

Knights of Columbus Lansing Council #3540

General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday 05/07/24

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

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| 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 | <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 – minutes for the April meeting were not available.

Chaplain's Report – Father Krolczyk – Ascension of the Lord into Heaven will be celebrated on Sunday. The weekend after is the conclusion of Pentecost, Easter. Then we will celebrate Father, Son and Spirit as on God and then the Feast of Corpus Christi, Body of Christ. The brown shirts started as a small group of students in Germany and has transpired into much more. The Jews need our support and prayers right now. We are putting this in the hands of God. Praying this all ends soon. God Bless you all and Happy Easter.

Grand Knight Report

– William Benne – Antonio Magana is our newest member and is present tonight. Thank you to everyone who showed up for our last benefit meeting. We had a great turnout. We will have another exemplification meeting on May 16th. We have 2 new members getting their 3 degrees. Other councils can send their people here for the exemplification because we are the only council in the area doing it. Thank you to the team members: Mike Kabala, Dean Hope, Chris Siatta, Howard Morrisson, Bob Lane, John Blazeovich, Pete Marx, Father Krolczyk and Deacon Jim. Concerts in the beer garden start on June 15th. Our council will be taking over the grilling. We need at least 2 cooks, plus someone to handle the money. Concerts will take place every Saturday throughout the summer.

Reminder of the oath we all took when we became knights:

- 1) Do you promise to conduct yourself as a Catholic gentleman and to live your life guided by the principals of charity, unity and fraternity.
- 2) Do you promise to promote the wellbeing of your brother knights and to support the mission and activities of your council?
- 3) Do you promise to obey the laws, rules and lawful authority of the order?

They were also published in the newsletter. Please think about those and let's get back to that premise.

Treasurer Report

-Dean Hope presented the Treasurer's Report as of 05/06/24. 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: Attended 2 events where he was recruiting. The first was at the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The 2nd drive was at St. Ann's on May 4th & 5th after all the masses. We handed out prayer cards, wore our council shirts, and explained our mission.

Charities Ambassador: Tom Cipich – The totals have been updated. Our council has met and/or exceeded all of the required amounts in every category.

Ohio State University brought in 30 new Catholics through the Neuman fund! More information is in the newsletter. This shows you how our donations are working.

Karen Adams who runs the food pantry passed away last week. Please keep her family in prayer.

Program Reports

-Vocations: Steve Robinette – have been taken care of. Benjamin responded today, he received and cashed the check.

-Swim Team: Steve Robinette – Olympics will be held the 2nd week of June. We have been practicing at Eisenhower. Everything is going well. We may do a fundraiser around the end of August.

Dennis mentioned that one of our swimmers passed away last week, please keep his family in prayer.

-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 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 June 5th at 7:30, election night. We are hosting here. All 4th degree knights are invited to come. Food & beverages will be provided. June 4th is an Aurelio's fundraiser from 11:30am-9pm at 18162 Harwood Ave in Homewood. The Stritch Assembly will receive a % back of the total sales for the day, you must state you are with the assembly.

-Clergy Night: Michael Kabala, April 12, 2024, from 6-9:30pm We had 11 clergy and 36 laymen in attendance. Dinner was phenomenal. Calumet Bakery donated a sheet cake for dessert. The entertainment was great. Please try to attend next year. This is a great event honoring our clergy, we need more knights in attendance.

We received a nice thank you letter from Schramm School in Pekin, Illinois thanking us for our donation.

- Columbian Club: Chris A. Siatta, business is moving along. The restaurant is open on Fridays for dinner, knights receive a 20% discount by providing their membership card. Wednesday – Saturday, there is a limited menu available in the lounge. Wednesday is Bingo, Friday is Trivia followed by karaoke. The summer concert lineup is set: June 15, Little Giants; June 22, I'm with Frank; June 29 Elevation Blues; July 6 Rock & Soul Band; July 13 Latin Satin Soul; July 20 South of 30; July 27 TBD; Aug 3 Midwest Big Band Tribute to Sinatra; Aug 10 Flipside; Aug 16 Replay; Aug 17 Michael Charles Blues; Aug 23 Party /found; Aug 24 Five & Time Band; Aug 31 Rhinestone. All the info is on our website kaseysbanquets.com July 14th is the annual golf outing at Lincoln Oaks. Starts at noon, dinner at Kasey's after. \$80 per golfer. Need hole sponsors, \$100 each forms are in back.

Steve Robinette is coordinating the effort to fill potholes around the building. He has acquired (7) bags of hole patch. We need help to fill the holes. As soon as the date is finalized, we will send out to everyone.

- Annual Car Show: Jeff Rosinia the car show will be Sunday, Sept 8th after Labor Day. Starts at noon, need donations for prizes. All participants receive a car care goody bag. Last year we collected a good amount of money and donated it to the local food pantry. We also received many school supplies which were taken to the local schools. 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.

- Spaghetti Dinner: Matthew Martinez –Saturday, April 20, from 4-8pm was successful. Brought in \$1648, expenditures were \$1569.40. We served 136 dinners. We received a huge donation of pasta, there is plenty to use for our next dinner. We will call it a “pasta dinner” to avoid any confusion. The chair, Matthew Martinez, is recommending we change the price to \$110 per dinner and possibly change up the 50/50 prices. Sweet table will also have to be coordinated better. Thank you to WGK William Benne, Chris Siatta, Sandy Siatta, Steve Robinette, Dean Hope, Pete Marx, Bob Lane, Mike Kabala, Joe & Lisa Sarwacinski, Tom Cipich, Tom Lesner, Elayne & Roger Tyderek, Tracy & Howard Morrison, Bill & Andrea Linz, Marty Laszewski, Greg Morris, Mike Myers and Joel & Aaron our new caterers who helped us out a lot in the kitchen.

Slate Committee – met today and would like the District Deputy to read our slate for the upcoming year.

Grand Knight, William Benne; Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Sarwacinski; Treasurer, Dean Hope; Advocate, Michael Cipich; Chancellor, Tom Lessner; Recorder, Peter Tyderek; Warden, Howard Morrison; Guard, Wilde Negrete; Guard Greg Morris; Guard, Rodney Simale

We can still accept nominations from the floor. Rules are: 1) have to be a member of this council and a 3rd degree knight 2) you have to be in good standing with your dues.

Insurance Agent Report – will be available after the meeting to speak to anyone who would like information.

District Deputy Report – Matthew Martinez – housekeeping, 15 people were in attendance at the last fraternal benefit meeting so the council should have met their goal of 11. Do not forget to file your 11077 to record the information with Supreme.

State Convention is May 16th -19th at Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg. Saturday, June 22nd is the date of the next exemplification. It will be held at 8305 North Harlem Ave in Niles, IL. Form 4's are due, June 1. Tuesday, Aug 13th is the White Sox vs. NY Yankees game, portions of ticket sales will benefit the Special Olympics.

Thank you for the slate. The election will take place at tge June meeting. I will need to know when the council would like to do the installation of officers. The incoming District Deputy is the one in charge of setting up the installation, date, hall, details, etc.

Happy Mother's Day – make sure you take out your wives or mothers or both! Thank you to the council for taking part in the church drive this weekend.

We have made it through 11 months of the fraternal year, we still need to get 11 new members. Not totally impossible.

Unfinished/Old Business

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

- Resolution 1208, 2nd reading: Fund Annual State Convention, May 16th – 19th, 2024 for a sum in the amount of \$1000. Motion was made to pass the resolution, 2nd all were in favor.

Sick & Condolences – Tom Cipich

New Business – Since the Lansing food pantry is doing well in regard to donations, Dean Hope made a motion that we donate \$250 to the Cal City Resource Center and \$250 to St. Andrew’s Food Pantry. Motion was 2nd, all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned by Worthy Grand Knight William Benne at 9:07 PM