

## **Minutes of 11/13/2008 Watters Assembly Meeting**

The November meeting was held at St. Andrew. The meeting commenced at 7:30PM with usual ceremonials. Ten officers (Stryker, Kassis, Heald, Langheim, Hlad, McKenzie, Klein, Spencer, Sisko, and Pierson) were present. Members present were 30. Deacon Ray Egan served as the Chaplain.

The minutes of the last meeting were not read. The Faithful Scribe was behind in the transcribing of the recordings. They will be coming soon..

### **Faithful Navigator Report**

Guy Stryker called on Deacon Ray Egan to talk about the Diocesan Cemetery cleanup project in Sparta, GA. to start off the meeting. There are five old cemeteries under the control of the Diocese dating from the 1800's. He gave a short history of them all.

Deacon has organized three workdays to cut their way into the over 100-year-old overgrown 2 and 1/2 acre Sparta plot and about a third is still undone. He has applied for a grant. The work crews have uncovered 4 graves. The plan is to use ground penetrating radar to find more and mark them. The work is done for the summer. Too hot. He will request other councils to assist and work will begin as the weather permits again.

He asks that the State Officers start a program to get Councils to adopt cemeteries to clean the old cemeteries and start a trust fund to maintain them perpetually. The Diocese has a cemetery web site and he is still embarrassed by Sparta.

The FN asked for a hearty thank-you to the chef for a great meal. He thanked everyone for the prayers and outlined the physical therapy for his shoulder replacement.

He presented Rick Langheim with his former FN service pin.

### **Bills and Communications**

Bob Heald reported that he had received two bills, one for graphic engraving (\$23) and one for the evening meal (\$111). He received \$49 from the drinks and a check for \$70 from Matt Filla's exempli-

fication and another \$70 exemplification check. He also reported that they received a \$25 dues check for last year from the wife of Jim Taylor who is suffering from Alzheimers.

#### **Comptroller Report**

Bob Heald reported that the current membership is 153 on the books—way down from the year beginning. But ten new exemplifications bring it back to 163.

#### **Purser Report**

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening August 1 checking balance was \$3966. Monthly expenses of \$488 and monthly income of \$177 brought the August 30th balance to \$3,655. Broken down by funds in the same checking account---raffle fund was \$1,178, golf ball fund was \$138, and the general fund was \$2, 339 for a total of \$3,655.

#### **Religious Report**

Chuck Langgood reported that a recorder will be set up next meeting for more of the Patrick Kelly videos.

#### **Patriotic Committee**

David Lemcoe reported that the USO is looking for a team of troop airplane greeters on 2/3/09. Lemcoe also dropped some magazines and books off at the VA hospital. He noted how bare the libraries are in these hospitals he had visited. He spoke of a book about to be released that he suggested might be of interest. He requested that the short clip “Revilie” be transmitted to all members because it was very touching. Lou Hlad will do so.

Lemcoe noted that the minutes of the last meeting stated that he had won the \$100 raffle. Actually he had purchased it for Council 10632 and turned it over to Abe Kassis who bought 5 more tickets with it.

Urban Rump reported that he had attended the 9-11 ceremony and read all the names of the victims for three hours. He also reported that the CDC has really transformed themselves since that tragedy.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

## **Commander Report**

Bob Mitchell thanked the 8 respondents to his plea for an Honor Guard at the upcoming Special Olympics at East Roswell Park. He also reported that there were 15 Honor Guards present for the funeral of Tom Price at St. Brigid.

He asked for a good showing of Guards at the October 18th Fourth Degree Exemplification. He reported that there were now 46 members of the Assembly Honor Guard of which he was aware. All our Councils including St. Thomas Aquinas are now represented. This should help to spread the load.

Guy Stryker added that the widow of Tom Price was very appreciative of the Honor Guard at the funeral (although she is not a Catholic.) Monsignor Reynolds at St. Brigid was also very pleased.

## **Applications for Membership**

Comptroller Bob Heald reported that ten members had shown vocal interest in becoming fourth degree candidates, although he only had two applications in hand.

Nine were from 11402—Damon Paolozzi, Bob Fiscella, Matt Filla, Charles Lynch, Bill Schmitz, Andrew Jedlicka, Bernie Santa Maria, Jon Van Duyne, and B.J. Gundy.

St. Andrew—Michael Bagnuld, age 63, was read in and accepted. All Saints had an application from Matt Filla and he was read in and accepted.

## **Trustee Report**

None.

## **New Business**

Greg Coletta gave a stirring report about his memories of Fr. Charles J. Watters in Vietnam. He was well known among the men there although not always personally. He should not have been in harm's way, but he dragged them out. There were 336 casualties in the battle in

which he died. Greg was thrilled to know that he would become a member of an Assembly named after him.

### **Third Degree Reports**

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – held an annual work day at Elaine Clark Center. Held an Altar Server Outing at Startime on Holcomb Bridge Road. Ran the Parish Hoedown drink concessions and got 4 new members. Held a 2nd degree featuring 10 of 22 candidates from All Saints. Held a cookout at Emory for Father Bryan Small's returning Catholic students. Held a 3rd degree at All Saints for 116 candidates—new record. Nineteen were from our council. Will hold a Habitat Day for All Saints 15th House. Will hold a Tootsie Roll Drive. Planning a golf tournament for four charities at Horseshoe Bend.

St. Andrew (Charles Langood) – Reported they were also handing a KofC Golf tournament in Suwannee. Holding a parish picnic. Tom Hooper has a new restaurant called Katie's Café and Bakery on Holcomb Bridge next to Home Depot.

St. Brigid (John) – hosting a St. Stephen's Night for vocations. Holding an Adopt-the-Road. Held a wake and funeral for Tom Price. Holding a first Degree. Parish picnic will have concessions hosted by the knights.

### **Good of the Order**

John Ordway's mother Velma, Joe Noa, Jack Klapka's mother-in-law, Kirby Baden, Tim Russell, Lou Hlad's sister Veronica, Mike Klimshuk's stepdad, Bill Allen's wife Tisha, Ralph Stinson's wife Mary, Guy Stryker, Ernie Spencer's brother-in-law, and our troops.

Mary, Queen of the Knights, prayer was recited.

### **Chaplain's Report**

Deacon Ray Egan asked that members bring old cell phones to AT&T stores for charity. Asked that members continue to send \$35 to the Bishop Fulton Sheen to distribute prayer books to the troops.

**Split-the Pot**

Al Garofalo won the \$21 award.

**Raffle Award**

Sean O'Neill won \$100.

**Attendance Award**

Not presented.

Members thanked Charlie Robinson for the meal. Closing prayer and National Anthem ended the meeting. Length was just over 1 hour