

Knights of Columbus Lansing Council #3540

General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday 01/02/24

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	<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 12/05/23 as presented, seconded & approved.

Chaplain's Report – Father Krolczyk – Happy New Year to all. KoC has had a very successful year. Beach Boys concert and dinner was a wonderful evening. We had a unexpected loss of one of our brother knights, Dennis Sinovich. Four of us were able to attend his funeral and celebration. He will be missed. 2024 we open the new year praying for many blessings and that the knights stay happy and healthy. Happy New Year.

Grand Knight Report

– William Benne – we need two more people for the exemplification team. The (3) degrees are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Charity we're doing good. Unity, we need to work on, the string is half-broken right now. As everyone walks out the door tonight, think about the (3) degrees and see how we can all improve.

Treasurer Report

-Dean Hope presented the Treasurers Report as of 01/01/24. 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 absent, no report

Charities Ambassador: Tom Cipich –Tom presented totals less donations.

Program Reports

-Vocations: Steve Robinette – sponsorship has been submitted for 2 individuals at \$500 each resolution to be read.

-Food Pantry: Steve Robinette – going well, we're having a lot of fun, come out if you like to join in handing out items.

-Swim Team: Steve Robinette – swim is going well. The Christmas party was really nice, thank you Santa it was awesome. Lifeguard training has started and will go to March 3.

-CARDINAL STRITCH ASSEMBLY #205 REPORT: Bob Layne-Stritch
Assembly Memorial Mass will be tomorrow 7:30 sponsored by the
Bishop Sheen Council 10858 14327 Highland Orland Park, IL a short
meeting followed by dinner. 4th degree please come out. Toys for Tots
thanks our council for 34 gifts donated to their program.

-Christmas Show beach boys: Michael Kabala, Sounds of Summer.
Tickets are \$60 each. Saturday, Dec 16th 5-10pm. #8 is in the books.
Thank you for all the help. Everyone that helped with the 50/50 raffles,
checking in at the door and Tom & Tom for sitting at the raffle table the
entire night, selling tickets. We came up about \$60 short from last year
which was not bad at all because we were almost \$300 over on the
50/50. We hosted 216 people total this year. One of our added costs
was to hire a sound and lighting guy this year. All the totals have been
submitted. This will be officially closed out after this evening.

- Spelling Bee: Peter Marx – booked for January 27, here at our hall,
registration will begin at 10am, contest will start at 10:30. It is for boys
and girls between 5th-8th grade. Flyers are available today if anybody
wants one.

-Dues & Holiday Cheer: Peter Marx – Dues letter has been mailed out
with a flyer for the Holiday Cheer program and I have some extra flyers
here today if anyone wants any. Holiday Cheer going good last couple
years we received over \$1,600.

-Poster and Essay Contest: Matthew Martinez -Essay contest has been
completed by one person. We had 15 posters come in over 3 age
groups and we had 3 winners. All 3 winning posters will be taken to the
Chicago Chapter meeting later this month. Thank you to worthy
chairperson and Grand Knight for your help. Any questions on the
programs.

-Slate Committee: Roger Tyderek – next month we will start our Slate
Committee and meet before our general meeting at about 7 PM to
work on the up-and-coming slate. We will work with our current Grand
Knight and his recommendations. Past Grand Knights that want to
participate should come to the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming an officer speak with someone on the slate committee or the Grand Knight. It is a great way to become more involved with your council and see it from a different avenue and is very rewarding.

- Breakfast with Santa: Roger Tyderek, December 9, 9 AM – 12PM, free for kids 10 & under, \$15 for adults. We were under budget, approx. \$16. All the receipts have been turned in. That is only because of our generous donations. Calumet Bakery donated over \$125 worth of pastries and donuts and the Cookout did not charge us the standard 18% tax & gratuity, which helped out a lot. My co-chairman, Peter Tyderek, sponsored the milk and juice which helped out a lot. Thank you to everyone that came out that day. We had two guests – Santa and the Grinch. Dennis who has passed away was at the breakfast with his kids, grandkids they all had a great time.

- Coats for Kids: Chris A. Siatta delivered 20 coats to various families. The biggest family was (10) kids. They were very appreciative. These families are much in need and are very grateful to whatever they receive. We have some coats left, we will hang on to those for next year to supplement the stock.

- Columbian Club: Chris A. Siatta – Ended the year well. New years eve party made over \$5,000 after expenses. January we have bands scheduled every Saturday free music. Wednesday bingo. Friday trivia starting at 6 PM followed by karaoke. Hoping for a successful year with some changes coming up for the hall. We will know more within the next couple weeks. We will be continuing with summer events in the beer garden. Come out and support the place.

-Sick and Condolences: Tom Cipich – did have a deceased member this past month Dennis Sinovich and read current list of those sick and in need of prayer.

Insurance Agent Report – not present

District Deputy Report – Matthew Martinez – Council is still not compliant with Safe Environment and needs someone to step up and become compliant or future events for kids might not take place. This is

needed by the Spelling Bee for compliance. Friendly reminder the Fraternal Survey Form 1728 covering July 2023 – December 2023 by January 31, 2024. All special Olympics / activities for the calendar year of 2023 must be turned in on form 10784 by January 31, 2024. Council Semi Annual Audit form 1295 for July 1 – December 31 is due by February 14, 2024. This also has to be done online. District Deputy meeting for Grand Knights is set for January 31 later this month and I will get more information to Grand Knight. I don't have an answer for the next program but I have to give an update. The Spelling Bee is supposed to be updated on the state website and it still isn't Pete. I am still working on that unless you have received it. Pete explained the kit was sent out in a link that needs to be printed out. Fourth Degree Exemplifications take place on Saturday February 10, 2024 at Quality Inn and Suites Bradley Illinois. Happy New Year and Advent, the 5th candle, which is the white candle, focusing on the Christ child and treasuring our encounters with the living God. Fiducia supplicans which is a Pope Francis and Cardinal Cupich joint venture which is basically allowing Catholic priest to offer blessings to same sex couples but not a recognition of being like a civil union. If you have questions, please talk to your pastor. Lansing council still has a quota of 12 to meet. How many guys have talked with someone over Christmas about joining Knights of Columbus?

There is not a lot of hands going up so, you guys are on the front lines of getting members on the council. We have a large number to meet so please try to do your part. Use the QR code, form 100 is no longer available. If you need the QR code contact the Grand Knight or myself. Please keep in prayer the 12 catholic priest that were arrested and jailed in Nicaragua. Chicago Chapter Knights of Columbus meeting January 25 7 PM will not take place at our council but has decided to change the location to Incarnation Parish 5757 West 127th street in Crestwood. Happy New Year and thanks for your attention. Questions on Vertis training being adequate, and reply was it is not, it is separate

from Safe Environment training. We are compliant in 3 out of the 4 required slots by Supreme for our Safe Environment training.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Trustees have reviewed the bills and found them in order to be paid.
- We are still looking for a scribe. Contact the Grand Knight if interested.

New Business

- First reading Resolution 1205 to fund Lansing Swim Team a total of \$1,400 for lifeguard licenses at \$200 each.
- First reading Resolution 1206 to fund Vocations sponsorship for a total of \$1,000.
- Good to see Kenny and Lance back at the meeting.

Grand Knight Summary – There will be a mass of thanksgiving honoring the presence of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus in East Chicago, Indiana held on Sunday January 7, 2024 at 2 PM at the Carmelite Monastery located at 1628 Ridge Rd in Munster Indiana.

Food and refreshments following the mass. Thank you from Carmelite home in East Chicago for \$600 council donation for the children. Thank you from Catholic Charities for \$300 gift to the arch diocese of Chicago. Thank you from the Department of Veterans Affairs for \$1,000 donation for the members of the Illinois Veterans Home of Manteno.

Present Family of the Month Award for December to Tyderek family, Roger, Peter, Elaine, Georgina and their future son in law for their work with the Breakfast with Santa.

Present Bob Layne award for his Santa work with Breakfast with Santa, Swim Team, Council 997 and 3 masses. Present Honorary Membership to Howard Morrison.

Good of the Order

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