

Knights of Columbus Western New York Chapter

“A CHAPTER WITH A PURPOSE”

Minutes of: February 2009

President Thomas Wargo

Call to Order

Location: Fr. Justin Co. #5670, Cheektowaga, NY

Time: 8:00 PM

Prayer led by Deacon Paul Schnettler

Pledge lead by Master Al Frisa.

Roll Call - 24 Councils, 52 Delegates.

Niagara Co. Grand Knight Leonard Luchowski welcomed all and invited us to stay for refreshments.

Minutes of the January 2009 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Report – Accepted as read.

Bills presented to the Board of Audit for their recommendation: \$100 to Fr. Justin Co. for meeting refreshments, \$86.40 for Free Throw Trophies.

Committee Reports

Bishop Burse: June 25, 2009. Host council to be announced at March meeting..

Charity Ball: None.

Memorial Mass: Chairman Steve Vant asked the membership if they wanted to move the Mass to another location due to conflicting dates with Our Lady of Victory Basilica. After a short discussion it was decided that the Mass will continue at OLV. Steve would take care of the arrangements.

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

Calendars: Chairman Charles Ardillo reported that there were 507 calendars sold.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of District Deputies.

NONE.

Prayer Rally. Chairman Deacon Paul reported that this years' Prayer Rally will held on May 12, 2009 in Albany. Cost is \$15 per person. Cost of the bus is \$1472.25. Motion for \$1000.00 to help pay for the bus was approved.

Fourth Degree. Exemplification: Master Al Frisa reported that the 4th Degree Exemplification will held on 4/25/09 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo. Anyone staying over night should make there reservations asap. Al asked that all paperwork be submitted properly. It was also reported that all hospitality rooms have been taken.

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

1st & 2nd. 3/18/09 Fr. Shaus 7:00PM

2nd 3/10/09 Fr. Justin 7:30PM

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

FDD Association: Next meeting 4/30/09 at Msgr. Nash Co.

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: Reported that there will be an Executive Board meeting on 2/28/09 at 10am at Our Lady of Hope Co. Chairman Merta asked that the Grand Knights submit their recommendations for District Deputies ASAP, but no later then 3/27/09. If there are no candidates then the Executive Bd. will make the appointment. Richard also reported that the Spring Conference meeting will be held on 4/17/09 at Cardinal John O'Hara Co. There will also be an Executive Bd. meeting on 4/18/09 to review the candidates for District Deputies.

Humane Action. Charles Esposito reminded us that the 1st principle of our order is charity. Chuck also reminded the Grand Knights' that the Fraternal Survey was due on 1/31/09, any council who has not submitted this report should

do so immediately. The survey forms can be down loaded off of the Supreme web site. .

C&B Ray Stoklosa No winners from the Upstate Conference. Sales of books were down from last yearl.

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: No report.

Membership: No report. A membership meeting is scheduled for 3/5/09 at Fr. Shaus..

Prayer Rally: Deacon Paul Schnettler reported that this year's rally will be held on May 12th . .

Vocations: Chairman Jim Grupka that there will be a meeting with seminarians on 9/20/09 at Christ the King Seminary. He also asked for support for vocation.

New York State Convention: Chairman Merta announced that the cost of the hospitality room is \$135 per day and the sleeping room is \$155 per day, per person. A motion was passed to give the Conference \$1500 for expenses for the hospitality room.

Chapter Meeting (continued)

Old Business. None..

New Business. \$500 was given to the Chapter for the council met their quota in calendar sales. \$400 was given to Our Lady of Fatima for expenses incurred at the Fatima Pilgrimage. .

Chaplains Report: NONE

Good of the Order: It was brought to the membership attention of a letter writing campaign to our State and Federal Lawmakers to oppose any bills that would require Catholic Hospitals to perform abortions. Cards and addresses would be available in church. Further information can be obtained by contacting Msgr. Paul Litwin.

President Tom Wargo announced that a representative from the Ronald MacDonald

House would be a guest speaker at the May chapter meeting.

Delegate Reports: Handouts were available for several council functions.

Next meeting will be on March 27, 2009 at Fr. John Shaus Co. Lancaster, NY.

Closing Prayer by Deacon Paul Schnettler. Motion was made, seconded and approved by the body to adjourn – 9:00 PM.

Submitted,
John Sowinski, Secretary