

# Knights of Columbus

Council 2084, Greenville, MI

Meeting Minutes: Feb 10th

The meeting of the Knights of Columbus was called to order at 7:00P.M. by Grand Knight, Michael Karpus. The meeting was preceded by praying the Rosary and the presentation of a check by Michael for \$1047.90 from our fall MI drive, to our guest Bob Hemmingsen, director of Camp Wah Wah Tay See.

## 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	Absent	<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	Present	<i>1yr. Trustee:</i> James Rewa	Present
<i>Lecturer:</i> Deacon Dan S.	Absent	<i>Recorder:</i> open	
<i>Advocate:</i> Joseph Haen	Absent	<i>District Deputy:</i> Robert Thompson	Present

**Opening the meeting** with the “Out Father” and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by the Grand Knight, Mike Karpus.

10 members in attendance.

## **Grand Knight’s Report:** Mike Karpus

- **Fish fry** is in need of a kitchen manager since Stewart Smith is bowing out because of knee surgery. Ralph VanOcker had no report on the crew and cost of the Lenten Dinners. Full report to be given at the next meeting. The Grand Knight will talk to other kitchen managers for help. More to follow.
- **Right to Life Dinner:** Stewart said he would be the kitchen manager. Dinner to be on Tuesday, March 22. We need a crew of people to prepare, cook and serve the food. We are figuring on 150 people minimum. The Flat River Right to life organization will do the advertising and supply some of the help. Flat River Right to Life needs to do better in promoting the dinner. The last one only took in \$750 per John Brown. District Deputy Bob Thompson suggest we talk to Linda Bondage.

## **The next items on the agenda is Fundraisers:**

- **Annual Pie Sale Report by Tom Russell.** The cost of the pies this year has gone up. Apples Pies will cost \$7.12 each; Cherry Pies will cost \$6.60 each; and Blueberry Pies will cost \$5.85 each. After much discussion it was agreed that we would raise our prices to \$10 each or 3 for \$27. Bob Thompson said that that was what Ionia was charging also. Bob Thompson volunteered to take pie order after the 4:30 mass at St. Joseph; Ralph VanOcker volunteered to take order after the 8:00 Mass at St. Mary with Charlie Smith, Jacob Smith and Tom Russell taking orders at St. Charles. We will make the pies on Saturday morning March 19<sup>th</sup> in Pewamo (same place as before), and transported to St. Joseph and St. Charles for

distribution in the afternoon. We are working on a place at St. Charles. More information to follow.

- **Jam sales Strawberries Sales** were purposed by Charlie Smith and Bob Thompson. During the discussion it was suggested that the school may want to participate with the Knights. There was more interest in the Jam sales than the Fresh Strawberries. It was motioned by Charles Smith and Seconded by Bob Thompson to conduct the sale. Motion Passed. Charles Smith to chair the project; more information to follow.
- **Choosing Delegates for the State Convention at Mackinac Island:**  
The Grand Knight opened the floor for nominations for delegates for the convention to be held the last weekend in May. After much discussion Mike Karpus volunteered to go as first delegate with Kevin Norton as second delegate and with Larry Kassuba and Ralph VanOcker as alternates. Motion was made by Juan Salazar and seconded by Bob Thompson. Delegates and alternates were unanimously approved.
- **Chili Cook-off:** We discussed a Chili Cook-off to benefit the Grand Rapids Pregnancy Center. More information is needed from Bob Thompson. Matter was tabled to a future meeting.
- **After thought:** We should invite YM# to help with both the Fish Fry and the MI drive. They were a great help at the last Fish Fry and we compensated them. Win Win for both. The MI drive sign-up sheet needs 64 volunteers total. Good idea will have to check into it.
- **Baby Blankets** – It was purposed that the Knights purchase 12 special knights infant blankets at \$10 each and give them to newly baptize children in our parish. It was decided that our Family Director Kevin Norton be in charge. Ralph VanOcker motioned and John Taylor seconded that we purchase 12 blankets and have Kevin be in charge of giving them out. Motion Passed.
- **Mems' Retreat:** It was decided to postpone the men's retreat until next year. We just have too much going on. Instead we need to promote the Good Friday service with posters from the State. More to come.
- **Membership Report:** We have two form 100's to read. The first one is Peter Rewa, son of long time member Jim Rewa. It was motioned by Ralph VanOcker and seconded by Frank Rademacher: motion passed. Joshua d. O'Brien has helped with the Saturday meals and has completed his new member survey. He is sponsored by Dave Mendrea. He is young and new to the parish. Charles Smith moved that we accept his application and was seconded by Larry Kassuba. Motion passed. We are scheduling an Exemplification for March 27<sup>th</sup> after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Be sure to add it to the bulletin so everyone can come.
- **New Deputy Grand Knight:** Grand Knight Mike Karpus has offered the position of Deputy Grand Knight to Kevin Norton and he accepted. Motion was made and passed by acclamation.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** John Brown had nothing new to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ralph VanOcker reported a balance of \$6,750.12 with \$159.00 in outstanding bills for food. Motion was made by Frank Rademacher and seconded by Bob Thompson. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- **Deacon Logan Weber** will be ordained in June so we need to send him the \$500 RSVP donation; Bob Thompson motioned and John Taylor seconded that we proceed. Motion Passed.

- It was suggested that we also get Deacon Weber a gift and present it to him at his first Mass celebrated at St. Charles. Discussion followed and it was pointed out by John Brown that we should let him pick out what he needs and get that for him. A motion was made by Bob Thompson and seconded by Juan. Motion passed.
- **Visitors of Mary Immaculate**, a religious order who are missionaries within our country have dire need to fix up their convent. They are in need of new windows and replacement of asbestos tiles. Sister Theresa Marie Moore is a member and the daughter of Marilyn Rewa. It was agreed that for now we would put an article in the bulletin asking for donations and would go from there. There was discussion on what we might do and several ideas were presented. The matter was tabled for future discussion.

***District Deputy Report:*** Robert Thompson; On line form 10784 is available to fill out and send..

- Next week February 17<sup>th</sup>, the tri district meeting will be held in Parnell and will begin with a light lunch. See Bob Thompson for details.
- Dues free e-membership has been extended to the end of the fraternal year.
- Kepha Men's' Conference in Ada March 12. Great conference; get your tickets early. Tickets go fast.
- Men's retreat on March 26; retreat master will be Fr. Bauer.
- District Free Throw Challenge to be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>. See Bob Thompson for more details.
- Our Local Spelling Bee winners won first at the diocesan spelling bee and advance to the regional spelling bee on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Prayers for the sick and distressed.*** Mike Karpus led us in the prayer for the canonization of Fr. McGivney.

Meeting was adjourned by the Grand Knight at 8:17 P.M

Respectfully submitted by Tom Russell.