

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Parish Pinckney, Michigan

Council # 11761

General Business Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2023

OFFICERS

<u>E</u> Chaplain	Fr. Dan Kogut
_ Grand Knight	Gerard Gonos
_ Deputy Grd Knight	Mike Aulette
<u>E</u> Chancellor	Rick Meyer
_ Recorder	Paul Cassar
<u>E</u> Financial Secretary	Rod Forman
_ Treasurer	Dave Esser
_ Lecturer	Vacant
_ Advocate	Dale Pepper
_ Warden	Todd Darling
_ Inside Guard	Tony O'Branovic
_ Outside Guard	Tim Rolling
<u>E</u> Trustee (3 yr)	Clint Bonkowski
_ Trustee (2 yr)	John Korneder
_ Trustee (1 yr)	Andrew Weisel

DIRECTORS

Program	Andy Weisel
Faith	Dcn. Thomas Rea
Vocations	Dcn. Dan Hall
Community	Tim Rolling
Life	Rod Forman
Health	Dale Pepper
Family	Todd Darling
Youth	John Korneder
Membership	Mike Aulette
Retention	Dave Esser
Council	Phil Meilak
Field Agent	Patrick Arndt
District Deputy	John Yanok

E = Excused

X = Absent

Pending Membership Approval

Meeting Opened: 7:45 pm

Opening Prayer offered by: Gerard Gonos

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: Br. Dave Esser

- General Fund \$ [REDACTED]
- Kans for Kids \$ [REDACTED]

Deposits Tonight –

Dues	\$ [REDACTED]
RSVP from Supreme	\$ [REDACTED]
St. Paddy's Day Online Ticket Sales	\$ [REDACTED]
Online Donation to BBOH	\$ [REDACTED]

Bills Paid Tonight -

NAME	MEMO	AMOUNT
RSVP	2x\$500	\$ [REDACTED]
BBOH	Extra Online Donations	\$ [REDACTED]
Dave Esser	Golf Show	\$ [REDACTED]

Grand Knight: Br. Gerard Gonos

- This will be a challenging year with fundraisers, especially with the Golf outing – many who had sponsored in the past will no longer be able to
 - o Need to get the word out and need to get sponsors!!!

Deputy Grand Knight / Membership Director: Mike Aulette

- Sunday March 26th, need to move the chairs in the church to the multi-use room after 11:30 Mass (so 12:30pm) and will return them on Tuesday (waxing floors planned prior to Easter)
- Dcn Kevin has two lift chairs to donate that would be good for someone in need (would just need to pay to install them)
- Next installment of Family Prayer Night Tuesday, May 23rd
- Mother Son Dance is May 5th and the Daddy Daughter Dance is May 12th – Mike will contact DJ to book

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance: John Kukalis

- March 18th – 6-10pm
- Got about 70 tickets sold, would like to sell about 30 more
- Will need a few guys for set up to help move tables Saturday morning at 10am (20 tables)
- Will need a few guys at the door, and an extra bar hand, and guys to help take it down
- Will organize Signup Genius for volunteers needed and will send it out

Golf Outing: Dave Esser

- Committee met last Tuesday and decided to keep it at Timber Trace, on July 22nd but Rates have gone up
- Have to guarantee 30 foursomes, price to golf went up to \$115 per person – get the word out!
- Flyers and website have been updated; save the dates will go out tomorrow
- Auction is looking pretty good so far
- Can't stress enough to talk to local business that you interact with and to inquire about sponsorships!

Community Director: Dale Pepper

- Many thanks to everyone who participated in the exemplification!

District Deputy: John Yanok

- Thank you very much for your prayers; was very ill a few weeks back
- Congrats on recruits, need to get our one online member to an exemplification (either here or neighboring parish)
- Taxes are due, you have to file, get with Rod
- April 24th in Lansing 4th Degree exemplification
- April 19th San Marino Club Rite to Life Dinner
- If you going to file for a state program award, need to file before the end of the month
- The VA is open for volunteers after a long wait from COVID
 - o They are looking for volunteers, now is a good time to get involved
 - o Need volunteers to give veterans a phone call once or twice a week, reach out to DD if you're interested
- If we are interested to put a softball team together, we could try to get a match with another council
- Offer a Disaster preparation course to the council and the council families to cover prep for any kind of disaster that could happen (Tornado, snowbound, etc..)
- In need of a car for a car raffle, (perhaps a classic, like an 80's Corvette) something that has good bones but isn't a show car by any means, let me know, like to donate to Blue Star
- Need to do a quick audit of the council; please bring bank statements to next meeting

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

- Idea to sponsor putting a pickle ball court as it is very popular – there is talk about putting in a basketball court outdoors and could combine both into one
- Tootsie roll drive – need to figure out how to order some in short order
 - o Could buy leftovers from other parishes and do it after Palm Sunday
 - o Will talk to Rod about ordering them
- Need to decide convention delegates; member stipend is \$2000.
 - o Dates are May 24th, 25th, & 26th, Wed/Thurs/Fri before Memorial Day
 - o **MOTION:** To send Mike Aulette and his Wife Donna but no other delegates due to high costs (UNA)
- Need to decide on how many seminarians to sponsor
 - o **MOTION:** To Sponsor four; two from Lansing and two from Detroit (UNA)
- Will hold Officer nominations next month
- Need to empty the Kans4Kids Trailer; **need help to empty**
- Need one more fraternal benefit night – agreed to do before April Planning Meeting (April 26th), need at least 7 to join

Sick and Prayer List: Fr. Dan and our Parish Deacons, Adam Carlile and family, Brian & Matt Corwin, Rich & Toni Bennett, Leonard Lichwala, S.K. Mike Bourdeau, Time Burke Sr, Marlene Beck (Bill's wife), Cindy Schang, Kathy Meyer, Susan Gurta (Greg's wife), Charlie Loucks (Bernard's father), Ben Soremski, Ken Jones, Bill Mattes, Ruth Miller (Joe's wife), Peggy Whit, Angela Darling, Fr. Francis, Justin Kukalis, Laura O'Branovic, Chuck Blake, Fred & Betty Weisel, Mary Cassar, Tony & Kathy & Vicki Esser.

Rest of the Souls: Cheryl Houk (Teacher at St. Mary's), Betty Lou Meyer (Rick's mother), George Merkel (Beth Corwin's father), & Jim Panning

Closing Prayer: Gerard Gonos

Meeting Closed: 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Br. Paul X. Cassar