

Knights of Columbus Assembly #548 Minutes March 17, 2009

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

Business Meeting was called to order at 6:40 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	Absent
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	Absent
Trustee – Two Year	Michael D. Kleinschmidt	Absent
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 February, 2008 were distributed via e-mail, on the Assembly website (www.KofCasm548.org) and one copy was 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 little story. This fellow went to the Ozarks for a vacation, got his car stuck and needed to be pulled out. The hillbilly farmer had a mule, Winthrop, who was blind. Winthrop was hitched up to the car all by himself, but the farmer was called on a number of mules to help pull the car out. Winthrop thought

that there was a team and he did it all by himself. We can emulate Winthrop in the 4th degree, each of us doing the work of a team.

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

Berry Hobbs office expense 2/17/09	\$93.00
Memorial to Joe O'Gorman (Amer. Cancer Soc.)	\$100.00
<u>Art Mueller February meal expense 2/17/09</u>	<u>\$80.00</u>
Expenses February	\$273.00
February meal receipts 2/17/09	\$208.00
February bar receipts 2/17/09	\$10.00
<u>Member dues 2/17/09</u>	<u>\$1405.00</u>
Income February	\$1623.00

Jim also said that we needed to send a check to the KC State Fort St. Charles fund of \$2 per member or \$262 dollars.

Jim also said that we have 7 members who were just sent their second notice to pay their dues. Folks, please check your mail and pay this bill.

Faithful Purser Report: Faithful Purser **Jerome Lensing** gave his report. He reported an initial balance at Eastwood Bank of \$3589.85 on 2/17/2009 and a final balance of \$4939.85 as of 3/16/2009.

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Brief Highlights:

- **Mark** said he was sorry for the error in the Anchor and that Jim Decker will now be the official proof reader!
- **Mark** talked about getting input from all of the Councils by the 20th so that their events can be included in our Anchor and our website calendar of events. Please patronize these events. Check the [website calendar](#) for the most accurate dates and event list.
- **Mark** mentioned the bill in Connecticut which was going to strip financial control from the Catholic Church. There was a large demonstration against it, including speeches by many Catholic notables including our Supreme Knight, **Carl Anderson**, and the bill was killed, for now. We need to be ever alert for encroachments by our secular society. See our [website political action link](#) for details.
- **Mark** mentioned one million rosaries for pro-life. Check the [website pro-life action link](#) for details.
- There is a breakfast at Holy Spirit and a Major Degree at Lourdes afterwards on March 22. **Berry** directs the Degree team. 9:30 for the First Degree, Second Degree at 10:30, Third Degree about noon.
- **Mark** mentioned an appeal from our Insurance Agent **Jim Motts**. Get information from **Mark** or directly contact the [Insurance Agent](#).

- **Mark** mentioned the story about the 3 guys who are robbing homes in Rochester lately. An email was sent to all members with details.
- There have been many requests from the food banks for money. Animal shelters could also use a bit of help.
- **Mark** mentioned that he and **Berry** have been recruiting.
- **Gene Eiden** with **John Tanaka** has suggested that we have a city wide KC dinner dance. He would provide music with his band for a free will donation. Dinner and drinks would be paid to the International Center. The date is to be determined. What do the members think about this? Let **Mark** know what you think.
- **Mark** wanted the Charity Committee to donate \$423 (or whatever the right amount is—he's misplaced the literature from Supreme and will need to find it) to help pay for the finishing of the Dome. **Berry** moved, and it was seconded and passed.
- **Fr. Reker** would like a donation to the St. Francis audio-visual renovation of the Church. **Ed Robinet** will take this to the Charity Committee. The St. Francis choir is making a CD of church music to sell and help raise money for this same topic. Contact the webmaster or stop after Mass if you would like to contribute via this means.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Officer Nominating Committee Report: Most of the current officers will remain. **Berry** will become FN, **Mark** will become FA and **Tom Furr** wants to get out of the Outer Sentinel position. Anyone who wants to step down please let **Mark** know. We need an Admiral and a new Outer Sentinel.

Charities Committee Report: No report.

Membership Committee Report: No report.

Nomination Committee Report: No report.

Honor Guard Report: **Al Peterson** had a request from the Bernie McNabb at St. Charles Boremo at a special mass for the Catholic Daughters 50th Anniversary. Contact **Al** or check the [website](#) for more details.

Rochesterfest Report: No report.

Welfare Committee: No report.

Flag Committee Report: **Art** called Herold's Flags and they have the Papal Flag which is \$52 in a 3 by 5 size. The American Legion has American Flags for \$35 and **Art** recommended that we buy the American flags from them and the Papal Flag from Herold's Flags. Moved, seconded and passed for St. Johns. **Mark** said that he would like to see us get a flag to all of the parishes in this assembly area.

Admissions Committee Report: No report.

Exemplification Report: No report.

District Deputy Report: **Jeff Bagniewski** was absent.

Trustee Report: No report.

Old Business: No report.

Unfinished Business: No report.

New Business: **Ed** would like permission to make up a 4th Degree jacket to present to the Assembly. He will come back with a sample for our review.

Good of the Order:

Pancake breakfast here Sunday. There is Chili Dinner Friday night at Christ the King, by Council 14460. Pax Christ Council is starting a monthly spaghetti dinner on Saturday night.

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 Friar, **Fr. Connelly**.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Faithful Scribe & Webmaster