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### Meeting Minutes of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church

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26 September 1873

Holland, Michigan

The clerk of the consistory of the First Reformed Church, J. Schrader, reported in the minutes that the consistory had received a letter from Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte. It is not clear what Van Raalte wrote about.

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to decide how to accomplish the goal set before them.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Broek.

Keppel  
Schrader, clerk

Consistory Meeting of September 26, 1873

Present: Brothers van den Berge, Kruidenier, Keppel, Wilterdink, Schrader, Geerlings, Sprietsma, Vaupel, Vaarwerk.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Keppel.

ARTICLE 1 – Brother Kruidenier was chosen as chairman.

ARTICLE 2 – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 3 – The meeting was presented with a more efficient way for the furnace to warm the church. A committee, consisting of Geerlings and Schrader, was appointed.

ARTICLE 4 – A question concerning the senior Brother de Koning was discussed. It was decided that Brothers Keppel and Labots will deal with this, since the son of the above-mentioned de Koning is a member of the Third Church.

ARTICLE 5 – A letter was received from classis to the First Church, in the matter of the Free Masons. It was presented to the chairman by Keppel. However, it was written in such an imperfect form that it was nearly illegible. It was placed on the table until the following meeting.

It was decided that the clerk will write to the clerk pro tem of classis, J. F. Zwemer, with a request for a copy of the classical minutes in which decisions concerning the Masonic Order are mentioned.

ARTICLE 6 – Brother Vaarwerk presents a need of Mrs. Mosselman. It was decided to care for her in her situation.

ARTICLE 7 – The clerk read a letter from the Rev. Dr. A. C. van Raalte. It was decided to place the contents in the memorial, as well as the (deeds?) which are still in the possession of the congregation. Consequently, we will leave an entire page blank for this. ✓

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Kruidenier.

J. Schrader, clerk

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