came back. They are located on the back table if you want to look at them. Myself and my co-chair, Peter Tyderek, will be starting to judge them. We had one essay that was returned, completed, and submitted to be judged.

- Scribe: Matthew Martinez -Anyone wanting to submit articles for the next newsletter must do so by Dec 21, 2023. Also, Matthew Martinez is still selling tickets for All Souls furnace fund, they are \$100 each, please let him know if you are interested in purchasing one.

Insurance Agent Report – rates went up 2/10 of a %; anything up to \$25,000 are 4.65% guaranteed for 5 years; \$100,000 or more is 4.85% guaranteed for 5 years. Good rates, see me if you are interested.

District Deputy Report – Matthew Martinez greetings from Patrick E. Kelley our Supreme Knight & Jeff Peters our State Deputy under council housekeeping, unfortunately we are still not compliant with Safe Environment, future events will not be able to move forward if we do not become compliant. We need 4 total. If you are interested see myself or the WGK. I attended the winter district deputy meeting this past weekend. There is some immediate information that I would like to share with the council. In regard to the spelling bee, information will only be available online, there are no kits that were distributed. Any special Olympic events will have to be turned in on a form 10784 by Jan 31, 2024. All 2023 special Olympic activities must be turned in by that date in order for it to be counted. Vocation raffle – the state was able to raise \$112,000 for the state of Illinois. Lansing Council sold 140 books and we submitted a check for \$840, our council doubled their quota. Ladies & Gentlemen take a bow, congratulations thank you very much for your help with vocations. One other thing, sending money to the state supreme office – their address has changed: P.O. Box 309 Palos Heights, IL 60463. Do not send it to Kankakee, it will be sent back. Happy Advent, 1st purple candle has been lit, represents hope and is the prophesy candle to honor those that predicted Christ's birth & also symbolizes the excitement for the Messiah's arrival. To quote this past week's gospel, "Be vigilant at all times, pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are eminent and are sustainable for the son of man. It is very easy to get caught up with the impending holiday, sending out cards, shopping, parties, as brother Knights, we need to be strong for our families, for our church and for the order. Do we want more members attending our council meetings? Offer council meetings virtually/zoom for those who are out of town. As an order, the Knights of Columbus loses 150 people daily because of death so we do need new membership to keep this thing going.

Currently the council has a membership quota of 13. How is the Council attracting new members? Who is ready to invite somebody? The guards have passed out a flyer. It gives a lot of good reasons why you should join Knights of Columbus during the holidays, this helps make it easier for you to invite family members/friends to join. It is very simple just to ask them to join. Help us grow Lansing Council #3540. Finally, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year whether you're in town or celebrating with family far away.

Unfinished/Old Business

-Trustees have reviewed the bills and found them in order and submitted them for payment.

- -Resolution 1204, 2nd reading: to fund the Lansing Swim Team for the amount of \$3000 for their event to be held on December 12, 2023. Motion was made to pass the resolution and was seconded, ALL in favor, resolution passed.

Sick & Condolences – Tom Cipich

New Business

Grand Knight Summary – The Sisters will be leaving the Carmelite Home. It was bought out by an outside company, and they will be leaving. There will be a mass for them on Sunday Jan 7, 2024 @ 2pm at the Carmelite Monastery. Received a letter from Samuel Cardinal Stritch assembly to put an ad in the exemplification book. The Columbian Club will go in on a full-page ad with us, we pay \$50 and Columbian Club pays \$50. Motion made and seconded, motion passed. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Meeting adjourned by Worthy Grand Knight William Benne at 8:54 PM

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