

Knights of Columbus Assembly #548 Minutes September 16, 2008

Meeting Date was September 16, 2008 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Byron.

Business Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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.	Absent
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	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:

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

Minutes for the month of June, 2008 were distributed via e-mail and some printed copies were available at the meeting. A motion was made that the reading of the previous minutes be dispensed with. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Faithful Friar’s Report: Fr. Connelly said that last Sunday was Veneration of the Cross of Christ. Before Christ, crucifixion was a terrible blemish on a family, but Jesus set the example for all of us on how to bear our Crosses. Fr. Connelly mentioned to seniors at a retirement home that they were in the “carrying the Cross” phase of life. But we all have to deal with the Cross at various times in our life. Ask Jesus for help in carrying our Crosses. Remember that He said to pick up your Cross and follow Him.

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

Pay KC 4 th Degree Fund Office Expenses (Supreme) 7/28/08	\$90.00
Guest House donation 7/28/08	\$93.75
Serra Club donation 7/28/08	\$55.00
Pay Mark Zangs office expenses 8/14/08	\$16.80
Pay 4 th Degree Fund Office Expenses (Supreme) 8/14/08	\$90.83
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$346.38
Member dues 8/31/08	\$140.00
Kahler room rebate 8/31/08	\$1,520.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,660.00

We have 3 members who are delinquent and have been contacted several times each. Cancellation letters are being sent. We hope this will get these men to send in their \$10 dues and to participate.

Faithful Purser Report: Faithful Purser **Jerome Lensing** gave his first report. He reported an initial balance of \$4259.77 on 6/19/2008 and a final balance of \$5573.39 as of today, 9/16/2008.

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Brief Highlights:

- **Mark** turned in August and September expenses.
- **Mark** reviewed the relatively short history of the Anchor, which is our new newsletter. The Anchor was emailed and mailed last Friday. This will be distributed primarily by our website in the future.
- **Mark** mentioned the website. The Scribe is running behind a little so the website isn't up as of tonight, but we do own the website name and physical space, www.KofCAsm548.org. The Scribe broke down and bought Microsoft FrontPage to get the website done in a timely fashion, since he's used that in the past for his own website. It will be up and running before the end of the week.
- **Mark** reviewed committee and meal team assignments. **Mike Kleinschmidt** recommended that the chairmen call their committee people to make sure that they get to know each other and to share any current thoughts on the Committee they may have.
- **Mark** talked about the questionnaire. He's getting a pretty good return but less than half have responded. We will link this to the website and encourage everyone to fill out one and return. We will use this when we have needs for special skills. Please make sure to get them all turned in.
- **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. 10 addresses were incorrect in the current emailing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Charities Committee Report: No report.

Membership Committee Report: No report.

Nomination Committee Report: No report.

Honor Guard Report: **Mike Kleinschmidt** rose to discuss the White Mass on October 25. We will provide an Honor Guard to march at that mass. The Catholic Medical Society, which sponsors this event, would like to have a half dozen Knights help with the tear down after the event. Mass is at 4:30 PM.

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.

Flag Committee Report: No report.

Admissions Committee Report: No report.

Exemplification Report: No report.

District Deputy Report: No report.

Trustee Report: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Jim Arendt** mentioned that someone had told the widow of a deceased Knight that she couldn't attend our meetings. This is NOT true. **Jim** is putting together a list for **Mark** to use to mail out Anchors to the spouses of deceased or incapacitated Sir Knights.

Jim Decker rose to mention that our assembly has the lowest dues of any assembly in the state. **Mark** mentioned that if we are going to give flags to the 17 Councils around our assembly area and they cost about \$65 each and would need two per year. A motion was made to raise our dues from \$15 to \$25. **Pete Solinger** didn't want the cost raised that much. The motion was amended make the raise from \$15 to \$20. There was considerable discussion, including discussion of how (relatively) poorly we did financially with the Exemplification. There was an amendment to reduce the \$25 figure to \$20. The amendment passed. The original motion as amended passed.

Paul Leska, Grand Knight of the Byron Council at Christ the King, thanked us for the \$200 from the Charity Committee.

Pete Solinger mentioned that we could have a special invitation to the widows to attend a meeting such as the Christmas meeting.

Duane Melvin said he would like to have a mass more often at our meetings.

Mark mentioned that he was going to the Exemplification and would like to have another Sir Knight attend with him. Form 4s for potential candidates have to be in by October 5.

Norbert Fitzpatrick can't march any more so he is donating his regalia to the Assembly.

Good of the Order:

Mark mentioned **Bernie Meddleton** is suffering from Alzheimer's. Contact **Mark** for information. **Ambrose King** is suffering from bad back spasms and so could not be here this evening. **Mark** also mentioned that **Dr. Fletcher** and **Debbie Miller** from Mayo just lost their youngest son, **Kevin**, in a car accident. **Art's** sister **Marlene Leonard** underwent surgery today. **Joe Mathias** said that **Fr. McCauley** is in the hospital in Winona. **Fr. Kulas** is recovering from shoulder surgery. **Mark's** son had a recurrence of frontal lobe epilepsy. **John Hunt** mentioned **Pete Solinger** who is on dialysis. **Tom Doyle** mentioned that his uncle **John Phallen** could use our prayers. Please pray for and visit **Joe O'Gorman** and **Paul Tarara** who are in the Pine Island Nursing Home. **Jim Arendt** recently stopped in there and had a nice visit with them both. **Paul's** mind is still good but his body is not so good. **Joe** is not as good, but they both appreciated the visit so please stop in.

Also, 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 Friar **Fr. Connelly**.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Faithful Scribe