

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

Meeting Minutes February 28, 2019

*Prayed rosary prior to the mtg

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction, discount for the KofC bulletin ad brought the total cost to \$400.00.

Grand Knight-Bob Thompson The meeting was held with the Danish Festival committee. They are willing to reduce the cost from \$400 to \$300, which includes electric. They also would give us a 2nd booth close to M57. Larry Kassuba motioned that we move forward with the new entry price, Ralph VanOcker 2nded and the motion was carried. The committee also is allowing us to enter a few items into the Danish Breakfast raffle. We could buy a few aebleskiver pans and raffle those off. We also need to discuss possibly raising the price of aebleskivers to really make it into a fundraiser. There was a motion by Charlie Stevens to increase the price to \$1/piece and \$5/9pcs. Also, the Fish Fry's are coming up with the fry wagon being delivered. The food is being picked up at GFS. We need helpers with the 1st one happening next Friday. We have (3) total Fish Fry's with helpers needed starting at 3pm. We also should discuss a price increase of \$10/pp, \$5 for children, \$9 for seniors and 5 & under FREE. Ralph VanOcker motioned the increase, Neil Kassuba 2nded and the motion was carried. Kepha Building a Legacy men's conference is coming up. Finally, Stewart Smith, one of our newest members is in attendance tonight. Let us all give him a warm welcome.

Treasurer-Mike Karpus We have a few bills. \$37.14 to Leppinks for St. Joe's hospitality, \$97.63 to John Brown for Valentine's Dinner & website costs, \$69.36 to GFS for Valentine's Dinner & \$48.47 to Jorgie's for coffee and donuts. Bob Thompson motioned to pay the bills, Larry Kassuba 2nded and the motion was carried. We have a balance of \$2,568.96 with more bills to pay later.

Financial Secretary-John Brown No Report

Membership Director Two weeks ago we had a 1st Degree for (3) new members. Also, we are halfway through the Pie Sale. We have only sold half of the number we need for our goal. Last year we sold 320 and this year so far, we've sold 150. Founders Day Mass is on March 31st. We need to plan what we will be doing for the Mass.

Program Director No Report

Church Director-Roger Truskowski Divine Mercy is 7p on Friday with none on Good Friday. April 12th is Living Stations. The Vets Visit is March 17th. Contact Jim Merzinski if you are interested in attending. The Rosary is 9a on Saturday.

Community Director-Charles Smith We will be making pies on March 16th and setting up on March 15th. Volunteers are needed.

Family Director No Report

Council Director No Report

Unfinished Business We have a breakfast this Sunday and could use helpers. Regarding the Food Drive, during the government shutdown issues were presented as food banks were depleted. We'll be having another drive the last 2 weekends in March and will pass out bags at all of the Masses. Finally, the Knights were asked to buy (2) tables at Mardis Gras.

New Business No Report

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

Youth Director No Report

District Deputy-Ralph VanOcker They are having a 2nd & 3rd Degree in Hubbardston on March 10th.

Field Agent No Report

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

-Charlie Rickart -Charlie Stevens -Randy Korsky -Paul Braley -Dan Wolf

Good of the Order-Father Bauer In one week we start the season of Lent, which lasts 40 days. The original fast would last Monday thru Saturday and you could eat meat at one meal. Sundays were a free day; a time of celebration. The 40 days of Lent were linked to the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. What is magical about the number 40? Psychologists tell you it takes 40 days to break or create a habit. It requires substantial time to break vices or build good habits also known as virtues. We need to replace bad with good. I have a proposal. During Lent, think about some virtue you want or need to cultivate. Make Lent fruitful. There is something else that we need to do. With Knights being publicly disparaged in the Senate, we need to look at the issue of infanticide, which is being pushed as an abortion issue or a women's health issue. If a child is born outside of the womb during a botched abortion, abortion doctors are directed to let the child die without any medical aid being administered. Just as the serpent in the Garden of Eden says I care about you, it is actually a lie. It is real evil. Even

with the ongoing sex abuse scandal with Teddy McCarrick being defrocked, the cover up within the church is the issue now. The devil is in that narrative as well. How do we cast it out? There was an episode in the gospels where someone was possessed and the disciples couldn't do anything about it. Jesus interjected and advised that only some demons can be cast out with prayer and fasting. Others require almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Demons are currently at work trying to destroy our church and country. From American history we see that the evil of slavery was not properly dealt with as it was too divisive. It exploded into the worst US war. Over 600,000 died and the South was decimated. There were consequences with not dealing with the evil. We are now divided over moral issues and evil in this country. Let us fast during Lent. There are many ways to fast. We can fast from electronics, food, desserts, coffee, a tv show or just something in our everyday lives. Offer it up for country and for church. The 4th Degree is much about patriotism. This is a time to help church and country. Also, regarding the prayers before and after Mass, we need to set an example as Knights for the entire parish. God died for you and comes to you in the Mass. Say thank you through prayer. Give thanksgiving. Those who don't get anything out of Mass are fools. If Mass were a play, who is the audience? God. The actors and the stage crew are the parishioners. Don't be foolish. Prepare before Mass giving thanks. Knights need to set an example. That is the challenge. Make a deliberate effort. Be game changers. Influence the culture and this begins at the parish level. Be leaders and make it start at church.

Good of the Order-Deacon Dan I was assigned as a spiritual leader before. Know yourself – Lent is coming up and this a good time for a self-exam. Look at your prayer life. I encourage you to look at yourself. When and how much do you pray? The more we talk to God, the more He pulls us in. It's just too good once you start a new habit, so give it a try.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p. Minutes respectfully taken & transcribed by Neil Kassuba.