

10/12/2026 Sleepy Eye KC meeting:

Call to Order and Opening Prayer at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call: Chaplin Fr. Craig Timmerman-Absent Grand Knight Ron Miller-Present, Deputy Grand Knight-Vacant, Advocate Phil Sellner-Present, Recorder/3rd year Trustee Ryan Braulick-Present, Chancellor Brian Braun-Present, Financial Secretary Loren Ludewig-Present, Treasurer Randy Reinarts-Present, Lecturer Don Jirak-Absent, Warden Dean Ibberson-Absent, Inside Guard Charlie Hoffmann-Absent, Outside Guard Mike Steffl- Absent, 2nd Year Trustee John Schwartz-Present, 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe-Present.

Motion to Approve September KC Meeting Minutes by Chancellor Brian Braun, seconded by Brother Tom Hirsch, motion approved.

Communications: Grand Knight Ron Miller presented the following communications:

- a. Schoenstatt Sisters sent a thank you for the Sleepy Eye KC Council's donation towards their 50th anniversary celebration. Bishop LeVoir and Bishop Zielinski + 385 attendees celebrated Mass that day.
- b. Kathy Haala thanked the Sleepy Eye KC Council for the donation towards the "The World is our Neighborhood". Funds went towards medical equipment in Peru and/or Honduras.

Chaplain's Report: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Financial Secretary Report: Brother Loren Ludewig presented the following

- a. \$240.32 Schutz Foods
- b. \$195 Mark Schwartz -Keep Christ in Christmas
- c. \$92 State KC Tootsie Rolls
- d. \$180 GK Ron Miller -Prayer Night Meal
- e. \$84.11 GK Ron Miller -Lunch for KC Meetings
- f. \$1000 Donation to Seminarian Mark Schommer
- g. \$4230 Divine Providence Project
- h. \$75 Pro Kinship

Motion to pay the bills by Advocate Phil Sellner, seconded by 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe. Motion approved.

2. Treasurers' report presented by Randy Reinarts:

- a. First Security Bank checking balance: \$8955.38
- b. First Security Bank savings balance: \$20407.94
- c. SouthPoint Financial Credit Union savings balance: \$2103.97
- d. Total: \$31467.29

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Brother Tom Hirsch and seconded by Brother Tom Juhnke-McPhee. Motion approved.

3. Mankato Pro-Life Prayer Night Oct. 6: 3rd year Trustee/Recorder Ryan Braulick and Brother Tom Hirsch advertised and coordinated the hour of prayer in front of Mankato's Planned Parenthood. Well attended.

4. 2026 KC Auction Funds Disbursement to School: Advocate Phil Sellner reported that the KC Auction funds of \$5828.59 will be issued to St. Mary's School. Principal Roufs said the money will

work towards providing better accommodation for special need students. Motion made to write a check of \$5828.59 to St. Mary's School. Seconded by Treasurer Randy Reinarts. Motion carried.

5. **2nd Vote on \$1000 Donation to Seminarian Mark Schommer:** Motion made by 2nd Year Trustee John Schwartz. Seconded by Brother Tom Hirsch. Motion carried.
6. **April Tootsie Roll Drive Donation Received:** Grand Knight Ron Miller received a \$50 check towards the 2027 April Tootsie Drive.
7. **Divine Providence Landscape Project:** Project is finished. Most committed donors submitted their donations directly to Divine Providence. A check for the full amount \$12,990 will be written to the contractor Patrick Hoffmann as soon as Sleepy Eye KC's receive the gathered donations from Divine Providence.
8. **Summerfest Food Stand Wrap Up:** 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe stated the total food stand sales were \$4736 and total expenses were \$1533, net profit \$3203. Andy Pelzel donated the Cooler Trailer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Donation Requests Received:**
 - a. SE Public School After Prom Party Committee requested donations for 2027 Prom. Donation already submitted.
 - b. Pro Kinship For Kids Program requesting donations for 2026. Last year, 311 coats and/or snow pants for 126 families in need were handed out to last year. Motion made by Chancellor Brian Braun to donate \$75. Seconded by 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe. Motion carried.
2. **KC Memorial Mass and Meal Monday, Nov. 9:** Grand Knight Ron Miller stated the meal and meeting will follow the 5:30 pm Mass and be located at the St. Mary's school cafeteria.
3. **22nd Annual Food for Kids:** Brother Rick Mages stated 80,000 meals were produced last year that went to Jamaica for hurricane disaster relief and to local food shelves. \$11,965 donations collected last year. 60-70 letters sent to organizations and churches asking for donations. Meal costs have increased to \$0.25/meal. This year's event will be 10 am- 3pm November 15, at SE Event Center. The SE Event Center has donated the facility in the past.
4. **Las Vegas Raffle:** \$100 gambling permit fee will need to be paid.
5. **For the Good of the Order and Knights in Distress:** Brother Tom Hirsch sent cards to the following: Joan Eischen, Patricia and Chuck Nelson, Bob and Irene Mathiowetz, Diane Heiderscheidt, Kenny Riebel and more. Chancellor Brian Braun presented cards to the following: Eileen Hoffman and family for Paul's passing, Marv and Wally Windschitl and families for Marv's passing, John and Joe Rosenhammer for Patty's passing, Loren Tauer and Jeanne Havemeier for Leon Tauer's passing, Dick Schroepfer and family for Lindy's passing, and Carol Hengel for the passing of Sr. Audrey.
6. **Other:** Brother Tom Hirsch offered the dates of 12/5 or 12/7 for the 2026 KC Christmas Caroling.
7. **District Deputy Report:** none
8. **KC Insurance Agent David Wick:** none
9. **Next KC Officer meeting:** October 21, 2026, 7 am
10. **Next KC meeting:** November 9, 2026, at St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room.
11. **Adjournment & Closing Prayer:** Motion to adjourn by 2nd Year Trustee John Schwartz, seconded by Financial Secretary Loren Ludewig. Motion carried.

Recorded by Ryan Braulick