

Knights of Columbus Assembly #548 Minutes November 17, 2009

Meeting Date was November 17, 2009 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Rochester.

Rosary was said before the business meeting.

Business Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 pm.

The Opening Prayer was led by **Art Mueller**.

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	Present
Faithful Pilot	Robert Voss	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	Timothy White	Absent
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	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 October, 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** was absent. He is having some medical difficulties, so please pray for him.

Faithful Comptroller's Report: SK James Decker reported:

Berry Hobbs 4 th Degree delegate expense	\$199.98
Berry Hobbs office supply expense	\$110.03
Mark Zangs office supply expense	\$4.68
Solinger October meal expense	\$138.16
Larson October meal expense	\$37.57
Memorial to John Kosse family	\$50.00
Memorial to Jerry Roper family	\$50.00
Expenses October	\$590.42
October bar receipts	\$63.00
October meal receipts	\$319.00
Income October	\$382.00

Motion to approve, seconded and passed.

Faithful Purser Report: SK Jerome Lensing reported an initial balance at Eastwood Bank of \$3,974.11 on 9/30/2009 and a final balance of \$3,765.86 on 11/16/2009. Motion to approve, seconded and passed.

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Brief Highlights:

- **Berry** talked about the Anchor and wanted to make sure that all members read it each month because there is a lot of good information that the members need to know.
- **Mike Kleinschmidt** said that there was a conflict at Michael's and we will need to move the meeting to the next night, Wednesday, December 16. Otherwise the same agenda as usual. Question: should the Assembly pay for hors d'œuvres? Also, how about paying for priests. **Jim Arendt** made a motion to pay for the hors d'œuvres. Be sure to call your reservation in by Monday, December 14.
- **Berry** announced that new member **George Bronk** from Plainview, exemplified at the April Exemplification, was at the meeting.
- **Berry** asked **Jim Decker** to talk about IRS ID numbers and Supreme. **Jim** provided this information to Supreme in reply to their request. (We had the IRS ID number, but Supreme didn't have it). We need to provide a 990-N form each year to keep us out of trouble with the IRS. **Jim** has asked **Bill Oertli**, his tax preparer and CPA to prepare this for the Assembly.
- On 3 separate occasions **Berry** has gotten requests for prayers for **Dave Hubka** and his family. **Jerome Lensing** talked to this as well. **Dave** and **Janela** decided to adopt 3 children in addition to their own 3 children. **Dave** told **Jerome** that when they got married they wanted a family of 6 so they decided to adopt 3 more. The 3 adopted children are mid-teens from the same original family. All of us who have raised our own

children know how difficult mid-teens can be. Please keep **Dave** and **Janela** in your prayers.

- **Ed Robinet** couldn't make the meeting, but please get your jacket order in to him because he is going to order them soon. From then on you will need to wait for 6 knights to order jackets before another order can be placed.
- Christmas Anonymous Chairman and Knight **Brad Brech** spoke to the Assembly. This organization has been here in Rochester for 52 years. It provides holiday gifts to group homes, to shut-in seniors (345 last year—375 this year) and to families in need with children. The families can shop at the Christmas Anonymous store for gifts for their kids. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Donations are also welcomed. The yearly budget is about \$50,000 to cover all of their costs, so checks are appreciated. Check out their website at <http://www.christmasanonymous.org/> for contact information.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Pack Senior Baskets: Saturday, December 5th, 9 AM to noon at RCTC Heintz Center. Contact Diane and Roger Tlougan at 285-1369.

Distribute Senior Baskets: Saturday, December 5th, starting at noon at RCTC Heintz Center. Contact Diane and Roger Tlougan at 285-1369.

Pack Family Food Boxes: Monday, December 7th, 6-10 PM at Christ United Methodist Church.

Store Day: Saturday, December 12th, 8 AM-4 PM at Christ United Methodist Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Admissions Committee Report: No report.

Charities Committee Report: No report.

District Deputy Report: **Jeff Bagniewski** mentioned the February 5 tuition scholarship at the Rochester International Center. Also, he mentioned that the KC dinner dance will be the first Friday after Lent, also at the Rochester International Center. He also reported the following list of degree dates and locations that were decided on at the District Executives Meeting.

1st Degrees

Wednesday, November 18 @ St. Johns Church

Thursday, December 17 @ Pax Christi Church

Wednesday, January 13 @ Resurrections Church

Thursday, February 11 @ Holy Spirit Church

All of these degrees start at 7 PM. Candidates present at 6:30 PM

Major Degree

Sunday, March 21 @ Lourdes High School
Times and other info to be forwarded

Exemplification Report: No report.

Flag Committee Report: No report.

Honor Guard Report: **Mike Kleinschmidt** reported that we have a new member of the Honor Guard, **Tom Carey**. (Later in the meeting **Dick Hamann** talked with **Mike**. **Dick** was a member of the Honor Guard with his previous Assembly and would like to become active in our Assembly. So we have TWO new members of the Honor Guard.)

Our last Honor Guard event was October 25 at Pax Christi. **Bishop Quinn** was there and is very supportive of the Honor Guard. There are no scheduled Honor Guard events today. Also, please make sure to respond to **Mike's** emails when you receive it.

Membership Committee Report: **Berry** mentioned **Dave Silker** as a new candidate for the 4th degree. **Dave** manages the Rochester Civic Center.

Berry said that **Rob Larson** was originally listed as the Membership Committee chairman with individual contacts at all Councils to do local recruiting. When **Berry** thought about that, because there was a lot of work interfacing with all of the Councils, **Berry** added **Greg Sanders** as cochairman with **Rob**.

Greg and **Rob** presented their ideas.

- In 2009 we had 3 new members. Next year we want at least 12 new members.
- They have made up a letter about the upcoming spring Exemplification which will go the Councils for them to publish in their newsletters.
- They will ask the Councils to place the Exemplification on their calendars and to add a link to the Assembly website.
- The entire committee will meet in January to brainstorm how to best pitch the Assembly to the Councils.
- They plan to attend 10 area councils for recruiting of new members. Some Councils are very under-represented in the Assembly. For example, Plainview has about 180 Council members but only has 2 Assembly members.
- One idea is to meet with the new 3rd degree members and talk with them about signing up for the Fourth Degree.
- Membership is the job of the whole assembly. We need everyone's help. It means more when you ask a fellow council member to join than having us ask them. Send names of people showing interest to us and we will follow up.

Officer Nominating Committee Report: No report.

Rochesterfest Report: No report.

Trustee Report: No report.

Welfare Committee: **Allan Peterson** performs visitations for the Assembly. He recently visited with **John Konkel's** Mother who is in Mayo Hospice in her last days. **John** is doing fine helping her with meals. **Allan's** visitations are usually done at night and he would like to have other Knights come along as well. **John Hunt** visited **SK Paul Tarara** at the retirement home in Pine Island. He would like to have a chapeau for his upcoming birthday party and **John** asked the Assembly for some help with this.

Old Business: **Berry** talked about the budget. **Ambrose** talked about the **Solinger** motion of about 4 or 5 years ago. **Pete** couldn't see why we kept money in Vanguard and suggested that we give it all away at once. We discussed whether we should do that or something else. The compromise was to use about \$1500 per year for charity, with \$1000 of that from the Vanguard fund. The last two years this wasn't done completely because **Ambrose** was busy caring for his wife. Now that motion is still active so we should do it or amend it.

For the past 3 years Vanguard has had very little gain to help offset our spending. **Berry** needs money from Vanguard to build his budget. Point of order discussion about whether a resolution could carry over from year to year. Consensus was that the original motion spent all of Vanguard, but over a period of many years. **Jim Arendt** made a motion to continue this practice. Seconded. Discussion by **John Hunt** to not spend it all until we have a permanent fund raiser or fund raisers over and above what we have. Motion passed with some nay votes.

We need to have a regular fund raiser or fund raisers to allow us to continue our charitable work beyond the current money. This needs to be worked on before the complete budget can be agreed to.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order:

Please keep **Lady Bev Kosse** and family in your prayers, and remember our deceased brother **SK John Kosse** in your prayers too.

John Konkel's mother **Marcella (Marcy)** who just turned 93 October 30th is in Mayo hospice in-home care. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jim Cox going for cataract surgery and would like your prayers.

Kate Mesmer would very much like visitors. She is in the Golden Living Center just off Highway 52 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. 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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William E. Swoboda Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Faithful Scribe & Webmaster