

## Knights of Columbus Assembly #548 Minutes October 21, 2008

**Introduction of a Guest:** **Don Stiles**, District Deputy & Faithful Pilot from Fairbanks, Iowa, and his wife who is here in Rochester going to the Clinic.

**Meeting Date** was October 21, 2008 at St. Francis Catholic Church.

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

**The Opening Prayer** was led by Faithful Admiral, **Arthur N. Mueller**.

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

**The Role Call of Officers:**

Faithful Friar	<b>Fr. Connelly</b>	Absent
Faithful Assistant Friar	<b>Fr. William Kulas</b>	Absent
Faithful Navigator	<b>Mark A. Zangs</b>	Present
Faithful Captain	<b>Berry L. Hobbs, Jr.</b>	Present
Faithful Pilot	<b>Jeffrey A. Bagniewski</b>	Absent
Faithful Comptroller	<b>James E. Decker</b>	Present
Faithful Purser	<b>Jerome N. Lensing</b>	Present
Faithful Scribe	<b>William W. Brooks Jr.</b>	Absent
Faithful Inner Sentinel	<b>Joseph P. Rademacher</b>	Present
Faithful Outer Sentinel	<b>Thomas A. Furr</b>	Absent
Faithful Admiral	<b>Arthur N. Mueller</b>	Present
Trustee – One Year	<b>John J. Hunt</b>	Absent
Trustee – Two Year	<b>Michael D. Kleinschmidt</b>	Present
Trustee – Three Year	<b>Robert T. Degnan</b>	Present

**Important: The Faithful Scribe has slow fingers on the keyboard so he would like to ask everyone to:**

- **follow the order of the minutes in your comments at the meeting, and**
- **SPEAK SLOWLY.**

**Minutes** for the month of September, 2008 were distributed via e-mail and some copies were available at the meeting. Berry read all of the minutes. 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 was absent.

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

William Brooks for website reg. & fees 9/16/08	\$127.45
Mark Zangs office expense 9/16/08	\$101.27
Joe Mathias for Sept. food costs 9/16/08	\$35.09
Erdman's for Sept. food costs 9/16/08	\$141.19
Pay <b>Mark Zangs</b> office expenses 9/16/08	\$262.79
Pay 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Fund Office Expenses (Supreme) 9/16/08	\$7.55
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$675.34</b>

Sept. meal receipts	\$346.00
Sept. bar receipts	\$77.00
<u>Interest receipts</u>	<u>\$0.40</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$423.40</b>

**Faithful Purser Report:** Faithful Purser **Jerome Lensing** gave his report. He reported an initial balance at Eastwood Bank of \$5573.39 on 9/19/2008 and a final balance of \$5321.45 as of today, 10/21/2008. The Vanguard Account had an opening balance of \$8,968.15 on 12/31/2007 and a final balance of \$9,158.02 on 9/30/2008, with a total of interest dividends earned during that time of \$189.87.

**Faithful Navigator's Report:**

**Brief Highlights:**

- **Mark** turned in expenses through today.
- **Mark** discussed some meal list committee adjustments were necessary because of time conflicts.
- **Mark** wanted the Faithful Scribe to mention that the 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](http://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.** If you have any trouble using it or if you have suggestions, please let Sir Webmaster Bill Brooks (282-3305, [Founder@RACEMinn.com](mailto:Founder@RACEMinn.com)) know. He will email you when the website is updated and it is up to you to check out the new information.
- **Mark** mentioned that Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson** is sponsoring a get out the vote campaign, particularly for all Sir Knights to help get infirm Sir Knights to the polling places to vote. We need volunteers to help with this. We also got voting poster materials for the parishes.
- **Mark** mentioned that Sir Knight **Al Peterson** is looking into an outreach to those Sir Knights who need visitors. (There is a Visiting List in the website with more details.)
- **Mark** got correspondence:
  1. Guest House sent a thank you for our gift.

2. We got a request for volunteer actors to help support the Rochester Civic Theatre (**Denise Ruemping**, [denise@rochestercivictheatre.org](mailto:denise@rochestercivictheatre.org)) in their effort to put on sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs/plays in our schools. Contact Grand Knight **John Tanaka** ([jtanaka@charter.net](mailto:jtanaka@charter.net)) or **Denise** for further details if you're interested in acting.
3. We got a letter from District Master **Tom Grinnell** in appreciation of our website. It seems to be working. Sir Knight **Don Stiles** found us through our web site.
  - **Mark** would like the committee chairs to report a proposed budget to the Faithful Navigator by next month.
  - **Mark** mentioned that we will be having Mass from 6 to 6:30 PM at our next dinner meeting. **Al Peterson** will take care of coordinating the Mass with **Fr. Connelly**.
  - **Mark** wanted to make sure that everyone knows to send in a change of address to him or to the Faithful Scribe so that our membership addresses and email addresses can be kept current. That has been one of the problems in getting folks to renew—incorrect mailing addresses. We still have a number of incorrect email addresses.
  - **Mark** also briefly mentioned the fliers from Supreme which were on the front table.
  - **Mark** also mentioned that the previous KC Insurance Agent for this area has moved up to the Cities and James Mott has taken his place. Contact information for Jim is on the lower left corner of our website.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Charities Committee Report:** No report.

**Membership Committee Report:** No report.

**Nomination Committee Report:** No report.

**Honor Guard Report:** **Mike Kleinschmidt** said that 8 Sir Knights had signed up for the Honor Guard at the White Mass on October 25.

Also, **Mike** will offer an Honor Guard information session on November 11 in the O'Day Room in the basement of St. John's. This is an information session to make members familiar with the Honor Guard.

**Rochesterfest Report:** No report.

**Welfare Committee:** Committee Member **Al Peterson** is interested in working on this and circulated a list for people to visit our elderly members. 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.

**Flag Committee Report:** No report.

**Admissions Committee Report:** No report.

**Exemplification Report:** Inactive.

**District Deputy Report:** District Deputy **Jeff Bagniewski** said that he had been informed that our shift time had been changed for the KC Fall Classic. Our shift will now be Sunday, November 11 from 8 AM to noon. This affects those Sir Knights who have signed up so far: **Rick Haeflinger, Steve Freese, Mark Zangs, Jim Decker, Kevin Lenz, Berry Hobbs, Al Gorski, James Fritsch, Ken Linn, Joe Wieseler and Joe Rademacher** in addition to **Jeff Bagniewski**.

**Trustee Report:** No report.

**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.

**Norbert Fitzpatrick** can't march in the Honor Guard anymore, so he was going to sell his regalia to the Assembly. However his daughter wanted to keep it, so the offer was rescinded.

**New Business:** **Mike Kleinschmidt** discussed the idea of everyone throwing \$1 into the hat at the start of the meeting. There would be a \$20 door prize. The motivation would be to get more people out to meetings. **Mike** proposed this as a motion. The motion was discussed and then was tabled.

**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.

**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.

**Emory Van Hook** mentioned that he and **Dot** were going to have their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 9 and that they would have a Mass on that day.

Please keep all parish priests in the Winona Diocese in your prayers, because they are all overworked.

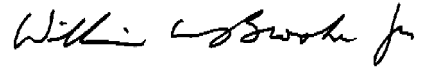
Also, please pray for vocations.

Please keep these people and others who you know need our prayers in your prayers.

**Closing Prayer:** The closing prayer was led by Faithful Admiral **Art Mueller**.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Willie C. Swank Jr.".

Faithful Scribe,

working from notes provided by Faithful Captain **Berry Hobbs**.