

Knights of Columbus Western New York Chapter

“A CHAPTER WITH A PURPOSE”

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Minutes of: March 28, 2008

Steven Vant – President

Call to order

Location: Lancaster, Council No.4652

Time: 8:00 PM

President Steven Vant.

Prayer led by Deacon Paul Schnettler.

Pledge lead by Master William Davis.

Roll Call - 26 Councils, 63 Delegates, 4

District Deputies, 1 Insurance Agent.

Father John Schaus, Grand Knight Charles Ardillo welcomed us all. And invited us to stay for food & refreshments after the meeting.

Minutes of the February 29, 2008 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Report - John Sowinski.

Beginning balance on 03/01/2008, \$1562.38. Receipts \$101.00 (50/50 - \$51.00 and \$50.00 Dunkirk Council Dues)..

Disbursements -\$342.68 (\$100 to John Cardinal O’Hara Council for February meeting refreshments, \$8.48 to R. Merta for printing of February chapter minutes, \$142.40 to Ralph Handley for Web service, \$91.80 to George Optical for Free Throw plaques).

Balance Checking March 28, 2008 - \$1320.70.

Treasurers report was approved as presented.

Bills presented for approval and payment: \$100 to Father John Schaus Council for March refreshments, \$9.89 to Richard Merta for printing of March minutes,

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. Fr. Schaus will absorb the cost of 40 tickets and cost of printing the tickets. Charles Ardillo will be the contact person. One hour open bar and sit down dinner. 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 agreed to attend with the State family.

Charity Ball: Lew Herman reported that we are still looking for bids. He asked the Committee members that worked on the Charity Ball last year to meet tonight after the meeting.

Calendars: Charles Ardillo reported that \$1,000 went to the **Fatima Shrine.**

Memorial Mass: Steven Vant no report.

Chairman of the Board of District will report during the Conference Meeting.

Master Report. Master William Davis reported that the 4th degree exemplification is scheduled on April 12th. Rooms are still available for candidates and guests. The new Master ceremony will take place on September 7, 2008 at Fort Niagara.

Insurance Agent report: Dr. Bill Smith gave a vigorous report on the status of our membership in Western New York. He emphasized the need for all to recruit members to insure that new blood will enter the ranks in the Order. Without every ones effort, Councils will become dormant in a short time for lack of men to continue the work of the Order.

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.**

Old Business: None.

New Business: A representative from Our Lady of Hope Council presented an idea for Councils in Western New York to look into joining together in accounting activities to streamline operations during this time of increases in operating expenses.

The chair entertained a motion for the Chapter to provide a stipend of \$250 for the President of the Chapter to attend the State Convention. Motion made and approved by the body. This motion was reopened and nullified the approval vote. This type of motion must be reviewed by the Board of Governors. The motion was tabled and forwarded to the Board of Governors for their recommendation.

There was a motion to raise the monthly food allowance from \$100 to \$150. Seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was tabled to permit the Board of Governors to evaluate the request, as outlined in the by-laws.

Chaplain Report; Deacon Schnettler reported that this Sunday in Mercy Sunday. We were asked to pray for the souls that are now suffering in purgatory.

Schedule of meetings

Apr 25 - Mary Star of the Sea - Grand Island

May 30 - Fr. Baker Council - Lackawanna

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

The Vice President, Thomas Wargo requested a Council to host the July Chapter meeting.

For the Good of the Order: Steven Vant reported that FDD Cam Bodie from Fr. Daniel Early Council past away. The funeral was held this morning. Please remember him in our prayers.

Delegate Announcements

Our Lady of Hope Council will have a meat raffle on May 17th. Contact Joe Tepero.

Fr. Schaus Council will have a spaghetti dinner on April 20th. Served from Noon to 6:00 PM.

Also, the 300 Club Dinner/Dance on May 10th.

Fr. Justin Council will conduct a Caribbean Night on May 3rd, 8 – 12 PM. \$35 per couple with open bar.

Also, a meat raffle will be held on May 17th, starting at 7:00 PM. \$5.00 admission.

Closing Prayer by Deacon Paul Schnettler

Motion was made, seconded and approved by the body to adjourn – 8:45 PM.

Submitted,

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The Conference meeting minutes will be available from the Conference Secretary when it becomes available.