

**OUR LADY OF MERCY HOLY NAME SOCIETY
HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK**



Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for us

**Minutes Monthly Business Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2009**

President John Thomas called the Business Meeting to order at 7:30 pm sharp, asking that we stand for our Society's prayer, the "Holy Name Pledge" and the "Pledge of Allegiance" to our Country.

A question by a member as to the term "born and unborn" that has been added to the pledge at our meetings was raised. A ruling to discontinue this phrase had been made by the Knights of Columbus but that ruling another member advised did not apply to their local meetings and certainly not to our meetings.

The agenda for this meeting having been distributed to the members on signing in, a roll call of the Officers was made. There were 16 Officers and brothers of the Society in attendance, excused were Vice Presidents, Frank Alfieri and Andrew Romano.

The minutes of the April meeting were excepted as posted on the Society's *web-site* www.olmhns.org/meeting.html. Note: mailed were copies to members who had requested the minutes.

Correspondence- the family of Edward Doyle on receipt of our cake sale mailing advised John Thomas that Ed had passed away December 17th. The Society had not been informed at the time although Ed was an Honorary Member. John will forward our condolences with a Mass Card.

Treasury Report: The Society's balance as of March 31 was \$3,031.99; receipts during the month was .14 cents interest; disbursements \$515. -\$100 gratuity to Sr. Loyola, last month's guest speaker, \$15 Mass card for James Steinhauser, \$250. sponsorship of a hole for the golf tournament and \$150 annual web-site fee; leaving our balance as of April 30 - \$2,517.13.

Committee Reports: Cake Sale –the weekend of May 16-17 in the Rectory Garage. John Thomas has sent the usual letter to the members asking for their support, primarily a donation of a cake or if unable a monetary gift so the Society can make other necessary purchases. He asked for assistance in picking up the rolls, doughnuts and bagels. The crumb cake he will pick-up. Maurice Fasano said he would donate the raffle basket. All members were asked to assist either Saturday evening or on Sunday morning.

Membership – Active/Honorary members 147; Inactive 52 –total 199; year 2009 renewals to-date 63.

Sick and Vigil –ill members: Msgr James Boesel, Deacon Anthony D’Auria, Vincent Genna and former member John Allasio, homebound: Bill Snyder, Jerry Peace, Peter Volpe, John Loughlin, Joseph Tatto. Andrew Betz, John Dolan, Mickey Walsh, Charles Masterton and Stephen Tippa; deceased: James Steinhauer and Edward Doyle. An Our Father and Hail Mary was said for the recovery of our ill/homebound members and for the repose of the soul’s of our two deceased brothers.

Liturgical –The Mass on Holy Name Sunday was postponed-Mother’s Day to be celebrated with our Communion Breakfast, Sunday, May 24. The breakfast, in the school cafeteria, for our members and their families will be \$10 per person. The guest speaker will be Mr. Charles Ruppert, a member of the Society. The breakfast will be catered by Skalberg Caterer’s, Lindenhurst so reservations are necessary; his deadline will be Tuesday, May 19, John said to notify the caterer of the number coming.

Catholic Action –John King reported on the recent pro-choice measure in the New York Assembly, the Markey Bill passed contrary to the vote of our pro-life Assemblyman Rob Walker. It still must be approved by the State Senate, which our Senator, Sen. Marcellino is against. John asked us to write and thank our Assembly members for their support of the pro-life activities.

Also, in the US Senate, John said legislation was proposed to increase government funding for Planned Parenthood, the largest of the Country’s anti-life organizations.

Frank White questioned why John King’s information wasn’t included in the weekly bulletin’s Pro-life article which each week he said was a rehash of old information and useless to current action. Frank said John’s information should reach the parishioners. John King or none of those present had any idea as to why the bulletin does not publish useful information in support of pro-life measures.

A lively discussion on pro-life issues continued among the members with many ideas presented along the issues now being legislated in Washington.

Nomination Committee - Frank White reported that the Committee has been speaking with potential candidates for office 2009-10. A proposed slate will be presented at the June meeting.

Diocesan Union – Herman Fleischer advised that the annual Diocesan Holy Name Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Eastport is Sunday, May 17. It conflicts with our Cake Sale but hopefully some members and their families after attending the Cake Sale in the early morning will be able to get to the Shrine later, in time for the 11:30 Mass. The Pilgrimage always includes visits to the Stations, recitation of the Rosary along the revamped Rosary Walk, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which closes the day. If it's a nice day the Holy Name families usually picnic on the grounds.

Herman also stated that the Diocesan Union in a brief meeting would hold election of Officers for their coming year.

New Business – John Thomas advised that the June 15 meeting would be a “social” to be held at the Main Event on Old Country Road, Plainview beginning at 7pm. Frank White questioned the member's donation of \$25 as not sufficient since the cost is about \$40 per person. It was agreed to ask for \$30 per person.

Parish Pantry – The Society's monthly charity, which John asked that the members make donations when possible during the summer months, for the need with present economic conditions will continue.

The non-members ill on our Offertory List who are ill included Hope Dybec, Kevin Heenan, Georgette Coffey, Anita Zeller), Lauren Gordon, Carol Viscardi, June Wynn, Ed Bodor, Jon Espaillat, Anita Albano, Simeon Winburn, Karen Caporale, Betty Kiley and the members of our armed forces.

John asked that we remember all our members ill and homebound and the non-members in our prayers and that an Our Father and Hail Mary now be said in unison for their recovery.

As no one had further new business to discuss John asked Father Tom for his guidance as to the direction our Society is taking spiritually. Father said he was pleased to see that there has been monthly continuation of our Corporate Communion Mass; that he is looking forward to our Communion Breakfast observance and he is especially pleased with our concern for our ill members. He has told Mickey Walsh, now back in the hospital, that he is remembered in our monthly prayers and that his brothers wish him well.

Before closing the meeting John reminded us of the assistance that he needs for the “Cake Sale”. He was then asked as to what he has heard regarding the Parish Golf Tournament and if our Society because of sponsorship returns is monetarily responsible for its success. John said other than our sponsorship of a hole he has made no commitment to the Committee, nor have they asked him for any assistance.

Before closing the meeting, the members recited in unison the prayer for vocations but since there was another meeting in the cafeteria we said the Holy Name Hymn, “Holy God We Praise Thy Name”.

The meeting adjourned and a motion to close was made by Ed Smith, second by Warren Scaglione and approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank
Frank White, Secretary