

Knights of Columbus Western New York Chapter

“A CHAPTER WITH A PURPOSE”

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Minutes of: April 25, 2008

Steven Vant – President

Call to order

Location: Mary Star of the Sea Council #4752

Time: 8:00 PM

President Steven Vant.

Prayer led by Deacon Paul Schnettler.

Pledge lead by Former Master Charles Ardillo.

Roll Call - 24 Councils, 68 Delegates, 4 District Deputies, 2 Insurance Agents.

Council 4752, Grand Knight Jerry Dubell welcomed us and invited us to stay for food & refreshments after the meeting.

Minutes of the March 28, 2008 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Report - John Sowinski.

Beginning balance on 03/28/2008, \$1320.70. Receipts \$318.00 (50/50 - \$60.00 and \$50.00 Niagara, \$50.00 Albion, \$50.00 Benincasa, \$50.00 Christ the King, \$50.00 John Cardinal O’Hara Council Dues). **Disbursements -\$109.89** (\$100 to Fr. John Schaus Council for March meeting refreshments, \$9.89 to R. Merta for printing of March chapter minutes).

Balance Checking April 25, 2008 - \$1528.81.

Treasurers report was approved as presented.

President Steve Vant reported that there are 11 Council in arrear of dues.

Bills presented to the Board of Audit for their recommendation: \$100 to Mary Star of the Sea for April refreshments, \$5.10 to Richard Merta for printing of April minutes.

Charles Ardillo made a motion to pay \$1,493.25 through Deacon Schnettler for Prayer Rally Bus out of the Calendar Checking Account. This action was to be presented under old business.

Committee Reports

Bishop Burse: John Sowinski reported that the 2008 event will be held on Tuesday, June 24th. Dinner will be held at Fr. John Schaus Council. Cost \$20 per person. (Tickets available from Charles Ardillo. Cocktails at 6:30 PM and Dinner at 7:30 PM. Pay for dinners tickets by check paid to “Diocese of Buffalo”. Checks given to the Bishop from Councils/Assemblies should be made out to Bishop Edward Kmiec. State Deputy Edward Castellazzi has confirmed that he will attend with the State family.

Charity Ball: Lew Herman reported that we are still looking for bids. We should have a date tonight.

Pilgrimage and Calendars: Charles Ardillo reported the pilgrimage to Lewiston Shrine will be August 17th. Mass at 1:15 PM with walking rosary to follow. Color Corp is most welcome. Brochures will be available at the May meeting to pass on to your parishes.

Calendar balance on March 28th \$9,314.23. Payouts were \$410 leaving a balance of \$8,904.23 on April 25th.

Memorial Mass: Steven Vant indicated that the Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, November 7th due to OLV Church schedule.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of District Deputies was made by DD Ted Burzynski.

Degrees:

**MAY 10 – 1st & 2nd degree – Fr. Schaus
8:30/9:00 AM.**

**MAY 14 – 1st degree – Our Lady of Hope
7:00/7:30 PM.**

**MAY 18 – 3rd degree – Fr. Schaus
noon/1:00 PM. Cut off is May 10th for
candidates. Contact Richard
Merta/Steven Vant.**

**JUN 8 – 1st & 2nd degree – Dunkirk
noon/1:00 PM.**

Prayer Rally: Deacon Schnettler indicated that the bus will depart for Albany at 6:00 AM, from the parking lot of Fr. Justin on May 13th. Currently, 28 persons have signed up for the bus.

Master Report. Ted Burzynski reported that the 4th Degree on April 12 went very well. 39 candidates were exemplified. The new Master ceremony will take place on September 7, 2008 at Fort Niagara.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Chairman R. Merta reported that each Council must sign for books and posters when they are distributed at the next meeting. Books are limited to the number of books sold in 2007 plus 10%. Once the returns from those books are turned into the State Council, additional books will be available. Also, the State per capita from Councils is still coming in with only 1 month to go in the fraternal year. Let's do better next year. Remember, non payment of per capita can result in a Council being suspended. If a Council is suspended, this would void your bond and prohibit your Council from receiving awards.

Wardens are needed at the State Convention. If you would like to help let R. Merta know tonight.

The Supreme Council is requiring all Financial Secretaries to review their duties before recertification. Steve Vant went to New Haven and has been given a script that

will be presented to the Western Conference Council Financial Secretaries before July 1st. The schedule for this review of duties will be done on three Saturdays. They are May 17th at the Lockport Council at 9 PM and in Batavia at St. Mary's at 1 PM, May 31st will be in West Valley and June 7th at Msgr. Nash. These information sessions will be set up to share with you the present requirements of the Supreme Council inner workings and what will be required in the near future. The DD's and those present were asked to help make the information available to their Councils.

Ceremonials Chairman. PSD John Dryja expounded on the need for us to support the 3rd degree on May 18th with candidates and observers.

Youth and Squires. John Sowinski reported that the final Free Throw Contest was held at West Point on April 5th. No results were available.

Membership Facilitators. James Fox reported that Western is now in the plus column for membership. But, we still have 23 Councils with no activity in membership this year.

Vocations. James Grupka provided a handout with the names of Seminarians being sponsored by Councils. There are still men that have no sponsor. DD's were requested to avail themselves of a copy of the handout. See Jim after the meeting for any detail information you may need.

Health Services. John Kinney indicated that summer activities are healthy but do things in moderation and be aware of the children that play in your neighborhood front yards and streets. Be safe.

Human Action. Charles Esposito reported that he witnessed the large number of Seminarians that were present for Pope Benedict visit. He indicated that the Pope mentioned Fr. McGivney in his homily at St. Patrick's cathedral.

Insurance Agent report: Bob Labarbara reported that the K of C is still paying a high rate of interest on annuities compared to other insurers.

Convention Hospitality Room. John Kinney reminded those attending the Convention that the hospitality room is for you. Come and visit it often.

FDD Association: Next meeting is on May 29th at Msgr. Nash Council.

Board of Audit: Don Webster reported the Board found the bills presented in order and made a motion they be paid. **Motion made and Seconded. Approved by voice vote.**

Chapter Old Business: President presented the tabled motions from the last meeting and referred to the Board of Governors.

1. Food stipend. David Kinney indicated that the Board reviewed the matter and found that the \$100 was adequate. The purpose was to provide a snack not a full meal. The Board recommended that the \$100 remain the monthly stipend to the host Council.

Motions was made and seconded to retain the \$100 stipend. Approved by the body.

2. Stipend for the Chapter President. Charles Ardillo indicated that a review by the Board recommended that the Chapter President be given \$50 to offset expenses at the Convention.

Motions was made and seconded to give the President a \$50 stipend. Approved by the body.

3. Stipend for the Associate Chaplain. Steve Vant entertained a motion from the floor to give the Associate Chaplain \$100 to offset Convention expenses.

Motion was made and seconded to give the Associate Chaplain \$100 toward expenses. Approved by the body.

4. Charles Ardillo made a motion to pay \$1,493.25 for the Prayer Rally bus from the Calendar Account.

Motion was seconded and approved.

Vice President Wargo announced that there are Chapter monthly meeting sites that must be filled for the coming year. Contact him for available months.

New Business: None.

Chaplain Report; Deacon Schnettler reported that May 1st is the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven.

Schedule of meetings

May 30 - Fr. Baker Council - Lackawanna

Jun 27 - Msgr. Callahan Council - St. Peter and Paul Church - Arcade - Picnic Scheduled.

Delegate Announcements

Fr. Justin Council – May 18th – 7:30 PM Magic Night.

Niagara Council – May 31st – 5:30-11 PM Tent Party with Terry Buckwell.

St. Steven Church - May 4th – pancake breakfast.

Our Lady Star of the Sea - May 11th – 10:00 AM and at NOON -Mothers Day Brunch. \$17.95.

Sick and distress: Jerry Grasso and Frank Schrlau and Ed Culliton.

Closing Prayer by Deacon Paul Schnettler

Motion was made, seconded and approved by the body to adjourn – 9:15 PM.

Submitted,

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