

5/11/2026 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-Absent, Acting Recorder/3rd year Trustee Ryan Braulick-Present, Chancellor Brian Braun-Absent, 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- Present, 2nd Year Trustee John Schwartz-Present, 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe-Present.

There was a mail delay in delivering the April meeting minutes. Minutes were read aloud by Recorder Ryan Braulick. Motion to Approve April KC Meeting Minutes by Brother Tom Hirsch and seconded by 2nd Year Trustee John Schwartz, motion carried.

Communications: Grand Knight Ron Miller presented the following communications:

- a. Thank you from Morgan CCW for the KC's donation towards their convention.

Chaplain's Report: No Chaplain report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Financial Secretary Report:** Loren Ludewig presented the following bills to be paid or donations to be made: St. Mary's Hot Lunch \$73.31 (donut flour), St. Mary's Catering \$2530 (Cadillac Dinner), St. Mary's Catering \$760 (Clergy Appreciation Dinner), Schutz Foods \$1170.82, J&L Printing \$289 (Envelopes), Premier Tax Accounting \$700 (Taxes), New Ulm Journal \$138 (Advertising for Pancake Benefit), Springfield Advance Press \$100 (Advertising for Pancake Benefit), Mark Schwartz \$150 (Clergy Appreciation Dinner Room Rental), and Tootsie Roll \$1000 funds divided equally at \$250 to the following: Comfrey School, St. Mary's Sleepy Eye, Sleepy Eye Public, and Special Olympics. Brother Roger Kral made a motion to pay all the listed bills, motion seconded by Brother Don Sellner. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurers' report presented by Randy Reinarts:**
 - a. First Security Bank checking balance: \$20903.55
 - b. First Security Bank savings balance: \$29510.10
 - c. SouthPoint Financial Credit Union savings balance: \$2102.922nd Year Trustee John Schwartz made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe. Motion Carried.
3. **Divine Providence Landscape Project:** Cost estimate to rebuild the two northern retaining walls is currently at \$12730. \$8500 has been raised. A second vote is needed to have our KC council donate the remaining \$4230 and complete this project in 2026. 2nd Year Trustee John Schwartz made a motion and 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe seconded to donate the \$4230 towards the project. Motion carried.
4. **KC Cadillac Dinner 4/12/2026:** No additional report.
5. **KC Pancake Benefit Breakfast April 26th:** 3rd Year Trustee Ryan Braulick reported that all donations totaled \$16,000 towards the Bryan Helget Family. Our KC Council help raise \$15,000, while Catholic United matched with an additional \$1000.
6. **Clergy Appreciation Dinner April 27th:** Brother Mark Schwartz reported 15 priests and Bishop Zielinski were in attendance. Other KC Councils represented were Litchfield, Marshall, and New Ulm. \$870 grossed and \$760 in expenses.
7. **Senior Mass Server and Student Choir Appreciation Certificates:** Brother Mark Schwartz will have the certificates ready. 1st year Trustee Russ McCabe volunteered to help award the certificates at the St. Mary's Senior Ceremony.
8. **Blessed Michael McGivney Picture for Social Room:** 11"x17" portrait that will be displayed in the St. Mary's Social Rm. has arrived. Grand Knight Ron Miller will have a plaque made to accompany the picture.

9. **St. Mary's Tuition Assistance for KC Members:** Motion made by Financial Secretary Loren Ludewig, motion seconded by Brother Myron Seidl to approve the 2nd vote of sending \$1000 towards tuition assistance for KC members with children at St. Mary's. Motion carried.
10. **Other:**
- a. 19 volunteers showed up to help with spring ditch clean-up.
 - b. Brother Myron Seidl reported difficulty collecting delinquent dues (3/19 dues were collected).

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **75-year KC membership recognition goes to:** Robert Mathiowetz, Alcuin Tauer, and Leon Tauer.
- 2. **Donation Requests Received:** None
- 3. **Alter server Valley Fair trip:** Motion made by Brother Myron Seidl and seconded by Brother Tom Hirsch to donate to cover the busing cost. Motion carried.
- 4. **6th grade capitol trip:** Motion made by Brother Myron Seidl and seconded by Brother Don Sellner to donate to cover the busing cost. Motion carried.
- 5. **KC Christmas Billboard:** Brother Mark Schwartz will ask for the Essig billboard availability. It will cost approximately: \$175 to print the billboard sign, rental costs ranging from \$400-\$600/month. Motion was made to acquire a billboard by Brother Tom Hirsch and seconded by 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe.
- 6. **4th of July Food Stand:** Advocate Phil Sellner will acquire the beer permit for the stand. Motion made to pay the permit fee by Financial Secretary Loren Ludewig and seconded by Brother Roger Kral. Motion carried.
- 7. **Summerfest Parade Aug. 22nd:** 1st Year Trustee Russ McCabe reminded the council that we will need volunteers to ride KC parade float.
- 8. **KC Corn Feed:** Dave Berle provides the corn for this event
- 9. **Knights of Columbus Officer Election:** Motion made by Brother Tom Hirsch to elect the current officers to their existing positions for the next year. Motion seconded by 2nd Year Trustee John Schwartz. Motion carried.

10. District Deputy Report by Mario Desouza:

- a. Safe Environment Training has expired for Advocate Phil Sellner and Brother Tony Hagen.
 - c. Recommend filling the Deputy Grand Knight position, so he can shadow and learn from the current Grand Knight.
 - d. Ordination for Seminarian Brent Sundve on May 16th.
 - e. Father Sam will be celebrating 25th Ordination Anniversary May 31st in Morgan.
 - f. 4th degree exemplification in Marshall June 20th.
 - g. Forms #4185 and 365 are due for our council.
 - h. Recommend an annual budget and for our council to submit for Star Council Award.
 - i. Redistricting of area is happening. District Deputy covering Sleepy Eye KC Council will now be Myron Mathiowetz.
- d. **KC Insurance Report:** None.
- e. **Good of the Order/Knights in Distress:** Rob Goblirsch, Patricia Nelson, Norbert Peschong, Roger Kral, David Eischen, Madonna Sellner, John Gulden, Judy Mathiowetz, Dave Sellner, Diane Maurer, Dave Vosbeck, Patty Rosenhammer, Dr. Tom Larson, Eugene Bertrand, Mary Portner, and Wayne Pelzel.
- f. **Next Officer Meeting:** Sat., August 29th, 7 am at SE Coffee Co.
- g. **Next Meeting:** Monday, Sept. 14th
- h. **Adjournment & Closing Prayer:** Motion made to adjourn.

Recorded by 3rd Year Trustee Ryan Braulick