

Knights of Columbus Assembly #548 Minutes April 21, 2009

Meeting Date was April 21, 2009 at St. Francis Catholic Church.

Business Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. 24 members were present. **Joe Rademacher** checked membership cards.

The Opening Prayer was led by Faithful Navigator, **Mark A. Zangs**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Faithful Navigator, **Mark A. Zangs**. **Mark** mentioned that Supreme wants the Pledge to be read as is, without “born and unborn” at the end and also without under God being read as if it was set off by commas. The Pledge is controlled by Congressional oversight so it should not be altered at will. The KCs worked long and hard to get “under God” added to the Pledge in the 1950s and we don’t want arbitrary groups to be editing the Pledge now, and that should include us.

The Role Call of Officers:

Faithful Friar	Fr. Connelly	Absent
Faithful Assistant Friar	Fr. William Kulas	Absent
Faithful Navigator	Mark A. Zangs	Present
Faithful Captain	Berry L. Hobbs, Jr.	Absent
Faithful Pilot	Jeffrey A. Bagniewski	Present
Faithful Comptroller	James E. Decker	Present
Faithful Purser	Jerome N. Lensing	Present
Faithful Scribe	William W. Brooks Jr.	Present
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Joseph P. Rademacher	Present
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Thomas A. Furr	Present
Faithful Admiral	Arthur N. Mueller	Present
Trustee – One Year	John J. Hunt	Present
Trustee – Two Year	Michael D. Kleinschmidt	Present
Trustee – Three Year	Robert T. Degnan	Absent

Important: The Faithful Scribe has slow fingers on the keyboard so he would like to ask everyone to:

- **PLEASE FOLLOW THE ORDER OF THE MINUTES,**
and
- **SPEAK SLOWLY.**

Minutes for the month of March, 2008 were distributed via e-mail, on the Assembly website (www.KofCAsm548.org) and some copies were available at the meeting. A

motion was made to approve the minutes as posted. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Faithful Friar's Report: Fr. Connelly had a conflict and couldn't attend. June we will have a mass and it will be dedicated to the Knights of Columbus.

Faithful Comptroller's Report: Faithful Comptroller **James Decker** reported:

Mark Zangs office expense 3/17/2009	\$18.10
Steve Freese March meal expense 3/17/2009	\$8.05
<u>James Arendt March meal expense 3/17/09</u>	<u>\$99.32</u>
Expenses March	\$125.47
March meal receipts 3/17/09	\$261.00
<u>March Member dues 3/17/09</u>	<u>\$210.00</u>
Income March	\$471.00

Jim also said that we have 1 member who has not paid his dues yet.

Faithful Purser Report: Faithful Purser **Jerome Lensing** gave his report. He reported an initial balance at Eastwood Bank of \$4939.85 on 3/16/2009 and a final balance of \$5305.38 on 4/21/2009. He also reported that our Vanguard account was worth \$9216.88 on 12/31/2009 and was worth \$9247.23 on 3/21/2009.

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Brief Highlights:

- **Mark** introduced some new and returning members. **Bob Marsolek** is known to many of us from Council 1032. Welcome **Bob**. **Greg Sanders** is a new member after the Exemplification. Welcome **Greg**! **Dick Hammond** is a transfer in. Welcome **Dick**! **Robert Larson** is a new member after the Exemplification but is in England right now and couldn't attend.
- **Mark** gave the exemplification report. It was very well done. We didn't see a lot of new members this time around, but we expect to see about 15 new members after the Fall Exemplification in Marshall, MN.
- **Berry Hobbs** is temporarily acting as a trainer of new Grand Knights filling in for an ailing Knight so he couldn't be here tonight.
- **Mark** mentioned the KC dance this coming Friday night at the International Center. See our [website](#) for details.
- **Mark** said that Pax Christi parish says the Rosary the first Saturday of every month. This one coming up is the Million Rosary event for unborn babies. Check the [Pax Christi website](#) or the [Assembly pro-life action link](#) for details.
- **Bishop Harrington** is retiring. The Diocese is asking for donations. A motion was made and passed to donate \$100. This goes to the Bishop Harrington Seminarian Fund. **Mike Kleinschmidt** clarified that all Councils have been asked to give to the Seminarian Fund, but there hasn't

been a unified decision made. We decided that we could give additional funds to the seminarians later and that the \$100 would be enough for now.

- **John Hunt** reported on the Mystery Trip. Things are starting but not quite ready yet. He probably won't have the poem ready for the 1st for the Anchor deadline. He also said that this might be the last year for this event.
- **Mark** said the June meeting will be in Byron. **Joe Mathias** will take care of making the arrangements tomorrow with St. Michaels Church.
- **Mark** said that Council 1013 will have a Degree Meeting before the next Council Meeting. He said that the degree team would welcome having some 4th degree members there to assist.
- **Mark** covered miscellaneous stuff. There was mail for St. Francis Council and that was given to **John Hunt**. He also got a number of mailings from the Guest House requesting funds, and he also got a thank you note from Channel One for our donation.
- **Mark** talked about flags. The flags are 5 by 8, not 3 by 5. **Mark** found that there is a Catholic buying organization. **Mark** applied there and got accepted. The prices are cheaper than we can get elsewhere. He intends to buy an American flag and a Papal flag from them to give to St. John's.
- **Carolyn** from Season's Hospice is seeking donations for a film they are making to help acquaint people with the hospice concept and Season's in particular. They hope to raise \$25,000 through charitable giving. **Mark** suggested donating \$125 and it was referred to Charities.
- There will be a barbecue this coming Saturday night at the Owatonna KCs to help with one member's medical expenses. Details are in the last Anchor.
- Elks lodge is putting on a fund raiser this Saturday to help with the Veteran's Flight expenses. **Bernie Tloughan** participated in this and was very happy.
- The ACLU is DEMANDING that the 10 commandments be removed from all public buildings. **John Conyers** is requesting KCs write to their congressmen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Officer Nominating Committee Report: The Nominating Committee recommends the following Slate of Officers for the 2009-2011 term:

- Faithful Friar, Rev. Donald Connelly.
- Faithful Asst. Friar, Rev. William Kulas.
- Faithful Navigator, Berry Hobbs.
- Faithful Captain, Jeffrey Bagniewski.
- Faithful Pilot, Robert Voss.
- Faithful Comptroller, James Decker.
- Faithful Purser, Jerome Lensing.
- Faithful Scribe, William Brooks, Jr.

- Faithful Inner Sentinel, Joseph Rademacher.
- Faithful Outer Sentinel, Timothy White.
- Faithful Admiral, Mark Zangs.
- Trustee - 3 term, Arthur Mueller.
- Trustee - 2 term, Robert Degnan.
- Trustee - 1 term, Michael Kleinschmidt.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept this slate of officers for next year.

Charities Committee Report: Ambrose King apologized for not being active in the Committee because of his wife's illness and passing. Mark said that no apologies are necessary and all of the members heartily agreed.

Membership Committee Report: No report.

Honor Guard Report: Mike Kleinschmidt said that the Honor Guard participated at St. Charles for the 50th Anniversary of their Council of the Catholic Daughters this past Saturday. Bishop Harrington was there and said the Mass. The Winona Assembly Honor Guard was lead and our Assembly had 5 Knights marching in the Honor Guard. After the Mass we had a nice lunch and listened to the Daughter's meeting. The Catholic Daughter's is an offshoot of the KCs. 4 Sir Knights participated on Sunday at Resurrection Church in their yearly Adoration service. .

Rochesterfest Report: No report.

Welfare Committee: No report.

Flag Committee Report: Mark would like to see a flag flying at every parish provided by the Assembly. The flags will be replaced at St. John's right away. But he would like to see us take care of them all. Mike Kleinschmidt pointed out that providing both the Papal flag and the American Flag could be expensive. The American flag would be cheaper and would support our patriotic purpose. The Flag Committee is to make a recommendation.

Admissions Committee Report: No report.

Exemplification Report: No report.

District Deputy Report: No report.

Trustee Report: No report.

Old Business: Tom Furr volunteered to contact Gary Welsh who has not responded to the yearly fee statement.

Unfinished Business: No report.

New Business: **Rich Siglow** said that a woman friend of his who would like a donation to walk in a 60 mile walk for cancer. This was referred to the Charity Committee.

Good of the Order:

John and **Shirley Bachand** are both still ailing. **John** was recently inducted into the KC Hall of Fame for his long service to the Knights.

Kate Mesmer would very much like visitors. She is in the Golden Living Center just off the highway near McDonalds. Her stroke has left her without speech for now, but she is fully aware and responsive.

All of the new and specific items for the good of the order are now listed in the Prayer List on our website, so they will not be repeated here. Please keep all parish priests in the Winona Diocese in your prayers, because they are all overworked. Also, please pray for vocations. Please keep these people and others you know need our prayers in your prayers.

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer was led by Faithful Navigator, **Mark Zangs**.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Faithful Scribe & Webmaster