

# **Knights of Columbus Western New York Chapter**

## **“A CHAPTER WITH A PURPOSE”**

Minutes of: March 2009

**President Thomas Wargo**

### **Call to Order**

Location: Fr. John Shaus Co. #4652, Lancaster, NY

Time: 8:00 PM

Prayer led by Steve Vant

Pledge led by Sir Knight Matt Robinson.

Roll Call - 22 Councils, 49 Delegates.

**Fr. John Shaus Co.** Grand Knight Charles Ardillo welcomed all and invited us to stay for refreshments.

Minutes of the February 2009 meeting were approved as published.

### **Treasurer Report – Accepted as read.**

Bills presented to the Board of Audit for their recommendation: \$100 to Fr. John Shaus Co. for refreshments..

### **Committee Reports**

**Bishop Burse: June 25, 2009**, Fr. John Shaus Council will host this event. Tickets are \$20 per person. Charles Ardillo is ticket chairman.

**Charity Ball:** None.

**Memorial Mass:** Our Lady of Victory Basilica 10/30/09.

**Fatima Pilgrimage:** 8/23/09 Bishop Edward U. Kmiec will be the main Celebrant along with Fr. Michael Burzynski as the Co-Celebrant. Posters are available at the door.

**Calendars:** Chairman Charles Ardillo gave a report.

### **Report of the Chairman of the Board of District Deputies.**

Chairman Frank Shralau stressed that we need more degrees.

**Prayer Rally.** In the absence of Deacon Paul, Leo Kilmer reported that any slips or monies would be collected at the next meeting.

**Master’s Report:** None.

**Degrees: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 4/8/09 **Our Lady of Hope**

**Candidates 7PM/Degree 7:30PM**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 6/17/09 **Fredonia Council**

**Candidates 12:30PM/Degree 1PM**

**FDD Association:** April meeting has been cancelled. FDD picnic will be held on 7/29/09 at Mary Star of the Sea. \$6 admission.

**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:** Spring Conference meeting will held on April 17, 2009 at Cardinal O’Hara Co. at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Clarence, NY. An election for Chairman, Secretary Treasurer and Delegates will take place at this meeting. Chairman Merta emphasized that each council is entitled to **TWO** votes, provided that the council has paid thier Conference dues. Each voting delegate must also present a current membership card. Chairman Merta also stressed the need for Grand Knights to submit names of candidates for District Deputies. This year’s golf tourney for Special Olympics will be held on 9/4/09, sponsors are needed. .

**Humane Action.** No report.. .

**C&B** The new books have been printed, there are 15 tickets per book. Of the \$15 collected, \$7 is to be returned to the state..

**Squires/Free Throw:** John Sowinski thanked Our Lady of Hope Co. for hosting this year’s Western Conference Free Throw Contest. .

**Ceremonials:** State Ceremonial Chairman John Dryja reported that each council should have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team, each district a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree team. John also asked for help on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree team,

anyone interested should see the Chairman of the Board. .

**Membership:** Steve Vant reported that there are 500 councils in New York State, of that 242 had NO new members. WNY had 16 council with NO new members. NYS has 90,000 members, 35,000 are Honorary Life and 15,000 are Life members. 200 members transfer out of NYS, 250 deaths nationally each month. WNY had a +107 net gain. “Spring cleaning” is about to begin. Steve stressed that if you need to drop members, to do it by the book. Council membership team should be involved in the retention process. Steve also reported that an officers training will be held on a council level in July.

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### **Chapter Meeting (continued)**

**Old Business. None..**

**New Business. None.**

**Chaplains Report: NONE**

**Good of the Order:** Pryor to the Chapter meeting a guest speaker from Kairos Prison Ministries gave a short speech and video presentation on prison ministry. .

**Delegate Reports:** Handouts were available for several council functions.

Next meeting will be on April 17, 2009 at John Cardinal O’Hara Co. Clarence , NY.

Closing Prayer by Steve Vant.

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

**Submitted,**

John Sowinski, Secretary