

Minutes of February 9th, 2012 Watters Assembly Meeting

The February Assembly Meeting was held in the St. Andrew all-purpose room. Our normal future rotations are shown below:

**St. Brigid.....March...then moving to
All Saints.....April.....then moving to
Mary Our Queen...May..... then moving to
St. Andrew.....June... then moving back to St. Brigid**



The pre-meeting rosary started at 6:15 PM. The social dinner followed immediately afterward. The regular business meeting started early at 7:25 PM. There were 37 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 (second version) 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	
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	(excused)

Faithful Navigator's Report

FN announced that the Faithful Comptroller (Webster) would be furnishing him with a list of members who have not yet paid their dues. The list will be forwarded to the member council Grand Knights for further action within their ranks.

FN reminded the brothers that a slate of officers for the upcoming Fraternal Year must be presented at the May meeting for voting at the June meeting. He stated that all brothers interested in running for any of the offices should make their intentions known ASAP for consideration. As the Assembly grows, the FN must have officers that are willing to help him with activities that interest and excite the members.

FN will speak with the officers to see which would agree to serve another year and to find which offices would be open or opposed. The Assembly web site has a list of the officers and explains the duties of each position. Each council should encourage their 3rd degree members to join the ranks of the Sir Knights. The next Atlanta 4th degree will be in June at a place to be yet determined.

FN joked that his council will put on a full court press to bolster their St. Brigid numbers to equate to another unnamed member council. Jon Bird of All Saints joked that their membership chairman, Frank Callan, actually makes home visits to recruit brothers. FN then relayed that they need to hold a ladies dinner and only invite the wives of non-Knights to ensure the recruitment of those husbands.

FN noted that our Assembly is getting asked to do more and more honor guard events, not only in our district, but in others. We can do this because of our significant member ranks and people know we do them correctly.

FN called District Deputy Rick Langheim to relay a story about an unnamed Assembly. Langheim relayed that during this event they had a commander, a faithful navigator, and a marshall leading a color corps group in a flag posting at a church before Mass. It was like the Keystone Cops. They were completely out of sync with the papal flag posted before the American flag. The American flag was rammed into a wall. The marshall should have led but did not.

During the Communion, some members took one species, some took two, some on hands, some by mouth. Some chapeaus were on and some were off. Langheim was embarrassed to be both an honor guard member and also a knight.

FN opined that our Commander, Bob Mitchell, ensures that all of our members know exactly what to do every time during his instruction before every event. He thanked the members for their support of Bob during all our many events that will increase this Spring and Summer.

As our honor guard commitments grow, we need additional participants to staff the growing numbers of events falling on the same day. St. Brigid has three First Communion events on the same day and are not able to help any other council on that day. St. Andrew has a growing Fourth Degree population, but they might often need outside representation. FN asked all GK's to check with Commander Bob Mitchell before committing to honor guard events.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser Rich McKenzie reported recent revenues of \$1,360, plus \$168 donations for tonight's dinner, less \$250 for regalia, less \$140 expense for tonight's dinner.

Faithful Purser Report

The Assembly started last month with \$5,186, had income of \$2,711, and expenses of \$201, leaving a month-end balance of \$7,696.

Faithful Comptroller Report

We currently have 216 members of which 63 have not paid their dues of \$30. That gives us \$1,890 still to be collected.

Report of Committees

Patriotic Committee

Our Patriotic Chairman, David Lemcoe, is not with us today. He has had multiple back surgeries and we believe it has given him a great deal of relief. He is in rehab and hoping to come back soon. Dave recently transferred to St. Brigid Council and for three consecutive months has gotten three projects for St. Brigid posted to the Columbia web site. He has really jumped in to help. FN opined that all councils could really take advantage of a member like Dave to foster their PR.

Grand Knight Stan Wasowski of All Saints then pointed out with some humor that All Saints just got an article regarding its acolyte program printed in the January Columbia Magazine. (Laughter) FN retorted that Brigid plans to have three projects reported every month. (Clapping) (The one-upsmanship continues).

FN then turned to his plans to have a Knight of Columbus Day in conjunction with the USO to welcome home troops this year at the Atlanta Airport. He suggested that we would need 10 or 12 guys out of 216 to spend a few hours down at the airport to serve our troops. Dave will continue trying to get a date or two for us to do that.

FN asking for other patriotic topics to discuss. Stan Wasowski reported that All Saints plans to do another Informed Voter Poster for the parish. Any other council wishing to do this can expect to have their help. FN reported that last year St. Brigid Pastor, Monsignor Reynolds, did not want such a poster made. Check with your pastor. Someone opined that because of pending legislation, the response might be quite different this year. (Laughter)

Social Committee Report

Charles Langgood opined that we had excellent social interactions at our Assembly dinners, but he had three ideas for further socializing that he would put before the membership.

- In past years, we have had successful Founder's Day events. This year we are a little late in planning that and March 29th is during Lent this year. Perhaps it can be done later in the year. This would be a themed tuxedo dinner event with music and dancing. A very successful one was held at St. Andrew with the pastors being honored.
- An Assembly Mass on a Saturday. It could be a breakfast for the members only or also include the wives.
- Continuing the wine tasting events that worked well on our first attempt, we could do this in the Fall.

Asking if there were any other suggestions for a group social event, Hlad opined that All Saints had often in the past signed up a group of members and wives for a dinner out at a local restaurant. In fact they were planning this Monday to rent out Carbonara Trattoria Italian Restaurant in Dunwoody Village for 65 couples (130 diners).

The restaurant would be closed to all others. All Saints had guaranteed \$65 per couple (times 65 couples = \$4,225). There was no cost to the council when the money was collected. The meal included one glass of wine per diner, gratuity, dessert, and taxes. There was a choice of three entrees. The open bar was an additional revenue source for the restaurant. All Saints had done this several times on a smaller scale while renting out only a portion of a restaurant. Many of our clergy attended. There would be little planning required, no cleanup, and breakeven cost.

It was pointed out that the wine and cheese party the Assembly recently held cost \$30 per person (\$60 per couple). Langgood will look into an Assembly dinner. A communion Mass and breakfast also got a good reception, as did another wine tasting event.

John Lewis then suggested that the Induction of New Officers, the Blessing of the Swords, and a nice reception would be a nice combo event (without a meeting). Bringing the women into the events was given an emphasis. Jon Bird reported his old Florida council had a group called "The Ladies of the Knights" (laughter) as an auxiliary.

Applications for Membership

None.

New Business

Dennis Klein spoke about St. Andrew's Casino Night on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Cost is \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door. That hot hors d'oeuvres and \$500 auction money for betting. A silent auction and a live auction will also be held. It will be a fun evening.

FN reported that St. Brigid will be hosting a Fraternal Knights Benefit Night on Feb. 21st. A free meal is featured, as well as prizes. Field agents will be there to help brothers shelter their estates. The Order now has life insurance policies for brothers over 80 years of age.

Special Missionary Report

Brother Gray Plunkett rose to speak about his newsletter and his plans to return to Benin, Africa to translate the Bible into Foodo language. He spoke about the visit to Benin by the pope at which he attended. He will fly to Togo, Africa where he parked his car and drive four hours back to his mission. His car needs repairs.

His latest project is to write the native language with Arabic rather than Roman letters, so that natives that know Arabic letters can read the translation. He showed his comic book telling the story of Jesus' life. He requested donations to his cause and left envelopes for financial report. He also asked for prayers for his elderly mother who is failing and on oxygen. He plans to return in October.

Trustee Report

None

Commander's Report

FN gave the report for the excused Color Corps Commander, Bob Mitchell.

- Jan 14th - 6 brother knights attended the MLK festivities downtown.
- Jan 20th - 18 brothers at the Special Olympics opening day event.
- Jan 22nd - at All Saints two Respect for Life Masses. 13 brothers at each.
- Feb. 1st - 18 brothers at St. Brigid dual event for patroness's anniversary and recognition of deacon's training progression for the diocese.
- Feb. 5th - Flag retirement at St. Brigid with Color Guard for boy and girl scouts. About 65 kids there. Dave Lemcoe will publicize pictures.
- Feb. 11th - Holy Spirit 11 AM Mass. Participation of our Assembly requested.
- March 15th - St. Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral. Please participate.
- March 17th - St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

St. Andrew (Chuck Langgood)

- Casino Night on Feb. 18th was mentioned. Knights are involved in setup, bar service, and cleanup.
- Free Throw Tournament on February 19th.
- Council will spread mulch along Riverside Drive on Feb. 25th.
- Fish Frys are in preparation. A new menu item has been added.
- Dennis Klein and the knights will take over the parish Veteran's Day and Memorial Day celebrations this year.
- St. Andrew will participate in the multi-council Onion Sale this year.
- Made a donation to Right-to-Life.
- Made a donation to Camp Inspire of the Special Olympics.
- Received a plaque from District Deputy for support of 3 seminarians.

Mary Our Queen (Larry Heiman)

- New officers have been elected to replace a few vacancies.
- A committee has been formed to review their council by-laws. Now that they are 2 years old, they found a few things that were wrong and some things they wanted added. Recommendations will go to the council.
- Members of the knights attended the parish men's club meeting and got introduced to a charity called Covenant House, a shelter for teenagers that are out on the streets. It was founded by the Franciscans years ago. Mary Our queen will conduct a food drive and they are overjoyed.
- Father Lyness of MOQ is the chaplain at the Catholic Center at Georgia State University. MOQ donated the crucifix that is in their chapel. A parishioner from MOQ (not a knight) built the altar and the ambo by hand.
- Father Lyness suggested forming a college scholarship at GSU. It will be an annual award and named after their Charter Grand Knight Lloyd Addison who passed away recently.
- MOQ council will handle the dessert table at the parish fish fry run by the men's club there. Their president is a knight and they have a good relationship with the men's club.

All Saints (Stan Wasowski) from his electronic notes

We are continuing the Fathers for Good with the “Raising Boys into Men” program Sunday Mornings at McGivney Hall.

We had Honor Guards at the 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM **Respect for Life Masses** on January 22nd that commemorated the 1973 *Roe v Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Brother Knight Monsignor Marren gave a stirring homily on the place of the Right to Life in the founding documents of the United States and our obligations as Americans and Catholics to support that right. **Thanks to all those Honor Guards who participated with us.**

Jan 22nd – Free throw Contest in our gym. 9 contestants will be going to the District contest

We held our monthly first degree on Tuesday Jan 24th - a week early so as not to conflict with the Parish Mission. We inducted 7 new Brother Knights and also had 3 transfers in and 1 reinstatement for a total of 11 new knights in the council

Jan 28th – Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner in our social hall (**440 dinners served**).

Jan 29th – Homeless Shelter at the Shrine – We will be having another overnight at the Homeless Shelter on February 19.

On M-T&W January 30 through Feb 1 we held our Parish Mission led by Sr. Briege McKenna and Fr. Kevin Scallon. Our council provided parking assistance and other logistical support that was needed due to the large number of people from outside the parish that attended the mission.

The “World Famous” All Saints Fish Fry will officially start on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22 and continuing each Friday through March 30 the Friday before Good Friday. We will be moving from the Social Hall to the Gym in the Activities Building. The new Kitchen is being inspected tomorrow and should be ready. We are planning a Practice session on Friday Feb 17 from 5-7:30 PM. We want a good number to see how the new facilities and new system will work. If you want to help us test the system come down. The “Test” dinners will be \$5 each (The regular price is \$8.00 with Salmon at \$9.00).

Regular Monthly Meeting was this past Tuesday with a full house (**104 present**) at McGivney Hall. We had TWO Monsignors (is that Monsignori?) in attendance, our Chaplain Msgr, Marren who gave a talk on our civic responsibilities, especially in view of the attack on freedom of religion embodied in the new HHS regulations. He also encouraged brother Knights to participate in the “Christ Re-news His Parish” program in March. We were also blessed to have our Monsignor Emeritus, Monsignor Kiernan who led the opening prayer and is continuing his recovery from his stroke. At that meeting we voted to donate **\$500 to the Parish Vacation Bible School** and **\$500 for supplies to the annual Jamaica Mission for the Missionaries of the Poor**

That mission, many of whom are knights and their spouses, will be from February 21 to 28, and we ask your prayers for them and to those they will be ministering.

On February 13 we will be having a **pre-valentine *Knights' Night Out*** at Carbonara's Restaurant in Dunwoody (\$65 per couple – for a multi-course gourmet dinner) There may be one or two places left if you call Dean Trantow as soon as you get home tonight. 678-296-6326 or trantowd@aol.com .

Also on February 13, many brothers will attend the Men's Club Meeting where Brother Tom Simon, the Men's Club president (a knight) , is hosting their monthly dinner meeting on February 13th at the All Saints Social Hall. Guest speakers are Randy Owens of the Dallas Cowboys; Marty Perez of the Braves; and Dan Roundfield of the Hawks. Sons and Daughters are welcome. If you are interested in going, let Tom Simon know so he can make sure there is enough food. 770-451-7157 tgsimon@comcast.net .

Finally, we are continuing our Car Raffle. There will be a maximum of 1000 tickets sold at \$50 for a chance to win a Buick Lacrosse. The drawing will be on St. Patrick's Day.

St. Brigid (Dick Kobylski)

- On January 14th, St. Brigid hosted the North Georgia Grand Knights semi-annual meeting. They hosted 175 knights.
- On the 18th, the council grew by 8 knights plus one transfer.
- On the 20th their 4th degree brothers participated in the annual Cobb Winter Games. It was inspirational to see the pride of the special Olympians. There must have been 2000 people at the event.
- On January 23rd, the council got Sir Knight Ray Davis an wheelchair access ramp into his home after his surgery. He was quite taken by the council kindness.
- On Feb 1st, we already talked about the special honor guard that we did.
- On Feb. 5th, the council provided the color corps flags for the scout flag retirement event.
- On Feb. 11th, they will hold a 1st/2nd degree that has been sanctioned by the State Deputy. Brother Rick Langheim has put together a great degree team. Twenty to 25 candidates are signed up.
- On Feb. 11th, they have their annual Valentine's Day Dinner which follows the annual marriage vow renewal ceremony at the 5 PM Mass.
- On Feb 12th, they will host the annual Free Throw Contest, followed immediately after by the District Free Throw Contest.
- On the 21st, they host the Fraternal Knights Benefit Dinner discussed previously.
- On the 24th, they begin their fish fries. They have served at least 350 drive-thru meals every Friday to boost their volume to new heights.

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
- S K 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.

Split-the-Pot

\$40 to winner. \$40 to Assembly. John Lewis was winner (again).

Attendance Award

Tom Dorn won but was not present.

The meeting ended with the usual ceremonies.