

OUR LADY OF MERCY HOLY NAME SOCIETY
Minutes of the Year-end Business Meeting and Social
St. Dominic's Field House, Brookville, Long Island
Monday, June 9, 2008

The Holy Name Society's year-ending June Business and Social was held at the St. Dominic's Parish Field House in Brookville, Monday, June 9th, courtesy of the members of St. Dominic's Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus Council. Thank you Maurice Fasano for making these arrangements.

Our social aspects for that evening's reception commenced with a warm welcome from President John Thomas and his Committee welcoming all on their arrival at the Field House.

Approximately 7:30 pm John Thomas opened the business meeting, first thanking Maurice Fasano for his services and then led in unison our recitation of the Holy Name Pledge and Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-five in attendance.

A roll call of Officers showed all were present, John Thomas, President/Treasurer; Frank Alfieri, Vice President; Frank White, Secretary; Herman Fleischer, Diocesan Delegate and our Spiritual Moderator, Father Tom Tuite.

The minutes of the previous meeting, Monday May 12th are recorded in the Web-site (copy available by asking the Secretary). Also, an agenda for this meeting was not distributed, for the primary activity was to be the social gathering.

Therefore, following the suggestion of John Thomas, a motion was made by Frank Alfieri, second by Ron Tralle that all Committee reports, with the exception of the Nomination's Committee report necessary for the election of Officers for the coming year, be tabled. The motion carried.

However, before proceeding with the election John wished to thank all the members who assisted one way or another with the annual "cake Sale", Sunday May 18th. In particular he wished to thank those members who brought a cake for sale, for these are the mainstay for a successful "Cake Sale", and again it was so as the net profit being \$1,462.97.

For overseeing the program to such an outstanding finish, John received an enthusiastic round of applause, not just for this year, but for many years, years too many to recall.

Victor DeSalvo, Co-Chairman of the Nomination Committee reported the Committee recommendation for Officers for the Year 2008-09 as follows: for President/Treasurer, John Thomas; for 1st Vice President, Frank Alfieri; for 2nd Vice President, Andrew Romano; for Secretary, Frank White and for Diocesan Delegate, Herman Fleischer. For each of the position's he asked from the floor for other nominations. As none were received, then Victor requested a Constitutional ballot be cast for the slate presented, which motion was made by Joe Allison and approved unanimously by all present.

Prior to asking for a motion to close the Business Session, John Thomas had one or two matters to discuss briefly, the upcoming Parish Summer Fair, the successful conclusion of our membership renewal campaign and that in our prayers this summer we continue to remember our recently deceased brother and former Vice President, Bob Trenkle. John thanked the members for attending Bob's wake, Thursday, May 29th and for serving in the "Honor Guard" at his Requiem Mass, Friday the 30th.

John informed us that he attended last week's Fair Committee meeting and updated us on their need for volunteer's for the various Fair Sub-committee's, the Committee's that will be manning the booths and attractions during the evening's at the Fair.

Their request was that the members of the parish organizations select one of the Committee's that they would like to serve with, usually for one full evening during the Fair. He has told the Parish Fair Committee that the Fair has the wholehearted support of the Holy Name Society and its members.

John also reminded us that all volunteers must attend a "Virtus Protection Session".

In one final matter, John told us that active membership renewal totaled 203; but disappointing is the failure to renew of 93 brothers, brothers listed in the Register who did not reply to either our renewal request or contributed to our fund raising "Cake Sale".

At this point, before adjoining the meeting, one Our Father and one Hail Mary was said for our deceased brothers, especially Bob Trenkle; for our homebound members, Joseph Tatto, Jerry Peace, Bill Snyder, Andrew Betz, Peter Volpe, John Loughlin and Tom Cornish; for our ill members Mickey Walsh, Leo Zyszkowski and John Dolan and for the ill family members and friends (non-Society members) of the Society, Carol Viscardi, Ellen Taturus, Jean Burke, Jane Geraghty, Phyliss Hart, Paul Lewis, Tom Conway, our troops serving our Country, Karen Caporale, Honey Jones, Loren Gordon, Frank Gibaldi, Sr., James Steinhauser, John McCaffrey, Margart O'Dell, Susan Borger and Jonathan Espailat.

John then asked for a motion to adjoin the Business Meeting, which was made by John King, second by Ray Drago and the Session was concluded.

Note 1: in a brief discussion among some members, Frank White, Retention Committee Chairman, learned that two of those in our monthly prayers, on the non-member ill list for the past few months, are inactive members of the Society, members prior to the Society's 1975 reactivation. Frank will follow-up in this matter.

Note 2: one member, John McCaffrey died that day; the other James Steinhauser will be contacted.

Following a long standing tradition the Holy Name Society's June Meeting is a reception and dinner at a restaurant, a custom that is the occasion to genuinely honor a fellow brother, a brother who has taken a more responsible role in the more demanding activities of the Society and more importantly sticks to that task until its successful conclusion.

This year's "honoree" was Herm Fleischer and on the announcement the members rose to give him a standing ovation. And then to Herman's complete surprise, John Thomas, our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, welcomed our guest, Herm's daughter Mary, who had been waiting in the anteroom.

There followed a well of good wishes for Herman, after which John Thomas, in opening the program, reminded all that through this yearly Society ritual we get to know a personal part of our "honoree" but that this familiarity comes with a price, a "toast".

Therefore, the Society's obtained a few gifts for Herman, each presented by a brother Holy Name man who told us in humorous prose what circumstance would connect this particular gift with what was known about Herman.

There were the Holy Name gifts, a key holder with the Society's emblem telling him that he is a "key member" of the Society, rosary beads with the figurehead of Christ on the connecting medal, an embossed pen and pencil set since he is a member of the Society's Executive Board and a Holy Name jacket, would he want anything else.

In addition, the Committee having learned that Herman enjoys both the outdoors and the indoors, all kinds of practical ideas came to pass, especially far fetched ideas, but ideas for a sportsman of his species.

Knowing Herman would surely love to try snorkeling a beginners snorkel was obtained for him. Also knowing he wished to be a better golfer, all Holy Name executive's wish so, therefore as a greenhorn he must practice indoors, so a miniature set and a putting cup would be of use. Then being indoors he could caddy for himself, so his new apron will serve as a "pinny" what better way of being on watching TV.

Herman in accepting each of the presentation "toasts" cheerfully demonstrated why his brother members wished to recognize him as their "honoree". He gracefully thanked all for the honors saying he was looking forward to next year when he could be a "toaster".

Our June special evening was topped off with a delicious catered buffet supper and a special cake recognizing our "honoree" as our "Holly Name Man".

Respectfully submitted,

Frank
Frank White, Secretary

