

# Knights of Columbus

Council 2084, Greenville, MI  
Meeting Minutes: December 9, 2021

The officers meeting of the Knights of Columbus was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Grand Knight Michael Karpus. The meeting was preceded by praying the Rosary.

## Roll of officers in attendance:

<i>Chaplain:</i> Fr. James Wyse	Excused	<i>Warden:</i> John Taylor	Present
<i>Gd. Knight:</i> Mike Karpus	Present	<i>Outside Guard:</i> Gene Hahnenberg	present
<i>Dep. GK:</i>	Open	<i>Inside Guard:</i> John Latva	Present
<i>Chancellor:</i> Mike Smith	Present	<i>3Yr. Trustee:</i> Tom Russell	Present
<i>Financial Sec.:</i> John Brown	Present	<i>2yr. Trustee:</i> Larry Kassuba	Present
<i>Treasurer:</i> Ralph VanOcker	Excused	<i>1yr. Trustee:</i> James Rewa	Excused
<i>Lecturer:</i> Deacon Dan S.	Excused	<i>Recorder:</i>	Open
<i>Advocate:</i> Joseph Haen	Excused	<i>District Deputy:</i> Robert Thompson	Present

Opening the meeting with the "Our Father" and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Grand Knight.

13 members in attendance.

## Grand Knight's Report:

- *No meeting Dec.23*
- **Ramp Project:** The office had requested that the Knights look into the construction of a temporary ramp for a lady. Dave Mendrea spoke on some of the issues with doing it and that Habitat has a program in place. If the person meets the criteria, Habitat would supply the materials, leadership and the Knights could supply the labor. Mike introduced two guests from the Carson City Council who head a successful ramp program. Dave Patin and Jerry Waldron talked about their experiences and how their program works. They have done 9 ramps so far this year. Recipients need to sign a loan agreement and liability waver. Cost is based on materials and layout. Much discussion followed. Habitat has a questionnaire. Is this what we want to do? Need a committee. Need advanced planning. Are we going to have them qualify? Insurance? Table for a future meeting. It was suggested that we have the current request contact Habitat. New habitat projects? Easier to work with Habitat. Will send out e-mail for help.
- **Christmas Angel Program:** Honey Baked Hams arriving Friday December 17th for distribution on the 18. Along with food drive food. Friday morning Need Knights 7-9 Friday and 8:30 am to noon on Saturday morning. Tom and Sarah Moore are working with Jennifer to qualify people and set up pickup times.
- **Poster Contest:** Posters are due on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and are to be judged on Tuesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Free Throw Contest:** Kevin Norton is managing the Free Throw this year which will be held on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. If you are interested in volunteering or want to have your child sign up, contact Mike Karpus or Kevin.

- **Lenten Dinner:** We have been approached by Mary Kreeger about doing the Fish Dinners this year. Belding wants to do the last three. We will need to check fish prices and find out if Russell McDowell will be our Kitchen supervisor. Tabled until we get more information – take up at next meeting.
- **New Activities:** What else can we do for the parish?
  - Can we host a men's retreat? Need to look into the possibility: when, where, and who will be the leader? Mike suggested that we get in touch with Fr. Phil Shangraw to see if he could be the leader. We were thinking of a Saturday retreat beginning in the morning and ending with evening Mass. Will discuss as we get more information.

**Financial Secretary: John Brown**

- We have a balance of \$6,481.37 and in the Adopt-A-Family account we have more than \$10,000. Nothing else has changed.
- The year-end dues bills have been mailed. It is important that everyone returns the survey along with your dues. You can estimate hours for upcoming events and we can update them as the year goes on.
- We will be charged for the per-capita again in 2022.
- Coffee and donuts need volunteers and funds. As usual expenses are greater than donations.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**DD Report:** Robert Thompson

- Fourth degree Christmas social on Monday evening December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 P.M. at Olivera's in Ionia.
- Several DD visited the Grand Rapids Diocese to plan a capital campaign to expand Help Pregnancy Center. They are asking all councils to help and participate. They are developing an action plan to raise money which includes a chili cookoff and are open to additional fund-raising ideas. More information to follow. State will contribute \$30,000 toward the project.
- We need to put stuff in the Columbia magazine and other publications. —St Matthew in Champaign, Ill, had a food drive for the poor. We have done similar projects and we should submit them.
- The State is offering receiving blankets for \$10.00 that we could give to new mothers for their babies. This would be a good way to promote the Knights and life.
- District Meeting at Catholic Central in Grand Rapids, January 12. Another Quad District Meeting will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> in Portland. Marty Brown will be talking on the Youth Protection Program. More information to follow
- State Council has set up officer e-mail addresses. Please use them if you are not. to officers. E-membership extended through the next year. This is an added incentive for new members.
- **For the Good of the Order:** Deacon Dan purchased the video "They might Be Saints: Fr. Michael McGivney" the story of Fr. Michael J. McGivney and the Knights of Columbus. Robert Thompson played it for the knights as the meditation.
- Sick or in distress: Randy Ladiski, Connie and Frank Ladiski on celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Frank Rademacher and Deacon Dan.

Meeting was adjourned by the Grand Knight at 9:00P.M.  
Respectfully submitted by Tom Russell.