

Knights of Columbus Assembly #548 Minutes February 17, 2009

Meeting Date was February 17, 2009 at St. Francis Catholic Church.

Business Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm. 24 members were present.

The Opening Prayer was led by Faithful Friar, **Fr. Connelly**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Faithful Navigator, **Mark A. Zangs**.

The Role Call of Officers:

Faithful Friar	Fr. Connelly	Present
Faithful Assistant Friar	Fr. William Kulas	Absent
Faithful Navigator	Mark A. Zangs	Present
Faithful Captain	Berry L. Hobbs, Jr.	Present
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	Absent
Faithful Admiral	Arthur N. Mueller	Present
Trustee – One Year	John J. Hunt	Absent
Trustee – Two Year	Michael D. Kleinschmidt	Present
Trustee – Three Year	Robert T. Degnan	Present

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 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 meditation getting ready for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Read from the Gospels and meditate. Doing this will make Lent more meaningful. He read a meditation from the Post Bulletin which had major points of:

- Do not worry.
- Do not be fearful.
- Don't cross bridges before you come to them. Solve the issues before you now.
- Face each problem as it comes and deal with it.
- Count your blessings. We all have things to be grateful for every day.

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

Jim Decker office expenses 1/20/09	\$126.00
Dave Nissen Jan. meal expense 1/20/09	\$290.14
Al Peterson fruit basket expense 1/20/09	\$19.26
Thomas Grinnell MN 4 th promo fund 1/20/09	\$262.00
Thomas Grinnell Fort St. Charles fund 1/20/09	\$262.00
Mark Zangs office expense 1/20/09	\$99.49
Lourdes HS M. King memorial 1/20/09	\$50.00
St. Pius Catholic Church M. King memorial 1/20/09	\$50.00
Robert Degnan exemplification expenses 1/20/09	\$359.68
Mark Zangs renewal of obligations expense 1/20/09	\$166.19
Mark Zangs office expense 1/20/09	\$57.63
KC Supreme Fourth Degree Fund 1/20/09	\$64.64
Expenses	\$1,807.03

Jan. meal receipts 1/20/09	\$304.00
<u>Member dues 1/20/2009</u>	<u>\$330.00</u>
Income	\$634.00

Faithful Purser Report: Faithful Purser **Jerome Lensing** gave his report. He reported an initial balance at Eastwood Bank of \$4,918.44 as of 1/20/2009 and \$3,589.85 as of today.

The Faithful Scribe/Webmaster **Bill Brooks** presented the website to the meeting attendees to show the highlights and to get more usage of the website. We have most of our paper documentation on the website for easy reading and/or printing by all of our members. Postage and printing costs per member per month who are not using the website are about \$1, so it is very important to get as many people as possible to get online. Doing this saves money for charitable uses. We have saved a lot of money already, but we can do better in the future.

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Brief Highlights:

- We need officers for next year. **Mark** described the normal progression of officers and invited new folks to take on some jobs. A nominating committee will be formed by **Mark**.
- The ceremony has been revised for the Exemplification, so come and see it by attending the next Exemplification.
- The flag pin is allowed on your tux with your regalia. There was a misunderstanding which was clarified after a lot of member protests. Put

it back on. And put the 4th Degree pin in the label hole. (See the Master's Brief).

- **Mark** mentioned the restriction on receiving communion. (See the Master's Brief). Only 2 times per day unless you're on your death bed.
- **Mark** talked about the KC Dome at the National Basilica. We are being asked to give \$3 per active member. There will be a mosaic on the dome of Christ's life which is being funded by the KCs, both 3rd Degree Councils and 4th Degree Assemblies.
- **Mark** went through the stacks of brochures that he has. Many of these are available on our website. Contact him for copies or pick them up tonight.
- **Mark** wanted to make sure that everyone knows to send in a change of address to him or to the Faithful Scribe. This has been one of the problems in getting folks to renew—incorrect mailing addresses. We still have a number of incorrect email addresses and that costs the Assembly a lot of money every year as expensive snail mail is used to replace the incorrect email addresses.

If you thought that you gave your email address to **Mark**, but you are not getting emails from him or the Webmaster, contact either of them with your correct current email address and you will get much more complete communications from the Assembly.

- We have a new transfer in, **Russell D. Wyant** from Iowa. He was not at the meeting tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Charities Committee Report: No report.

Membership Committee Report: **Berry** brought the name of **Robert Larson** up for consideration and asked for approval. Moved, seconded and approved. **Berry** also listed folks who previously showed interest but didn't attend the last Exemplification. These folks were **David Dykstal** (webmaster at Holy Spirit), **Eric Van Norman**, **Jonathon Van Norman**, **Thomas Sand** (GK at Holy Spirit), **Jeremy Bodensteiner** (Eagle Scout), **Larry Burgart MD**, and **Brian J. Todd** (Pax Christi). **Berry** wanted these folks renewed for consideration. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Nomination Committee Report: No report.

Honor Guard Report: No report.

Rochesterfest Report: No report.

Welfare Committee: No report.

Flag Committee Report: **Art** called **Tim Walz's** office here and was told to call their Washington office. When he called them in DC, he found out that they no longer make

flag donations! They charge for the flags and also for flying them over the capital! They also only have cotton and nylon flags, not the preferred polyester flags. We should buy them locally.

Admissions Committee Report: No report.

Exemplification Report: **Mark** covered that in his report.

District Deputy Report: No report.

Trustee Report: No report.

Old Business: No report.

Unfinished Business: **John Kosse** (Pax Christi) talked about the all city evening out. It will be April 24 at the Rochester International Center. Dinner will be served and there will be a charge for that. **Gene Eiden** with the Notochords will provide music for dancing after dinner. There will be a free will offering for the band. There will be complete information on our website when **John** provides it.

New Business: We have 15 members who have not paid their dues yet. Please take care of this.

Good of the Order: **Mark** said that being a member of the Knights of Columbus is a way of life, not just an organization.

Berry wanted to take a couple of minutes. If you would like to have a very nice medallion of Father McGivney, get 2 new members of the 4th Degree.

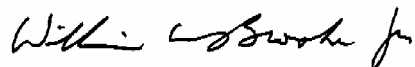
Kate Mesmer would very much like visitors. She is in the Golden Living Center just off the highway near McDonalds.

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 Friar, **Fr. Connelly**.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Faithful Scribe & Webmaster