

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

**Meeting Minutes August 23, 2018**

\*Prayed rosary prior to the mtg

The Council was called to order at 7:03pm  
15 members in attendance

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were not read but assumed approved as written.

**Chaplain-Fr. Bauer** We are currently all aware of current events re the Church in the U.S. We thought these issues were dealt with but they now have come back around in a more horrendous form. Repentance is the key word in the discussion. Admitting sin and seeking forgiveness from God and one another; reconciling ourselves. Penance is often required as part of repentance. In the last 60 years we've done away with it. It was once Catholic routine. It's no coincidence. Evil is of the devil. It is so repulsive and damning for one's soul. What did Jesus say about this? Matthew 17:21 speaks of the requirement of prayer and fasting as part of penance to drive out the demon. What is a Knight to do? We are brave, courageous and warriors. We are soldiers for Christ, militant in nature. We have a calling to fight evil. It is time to pick up our armor. We need to pray in a concerted, deliberate way. There is a proposal to bring back the old tradition by not eating meat on Fridays. We as Knights can offer it up to the Roman Catholic Church. It is so easy not to do it. Please take this seriously. It is not going to go away. It will be ugly. Be strong to endure the negativity and insults. It will be challenging. We need to be men with fortitude and virtue. It is lacking in our church today so we need to create a culture where we can set an example and foster the ideals of a true Catholic man. Stick with it even through the adversity. This is an opportunity to be leaders. Charlie Smith motioned that we begin fasting on Fridays. Robert Taylor 2nded and the motion was carried.

**Grand Knight-Bob Thompson** Many have met Patrick Miles of St. Joe's. He wants to become a member. There needs to be a reading re the Form 100 completed. Pat is interested in the works of the Knights. Also, thank you all who helped at Danish. I'm proud to be a member & Grand Knight after seeing how everyone came together wonderfully for another successful food booth.

**Treasurer-Mike Karpus** The Soup Kitchen acct received a \$200.00 donation. We have (1) bill for supplies of \$18.18. In the Main acct we have (2) deposits of \$23.45 for tootsie roll donations and \$4,267.00 for Danish Festival and dues. In the Checking acct we have bills of \$125.25 to Tom Russell for bags, \$454.54 to Jorgies for food, \$179.97 to Joe Haen for supplies, \$24.67 to Ralph VanOcker for

cleaning supplies. After bills we have a balance of \$3,976.95. Ralph VanOcker motioned to pay the bills, Tom Russell 2nded and the motion was carried.

**Financial Secretary-John Brown** We have \$4,243.00 in sales at the Danish Festival, \$1,327.45 in expenses, with a profit of \$2,915.55. That is a -\$843.70 difference from last year. Costs increased \$300.00 this year. There also were no violations at inspections. Booth ins costs were \$500.00 and there will be a committee discussing the booth operation and costs for next year.

**Program/Membership Director** Thank you for filling out the cards for prospective Knights. Danish is a great opportunity to spread info on KofC. Counter folks were very friendly. Thanks for working the booth through tough conditions/heat. Thanks to Charlie and the kitchen guys for the behind the scenes work. The Ice Cream social is coming up and we need 7 good men to come out and volunteer. The Soccer Challenge planning is underway. We want more participants. We can start to order Christmas cards on 9/1/18. We save \$18.00 in shipping costs by picking them up ourselves. We'll also have magnets and posters available.

**Church Director-Roger Truskowski** Divine Mercy is 7p on Friday, Rosary is Saturday @ 9a. The Vets visit is Sept 16. On 9/11 we'll be praying for our Church and for peace, St. Charles @ 7p. Prayer for deceased Knights will be in November.

**Community Director-Charles Smith** Breakfasts are coming up the end of Oct and first of Sept. We have pancake breakfasts coming up as well. There is a breakfast at St. Charles on Oct 28, a dinner at St. Joe's on Nov 3&4 for CAL's. Nov 25 there is a breakfast. Finally, thanks for all the help in the kitchen during Danish.

**Council Director – TBD** We need to appoint a CD.

**Youth Director** We need more boys for the Boy Scout troop.

**New Business** Fri @ 9a we are doing the booth cleaning at Ralph's house. 4th Degree Assembly has been re-instituted. We'll have a chalice prayer for vocations. There was a motion to put together a report on success/failure of Danish. Rob Taylor 2nded and the motion was carried. The freezer purchase is on hold until further review. The 1st option is putting the new one in the kitchen and old ones in the boy's locker room or St. Joe's is an option as well. We also need new pitchers for Danish as the old ones are no longer usable. The Ice Cream Social is Aug 30 8a @ St. Joe. We start prep with the tables for 250ppl, placemats and Verdunn Funeral Home mats. Monday morning setup is at 8a with an 11a start. We will have KofC cards to distribute to gain members. Finally, MI Drive will have people with special needs to help the young guys as they do (2) breakfasts in the future. Next Tues is the webinar. Will also will be planning a social for recruitment.

**4th Degree-Charles Smith** Sept 10 at St. Charles we have a 7p mtg w/ 630p Rosary. There is a program in the works where members will bake pies and sell pieces for a Veterans Fund.

**District Deputy-Ralph VanOcker** No Report

**Unfinished Business** No Report

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

-Bill Sickler's wife –Jim Merzinski's wife -Randy Korsky –Charlie Stevens –Charlie Riker –Woody Hole –  
Jim Scmeckel –Herm Hahler

**Fr. Bauer-Final Prayer**

**Field Agent** No Report

**Good of the Order-Jim Merzinski** John Paul II directs us in 365 Days of Inspiration. Today he says if you see a man of understanding, seek him out. Through fasting we can give up things for a higher spiritual purpose.

**Good of the Order Fr. Bauer** Ponder this. We hear about a personal relationship with Christ. That is not what He wants. Jesus wants an intimate relationship. God is the bride groom. We require and need spiritual intimacy. We do this through the Eucharist, Body and Blood. There's a physical nature where we become one with Christ. We digest it. It's not just spiritual but physical as well. God desires that with us. Sometimes we fail how we approach the Eucharist. We need to prepare before as well as spend some time after. Look at our wives as examples. The wife gives understanding and love when she listens to us. We thank her. Do we do that after Mass? Spend some final quiet prayer. If we don't, we'll never have intimacy with God. Heaven isn't about a continuation of life, just better. It's about God. What we do at and after Mass is a reflection as we prepare ourselves to meet God in Heaven.

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

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:30p. Minutes respectfully taken & transcribed by Neil Kassuba.