

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

Meeting Minutes April 26, 2018

*Prayed rosary prior to the meeting

The Council was called to order at 7:04pm
12 members in attendance

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

Minutes from 4/12/18 meeting were read with one correction. The Divine Mercy Sunday was 4/8/18. Minutes were approved with the correction.

Grand Knight-Thomas Russell Checked into Father's Day Handouts w/ Supreme. Booklets are \$1/pc. Roger Truskowski found a leaflet to hand out as well. Making copies is not allowed so we will have to buy them. Larry Kassuba will handle flowers once again. Roses will actually be cheaper than carnations at \$6/doz. We will need 20doz. A special thank you to all who attended the Bishop's Mass. We had a good turnout with the 4th Degree present as well.

Treasurer-Mike Karpus We have deposits of \$174.00 and a balance of \$4,799.49. We need to cut a check to KofC Council #2198 in the amount of \$93.55 for degree expense. Tom Russell entertained a motion to pay the bill, Robert Thompson 2nded and the motion was carried.

Financial Secretary-John Brown (3) seminarians letters have been drafted. We should invite them to join the KofC and the council pay their dues as long as they are seminarians. Charlie Smith entertained a motion to follow through with that proposal, Bob Thompson 2nded and the motion was carried.

Program Director-Bob Thompson We could have (3) new candidates w/ the seminarians joining our ranks. We need to get non-active members either active or moved to other councils as our council gets penalized for such. The Sisters in Christ had their last meeting. They want someone else to do the Labor Day Ice Cream Social at St. Joe's and lead it. The meal consists of a hot beef sandwich, chips, desserts and ice cream. We have more exposure and fundraising potential if our council takes it on. They are also reviving hospitality this fall at St. Mary's and wanted the Knights to take care of the 3rd Sunday of every month. C.A.L.S. Place is in Belding at the Methodist Church that also runs a thrift store. They help all ages who are mentally impaired. They are having a summer camp call El Hombra which has a Catholic affiliation and looking for some assistance sending campers this year. We could possibly host a pancake supper at St. Charles one night a breakfast at St. Joe's and the next day. Since we support the Scout Troops with our youth fund and have \$1,692 saved up, we could use some of that money to assist.

If we host a fundraiser, we could maybe have the assistance of some of the C.A.L.S. campers to be a presence and also show the community what we're doing and the works of charity that we support. The Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds could also possibly assist with sending campers per the State's approval. Charlie Smith motioned that we move forward with a fundraiser to help the C.A.L.S. campers. Neil Kassuba 2nded and the motion was carried.

Unfinished Business We need to vote on a stipend for the convention. Traditionally \$400.00 was given to each delegate to assist with expenses. Dan motioned that we do the same this year, Joe 2nded and the motion was carried. (50) kids were confirmed at the cathedral recently. We should recognize them in some way. Fr. Bauer had the idea of celebrating a Mass for them and also the cathedral do the same. Doing something spiritual would have more value versus giving them a token or gift that they might not use. It only costs \$10 per mass. We could send out cards to the newly confirmed letting them know of the mass being said in their honor. Roger mentioned that he has homemade rosaries that he could hand out as well. Charlie Smith motioned that we have 20 masses said in their honor. Mike Karpus 2nded the motion and the motion was carried. Also, the trustees should get together soon to discuss a new slate of officers. We also discussed having one business meeting and one social meeting a month. Finally, we should pass out pamphlets to fathers on Father's Day after the masses since they are the spiritual head of household. Dan motioned to do so, Bob Thompson 2nded and the motion was carried. 400 pamphlets will be ordered.

New Business Kathy Shepler needs her deck power washed and stained and asked if the Knights could help. The matter was discussed but tabled for another time.

4th Degree-Charles Smith May 14th 6p @ the Rusty Nail is the next social. Wives and potential 4th Degree members are welcome.

District Deputy-Ralph VanOcker No Report

Field Agent No Report

Church Director-Roger Truskowski Please refer to the schedule for upcoming events.

Council Director-Charles Smith No Report

Youth Director-Mike Smith No Report

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

-Jim's wife -Herm Hahler -Charlie Stevens -Charlie Riker -Jim Shmekel

Good of the Order-Fr Bauer Father spoke on who Alphonse Evans is. He is an 18mo old boy from England who had seizures, the doctors tried many treatments and he eventually had to be put on a ventilator. The doctors in Liverpool wanted to pull the cord as they advised that they knew what was best. The dad appealed to Pope Francis and he responded by appealing to the hospital and allowing the Vatican bring the boy to the Children's Hospital there. The Italian gov't called the boy a citizen of their country and

would have paid for all expenses but England and the police refused. The dad had mentioned that we wouldn't treat animals this way. A judge finally ruled that the boy could not leave the hospital. The gov't was actively seeking the death of the child. The idea of quality of life was being tossed around. We used to have medical ethics in this society but now we have bio-ethics. It's not about the person rather but the community being the deciding "value". John Paul II fought communism because it was for the state. As Catholics, we need to pray and reflect on our Father, God in heaven and that he is a father to each person in the world. We need to keep thinking about others as a creation of God. Our KofC projects help each individual and we need to realize that. Recognize Jesus/God in others we meet and serve. God can use us to bring back True Christian/Catholic values.

Final Prayer Fr. Bauer gave a final prayer.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:10p.

Minutes respectfully taken & transcribed by Neil Kassuba.