

Meeting Minutes November 6, 2016 Knights of Columbus #12985

- The Officers meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm
- Opening prayers were offered by GK John Duff
- The Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- Opening prayers were offered by Fr. Peter Omogo

Roll call:

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Chaplain: Fr. P. Omogo	E	P	Financial Sec: B. Snowdin	P	P	Inside Guard: L. Conard	E	E
Grand Knight: J. Duff	P	P	Treasurer: G. Horn	P	P	Outside Guard: R. Spoelhof	P	P
Deputy GK: D. Sipka	P	P	Lecturer: K. Munson	P	P	Trustee (3 rd Yr.): J. Robillard	P	P
Chancellor: T. Cumings	P	P	Advocate: M. Schulist	P	P	Trustee (2 nd Yr.): C. Grattafiori	P	P
Recorder: G. Greiner	P	P	Warden: J. Paszkowski	P	P	Trustee (1 st Yr.): S. Nagengast	P	P

Officers Meeting:

- FS Jason Zwart will be replaced by Bill Snowdin, who has been reinstated as Financial Secretary.
- Recorder Kodi Schulist will be replaced by Gary Greiner who has volunteered to fill in as Recording Secretary until a replacement is found.
- Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the September and October 2016 KC meetings were not officially recorded.

Officer Meeting had discussions on the following:

- The Rosary Rally, meeting minutes not being recorded, Steak Fry, Halloween maze or candy give away, Spelling Bee, reduced membership cost for youth KC members, Corporate Communion, and Christmas Parade.
- Vetting - Jason Stariha was vetted during the Officers meeting.

Regular Meeting:

- There were no minutes from the previous meeting and consequently none were not read.

The Grand Knight reported on the following:

- There were two new candidates considered for vetting.

Candidate	KC Sponsor	Vetted date	Action Date
Ed Gallitz	Bob Hyatt	12/07/2014	
Matt DeYoung	Mike Schulist	02/08/2015	
James Perigard Jr.	Mike O'Leary	04/12/2015	
Bob Powers	Bob Hyatt	11/01/15	
John Wade	David Pernesky	11/01/15	

Jimmy Luttrell		11/01/15	
Spencer Wolf	Jason Zwart	11/06/16	
Jason Stariha	John Duff	11/06/16	

- Vetting: There was discussion regarding two potential new members: Jason Stariha and Spencer Wolf. Much discussion transpired regarding these two men. *After the discussion a motion was made to accept both as new candidates, the motion was seconded and the motion carried.*
 - They will attend the next 1st Degree Ceremonial on December 4, 2016.
- Knight of the Quarter goes to Tom Bart (and Carol) in recognition of the countless hours spent as Chairman of the St. James Lenten Fish Fry. Thank you Tom and Carol for all of your efforts to make the fish fry such a success.
- Family of the Quarter goes to Sherie and Scott Manzo for all of the various things they have done for and in the church. To mention just a couple: The chapel ceiling was repaired and the parking lot garden restoration was conducted by the whole Manzo family.
- The Quarterly News Letter will go out next week so that it can include the Corporate Communion information.
- WGK John has placed Form 100's just inside of the sacristy, in the top of the white cabinet, in case you are in need of a Form 100 for a potential new member.

The Chaplain reported as follows:

- Fr. Peter thanked the KC members for their support in our community and in our church.
- Fr. Peter has met with the Pastoral Council and has a goal to lift up the spirituality of our parish.
- He thanked all of those who took part in the Rosary Prayer at the Weathervane in Whitehall and the consecration to Mary.
- More than 160 parishioners took part in the St. Andrews Mass and walking through the holy door.
- Every first Tuesday of the month there will be prayer in the chapel in the morning.

The results of the Annual Election balloting were as follows: N/A

The Council conferred the following degrees: N/A

The Treasurer reported:

- George Horn reported that the check book balance was \$16,927.15 and that the check book balanced with the SSB monthly statement.

The following bills were read and referred: N/A

The following communications were read: N/A

Financial Secretary Report, Bill Snowdin:

- We have received back from the state three MI checks for distribution.
- To date, we have 0 members who still owe 2016 dues.
- Our membership quota for this year is 10 new members and 4 insured members.
- We ordered 20 cases of Tootsie Rolls and took expenses against MI receipts for only the 8 that were given away during the MI Drive. The rest will be used for parades.
- Regarding the MI Drive and the beneficiaries of the proceeds. We received back from the state three checks for \$644.42, \$644.43, \$644.43. Last year our budgeted to bring these up to \$750 each by adding \$160. FS Bill asked if we would we want to add \$105.58 to each of them this year for a total of \$317? *Motion was made, seconded and the motion passed.*

- FS Secretary Bill Snowdin has KC Koozies for \$1.00 each.

Financial Secretary Report – November 1, 2016

Payables: Generated Vouchers \$ 5592.44 since last meeting.

Amount	Recipient	Payment / Donation for :
\$ 1,000.00	St. James Catholic Church	Giving Tree Donation 2016 - Replaces WV 898 from Sept
\$ 2,416.59	Michigan State Council, KofC	2016 MI Drive proceeds after tootsie roll expense - Replaces WV 899 from Sept
\$ 500.00	St. James Catholic Church	2016 Donation to the quilting ministry - Replaces WV 884 from July
\$ 92.84	Robert B. Hyatt	Reimburse for flowers for J. Loss 32.84, Mass cards for Loss, Twa, Spring & Savoie 4@15=\$60
\$ 24.03	Knight of Columbus Supreme Council	Monthly billing - Supplies
\$ 500.00	Fr. Peter Omogo	Donation for Airfare/Travel for Christmas 2016
\$ 290.88	Robert B. Hyatt	Reimburse for steaks from Midwest and food at Montague Foods for Fall 2016 steak fry
\$ 378.10	John R. Robillard	Reimburse for food and prizes for Fall 2016 Steak Fry
\$ 390.00	Lake County Council 13865	20 cases of tootsie rolls for MI drive & parades @ 19.50 per case - 8 cases used for MI Drive 2016

Receipts: Deposited Monies into checking: \$ 1,025.00

From (Source)	Amount	Comment
Gary Greiner	\$ 25.00	1 new style shirt
Ron Spring; various members	\$ 170.00	Dues; Donation
Fall 2016 Steak Fry receipts	\$ 830.00	82 dinner tickets sold and 2 steaks sold

Balance: Knights Books	\$ 15,443.15	
K of C Reserve	\$ 961.00	Council Buffer Set Aside
Good Cause / Needy Mbr	\$ 523.00	Donations
Financial Sec SSB Acct Balance	\$ 16,927.15	Should be same as Treasurer Balance
FF Reserve (Fish Fry Checking)	\$ 9,455.35	Monies in Savings Account from LFF
Total Council SSB Funds	\$ 26,382.50	Total Available Funds

Donations Received:

- \$20

FY Member Gain/Loss

- **Current Members:** 131; 130 Act, 1 inact
- **Gains:** 0
- **Losses:** 11

FY2016 Supreme :

	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Current</u>
Total:	10	0
Insur:	4	0

Dues:

All 2016 dues have been caught up.

Miscellaneous:

The Chancellor reported on Vocations:

- Tyler Cumings sent cards to our new seminarians: Andrew Ayers, Michael Goodwin and Michael Steffes, Jr
 - The Knights Auxiliary would also like to support a seminarian this year. Tyler will contact them with information to do so.

The following committees reported: N/A

Report on Programs – DGK David Sipka:

- Blood Drive: Jake Paszkowski reported that the next blood drive will be on Monday, November 7th from noon to 6:00 pm. He thanked those who consistently help with the set up and clean up: B. Hyatt, J. Dorsch, K. Munson, D. Schmitt and D. Shafer.
- Fish Fry Update: Tom is in Chicago this week. He is currently recruiting help for the upcoming Lenten Fish Fry this spring.
- Corporate Communion: The next Corporate Communion will be at St. James. It will be on Saturday, February 18th at 5:00 pm. KC members who are 1st through 3rd Degree are encouraged to wear their red Knight's shirts and the 4 Degree members are to wear their tux and baldrics. The Valentines dance will follow this Corporate Communion. Those 4th Degree members who would be more comfortable in the red shirts may do so. Ron Spoelhof will be signing up volunteers.
- Valentines Dance: Will be on February 18th after the 5:00 pm Mass.
- Rosary Rally: Kevin Munson reported that the Rosary Rally at the Whitehall Weathervane on October 15th was well attended with estimates of 75 participants. He wanted to thank all those who helped make this possible and especially recognized Fr. Peter Omogo and our churches presence.
- Mentally Impaired Tootsie Roll Drive: George Horn reported that we cannot sell Tootsie Rolls on the streets next year. That we will need a program to replace this one because you do not generate as much revenue at store fronts as you do on street corners. DD Jim indicated that Baldwin did good selling at store fronts. Discussion led to a committee of three to determine how to proceed next year: George Horn, Dave Pernesky, and Kevin Munson will report back to the council with ideas.
 - The MI checks are back, a letter has been written to the recipient and they are ready for distribution.
- Card Program:
 - Bob Hyatt noted that cards were sent out.
- Fall Steak Fry – WGK John wanted to recognize and thank John Robillard for coordinating this event and to thank all who helped. John is putting together a procedure on what is needed to coordinate this steak fry event.
- Right to Life:
 - Bob Hyatt noted that the, "Focus on Life" benefit dinner on October 27th had a good speaker, Genevieve Marnon and was well attended by St. James.
 - <http://www.priestsforlife.org/candidates/2016-platform-comparison-web.pdf>

- Trustees Report: N/A
- Free Throw Contest: Steve Nagengast would like to reduce the hours needed to conduct this activity. He would like to reserve a gym and have one night for boys and one for girls. He contacted the local coaches but got no response. The question was asked - why do we pursue this activity? The answer is that we need at least one youth activity to qualify for the Star Council Award. If children are not interested in the Free Throw contest, what would they be interested in? It was decided to put the Free Throw Contest on the back burner and form a committee to discuss what children might like to get involved in. Steve Nagengast, Tyler Cumings and David Sipka will report back to the council.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed of as follows:

The following new business was brought up:

- The Dioceses is seeking donations to support The Prison and Jail Ministry of the Diocese of Grand Rapids. It was suggested this would be a worthy donation idea and is in line with Pope Francis ‘Year of Mercy’. Favorable discussion ensued. \$100 and \$250 donations were suggested. *A motion was made to donate \$250 to this worthy cause. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.*
- The White lake Christmas Parade will be on December 3rd at 2:00 pm. Line-up and train readiness will begin at 1:00 pm at the old Whitehall HS. We need volunteers to: carry the 4 flags, the banner, to monitor little tots on the train and to hand out candy. Contact Bob Hyatt if you can help.
- The White Lake Giving Tree delivery will be in the morning on December 3rd also.
- Regarding our KC youth members in college, should the council consider changing their dues from \$30 to something less. *A motion was made for them to only have to pay \$10. This motion was seconded and the motion passed.*
 - This needs to be added to the by-laws. DGK Dave Sipka will take the assignment.
 - DD Jim Digman noted that there is a simple boiler plate amendment form that can be used for by-laws. He noted that they must be renewed each year.

The Report of the Fourth Degree, Bishop Baraga Michigan District #4 – (Grand Rapids - Saginaw):

- Jake Paszkowski said that the next 4th Degree Meeting will be at Grand Haven on January 2, 2016. The meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month with social at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30pm. The 4th Degree Christmas Party will on Wednesday, December 7 and will be held at the Wildwood Spring Club House in Spring Lake. Tickets are \$20 / ticket each and must be purchased by November 22nd.

The District Deputy Jim Digman reported as follows:

- Jim recognized Tyler Cumings with a certificate for sponsoring a new KC member to our council.
- Jim noted that there was a DD, Directors and Ladies conference. The Holy Cross & St. Lewis Center sweatshirt program continues, needing XL to XXXXL sizes with logos on them. Also collecting baskets with toiletries, gift cards to charities, and bed sheets.
 - HCCS is a budget item and FS Bill will meet with Jim after the meeting.
 - Rose Digman is requesting a \$50 gift card to support the ladies charity fundraising. *A motion was made for \$50. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.* This would come from the St. James Script and the council check would be written to: St. James Script.
- Jim handed out a “Financial Aid to Education” pamphlet. Please reference the following for an application and additional information: kofc.org/scholarships

Our Insurance Agent Joe Tackx reported as follows: N/A

Lecturers Report, Kevin Munson:

- Kevin led us in the “Prayer to Mary the Immaculate Conception Patroness of the United States” prayer.

Under Good of the Order, (Read at the end of the meeting): We remember and pray for the souls of:

- Fr. Joseph Pettit, Fr. Bob Hart, Fr. Paul Johnson, Fr. Thomas Schiller, Fr. Donn Tufts, Fr. Phil Salmonowicz, Tony Tryban, Jerry Savoie, Carl Molnar, Glen (Buzz) Hulet, Vern Brusseau, Herb Jones, George Owen, Jim Luttrull, Chuck Gregwer, James Morse and PGK John Loss (September 18, 2016). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Additional prayers for:

Bishop Walter Hurley, Fr. Donn Tufts-knee surgery, Fr. Phil Witkowski, Seminarians: Andrew Ayers, Michael Goodwin and Michael Steffes. John Loss, Chuck Mosley, Ray Reinhold, Larry Conard’s wife Patti, Tim Bays, Bob Olcese, Dave Anderson’s wife Niki, Gary Gheller’s wife Karen, Allen Greiner’s daughters Sarah and Crystal, Bill Karchinski, Dick Alvesteffer son, Carl Cumings, Michael Shannon family members - Rebecca Denzer, Jacob Hayes, Benjamin Hayes, Bethany Hayes, Frank Machovsky, Denny Flynn, Larry (Butch) Conard, Joe Tackx, Doug Twa, Tyler Cumings sister Amanda, JR Savoie and all Knights and family members in ill-health or in harm’s way.

Date	Event	Event	Hospitality
December 4, 2016	1 st Degree Exemplification Degree Team Rehearsal 5:00 pm Candidates gathering 5:30 pm Exemplification at 6:00 pm	Regular Meeting at 7:00	Chancellor – Tyler Cumings
January 8, 2017	Officers Meeting at 6:30pm	Regular Meeting at 7:00	Financial Secretary – Bill Snowdin

Closing:

Closing prayers were led by Fr. Peter
The Closing Ode was sung.
The meeting closed at ~8:20 pm.
The minutes were recorded by Gary Greiner