

Knights of Columbus Western New York Chapter

“A CHAPTER WITH A PURPOSE”

Minutes of: January 2009

President Thomas Wargo

Call to Order

Location: Council # 247, Niagara Falls, NY

Time: 8:00 PM

Prayer led by Deacon Paul Schnettler

Pledge lead by PSD John Dryja.

Roll Call - 16 Councils, 31 Delegates.

Niagara Co. Grand Knight deacon Paul Schnettler welcomed us and invited us to stay for refreshments.

Minutes of the November 2008 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Report – Accepted as read.

Bills presented to the Board of Audit for their recommendation: \$100 to Niagara Council for meeting refreshments.

Committee Reports

Bishop Burse: June 25, 2009. Council wishing to host this event must submit their bid to John Sowinski no later than April 1st. Host council must be from the central area.

Charity Ball: None.

Memorial Mass: None

Fatima Pilgrimage: Moved to a different date, new date is August 23, 2009.

Calendars: None

Report of the Chairman of the Board of District Deputies.

NONE.

Prayer Rally. May 12, 2009.

Fourth Degree. Exemplification 4/25/09
Adams Mark Hotel.

Degrees: 1st . 2/11/09 Kenmore 7PM

1st & 2nd. 3/8/09 Dunkirk 12:30PM

3rd. 2/22/09 Olean 1PM.

3rd. 3/22/09 Fr. Justin 1PM

FDD Association: None.

Board of Audit: reported that the bill was found in order and recommended it be paid.

Motion made and seconded and approved by voice vote.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Chairman Richard Merta: In Chairman Merta's absence Northern Representative Pat Donahue presided over the meeting.

Humane Action. Charles Esposito reported that council should submit all their reports that are due to Supreme. Charlie also reported that on 2/1/09 their will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kmiec in St. Joseph's Cathedral at 10am. A brunch will follow at Troop I Post, cost of the brunch is \$11.

C&B Ray Stoklosa reported that drawing will held on 2/21/09 at Latham Council.

Squires: John Sowinski reported that any council wishing to start or re-activate a circle should contact him. John also reported that the Conference Free Throw Contest will take place 2/28/09 at Kenmore Co.

Ceremonials: PSD John Dryja reported that the 3rd. Degree held on 1/25/09 at Madonna Co. was well attended by both members and 57 candidates

Membership: Chairman Lew Herman was happy to report that the two new councils were up and running. Grand Knights from Our Lady of Fatima and St Gregory's' were introduced. Lew also reported that St. Gregory's' was interested in starting Squires Circle.

Prayer Rally: Deacon Paul Schnettler reported that this year's rally will be held on May 12th. Paul stated that he would be negotiating with the bus company on a price.

Vocations: Chairman Jim Grupka reported that there are presently 19 seminarians in the Buffalo Dioceses. On 2/6/09 one will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon, and on 8/8/09 one will be ordained a priest. Jim also reported that on 9/13/09 a meeting will be held at Christ the King with all the seminarians. Meeting will be held 10:45am.

Motion was made, seconded and approved by the body to adjourn – 9:00 PM.

Submitted,
John Sowinski, Secretary

Executive Meeting: A meeting of the executive committee will be held on 2/28/09 at Kenmore Co. meeting to begin at 10am. The spring Conference meeting will be held on 3/27/09 at Fr. Shaus Co. All delegates are asked to attend this important meeting. A delegate to The Supreme Convention will be elected that night.

A discussion was brought up about the endorsement of Art Harris (Finger Lakes Conf.) for State Deputy. PSD John Dryja commented that anyone has the right to run for State Deputy he then explained how the Conference system works and how Art got the endorsement. Charles Esposito stated that he has not pulled out of the race and intends on running for the office of State Deputy.

Chapter Meeting (continued)

Old Business. None..

New Business. Vocations Chairman Jim Grupka made a motion for \$500 for the seminarians. Motion was passed and seconded.

Chaplains Report: Deacon Paul Schnettler Reminded us that Lent begins on March 25th . .

Good of the Order: PGK's Sal Rizzo & Richard Lawtons presented a hand carved replica of the Santa Maria to Fourth Degree Team Captain John Sowinski. On behalf of the team John thanked Sal & Richard for gift and announced that it would be used for the exemplification in April.

Delegate Reports: Handouts were available for several council functions.

Next meeting will be on February 27, 2009 at Fr. Justin Co. # 5670, Cheektowaga, NY.

Closing Prayer by Deacon Paul Schnettler.