

**Knights of Columbus
St. Charles Council #2084
Greenville, MI 48838**

Meeting Minutes January 24, 2019

*Prayed rosary prior to the mtg

The Council was called to order at 7:04pm
16 members in attendance w/ a roll call of officers.

Chaplain	P	Warden	P
Gd.Knight	P	Inside Guard	P
Dep.G.Knight	P	Outside Guard	P
Chancellor	P	3yr Trustee	A
Fin.Sec.	P	2yr Trustee	P
Treasurer	P	1yr Trustee	P
Lecturer	P	D.D.	P
Advocate	P	Recorder	P

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

There are (3) new Form 100's that have been received. Stewart Smith Jr. who has already helped out with previous breakfasts, Mark Harrington who is a parishioner, serves in hospitality at church and finally Steven Dombrowski who just joined St. Charles. We will be having an admissions degree and need to have one more reading before doing so. Also, there will be a 2nd & 3rd Degree on March 10th. In order to have a 2nd reading of the Form 100's in time for the admission degree, Ralph VanOcker motioned to close the meeting, Tom Russell 2nded and the motion was carried.

The meeting was re-opened. The Form 100's were read once again. Stewart Smith would be a great candidate, Steven Dombrowski is very active in the parish and Mark Harrington lives in Stacey Woods and would be a wonderful addition to the council as well.

Grand Knight-Bob Thompson Regarding the Food Pantry shelves @ St. Joe's, we are still awaiting word in order to have them installed. We could use lumber donations to assist with the project. On another note, Charlie Smith had mentioned possibly putting an ad in the bulletin for the Knights. Normal annual cost is \$550.00 but a discount of \$400.00 was offered to the council. Discussion was had regarding the possibility with the idea being tabled for now. This upcoming Saturday is the Cupid Shuffle @ St. Charles. More and more school families are helping and getting involved so we should support them as well. State lottery tickets were received recently. Please try your best to support this cause. There are some great prizes this year. Members of the council will be meeting with the Danish planning committee soon with no confirmed date as of yet. There is another KofC webinar on January 29th. Please refer to the Supreme website for more info. Regarding the two-sided signs, we could use more. The Consecration of the Holy Family is coming up. We will prepare and submit to Father so that the Knights can put it on. Convention materials have arrived. We need volunteers to attend and can discuss details later on.

Treasurer-Mike Karpus We have many bills. \$79.63 to Charlie Smith for dinner supplies, \$38.93 to the Meat Shack for Taco Tuesday, \$673.00 for per capita, \$27.36 to Tom Russell, \$14.90 to Tom Russell for dinner supplies, \$1500.00 for seminary support, \$187.48 to GFS for Sunday breakfast supplies, \$42.02 to Leppinks for hospitality @ St. Joe's, \$114.59 for Taco Tuesday meat, \$575.84 to Ben's Butcher Shop for cow processing, \$100.00 for postmaster supply, \$188.58 to GFS for food supplies, \$399.25 for Supreme per capita & \$68.29 to John Brown for the District Meeting food supplies. Tom Russell entertained a motion to pay the bills, Ralph VanOcker moved, Juan Salazaar 2nded and the motion was carried.

Financial Secretary-John Brown Our checkbook balance is \$1,996.81. Last year at this time we had a balance of \$4,548.48. There is some concern regarding the difference. We have written the checks for Seminarian support. Supreme can reimburse us a portion of that money. We have \$357.23 in the ultrasound fund where \$200.00 can go to the Portland ultrasound. The \$157.23 difference could then go to Alpha Family. Tom Russell entertained a motion to distribute the funds that way. Charlie Smith moved, Ralph VanOcker 2nded and the motion was carried. Finally, we need a survey form filled out by all the members before leaving.

Membership Director (3) Form 100's were turned in with the possibility of a few more.

Program Director The Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition at St. Charles were held where Charlie, Jim and Bob judged. The winners will be presented at a prayer assembly soon. The Basketball Free Throw Competition was held with Districts to follow on February 3rd. Thanks to all the helpers who assisted at the breakfasts and spaghetti dinners. The Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday.

Church Director-Roger Truskowski Divine Mercy is 7p on Friday. The Vets Visit is January 20th. Contact Jim Merzinski if you are interested in attending. The Rosary is 9a on Saturday.

Community Director-Charles Smith We have a breakfast February 3rd @ 8a.

Family Director No Report

Unfinished Business Next month we will be taking orders for pies. The total freezer cost was \$2,595.00. Through donations and fundraising we have paid all but \$731.00.

New Business No Report

4th Degree-Charles Smith The next meeting is February 11th. The Rosary is @ 6:30p and meeting @ 7:00p.

Youth Director No Report

District Deputy-Ralph VanOcker Thank you to the council for having Persidium completed. Also, thank you for having the District Meeting on a regular meeting night. The council truly does so much and that is something to be proud of. We need help at the District Free Throw which will be held after the upcoming breakfast. Please stick around if possible.

Field Agent No Report

Before the good of the order for those who are sick or in distress.

-Dan Finn(recently passed away) -Charlie Stevens -Randy Korsky -Herm Hahler

Good of the Order-Father Bauer We listened to a youtube video about resolutions. The essence of the message is a fight against evil. Evil is the absence of good. We we look at the agenda in this country, particularly regarding abortion on demand and the recent resolution in New York state which allows a woman to abort up to the point of birth. Even if the procedure is botched, they have said that the medical personnel will just allow the child to die. There is a true lack of good, life and compassion. There is no longer a respect for the good of life or compassion. This defines evil. Also, the issue with same sex marriage. Just the idea doesn't make sense to us because there is no such thing as same sex marriage. The term itself has no meaning. We need to find other terms to describe this atrocity. There is no marriage when two people of the same sex form a union. If you would go to any other culture, the idea of a man and woman in a relationship is looked at as good. It is always present wherever you may go. This constant is socially acceptable. Same sex is a denial, an absence of marriage. By definition, it is evil. Abortion and same sex marriage have become sacraments of the liberals. It has become sacred to them. How do we counter this? There is no coincidence that the Knights have a bullseye on their back, especially after all the great things we do...our influence. When destroying good becomes the natural habitat, the devil is surely at work. What should we do then? We must counter balance the evil. First, we must pray. Pray the St. Michael prayer. Please look up the story behind it. Second, Penance and the Eucharist. This is Catholicism 101. By Reconciling, we are given grace to avoid sin. It is a sanctifying grace. Furthermore, we must promote the sacredness of Communion. We must promote Adoration. If something is truly important to us, what do we need to do? We must prepare for it. Come to church early, pray, talk to others and encourage them. The end of Mass should be the same. Use the attack to overcome evil with good. Fill the void and don't be complacent. We may be in the world, but do not be of the world. Be who the Knights were founded to be. Turn our nation back to God.

Final Prayer The prayer was said and the closing ode sung.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:00p. Minutes respectfully taken & transcribed by Neil Kassuba.