

The regular meeting of Court Immaculate Conception #322 was called to order by Regent Karen Selensky on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 7:20 pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit parish hall. Roll call of officers found four of the officers were present. There were 19 members in attendance.

Regent Karen Selensky asked if there were any guests in attendance. Michelle Dunn guest of Ceila Sattler attended and became a member. Michelle Dunn asked about the membership fee and said she was unable to pay for it at this time. Regent Karen Selensky affirmed that one of our members will pay it forward for her.

Correspondence from the Assumption Abbey and Home on the Range were distributed. Minutes of the October meeting were approved, and the Treasurer's report will be filed as shown.

Old Business

Regent Karen Selensky reported that the October Financial Audit was completed with Second Vice State Regent Sue Judd-Dyrness present to assist us with the protocols needed for the audit. Other members present were Regent Karen Selensky, Vice Regent Dorleen Wolbaum, Financial Secretary Barb Thorson, Treasurer Mary Ann Morford, Recording Secretary Diane Krupinsky and members Kathy Silbernagel and Virginia Dolajak. We learned a great deal from Sue on how to conduct the audit. Regent Karen Selensky asked for an additional volunteer for the audit per the "Tools of the Trade" protocols. Rita Mastel volunteered.

Regent Karen Selensky asked Treasurer Mary Ann Morford for an update on the October fundraiser. Mary Ann Morford reported revenue of \$330 for the bake sale, \$121 for Bingo and \$68 for the pinochle card party. The Court is still waiting on a few funds and donations for the fundraiser. Total revenue to date is \$519 for the fundraiser.

Regent Karen Selensky thanked members that had donated items for Home on the Range and mentioned the Court will still take donations at the December meeting.

Mary Ann Morford reported on the Knights of Columbus Coat for Kids event that the Court will assist with on Sunday, November 10 at St. Mary's Grade School. Some coats were given the night of the meeting. A sign-up sheet was distributed for volunteers to assist with the event.

Regent Karen Selensky asked member Norma Rajme to give an update on her meeting with Fr. Ehli on the Seven Sisters Apostolate program. Norma Rajme reported that she has 21 ladies meeting on November 12 at noon to start the program for the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit priests.

New Business

Regent Karen Selensky reported that Second Vice State Regent Sue Judd-Dyrness asked us if we had Standing Rules. Upon further research by Regent Karen Selensky, it was determined that Standing Rules were not established for our Court. National Bylaws of the order are the only bylaws that are in effect. Local Courts may and should have Standing Rules, but in no way can they conflict with the National Bylaws.

Standing Rules

- They are rules which are related to the details of the administration of the organization such as State or Local Courts, rather than parliamentary procedure.
- They can be adopted or changed at any business meeting upon the same conditions as any act of the Court (Motion, Majority, vote.)
- They are usually adopted as the need arises.
- They can be adopted by a majority vote of those present without previous notice.
- The rule remains in effect until it is rescinded or amended.
- If a standing rule is temporarily suspended for a particular meeting, the suspension is not binding at future meetings.
- Standing rules need to be reviewed at least once a year to see what is still current and what needs to be rescinded or amended.

The officers will meet in December and bring the proposed Standing Rules to the January meeting.

Regent Karen Selensky reported that the officers have been discussing a plan on how to recover dues that have not been paid since 2020. The total is \$4,425 (177 X \$25). A plan will be discussed at our December meeting.

Member Molly Friedel asked if the Court would like to upgrade the website fee from \$60 to \$70 a year. Rita Mastel made a motion to approve, seconded by Norma Rajme. Motion approved.

Regent Karen Selensky reported that a computer was purchased from Light of Christ Catholic Schools for \$50 for the financial secretary in order to keep all financial records in order and passed on to the next financial secretary. Regent Selensky also recommended that an additional computer be purchased for the Treasurer to be passed on to the next Treasurer. Microsoft Office software would need to be purchased for \$99 and renewed yearly. Rita Mastel made a motion to purchase the computer and software, seconded by Norma Rajme.

The 2025 budget was presented. Rita Mastel made a motion to approve and seconded by Norma Rajme.

Regent Karen Selensky reported that new member packets have been updated with a welcome letter and will include the funeral preparation cards, that have also been updated.

Rita Mastel suggested we add our Court website to the bulletin meeting announcements.

Regent Karen Selensky reported on the nativity scene that the Bergen's have decided to sell their storage unit and the Court will need to find another place to store the nativity set and will be checking with the Bishop's office on potential options. Regent Selensky will send out an email asking for volunteers to assist with setting up the nativity scene for the annual CDA blessing presentation in December.

Regent Karen Selensky reported that there is a scrapbooking competition for the State Convention in May 2025 in Williston. Regent Selensky would like our Court to be part of this competition and asked for volunteers. No volunteers as this time.

Regent Karen Selensky asked all members to look through the box of membership books that are left and take any of members you might know. The December meeting will explain the "Buddy Program" on how the Court can reach out to inactive members. Regent Selensky asked that members bring their membership books with them for the December meeting.

Announcements

Regent Selensky reminded members of the Real Presence Radio banquet scheduled for November 12 and thanked those that were planning on attending.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral parish hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Selensky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Karen" on the top line and "Selensky" on the bottom line.