

Minutes of April 12th, 2012 Watters Assembly Meeting

The April Assembly Meeting was held in McGivney Hall at All Saints. A scheduling problem has necessitated that the May meeting be also held at All Saints.

All SaintsMay..... then moving to
St. Andrew.....June.... then moving to
St. Brigid.....July.....then moving to
All Saints.....August....then moving back to All Saints

The pre-meeting rosary started at 6:15 PM. The social dinner of baked ziti followed immediately afterward. The regular business meeting started a bit early at 7:25 PM. There were 43 members present.



The opening ceremonials, Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer were conducted. Singing of the Opening Ode was waived.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was bypassed in lieu of the transmitted minutes which were accepted without further correction.

The roll call of officers was conducted. All present, except as noted.

Faithful Navigator-	Dick Kobylski	
Faithful Captain-	Chuck Langgood	
Faithful Pilot-	Ed Pierson	
Faithful Comptroller-	Bob Webster	
Faithful Admiral-	John Lewis	
Faithful Scribe-	Lou Hlad	
Faithful Purser-	Rich McKenzie	
Trustee 3 year term-	John Miles	
Trustee 2 year term-	Rick Langheim	(excused)
Trustee 1 year term-	Tom Mix	
Inner Sentinel-	Mike Klimshuk	(excused)
Outer Sentinel-	Bob Santos	
Faithful Friar-	Monsignor David Talley	(excused)
Faithful Commander-	Bob Mitchell	
State Deputy-	Rick Sisko was present	

Faithful Navigator Report

FN reported that this section of the meeting would take some time and result in the nomination of candidates for the Assembly officer positions for the 2012-2013 fraternal year beginning July 1st. He surprised at least some of the members by announcing that he would be relocating to Missouri after the month of July and would not be available as a member of the Assembly in any capacity. That being the case, he quipped that they must find the next most capable person to lead the Assembly (laughter).

He mentioned that the positions would be voted formally during the June meeting and that the positions requested and announced at this meeting were informal. Some nominated positions were already known and some were to be decided hopefully at this meeting. He ran down the list of nominees who have agreed to stand for election:

Nominations for 2012-2013 Fraternal Year

(after each of the following announcements, FN asked if anyone else wanted to be considered. This same question will be asked three times during the actual election ceremony in June. Positions are not final)

Faithful Navigator-	Lou Hlad	(former Scribe)
Faithful Captain-	Bob Webster	(former Comptroller)
Faithful Admiral-	John Lewis	(incumbent)
Faithful Scribe-	Tony Santoro	(volunteered to serve)
Faithful Comptroller-	Bill Zaryski	(volunteered to serve)
Faithful Purser-	Dave Mason	(volunteered to serve)
Faithful Pilot-	Ed Pierson	(incumbent)
Trustee 3 year term-	Dennis Klein	(volunteered to serve)
Trustee 2 year term-	John Miles	(former Trustee-3 year)
Trustee 1 year term-	Rick Langheim	(former Trustee-2 year)
Inner Sentinel-	Terry Petrukovich	(incumbent replacement for ailing Mike Klimshuk)
Outer Sentinel-	Jim Knapp	(incumbent alternate)

(to be determined)

Faithful Friar- appointed by the new Faithful Navigator
Faithful Commander- appointed by the new Faithful Navigator

FN suggested that the election be held at the next (May) meeting to give the new officers more transition time. He asked State Deputy Rick Sisko if this violated any rules and Sisko advised that it would be legal. The officers would not take actual positions until after July 1st.

FN suggested that Master of the Fourth Degree, Tom Gissy, be contacted early for a date for the installation of officers. It was disclosed that Tom Gissy's term is ending June 30th and he would be unavailable to perform the ceremony after that time. The new Master is not yet known.

FN thanked the members for their enthusiasm in volunteering and noted that he is soon to take a position in Missouri as a District Deputy of several councils. He will also be close to his new grandbaby at that location. His wife retires shortly as well, so this is a major life change for them.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser Rich McKenzie reported recent revenues of \$120 in dues less \$140 cost for tonight's dinner.

Faithful Purser Report

Rich McKenzie also gave the cash position of the Assembly:

On March.1st the checkbook cash balance was \$9,345
+\$ 810 revenue
-\$ 940 expenses
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yielding \$9,215 on March 31

Faithful Comptroller Report

Bob Webster had previously indicated that there were 216 members and the current bank balance was \$9,596. (this is different from the checkbook balance), (laughter and confusion, but accurate)

Report of Committees

Patriotic Committee

FN announced that Dave Lemcoe was again unable to attend after multiple back surgeries. FN stated that he could use some assistance in the short term to get around and FN had been helping him with transportation. Dave will need some care and prayers still in the next few months.. He is attempting to get us a Knights of Columbus Day at the Atlanta Airport to aid the USO welcome home returning troops. No Knight hats, shirts, or other markings of the Order may be worn on that day.

Stan Wasowski reported on the ad hoc committee formed to support the "stand down day" being planned that includes helping returning veterans with medical, clothing, dental, etc. services in a one-day event that the VA puts on once or twice a year. He reported that he will be attending a meeting on Saturday at St. Peter Chanel. He will ask if Brother Jon Bird can also attend. The actual event will be June 23rd 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

FN asked if the brother present could find a place of employment in their businesses for some of these veterans who have been out of work for a long time.

Social Committee Report

Chuck Langgood reported that a decision was made to hold an Assembly dinner to include the wives at a nice Italian restaurant in Dunwoody called Carbonara Trattoria. All Saints had previously hosted 120 people there and reserved the entire restaurant for that event on a Monday night. Monday night is a slow night there.

Chuck talked to the owner who said that he could do it again for a minimum commitment of 50 people (the owner recently joined the All Saints Council). Since it has to be on a Monday night, April 23rd at 6:30 PM was chosen as the most practical date. The date is after Easter and does not conflict with any business meeting. Waiting until May brings Mother's Day, golf tournaments, Georgia State Convention, etc.

The cost will be \$65 per couple (same cost as he offered All Saints). It includes taxes, gratuity, and one glass of wine per person. A cash bar is available for added purchases. There will be three entrees -- salmon, steak, and chicken. Several initial courses and dessert are also included. A show of hands showed strong interest (eighteen or nineteen hands), although 50 persons have not yet committed.

The Assembly will pay the restaurant in advance for 50 diners. Anyone attending who has not paid Langgood must bring cash or a check made out to the Assembly to reimburse the Assembly. Dress is casual.

Chuck will send out an email with details very soon. There would be little planning required, no cleanup, and breakeven cost.

Dennis Crean stood up to attest that the restaurant is outstanding and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Addition to the Minutes (Assembly Dinner Report)

The dinner was held on April 23rd and 61 diners attended. The restaurant was closed to the public and was exclusive to the Assembly. The food was outstanding and it was a very special evening for the brothers and their spouses and guests.

Following is the menu presented and some pictures of the actual event. If you did not attend, you missed a very special evening

"Knight's Night Out" Scheduled April 23rd



Plan on spending a fun and tasty night out with your spouse or significant other on Monday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM.

Sir Knight Chuck Langgood has negotiated with Carbonara Trattoria Restaurant's owner (an All Saints brother) to close his restaurant for the evening to accommodate our Assembly, and he is offering us an incredible menu for the evening. Carbonara is located at 5499 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. 30338 in Dunwoody Village.

(678-587-9100) (carbonaradunwoody.com)

Dinner for two, a glass of wine each, tax and gratuity included for \$65 per couple!

Here's the menu:

Appetizer: calamari, bruschetta, fried green tomatoes (all three set up per table).

Soup: Cream of Tomato.

Primi: pasta sampler (gnocchi w/Gorgonzola cream, spinach and ricotta ravioli in a sage and butter sauce and spinach pappardelle bolognese)

Entree (choice of one):

- Salmon Béarnaise (grilled with basil and roasted potatoes),
- Chicken Marsala (pan fried chicken with cremini mushrooms, mashed potatoes topped with Marsala wine sauce.)
- 4 oz filet mignon (crusted with porcini mushrooms, with a red wine demi glacé, au gratin potatoes and sautéed spinach and raisins)

Dessert: choice of either cannoli or tiramisu

As mentioned above, a glass of either red or white wine is included. Complimentary coffee, iced tea and soft drinks are also available.

For those who prefer mixed drinks, there will be a CASH bar available.

The owner is also going to have a select wine chosen for this menu available at a reasonable price for anyone wishing to purchase a bottle for their table.

Seating is guaranteed for 25 couples. Reservations are first-come-first-served. Please email [Chuck Langgood: clanggood@s7abo.com](mailto:Clanggood@s7abo.com) to reserve your spot. Additional seating possible.

Assembly has pre-paid for 25 couples, so please bring checks or cash to the restaurant.

Cost is \$65 per couple (\$32.50 per person). Checks are payable to *Knights of Columbus Assembly 2688*. Bringing cash will enable us to exceed 25 couple guarantee, payable to restaurant.

Questions, call Chuck at: 770-992-8386

Our brothers at All Saints Council have enjoyed a previous event at this restaurant and can vouch for the cuisine and the atmosphere (and the fantastic price). Be prepared for a long evening of dining in the Italian style of relaxed eating, drinking, and fellowship.



Dick Kobylski



**Father Kingery,
Pastor of St. Andrew**

Dennis Crean

Faithful Navigator Additional Comments

There is a fourth degree in Savannah coming up. Only one brother from this region is believed to be attending. Our fourth degree will be on June 23rd.

On April 28th, the bi-annual assembly Convention will be held in Macon. FN, Bob Webster, and Bob Mitchell will attend as delegates for this Assembly. This is the time when an Assembly may present resolutions honoring people or requesting changes in procedures. In any event it is a good time. An agenda has not yet been circulated, so we do not yet know what awaits the delegates.

Commander Report

Commander, Bob Mitchell reported that the number of activities was down recently and it was a much appreciated break. He asked Dennis Klein to comment on the recent Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist on March 18th at St. Andrew which was a unique event to them.

Dennis reported that they had a prayer service before the exposure of the Eucharist. Then they processed from the Family Center to the Church. They had 8 honor guards. Dennis had thought that this would be a 15 minute service and did not want to involve the entire Assembly. It turned out to be one and a half hours long. They look forward to doing it again next year.

Mitchell reported on two March events held:

- March 15th - (Thursday) St. Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral. 9:30 AM.
- March 17th - (Saturday) St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown. Arrive 11 AM, parade was at noon. Six people from 6 different Assemblies participated.

Upcoming April events:

- April 14th - Brother Chris Trantow, son of Sir Knight Dean Trantow of All Saints will be married at 2:30 Mass.
- April 15th - Divine Mercy Sunday- All Saints 10:30 Am Mass. Report 9:45 AM
- April 22nd - Sunday- Confirmation at St. Andrew. 4:15 PM report for 5 PM Mass.
- April 28th - Saturday- All Saints First Communion- 9:15 AM report for 10 PM Mass. Commander needed for this event. Guy Stryker will command.
- May 12 - 3 First Communions at St. Brigid - (9 AM/ 11:30 AM/ 2 PM)
- May 12 - 1 First Communion at St. Andrew - 10 AM
- May 15 - Confirmation at Mary Our Queen 7 PM
- June 23 - 4th Degree Exemplification in Lilburn

Reports of the 3rd Degree

St. Andrew (Mike McEwan)

- Three transfers in this month from other councils.
- Will hold a 1st degree at next business meeting on May 7th.
- One member took his 3rd degree.
- Seminarian picture cards have been left in narthex of church to allow parishioners to pray for them.
- A barbeque is being planned in May in the church parking lot to bring parishioners together and recruit new members.
- Lenten Fish Fry made over \$5,000 profit for the council.
- A slate of council officers is being prepared for next business meeting.
- State raffle ticket sales are going well. So far \$845 has been collected and more is coming in.
- St. Andrew will participate in the Vidalia Onion Sale in late April.
- Fr. Mike would like to do a weekly parish dinner starting soon. Plans are being made.
- The council only needs one more member to make Star Award.

Mary Our Queen (Fernando Peguero)

- Fr. Dye had asked Grand Knight Larry Heiman to spearhead a business plan to involve others in the brick sale program to raise \$16 million. They have only \$3 million in hand.
- They have also been engaged with the men's club in fundraising for above.
- Membership increase has been slow, there have been some internal officer problems, and the council treasury is nearly depleted. A committee has been formed to solve these problems.

All Saints (Stan Wasowski)

- The All Saints WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRY, seems to have settled into its new home in the Gym. This year we served a total of over 8,000 meals, with four of the six Friday meal totals at 1,200 or more. Thanks to all the cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up folks, our suppliers, all our customers, and a great big thank you to Monsignor Marren for providing us with the new outstanding second kitchen facility.
- We welcomed seven new first degree brothers into our council Tuesday, March 27, making us just one short of Double Star for this Fraternal Year.
- Two brothers became 3rd degree at St. Thomas Aquinas on March 20th.
- We put on a Men's Lenten Evening of Reflection, on March 20. There was Mass at 7 PM followed by a spiritual talk given by Brother Knight, Fr. David Daly, of the Legionaries of Christ. After the talk there was an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Daly, Fr. Peek and Fr. Kerr (of the Missionaries of the Poor) joined us at McGivney Hall for some fellowship. Fr. Kerr will transfer into our council as well, giving us 19 clergy members.
- Brand new Knight Bill Herald, was instrumental in putting on the Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally downtown at the Capitol at noon on Friday March 23. Nearly a thousand people came out in the rain in the middle of a workday to demonstrate in support of their First Amendment Freedom.
- Friday night, March 23, was also the first of two "PRAISE HIM" concerts put on by the Missionaries of the Poor at All Saints. The other one was on Sunday. The Knights did an amazing job transforming the Gym from the Fish Fry restaurant to the "PRAISE HIM" Concert Hall.
- Membership Director and Chancellor, Frank Callan, won our Knight-of-the-Month for recruiting 17 new members in February and 7 in March.
- One of our new brothers, Frank Seco de Lucena, won an attendance award of a \$100 KofC Insurance Annuity that we offer only to new first year brothers, giving us a new insurance member as well.
- Council donated the \$360 profit from our Keep Christ in Christmas card sales to the Interfaith Outreach Home in Doraville.
- Council voted to donate \$1,000 to Birthright Atlanta.
- The Vidalia Onion Sale will be coming up on the weekend of April 28-29. We expect nine councils to participate with us-- a new record. Council is ordering well over 3,000 10# bags for council distribution from Sir Knight Deacon Ed Krise's warehouse.
- Monthly First Degree will take place on Tuesday April 24 at McGivney.
- The All Saints Men's Club and Council 11402 are teaming together to put on our annual charity golf tournament at St. Marlo Country Club in Duluth on May 14th. All are welcome. Cost is \$100.

St. Brigid (Dick Kobylski)

- Hosted their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 17th attended by 325 supporters. Traditional corned beef, cabbage, and Guinness were consumed. Entertainment was by the well-known Banks and Shane Group.
- On February 1st, an honor guard for Monsignor Talley was held for St. Brigid's Day Celebration. Monsignor is convinced that St. Brigid loved her beer and so they honor her in kind. Everyone had a great time and everyone became Irish. Dick Holcomb did his usual great job as M.C. for the night.
- On Tuesday, March 20th, 16 St. Brigid brothers out of 35 total completed their 3rd degree hosted at St. Thomas Aquinas.
- They now have 380 members of which 98 are 4th degree, 142 3rd degree, 52 second degree, and 88 1st degree. This means that 63% of council are full brothers (3rd or 4th). Several brothers are lining up for next 3rd degree.
- On Friday March 30th, their Lenten Fish Fry concluded with over 4,000 dinners sold. This was a 39% increase over last year. They are most proud that 52% of the meals were served as drive-throughs.
- On Saturday May 5th, they will host a combined 1st/2nd degree ceremonial in Corbett Hall.
- They have recruited 44 net new members this year giving them their sixth consecutive Council Double Star Award.
- On June 9th, St. Brigid Council will be celebrating its tenth anniversary. Their congratulations to State Deputy Rick Sisko who thought that it would be a good place to start a council. They are planning a special evening that starts with a sanctuary filled with brothers in their council shirts for 5 PM Mass. It is hoped the traveling icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present, along with all previous Council Grand Knights, and a band of musicians to lead them into church. After Mass a party will be held. Their goal is to have 400 plus members by that date.

Other Items

- Ed Pierson asked for a round of applause for the meal that chef Joey Fuentes cooked for the Assembly that night (applause)
- Guy Stryker mentioned that All Saints now has a giant new crucifix over their altar that is a great parish addition. Paid by anonymous sources.

Good of the Order

- State Deputy Rick Sisko for a successful term.
- Prayers for all Brother Knights looking for assistance in finding jobs
- SK Don Huizer getting 4 dialysis treatments per day awaiting kidney transplant. Vision and heart are affected by the disease.
- S K Brother Bob Webster ongoing medical treatments for his lungs
- S K Brother Nick D' Annunzio ongoing medical treatments for lungs
- S K Brother Paul Buettner cancer treatment
- S K Brother Matt Cooper's wife treatment for breast cancer
- S K Brother Marty Wilson's wife Michele recuperating from surgery
- S K Brother Charles Robinson spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spinal cord causing pressure on the spinal cord)
- SK Brother Mike Nassr suffering from dementia.
- SK Bob Santos and wife Christine both undergoing treatment.
- SK Brother Mike Klimshuk recovering from cancer treatments
- SK Brother Joe Cavallaro heart problems
- SK Brother Mark Foster's two uncles
- SK Dave Lemcoe's back surgeries
- SK Dennis Klein's sister has complicated health issues
- SK Bill O'Shaughnessy of St. Brendan has MS progressing.
- SK Ernie Spencer's grandson Garret Pilcher's vision
- Former state membership chairman Chris King had pancreatic and liver cancer and passed away
- SK Gray Plunkett's elderly mother
- SK Brother Charlie Robinson and his wife
- SK Monsignor Kiernan of All Saints
- SK Bob Shoemaker recovering from heart surgery
- Deacon Joe Eustis at St. Joseph Parish is very sick and losing house
- SK Stan Wasowski's elderly mother broke a bone
- SK Bob Mitchell's sister is seriously ill.
- FN Kobylski's brother-in-law has a brother, 48, who was a navy seal and was diagnosed with melanoma and took his own life.
- SK Bob Webster's brother Steven passed away recently.
- Past State Deputy Herb Broughton has artery blockages and while in hospital they discovered kidney cancer.
- Joe Noa has a cracked neck vertebrae.

In Memorium



Sir Knight Ray Davis of St. Brigid passed away. His name will be engraved on our next chalice. His name will be entered on the plaque of Assembly Honored Deceased at McGivney Hall. Please pray for his soul and pray for wife Diane and the family.

Split-the-Pot

Abe Kassis won the pot.

Attendance Award

Tony Santoro was picked and was present.

The meeting ended with the usual ceremonies at 8:30 PM.