

# Knights of Columbus

Council 2084, Greenville, MI

Meeting Minutes: March 10 2022

The officers 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.

## 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> Kevin Norton	Present	<i>Inside Guard:</i> John Latva	Absent
<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	Absent
<i>Treasurer:</i> Ralph VanOcker	Present	<i>1yr. Trustee:</i> James Rewa	Excused
<i>Lecturer:</i> Deacon Dan S.	Excused	<i>Recorder:</i>	<i>open</i>
<i>Advocate:</i> Joseph Haen	Excused	<i>District Deputy:</i> Robert Thompson	Present

*Opening the meeting with the "Out Father" lead by Mike Karpus, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

Guest Steve Hilts would like to use the fish fryer in Greenville during the Cursillo on March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was much discussion and it was pointed out that Belding uses it for their Lenten dinners and would be using it that weekend. The Cursillo would have to work something else out.

13 members in attendance.

**Champlin's Message:** None

**Grand Knight's Report:** Mike Karpus:

- Postponed the approval of the minutes until the next meeting. This would give everyone a chance to read them.
- Mike read a letter of thanks from the knights for our donation of \$500 to Kentucky relief.
- Mike also read a letter of thanks for the knights who helped Mike Doherty move some furniture and donated \$150 to the knights for their help.
- Mike encouraged members to watch the webinar on **How to use your fish fry to get members.**
- It was suggested that we set up a monitor and play knights videos and have information available at the table for people to pick up. Kevin Norton said he would set it up and be there during the fish fry.
- **Fish Fry:** Success in that we ran out of fish. It seemed as if everyone came at the same time.
- **March 22 Right to Life Dinner** – Still have work to do
- **Divine Mercy Sunday** – Mike talked with Roger Truszkowski who said it was too late for Mass can Reconciliation for this year. We intend to have a prayer program starting at 2:00 Divine Mercy Sunday. Tom Russell will coordinate it on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will not be doing the Divine Mercy billboard as in past years.

- District Deputy Bob Thompson talked to Roger Truszkowski and found out that he was given 900 prayer booklets about our Lady of Fatima that we could as part of a prayer program for peace. Bob suggested that we might have it at St. Mary. We could have it after the Wednesday Rosary. We need to pray for peace in this troubled world. Mike said he would check into it and talk to Jennifer in the office to see if it is possible.
- **Library** - With things becoming more normal Kevin said it would be a good idea to open the library again. He is willing to work with Roger T. to get it into shape. We have boxes of donated books that need to be looked at, but for the present we need to move them. It was agreed that Kevin could work on this project and if anyone wanted to help get with Kevin.
- **MI Drive:** Palm Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets are available.
- **Jam Sales** – There will be representatives at the Lenten dinner March 18 to talk to people and give our samples. We will start taking orders toward the end of April. More information to follow.
- **Fr. Bauer**, our diocesan chaplain will be leading a one-day men’s spiritual retreat at his parish, Sts. Peter and Paul in Grand Rapids. Mike has signed up and hope to see many knights there. For more information see Mike Karpus.

**Financial Secretary** – John Brown: sign-up sheets available; need 64 volunteers.

John would like to change banks. Our current bank is beginning to charge fees and they are not of benefit to the council. John would like to change to Commercial Bank were there are not fees. After some discussion; it was moved by Charlie Smith and seconded by Frank Rademacher to allow John to change banks. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Ralph VanOcker-Bills to be approved were: \$154 and \$308 to the fishmongers for fish for the Lenten Dinners; Gordon Food Service for \$790.61; Jorgi’s for \$98.91 for coffee and donuts for after 11:00 Mass; Ralph VanOcker for Lenten dinner supplies \$65.57. Frank Rademacher motioned and Frank Ladiski seconded; motion passed. Check book balance is \$7141.12.

**Membership:** Report- March 27 we will have an exemplification after the 11:00 Mass. All candidates who have been approved by the council will be welcomed into the order. This is open to the parish and all are invited. It was mentioned that it should be put in the bulletin and all member of the council are encouraged to attend.

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**Committee Reports:**

- **Pie sales: Tom Russell** - This Sunday will be the last Sunday we will take orders. We make pies on Saturday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup> in Pewamo. We need volunteers. Anyone wishing to make pies needs to talk to Mike Smith. We plan to carpool from the lower parking lot at 6:30 a.m. We will have pies in town around 2:00.
- **Jam sales: Charlie Smith** – Representative will be at the next fish fry to answer all questions and have samples. We plan to start the sales in April. More to come.
- **MI Drive: John Brown** - Sign-up sheet available. Need more help. Have more businesses to contact.

**Old Business:** Divine Mercy Sunday – report given in Grand Knight’s remarks.

**New Business: None**

**District Deputy's Report: Robert Thompson** – Reminder about Fr. Bauer's retreat at St. Peter and Paul in Grand rapids. We should plan to attend. A great spiritual experience.

- 4<sup>th</sup> degree next Monday in Carson City.
- We need to host a fraternal benefits Night.
- \$1.5mm have been donated to the Ukrainian Relief and the Knights paid for all the prosthetics.
- State raffle - We all received raffle tickets. Sell them. It is an easy way to make money for the council. The council gets \$1.00 for each ticket we sell.
- MI drive - Just a reminder that it is coming up in April.
- If anyone wants to be 4<sup>th</sup> degree or a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member who would like to be Faithful Navigator or District Deputy talk to Bob Thompson.

**Good of the Order:** Grand Knight led us in prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney for all those sick and in distress.

Meeting was adjourned by the Grand Knight at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Russell.