



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2017 Held at All Saints

Sir Knights present: 53 (54 later when Msgr. Marren dropped in)

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Bill Camden

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

- St. Andrew February 9th
- All Saints March 9th

We were honored by the attendance of four state officers: State Deputy Mark McMullen, Former District Master Tom Frizzi, Current District Master Stan Rapciewicz, and State Warden T.J. McCaustland. They were on hand to accept the \$10,000 check for the Military Chaplains Fund.

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. An exceptional gourmet meal of steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, and beverages was prepared by Sir Knight Jim Gonzales.

The meeting began after dinner with the usual ceremonies. Sir knight Scott Panyi of all Saints and Sir Knight Mike Belot of MOQ were introduced as first time attendees. January birthdays were acknowledged and Stan Wasowski was cited for 45 years of marriage and Dave Richardson was cited for 30 years of marriage. Master Stan Rapciewicz announced that St. Jude the Apostle council was being added into the Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly.

State officers and Sir Knight Rich Langheim represented other visiting Assemblies. Handshakes among all brothers were exchanged.

FN called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed with no corrections.

Roll Call:

Faithful Captain	Nick Mattera	Present	Faithful Friar	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Stan Wasowski	Present	Inner Sentinel	Dave Richardson	Present
Faithful Pilot	Jon Bird	Excused	Outer Sentinel	Joe Inglima	Present
Faithful Comptroller	Dave Mason	Present	Trustee 3-year	Chuck Langgood	Present
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Bob Webster	Present
Faithful Purser	Abe Kassis	Present	Trustee 1-year	Bob Mitchell	Excused

Faithful Navigator Report

We were honored to have our top Knights of Georgia visit us as we introduced The CEO & Georgia State Deputy Mark McMullen, State Warden T J McCaustland, Our new District Master Stan Rapciewicz and our Past District Master Tom Frizzi. We thanked these wonderful men who took the time to come to our meeting. Our assembly awarded these honorable Sir Knights with a check for \$10,000.00 for the Military Chaplains Fund.

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L. to R. Assembly 2688 & Sir Knights & Past District Master Tom Frizzi, State Deputy & Georgia CEO Mark McMullen, District Master Stan Rapciewicz, Faithful Navigator Bill Camden, State Warden TJ McCaustland.



We had a table set up with the awards earned this year of 2016-2017 for the January meeting and included the listed Veterans groups and Assembly awards:

- Civic Award
- Star Assembly Award
- Fisher House
- Phoenix Patriot Foundation
- Wreaths Across America—St. Andrews Heritage Girls Troop
- Fallen Solder Memorial Battlefield Cross

In January we had (3) Honor Guards.

- Jan. 21th - St Andrews – Funeral Mass for Marion McLaughlin.
- Jan. 22nd – All Saints – Roe vs. Wade Right to Life
- Jan. 29th – St. Andrews - Conformation



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I ask once again that you please participate in as many Honor Guards as you can as we need each of you so we can make a spiritual showing for our Faith, Priests and our Assembly. Please remember to support the other parishes and not just the one that you attend.

All Saints served a great dinner at our last meeting. We thank you Jim Gonzales and the Sir Knights for the work you gave to the Knights preparing a great dinner and for the hospitality for our Assembly. Great job!

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month. Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Linda Sperick, Ernie and Barabra Spencer & family, Wiley Maloof, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smiths daughter Linda, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, and Ron Collins' wife Jackie, Msgr. Kiernan, Margret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Mike Dorico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco, Mary Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Jean, Joy Fahey and Peter Leibowitz, Deborah Blair, Jerry Lively, Norma Pierson, and Mary Ross, Gordon Stintz, Marty Dough, Danny Medina, Dennis Klein, Don Houser, Ray Grupinski and Aidan Toolan.

We added Judy Klein, Randy Hines, Don Hazier, Ted Throne, Olga Waltering, Kathy Harvey, and Mary McCallen.

Please keep these wonderful Brother Sir Knights and their family and friends in your prayers. Please pray for our countries new leaders that they will lead us in the direction that our Lord asks of us. Please pray for the men and women in the military that are fighting for our freedom and religious rights and for all the Christian refugees in the Mid-East. Please pray for the Clergy of our faith.

Items of Interest:

Awards and Completed Projects:

- Star Award from Supreme
- State of Georgia Civic Award
- The Phoenix Patriot Foundation
- American Heritage Girls Troop 1412
- Wreaths Across America
- Fisher House
- 2nd Chalice Presentation this year. **Fr. Roberto Suarez** and honored our passed Sir Knight Brothers **Richard (Doc) Malone, James Edward Lamb** and **Michael Nassr**.
- Solders Battle Cross Memorial
- Golf Tournament for Veterans
- Military Chaplains Fund Drive
- Military Rosaries
- Veterans Dinner for the Mid-East Wars

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My Brother Sir Knights, you can be very proud of what you have accomplished this year and I thank you for the time and efforts you have contributed and doing what we are called to do as Sir Knights. You have gone above and beyond and you will be blessed and rewarded for your all your efforts. Your time, talent, and your treasure have been proven time and again that we are a great Assembly in the Knights of Columbus. I thank you for all your help and the support you have given to make this happen. God bless and reward you all.

Please, don't forget to pay your membership dues as they are due on Jan.1st of each year. The dues are \$30.00 per year. Make your check out to "K of C 2688". Several of you have not paid at this time and it is a hardship on our Controller when you are late. You can pay at our next meeting on Feb. 9th or send your check to David Mason, 5468 Red Bark Pl., Dunwoody, GA 30338

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Assembly meeting at St. Andrews at 6:15 for Rosary with dinner to follow and the meeting starts at 7:30 or a little before.



The girls are all from St. Andrews Catholic Church and we were very happy to help them with their cause of Patriotism by laying the wreaths at the graves of all diseased veterans. The pictures above are of the completed graves with the wreaths.

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The pictures below are of the laying of the wreaths. Jon Bird our Faithful Pilot is pictured in the below right. He is a veteran of the Viet Nam War.



Military soldiers by providing the housing and the air transportation for the families near the hospitals at no cost to the soldiers or their families.

2nd Chalice Presentation this year. It was with great honor that our Knights of Columbus Assembly 2688 honored one of our new Priests, **Fr. Roberto Suarez** at All Saints. We celebrated our new Priest and also honored our passed Sir Knight Brothers whose names are engraved on the Chalice, Sir Knights **Richard (Doc) Malone**, **James Edward Lamb** and **Michael Nassr**.

Soldiers Battle Cross Memorial was approved unanimously with the City Council, Parks Dept. and Veterans Association. The placement of our memorial in the John's Creek Veterans Memorial Walk Park is at the entry. This is the 4th largest Veterans Park in the United States. Construction is to begin after the 1st of the year. This is a great honor for our Assembly.

Golf Tournament for Veterans was a success in raising over \$35,000.00 is the reason we are able to do all the things we are doing for our military and the veterans.

Military Chaplains Fund Drive is now complete. This is our only fund drive we do with volunteers collecting donations at the door of each of our 3 Parishes, 15 minutes before and after each Mass. We were very successful this year and we had a great turnout of Sir Knights volunteering to help. Thank you Sir Knights, for being a part of this great cause. The Chaplains are the heroes of our military heroes. We raised \$5,000.00 last year and our goal for this year was \$8,000.00

We raised over \$10,500.00 which was double from last year and we will be presenting a check to our visiting dignitaries from our great state of Georgia.



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Faithful Comptroller Report – Dave Mason

1. Confirming checking account balance as of 1-12-2017 of \$26,873.16. Includes \$8,411 from Golf Tournament (for Veteran's) and \$10,000 Chaplain's Fund.
2. Membership: We have 213 Sir Knights in our Assembly. This includes 7 New Sir Knights from November Fourth Degree Exemplification and one member restored.
3. Please keep me updated on any changes with your address, email phone, etc.
4. Next Fourth Degree Exemplification is on February 25, 2017 at St. Monica Catholic Church in Duluth, GA. This will be a degree and lunch only. Candidates fees are \$70.00 plus \$10 for Fourth Degree Black Badge. I need completed Form 4s and fees no later than February 16, 2017. Please get candidate ready...i.e. He needs to get a tux, etc.
5. Assembly Membership dues are due now. \$ 30.00 covers dues from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Please mail to me or bring to meeting. Or call me and I will meet you. Get your Membership dues current. Make check payable to K of C # 2688.
6. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities for 2016
Last year the Knights of Columbus provided: 73 Million hours of Volunteer Services to get and \$175 million in Charitable Contribution.

Please get your Assembly estimated hours to me by next week. I sent a separate e- mail to all of you to get any and all services provided by you. I think you will be surprised by how many hours of service comes out of # 2688.

Take a few minutes review your last year's calendar. It time for you to let others know also.

You will also be receiving a request from your council. Two separate reports. Try not to duplicate. Call me any questions.

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

We received a "thank you" letter from Sir Knight Ed Pierson for our prayers for wife Norma. She is back home from the hospital and they await the results on the biopsy of her cancer mass.

We had a "thank you" letter from the Friends of the Dunwoody Library for the donation of Sir Knight Walt Gauthier's collection of 1300 DVD movies given them for sale at their site. Walt moved to retire in Massachusetts and could not take his collection. He also had 500 music CDs given to the Atlanta Assistance League for sale for their charities.

We got another "thank you" from the Wreathes Across America Foundation for the \$1,500 donation for their Marietta cemetery event.



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Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

Hlad related that since All Saints has 61 deceased members, St. Andrew has 5, and Mary Our Queen has 1, that nearly all the widow activity will be at All Saints. That council continues to include the widows in all their events. Three widows played Bingo free of charge this month. The widows get newsletters. Our widow Mary Ann Delaria (Lehman) got a certificate of Appreciation at our Christmas Party for her food recycling from Publix and Kroger. We sent Christmas cards to the widows also this year.

We acknowledge that Mike Nassr's widow Bobbie of St. Andrew was present at the chalice presentation to Fr. Roberto Suarez. Her husband's name was engraved on that chalice.

Social Committee Report (FN)

Chuck Langgood was not present and there were no social events last month. FN noted that we are starting to think about our Spring picnic event coming soon.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson not present- no change)

On November 3rd at All Saints 7 PM Mass, our latest chalice was presented to Fr. Roberto Suarez who is assigned to St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Monsignor Marren of All Saints, FN Bill Camden, Ed Pierson, and Dave Mason did the honors. Widow Bobbie Nassr was present and very appreciative. Jon Bird took the photos. Fr. Roberto said he would pray for our Assembly.

Ed checked with Fr. Tim Hepburn regarding future seminarians to be ordained. He has the names of two who will be ordained next summer. Ed will try and get a recipient before that date. We have no new chalice candidates at this time.

- Presented to Fr. Ceballos, a chalice with the names:

Anthony Allan Kosek passed	12.25.2014	(All Saints)
Charles J. Robinson passed	12.30.2014	(St. Andrew)

- Presented to Father Roberto Suarez on Nov. 3rd.

James Edward Lamb passed	3.5.2015	(St. Andrew)
Richard (Doc) Malone passed	6.12.2015	(All Saints)
Michael A. Nassr passed	10.31.2015	(St. Andrew)

- Awaiting two more Chalices. (next budget cycle)

Dennis M. Crean passed	11.1.2015	(All Saints)
Fr. Joseph M. Peek passed	3.14.2016	(All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest)
Thomas Templeton passed	5.1.2016	(All Saints)

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

No new applications.

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Patriotism Report (FN)

Jon Bird was also not present. Jon has arranged for us to meet with the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association to discuss an arrangement with them. This has been moved to February.

Color Corps Report (Stan Wasowski)

Stan reported that there are three honor guard opportunities coming up in January.

- January 21 funeral Mass for Eleanor McLaughlin at St. Andrews.
- January 22 Mass for the Unborn at All Saints 10:30 Mass.
- January 29 Confirmation at St. Andrew at 12:45 Mass.
- May 7 at Mary Our Queen at 11 AM. Is also on our distant calendar.

Trustee Report (Bob Webster)

Bob stated that we have had a very good year of fund raising and donations to charitable causes. Our Golf Tournament has been an amazing success. We believe that this is the wealthiest Assembly in the state of Georgia (he believes). Bob showed a plaque with a kneeling soldier on it he read the sentiment on it. He then presented it to Bill Camden for his leadership. (applause)

Bill thanked the Assembly and noted that he had a son in the Army Special Forces and prized this award greatly.





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Bill Camden then introduced Sir Knight Pat Callahan from the audience. Bill said that Pat is very humble, but he sends boxes and boxes of goods to our military on the front lines. Rosaries, socks, baby wipes, shower goods, etc. are sent.

Sometime earlier, Pat asked Bill for his son's address in the military in Afghanistan. Son B.J. Camden had been in the field for four months without a shower. What Pat has done behind the scenes is absolutely incredible. Bill asked for a fitting applause and it was given.

Pat took the floor and recounted how he had been the Commander of his local VFW post for some years. They had sent 5,000 units to the troops. He thanked the Assembly for their remembrance of widows, saying it was something that the VFW could improve. He also thanked the Assembly for their contribution to the Military Chaplains Fund. Pat was in the Air Force for 37 years and stated that people do not understand the amazing work that chaplains do. They are like Monsignors over here. (large applause and standing ovation)



Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Rick Langheim of the Fr. Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly noted that the Vietnam Moving Wall will be visiting our area in March in Johns Creek and we all need to go see it.



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Reports of the 3rd Degree

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Exemplified 1 new council brother at St. Jude last month. He is the 18,000 GA member.
- We held a **Desserts with Santa Party** for parish families on December 3rd. About 100 pictures with Santa were taken.
- We held our annual **Council Christmas Party** on December 3rd. About 120 members and spouses attended plus three clergy. Knight of the Year (Norb Braza) and Family of the Year (Sir Knight Bryan and wife Brandi Kler) were honored. Our Widow Mary Ann Deleria (widow of Sir Knight Bill Lehman) was honored for her food for the poor minis-tries.
- We held our annual **Keep Christ in Christmas Drive** at the church doors. Selling car mag-nets, religious jigsaw puzzles, and other ornaments yielded us a \$500 profit. Our Sir Knight Bernie Marino managed.
- We honored the **Holy Family Icon Painting** in our McGivney Hall with a special devotional rosary before our December meeting.
- We managed the beverage table at **Monsignor Marren's Parish Christmas Party** on December 9th. During that event Monsignor was presented an honoree certificate from a recent 1st degree ceremony.
- We managed the parking lot at the open house festivities at the new **Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Mission** in Norcross. The Chinese community at All Saints relocated after getting their own building under spiritual leadership of our Sir Knight Father Bill Hao. All Saints expects to maintain a close relationship with the mission and there may be some future honor guard opportunities.
- Several All Saints members participated in the St. Andrew honor guard for Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- On December 15th we sponsored a Bingo night with 109 players including 3 widows. As al-ways, half the profit went to the Marist Sophia Academy on Dresden Road.
- We set up the large outside parish crèche and facilitated an evening lighting and song fest after the 7 PM Mass. Knights will disassemble and store the crèche tomorrow.
- Our new 2nd degree team called Legio Christi (Legion of Christ) will perform its initial 2nd degree ceremony in our McGivney Hall on Tuesday, January 31st. All invited.
- We published and sent out a 29 page Council newsletter.
- Our council acolyte teams again served all parish funerals in November.
- We donated:
 - \$1,000 for food purchase to a downtown homeless shelter
 - \$200 toward our parish's Charles Burns' Eagle Scout project.
 - \$250 to a special needs children project.
 - \$500 to People Making Progress.
 - Recycled 1000# of unsold pumpkins to a Food for Families organization.



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Mary Our Queen (Larry Pelkowski)

- December 18th they held their Santa Breakfast.
- Had a letter from Mike Nix (sp) who was a military chaplain and thanked for support.
- They will be celebrating the Fifth Sunday Rosary in support of that Knight Program.
- They supported the Living Rosary in December for the CCD Program at MOQ. The knights supplied the rosaries for the children.
- They are participating with the Coats for Kids Program along with St. Vincent de Paul.
- They lost a member Brother Obermire and he provided the information re the widow. The obituary is later in this document.

St. Andrew (Mike Bagnulo)

Four major events for the Month of December:

- Bill Campbell is the chairman of our Food for the Needy Drives for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Over those two dates they provided over 170 meals in the St. Andrew and surrounding area. Bill has run this now for several years and it is very worthwhile and he does a tremendous job.
- On December 17th they held a 1st degree and got two new members. Chuck Langgood expanded that one of the candidates had autism and his father was a Knight who stood next to him through the entire ceremony. Chuck is the chairman of their membership committee. Their goal is ten new members this year. They already have eight and have two more identified.
- They held their Breakfast for Santa and had 80 to 85 kids for that.
- The parish has a Secret Santa Tree and they were able to donate 500 toys to needy kids mostly in downtown Atlanta. The Knights were very involved, especially their Chaplain Fr. Roy Lee.

Note:

Sir Knight Monsignor Marren entered the meeting at this point and was loudly acknowledged by applause. He offered a prayer for the millions of abortion victims of Roe v. Wade.

Good of the Order

The Good of the Order was announced by the FN at the beginning of the meeting. Several additions were added at this time.

Split the Pot

Danny Ross won the \$87 prize.

Attendance Award

Chuck Langgood won, and was present.

Meeting End

FN told a couple of jokes as usual. Monsignor Marren gave the closing prayer. The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:25 PM.



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Patriotic degree of the Order.

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Mary Our Queen lost a member. Memento Mori



COLONEL JOHN PAUL OBERMIRE RETIRED

07/19/1932 - 01/07/2017



Life Legacy	Service Schedule	Tribute Wall	Share Via Email
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Colonel John Paul Obermire Retired, age 84 of Norcross, GA, passed away on January 7, 2017. John served in the U.S. Army from 1953 - 1984 and retired as a Colonel and having served during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, since 1996, where he was a former church lector and was active in his Bible study. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother. Col. Obermire is survived by his wife of 63 years, Billie Obermire; daughters; Irene Berridge, Dianna Poetker (Henry), Kathryn VerSoy, Tericia Rasmussen (Tom), Debora Graham, and Sandra Jenkins (John); 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Francis Obermire; and sisters, Mary, Karen, Cheryl and Brenda. A funeral mass will be held Monday, January 9th, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, with a reception to follow. The family will receive friends Sunday, January 8th, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Flowers are accepted or donations may be made to Mary Our Queen Catholic Church or Catholic Relief Services. Please sign the online guestbook at www.crowellbrothers.com. Arrangements entrusted to Crowell Brothers Funeral Homes and Crematory, 5051 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. (770)448-5757.



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Watters Assembly Fosters Heritage Girls Troop

At the recent Fr. Charles Watters 4th degree Assembly Meeting held at St. Andrew Parish, the Assembly invited Heritage Girls Troop 1412 to attend and receive a check for \$1500 to honor deceased veterans. Shown here is the result of this donation honoring Veterans Day. The girls decorated Marietta graves of fallen soldiers during ceremonies in which Sir Knights attended.



Watters Assembly Veterans Monument Planned



Sir Knights Stan Wasowski and Bill Camden model a plaque purchased by the Fr. Charles Watters Fourth Degree Assembly to grace the monument for our veterans to be built in the Johns Creek Memorial Park. The plaque will be part of a display featuring a standing rifle, helmet, and boots memorializing a deceased soldier at the entrance of the park. The park already contains a bench dedicated to Fr. Charles J. Watters, medal of honor winner.

Mass for the Unborn

