

Knights of Columbus Western New York Chapter

“A CHAPTER WITH A PURPOSE”

Volume 1, Issue 4 Minutes of: January 25, 2008
Steven Vant – President

Call to order

Location: Niagara Falls, Council No. 247
Time: 8:00 PM
President Steven Vant.
Prayer led by Deacon Paul Schnettler.
Pledge led by Master William Davis.
Roll Call - 18 Councils, 53 Delegates, 5 District Deputies, 2 Insurance Agents.
Niagara Council 247, Grand Knight Deacon Paul Schnettler welcomed us all. Refreshments would be served after the meeting.

Minutes of the November 2007 meeting were approved as corrected. (Treasury balance as of October 31, 2007 should read \$ 1642.63).

Treasurer Report - John Sowinski.
Beginning balance on 11/1/2007, \$1642.63.
Receipts - \$47.00 (50/50 \$47.00).
Disbursements -\$667.38 (, \$100 to Council #3875 for November meeting refreshments.)
Balance November 31, 2007 \$1589.63.
Treasurers report was approved as presented.

Bills presented for approval and payment: \$100 to Niagara Council for January refreshments and \$29.25 to Richard Merta for printing of September & November minutes..

Committee Reports

Bishop Burse: John Sowinski reported that the 2008 event will be held on Tuesday, June 24th. Any Council wishing to host the Bishop Burse Dinner should turn in their bid by April 1, 2008, so tickets can be printed.

Charity Ball: Lew Herman not present. No report available.

Fatima Shrine Pilgrimage: Charles Ardillo. Date: August 17, 2008. 1:15 PM Mass with walking rosary to follow. Full information will be forthcoming.

Calendar Report: Charles Ardillo. **November 29, 2007, there was \$4,655.23 in the account.** We paid out \$470 in winners and a \$200 donation to Angel Flight. **Balance as of December 31, 2007, \$3,985.23.** Since December 31, there were deposits of 10,360. (there were 518 calendars sold.) And, \$470 paid to winners to date leaving a **balance \$13,875.23 as of tonight (January 25th).** The Chapter president approved the entertainment of motions by Charles Ardillo.

Mr. Ardillo made a motion to transfer \$2,000 to the Western NY Conference for the hospitality room at the State Convention. Seconded by Leo Kilmer. **Motion Approved by voice vote.**

Mr. Ardillo made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine for renovations and \$1,000 to be transferred to the money market account. Seconded by Leo Kilmer. **Motion Approved by voice vote.**

Memorial Mass: Steven Vant reported that the 2008 Mass date falls on October 31st. Due to the conflict of Mass times at OLV Basilica and St. Joseph's Cathedral the **Memorial Mass will be on Friday, November 7, 2008, 7:00 PM, at OLV Basilica.** Fr. Michael will be the celebrant.

Chairman of the Board of District Deputies: Frank Schrlau.

Degree Schedule:

3rd degree – Madonna No. Tonawanda January 27th. Ceremony at 2:00 PM with candidates reporting by 1:00 PM.

3rd degree – Fr Justin, Cheektowaga
March 2nd, at 2:00 PM, candidates
reporting by 1:00 PM.

2nd degree Fr. Justin, Cheektowaga
February 26th, at 8:00 PM, candidates
7:00 PM.

1st degree – Fr. Justin, Cheektowaga,
February 12th, at 8:00 PM, candidates
7:30 PM.

1st degree – Fr. Schaus, Lancaster,
February 13, at 8:00 PM, candidates 7:30
PM.

1st and 2nd degree at Dunkirk Council,
March 9th, at 1:00 PM, candidates report
at Noon.

Frank asked that Council's scheduling a 1st degree to notify their District Deputy or the Chairman of the Board as soon as possible, so that the degree can be posted on the Chapter web site.

Prayer Rally. Deacon Paul Schnettler.

Rally date has been changed to **Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 11:30 AM until 2:30 PM at the steps of the Albany Capital.** Bus or busses will leave from Fr. Justin Council at 6:00 AM. Reservation and petitions are available tonight at the check-in table. Bishop Kmiec has been invited to attend with us. Promote the rally in your council and parishes. Deacon Paul's cell phone is 830-7552.

Master Report. Master William Davis reported there will be a Faithful Navigator meeting at Fr. Justin Council on January 26th, at 10:00 AM to plan the April 12th exemplification at the Adam Mark Hotel. The prices and contract with the hotel will be discussed. The Master's Semi-annual meeting will be held on March 8th to recommend a new Master and Diocesan Coordinator starting July 1, 2008 for a 2 year terms.

Insurance Agent report: Robert Labarbara. The Western NY agency did approximately \$23 million in sales. He asked all Councils to pass on that full time Agents are vitality needed. The loss of several agents has made it difficult to service everyone.

FDD Association: Harry Nolan reported that the next meeting will be at the end of May to plan the summer picnic and fall dinner.

Board of Audit: Don Webster reported the Board found the bills presented in order and made a motion they be paid. Motion was Seconded and approved.

Conference Report :

Ceremonial Chairman: John Dryja, FSD, had no report.

Human Action Chairman: Charles Esposito, reported that there is an article in this months State bulletin. He indicated that the actions of Council's in support of the less fortunate needs to be publicized. He solicited pictures and articles of what Councils are doing to be published in the bulletin..

Health Services. John Kinney reminded us that February is heart month. He encouraged all to set up a yearly physical checkup.

Membership Team. Jim Fox reported that there is a semi annual meeting in Latham (north of Albany) on February 2nd. Western Conference is well behind in membership recruiting. We need your help to improve our membership position in the State.

Youth Chairman John Sowinski reminded the District Deputies that the Free Throw Contest should be in motion. Free Throw finals will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at Lady of Hope in Kenmore. Registration at noon and contest begins at 1:00 PM.

C & B Coordinator: Richard Merta encouraged all to support the upcoming program which will start in April. He reminded us that this program helps the State Council with needed funds to support various charities including the Bishops Burse and is a major source of funding for each Council. Only 18 of 40 Councils participated in the fund raiser in 2007. He also asked Councils who took books in 2007 to account for the unsold books to the C&B Committee.

Conference Treasurer. John Kinney asked all Councils who have not paid their due to pay them at the next meeting. John reported that about 30 Councils have not paid dues. Charles Ardillo, Calendar Chairman will provide the treasurer with a list of Councils who are exempt for 2008.

Conference Business. None.

Chapter Old Business

None.

Chapter New Business

None.

Chaplain Report: Father Mike explained the scientific formula for our early Easter Sunday. He asked all to think about doing something positive during lent that will make us a better person on Easter Sunday than we were on Ash Wednesday.

President Vant reported that our guest speaker, John Elly was unable to make it and asked to speak at a future meeting.

Delegate Announcements

Our Lady of Hope Council will have a St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 15. Time 6:30 PM. Price is \$12 per person.

St. Pius X Fish fry on Ash Wednesday. 3:00 – 7:00 PM. \$9 per person.

Msgr. Kirby Council will host an Annual Blue Mass on Sunday, February 24 at 11:30 AM at Resurrection Parish. Color Corp members are asked to show up at 11:00 AM.

Fr. Baker Council will be serving Fish fries all Fridays in Lent. Full sea food menu including a kiddies menu will be available.

Niagara Council is having a Super Bowl Sunday (Feb 3rd) pancake breakfast. Cost \$4 adults and \$2 children. Time 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. 5:00 PM the doors open for the Super Bowl Party. \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Profit will go to Scholarship Fund.

Mary Star of the Seas Council will hold a Super Bowl Party. \$25 per person.

Msgr. Callahan Council having an all you can eat pancake breakfast on January 27th at St. Jude's Church in Sardinia. \$6 per person, maximum \$20 per family. On Ash Wednesday there will be a Fish fry at St. Philomena Church in Franklinville.

Lockport Council on Sunday April 27th there will be the annual Corporate Mass and Breakfast starting at 11:00 AM. Guest speaker will be Brother Knight Jimmy Griffin. \$12 adults, \$8.50 for children.

Fr. Schaus Council will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on August 30th.

Schedule of meetings

Feb 29 - John Cardinal O'Hara - Our Lady of Peace Church – Clarence (direction to the Church were made available)

Mar 28 - Fr. John Schaus Council - Lancaster

Apr 25 - Mary Star of the Sea - Grand Island

May 30 - Fr. Baker Council - Lackawanna

Jun 27 - St. Peter and Paul – Arcade

Closing Prayer by Deacon Paul Schnettler

Motion was made, seconded and approved by the body to adjourn – 8:53 PM.

Submitted,

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