

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Parish Pinckney, Michigan Council # 11761

Planning Meeting Minutes: September 25, 2024

OFFICERS

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

DIRECTORS

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| 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 | TBD |
| Retention | Dave Esser |
| Council | Phil Meilak |
| Field Agent | Patrick Arndt |
| District Deputy | Steve Schafer |

E = Excused

X = Absent

Meeting Opened: 7:35 pm

Opening Prayer offered by: Mike Aulette

Mike Aulette:

- A bit concerned regarding the lack of volunteers especially with events coming up on the calendar without someone chairing the event
 - o Idea to personally call some of the newer members to ask for help
 - o Would like someone to step up to lead the effort to gather a list of phone numbers to divvy up among core officers to call
- Pasties – Earl Blackburn:
 - o Missed the first pre-sale weekend
 - Idea to just make 1000 – don't think we'll have issues selling them on a first come, first serve basis and sell the remainder at the Bazaar
 - o Oct 18th (prep) 8am-1pm and 19th (assembly) 8am-2pm & Oct 25th (prep) 8am-1pm and 26th (assembly) 8am-2pm will be the dates that we make them (the more hands will mean leaving earlier)
 - Need more volunteers, please reach out to Earl Blackburn if you're available those days or sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AACA822A5F9CF8-51629015-pasty#/>
 - If you come, please bring a rolling pin, also if you have a 9" pan cover to cut the dough, bring it as well
 - Would like to make more than 500 the first weekend to make the second weekend easier
 - Need to print more cooking instructions to hand out
- This upcoming weekend the Knights will be bringing up the gifts – wear your Knights shirt
 - o 5:00 pm – Phil M
 - o 9:00 am – John K / Dave E
 - o 11:30 am – n/a (Baptism parents will take up gifts)
- Ordered the Teddy Bears for Baptisms

Scott Berry:

- Food order upcoming for the next breakfast coming up on Oct 6th – had a great turnout of volunteers last month and hope for the same this month
- \$805.55 net proceeds, \$635.96 cost of food netted \$169.59 for the fall festival (will donate to the school)
 - o It seemed like everyone had a good time

Andy Weisel:

- 4th degree honor guard went to Blue Star service dog graduation
 - o Blue Star is being considered for an international Knights award – different from similar organizations, Blue Star rescues dogs from shelters and trains them (relative to other orgs that pay big money for pups)

John Korneder:

- Idea to move the general business meeting to a Wednesday, will vote in Oct for the first GBM on a Wednesday on November 13th
 - o May need to move the Oct meeting due to the Rite to Life dinner (perhaps to Wednesday the 9th)
 - o Perhaps spread out the planning meetings- idea to cancel the planning meetings during the summer (and December; after Christmas and prior to NYE)

Dave Esser:

- Encourage everyone to support Priests for Life
- Need someone to step up and organize the Golf outing next year – really need to prayerfully consider for someone to do so
 - o Could lock up Whispering Pines for 3years at the same price – everyone agreed that this is the path to pursue
 - o Tentative Date July 12th (and second Saturday in July for the future 2 years)

Dale Pepper:

- Men's retreat this weekend is filled up – everyone that showed interest was able to get a spot
- This weekend is the 5th Sunday Rosary after 9:00 mass – please join us!
- Focus on Life dinner is Oct 8th at Crystal Gardens – have 8 slots to fill, please let Dale you know if you'd like to join
 - o Idea to move the General Business Meeting to the 9th to avoid the conflict

Rod Forman:

- LCUI golf outing went really well – thanks for the prayers and support!
- Would like to order keep Christ in Christmas banner – will send a link to John Kukalis to order

John Kukalis:

- Need to set a date for the clergy appreciation dinner – tentatively shoot for May 17th pending on availability
- Discussion on whether to have it here or offsite – largely aligned to have it here after 5:30pm Mass
- Will keep it exclusive to Knights and their families

Knight of the Month: Jeff Gable for going to the VA & assisting with Bingo and helping with the breakfasts

Family of the Month: Dcn. Dan & Laurie Hall for all they do for the Parish

Closing Prayer: Mike Aulette

Meeting Closed: 9:00pm