

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Parish Pinckney, Michigan

Council # 11761

General Business Meeting Minutes: February 13th, 2024

OFFICERS

<u>E</u> Chaplain	Fr. Dan Kogut
_ Grand Knight	Mike Aulette
_ Deputy Grd Knight	Todd Darling
_ Chancellor	Scott Berry
_ Recorder	Paul Cassar
_ Financial Secretary	John Kukalis
_ Treasurer	Dave Esser
_ Lecturer	Vacant
<u>E</u> Advocate	Dan Cooke
_ Warden	Brian Ignatowski
_ Inside Guard	Tony O'Branovic
<u>E</u> Outside Guard	Richard Kolnity
<u>E</u> Trustee (3 yr)	Tim Rolling
<u>E</u> Trustee (2 yr)	Clint Bonkowski
_ Trustee (1 yr)	John Korneder

DIRECTORS

Program	Andy Weisel / Rod Forman
Faith	Dcn. Thomas Rea
Vocations	Dcn. Dan Hall
Community	Tim Rolling
Life	Rod Forman
Health	Dale Pepper
Family	Todd Darling
Youth	Dan Cooke
Membership	Brian Ignatowski
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: Mike Aulette

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

Treasurers Report: Br. Dave Esser

- Kans for Kids	\$	[REDACTED]
- General Fund	\$	[REDACTED]
- New Ck Account	\$	[REDACTED]
- Money Market	\$	[REDACTED]

Deposits Tonight –

FROM	AMOUNT
Kans for Kids	\$ [REDACTED]
Dues	\$ [REDACTED]
Dues	\$ [REDACTED] (PayPal)

Bills Paid Tonight-

NAME	MEMO	AMOUNT
BBOH	Mission Trip	\$ [REDACTED]
Dale Pepper	Engraving/ said Mass	\$ [REDACTED]
Caramagno Foods	Fish Fry	\$ [REDACTED]
Scott Barry	Fish Fry	\$ [REDACTED]
Econo Print	Fish Fry Materials	\$ [REDACTED]
Dave Esser	Golf Prizes	\$ [REDACTED]
Dave Esser	LARA	\$ [REDACTED]
Ron Abbott	Marriage prep materials	\$ [REDACTED]
Bill Peltier	Fish Fry Startup	\$ [REDACTED]

Grand Knight: Mike Aulette

- Will send out a blast regarding a yearly audit by a third-party CPA and will vote on that at the March general business meeting
- State convention is upcoming, will vote tonight on delegates
- Fish Fry this Friday – still need help and plenty of opportunities, please reach out to Scott if you can volunteer in any way

Program Director: Andy Weisel

- We're all set for Star Council
 - o May need to consider corporate communion or the next family prayer night under the faith category

Membership Director: Brian Ignatowski

- Talked about having a membership drive once a quarter
 - o Can hold a membership drive at the next family prayer night May 21st
 - o Idea to recruit at a basketball group that's starting up

Treasurer: Dave Esser

- We will have a golf meeting later this month to begin organizing for this year's outing

Community Director: Dale Pepper

- Thank you for all the prayers and thanks for the Knight of the month nomination!

Chancellor: Scott Berry

- Reminder that we still need help for the fish fry (will be a similar schedule every week)
 - o After Ash Wednesday Mass need help in the kitchen with the fish – need 4 to 5 people for a few hours
 - o Thurs morning 8:30am 5-7 people – need some help with prep work; clam chowder prep, pasta, pasta sauces, rolls, & desserts
 - o Thurs night 6:30pm 3-5 people – more prep; Cut cod fillets and prep for baking, Prep green beans, Prep Au Gratin potatoes, Set-Up coffee pots, Make Ice Tea, Prep potatoes and lemons, Set up storage room D with tables, roasters and slow cookers
 - o Friday – showtime, all hands on deck, please come and help whenever you can!!
 - Also sign-up here
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AFAD2AA6FAC43-47785640-lenten#/>

Financial Secretary: John Kukalis

- Found a few members through the membership dues process that need to be transferred out/moved to disability
- St. Patrick's Day Dance is Saturday March 16th
 - o Need help setting up a Sign up Genius – have a list of items which need volunteers

District Deputy: John Yanok

- Greeting from our State Deputy – encouraging Knights to be Alter Servers
- Tootsie roll drive is upcoming, let me know if you need any Tootsie Rolls
- Members are encouraged to buy state raffle tickets (\$1 comes back to the council for every ticket)
- Audit is due on the 15th
- District Free throw contest on March 17th at St. Pats in Brighton
- Rite to Life Dinner is April 9th

- All encouraged to donate the extras when paying dues
- State membership tribute February 24th
- Looking to recruit field agents/ financial advisors, let John know if you're interested
- Election is taking place at the State convention, encourage you to send two delegates to participate
- 4th Degree April 20th – this is the last time of the old ceremony, encourage all 4th degree members to attend
- Thought of the month – "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." — St. Gregory Nazianzen

Unfinished Business:

- **Planning meeting to move to 6:00pm on February 28th** – 45 minutes or less; join Dominican sisters for prayer the same night from 7-9pm
- Vote on delegates for the State convention ()
 - o Brian Ignatowski & Mike Aulette \$1,500 stipend per delegate (UNA)
 - James Hogan & Andy Weisel are the agreed upon alternates

New Business:

- At the Tri-district meeting a fundraiser idea that St. Pats is doing called charity mania where you buy a ticket, a portion goes to the pool for someone to win, and a portion comes back to the council – may investigate for next fall and will be sure to check with Fr. first.

Sick and Prayer List: Fr. Dan, Dcn. Tom, Alls Dcns, Fr. John Rocus, Sick members of our council, Betty Weisel, Kyle Gonos, Joe Grech, Alixis Ross, Dave Iwanski, John Lafloure, Laura O'Branovic, John Bovia, St. Mary's parishioners, John Fackler and family, Jack Kukalis, Reno Cassar, Tony Esser, Marie Esser, Kathy Esser, Vicki Esser, Jim Hoffman, Burke Family, & Casey Sobezak,

Repose of the Souls: Leonard Lichwala, Mike Ross, Terry Benyo

Knight of the Month: Dale Pepper for everything that he does for the council

Family of the Month: Mike and Donna Aulette for all their work during the breakfasts and everything else that they do for the council

Closing Prayer: Mike Aulette

Meeting Closed: 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Br. Paul X. Cassar