

Knights of Columbus Assembly #548 Minutes November 18, 2008

Mass was celebrated by Faithful Friar **Fr. Connelly** at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Date was November 18, 2008 at St. Francis Catholic Church.

Business Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

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	Present
Faithful Admiral	Arthur N. Mueller	Present
Trustee – One Year	John J. Hunt	Present
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 October, 2008 were distributed via e-mail and some copies were available at the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Faithful Friar's Report: Fr. Connelly said that he had no report this month.

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

Mark Zangs office expense 10/21/08	\$41.85
Emory Van Hook for Oct. food costs 10/21/08	\$182.47
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$224.32

Oct. meal receipts	\$224.00
Oct. bar receipts	\$26.00
Member dues	\$30.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$280.00

Faithful Purser Report: Faithful Purser **Jerome Lensing** gave his report. He reported an initial balance at Eastwood Bank of \$5321.45 on 10/21/2008 and a final balance of \$5377.13 as of 11/17/2008.

New members attending for the first time tonight: **William Dorsey, Paul Klockeman, Jim Mott, Greg Kapraun** GK at Holy Spirit and **John Kosse**. **Jim Mott** is our new KC Insurance Agent. His contact information is on our website.

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Brief Highlights:

- **Mark** is considering January 24 for renewal of obligations. Mass would be at St. Johns or St. Pius followed by a dinner after Mass, probably at the Olive Garden.
- **Mark** mentioned that there was someone snooping around our jackets last month so we are now locking our doors during the meeting. **Tom Furr**, the Outer Guard, is responsible for locking the doors.
- **Mark** mentioned comments for the good of the order and how to input them now. He has a form which he handed out at the meeting. Two forms were returned and have been posted on the website.
- **Joseph Magery** of the Winona Assembly has a tux for sale. It is a size 50 with a 50 inch waist on the pants. Contact **Mark** for information.
- **Mark** wanted the Faithful Scribe to mention that OUR website is up and running and that the Faithful Scribe/Webmaster will be doing continuing upgrading of it as we gain experience using it. The website is at www.KofCAsm548.org. Try it out! **Remember, the new Anchor, including meeting dates, meal assignments and meal reservation call lists will only be on the website from now on.** He will email you when the website is updated and it is up to you to check out the new information.

If you have any trouble using it or if you have suggestions, please contact Sir Webmaster Bill Brooks (282-3305, Founder@RACEMinn.com). He can help you with any problems you have using our website.

- **Mark** wanted interested parties to look into helping the Rochester Civic Theatre. Last month we got a request for volunteer actors to help support the Rochester Civic Theatre (**Denise Ruemping**, denise@rochestercivictheatre.org) in their effort to put on sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs/plays in our schools. Contact Pax Christi Grand Knight **John Tanaka** (jtanaka@charter.net) or **Denise** for further details if you're interested in acting.
- **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.
- **Mark** asked about budgets. For the Anchor, we are mailing about 30 each month. The minutes will only be mailed on request. About \$1500 per year for this.
- **Art** mentioned requests from widows to attend our meetings. They would like to be invited to some events. **Mark** would like to pay for their dinners. **Mark** asked for people to let him know who to contact. **Al Peterson** mentioned that we should have couples to act as hosts for them as well as for new members.
- **James Decker** reported that there will be about \$400 for mailings for the Comptroller for the coming year.
- **Ambrose** recommended about \$1500 per year expenditures for the Charity Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Charities Committee Report: No report.

Membership Committee Report: No report.

Nomination Committee Report: No report.

Honor Guard Report: **Mike Kleinschmidt** couldn't be at the meeting, but he told **Mark** that we received a thank you note from the Catholic Medical Association which sponsored the White Mass. This was for the Honor Guard as well as for the Knights who helped with cleanup after the after-Mass feast.

Newly ordained **Father Dobbs** had asked for an Honor Guard at his Mass at Resurrection and was very pleased with the result.

The Tuition Scholarship banquet is February 6 and they would like an Honor Guard.

Rochesterfest Report: No report.

Welfare Committee: Committee Member **Al Peterson** mentioned that it would be nice to have a fruit basket for each of the infirm Knights, about 8 in all. This would cost perhaps \$15 each or \$120 in all. Moved and second and passed. There is a Visiting List on our website which indicates which Sir Knights are currently shut in and would like to have visitors. Please take the time to check out this list and go visit, especially now that we are coming into the Holiday Season.

Flag Committee Report: **Mark** mentioned that the Papal flag here at St. Francis is in terrible shape and needs to be replaced. **Bob Degan** mentioned that his friend has a number of American flags and would be willing to donate them. It sounds like it is up to the Flag Committee to follow up on this.

Admissions Committee Report: No report.

Exemplification Report: **Mark** mentioned that the next exemplification is April 18, 2009. It will be at the Northbrook Inn in Brooklyn Center. It is a beautiful motel with all suites and it only costs \$99 per night. **Berry** talked about next exemplification and wants everyone to work on recruiting. It will be in Minneapolis in the spring.

District Deputy Report: There will be a First Degree December 4 at Pax Christi and the next Major Degree will be March 22 at Lourdes HS. Please keep these in mind.

Trustee Report: **John Hunt** mentioned that we have a room in the Parish Center where all of our stuff is stored. No one in the Assembly has the key so you need to go during a weekday to get access. There is both 3rd Degree and 4th Degree material there.

Old Business: There was a second reading of the proposal to increase our annual dues from \$15 to \$20 dollars. It was voted on and approved.

Last month, **Brad Busch**, President of Christmas Anonymous here in Rochester, made a presentation about CA. He explained the structure and function of CA. On 12/8, CA will pack 1,400 food boxes. They are seeking volunteers to assist in packing the food boxes on Monday 12/8/2008 from 6:00 PM to 10 PM at Christ United Methodist Church. Contact **Brad** to assist with this project at 285-3940. **The bulk of the work is coming up in December.**

New Business: **Jim Mott** said a few words as the new Insurance Agent. They have 1.7 B\$ in reserve. They have some good products for sale and getting the right ones is easy. Contact **Jim** and he will help out. Remember that his contact information is on our website.

Good of the Order:

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 who you know need our prayers in your prayers. **Marge King** isn't ready to attend yet but should make it next month.

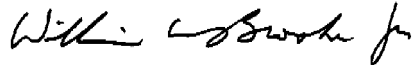
Norbert Fitzpatrick passed away November 15. He had intended to sell his regalia to the Assembly but his daughter wanted to keep it or at least some of it, so that is what happened.

Bishop Quinn will be here at St. Pius on Thursday evening, December 18. There will be a dinner for the Bishop at 4 PM and a Mass some time later that day. Please check the St. Pius website, <http://www.piusx.org/>, for details.

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer was led by Faithful Friar, **Fr. Connelly**.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Faithful Scribe & Webmaster