

Knights of Columbus Assembly #548 Minutes February 16, 2010

Meeting Date was February 16, 2010 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Rochester.

Business Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

The Opening Prayer was led by Faithful Navigator **Berry Hobbs**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Faithful Navigator **Berry Hobbs**.

The Role Call of Officers:

Faithful Friar	Fr. Connelly	Absent
Faithful Assistant Friar	Fr. William Kulas	Absent
Faithful Navigator	Berry L. Hobbs, Jr.	Present
Faithful Captain	Jeffrey A. Bagniewski	Absent
Faithful Pilot	Robert Voss	Absent
Faithful Comptroller	James E. Decker	Absent
Faithful Purser	Jerome N. Lensing	Absent
Faithful Scribe	William W. Brooks Jr.	Present
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Joseph P. Rademacher	Present
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Timothy White	Present
Faithful Admiral	Mark A. Zangs	Present
Trustee – One Year	Michael D. Kleinschmidt	Present
Trustee – Two Year	Robert T. Degnan	Present
Trustee – Three Year	Arthur N. Mueller	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 January, 2009 were posted on the Assembly website (www.KofCAsm548.org) earlier today and some copies were available at the meeting. The January minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Jim Arendt motioned that we shouldn't have to have the minutes read. **Mike Kleinschmidt** explained why we are reading them. Motion retracted. They will be read. The Faithful Scribe will do his best to make it quick.

Faithful Friar's Report: Fr. Connelly was absent. He is having some medical difficulties, so please pray for him.

Faithful Comptroller's Report: SK Mike Kleinschmidt reported for SK **James Decker**:

KC Fourth Degree Fund 1/18/2010	\$8.13
Alan Peterson for fruit basket expenses	\$101.75
Jim Decker for office expenses	\$132.00
Paul Daley for January meal expenses	\$91.44
Berry Hobbs for office expenses	\$14.66
MN 4 th Degree Promotion Fund	\$266.00
Fort St. Charles Fund	\$266.00
Expenses January/February	\$879.98
Membership dues on 1/19/2010	\$1050.00
January meal income	\$288.00
<u>Donation to Assembly 588</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Income January/February	\$1,438.00

Motion to approve, seconded and passed.

Faithful Purser Report: SK Mike Kleinschmidt reported for SK **Jerome Lensing** an initial balance at Eastwood Bank of \$3,643.70 on 1/17/2010 and a final balance of \$4,205.90 on 2/14/2010. Motion to approve, seconded and passed.

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Brief Highlights:

- **Berry** again mentioned the Anchor will be online at our website and needs to be read.
- **Berry** mentioned a Department of Veterans Affairs News release. He has a copy for people to read, but it is too big to copy and mail to everyone so it will be posted on our website.
- Our very nice KC Assembly jackets will be ready this week. Contact **Ed Robinet** for more information.
- **Berry** asked **Mark Zangs** to talk about the District Charity Committee Report. The purpose of this Committee is to distribute the proceeds from the building over a period of years. The original charter of the committee was to support projects which benefited all of the area, not just a single parish. They will give out about 5% of the total each year. Right now the total is about \$350,000, so the approximate amount this year is \$17,500. There was quite a bit of discussion. The point of bringing this up was to educate the Assembly members and then they can talk with their Council representative soon before the decisions are made. We will not vote on this or have motions about this at tonight's meeting.

- Be sure to read the letter and the attachment from the Supreme Master about the health care bill. It has been posted on the website. It is important that all Catholics take action about this bill.
- **Berry** assured the Assembly that he would not want us to do another exemplification until we get a worthwhile financial offer from the State Master. He will raise this issue at the upcoming state convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions Committee Report: No report.

Charities Committee Report: No report.

District Deputy Report: No report.

Exemplification Report: No report.

Flag Committee Report: No report.

Honor Guard Report: SK **Mike Kleinschmidt** did not get a request from St. Pius. Nothing else is pending. He will email all Honor Guard members when there is a request.

Membership Committee Report: **Greg Sanders** and **Rob Larson** were not present so **Berry** summarized what is going on. The following candidates are being considered for the upcoming exemplification or possibly for the fall exemplification.

- **Robert Pyfferoen**, member of Council 1013
- **Dave Silker**, GK of the Pax Christi Council
- **Eric Rose**, member of Council 1013
- **Dr. Joseph O'Toole**, parish administrator at Holy Spirit and member of Holy Spirit Council

In addition, **Fr. James D. Russell**, retired from St. Mary's of the Lake parish in Lake City, is serving as chaplain at Madonna Towers. He is a transfer and will enter our assembly in the near future.

?? **O'Blennis** is a member of the Albert Lea Assembly and will be transferring in.

Officer Nominating Committee Report: No report.

Rochesterfest Report: No report.

Trustee Report: No report.

Welfare Committee: **Allan Peterson** performs visitations for the Assembly. **Al** visited 9 of the members during the holidays including **Milo Swenke**. They all have neat stories to tell and they all like having visitors. **Fr. Connelly** is doing well.

Let Their council Feb 28 pancake breakfast to raise 8 AM to 1 PM.

Old Business: Berry discussed the meal time change. This will start at the next meeting. We will normally have social hour at 6-6:30 PM, then dinner, then the business meeting. However, at the next meeting we are scheduled to have Mass so there may be some time adjustments for that meeting.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: **Al Peterson** has a book rediscovering Catholicism by **Mathew Kelly**. **Al** has ordered some of these and they will be here in 4 to 6 weeks. The books will be available for the members to read and will then be donated to the libraries of the various churches in the Assembly.

Bishop Frederick Baraga Cross Project: **Bishop Baraga** was called the snowshoe priest. He was an expert in languages and created a dictionary and the first written version of the Ojibwa language. He ministered to them the upper Midwest territories in the early years. A cross overlooking Lake Superior honors him and is in rather poor shape, and the State Knights of Columbus want to upgrade the cross for something like \$150,000. Do we want to support this? There was much discussion pro and con. The primary problem is the poor state of economy for making such a large investment. **Berry** will represent us on this issue at the Bi-Annual District meeting in Duluth.

Good of the Order:

Al Peterson mentioned that **Ed Maloney** is getting transfusions every week now, rather than every 3 weeks as was the case when he was healthier. Please pray for **Ed**.

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. New items are posted on our website and mentioned in the Anchor. 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, **Berry Hobbs**.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,



Faithful Scribe & Webmaster