



# Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

## Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2007

### Held at St. Brigid

**Presiding officer:** Faithful Navigator, Dennis Klein

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:30 PM with the usual introductory prayers and ceremonials, followed by the officer roll call. The minutes were dispensed.

**Roll Call:**

Faithful Captain	Rick Langheim	Present	Faithful Friar	Msgr. Hugh Marren	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Ernie Spencer	Present	Inner Sentinel	Benny Mastrogiovanni	Excused
				Bill Lusk	Present
Faithful Pilot	Angelo Sampano	Excused	Outer Sentinel	Jim Rainsford	Excused
				Kirby Baden	Present
Faithful Comptroller	Bob Heald	Present	Trustee 3-year	Rick Sisko	Present
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Guy Stryker	Present
Faithful Purser	Rich Nielson	Present	Trustee 1-year	Andy Diaz	Present

**Faithful Navigator**

Read a thank you letter from the DoubleTree Hotel for selecting them for our Founder’s Day Ball. The FN thanked everyone who came and reiterated what a good time was had in that beautiful facility. He stressed strongly that he hoped that the next FN would continue this new tradition. He thanked Sean O’Neill especially for his planning help.

He reported that Saturday Aug. 4th is Annual Priest Appreciation Day. Archbishop Gregory has requested a cookout from noon to 6PM on the grounds of the Tara Council in Jonesboro. Cost is \$15/person. Proceeds to Priest’s Retirement Fund. Wives and children over 14 are invited. A Horseshoe Tournament with room for 16 teams (one per council) is scheduled (\$5/person). Payoff to top three teams. Must have a priest on each team. Advance registration is required. The honoree program will be a 3:30 PM. All diocesan priests are invited. They should be driven there. Pre-Donations to the fund of \$50 or more will be listed in the program. Checks made out to the Tara Council.

**Faithful Comptroller**

Sir Knight Heald reported on Founder’s Day Ball. We spent \$2,315 for the DoubleTree Hotel, \$200 to the disk jockey, and \$100 gratuity to the archbishop. Total \$2,615 expenditure. We collected \$2,100. Result was a \$515 loss which was very acceptable for a first time effort. There were 44 paid dinners.

There was a question about how the shortfall is covered. The Comptroller explained that it comes out of our \$5,000 social fund budget. It was not essential that we broke even.

**Faithful Purser Report and Bills and Communications Report**

Sir Knight Rick Nielson reported that the March balance stood at \$4,267 and the current April balance stood only slightly lower at \$4,113.

**Applications**

Three transfers into the Assembly from St. Monica: Harry Lennox, Paul Shashy, and Daniel Minter.



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### **Committee Reports**

#### **Commander Report**

Commander Joe Noa reported a very heavy season for Honor Guard appearances. Some notable requests had been Divine Mercy Sunday Services, upcoming were Brother Tommy Scherrer's funeral, Mass for Life at St. Brigid, First Communion at St. Monica, Special Olympics, and First Communion at All Saints. He expected others as well and asked the members to step up participation in this important and visible program.

#### **Patriotic Committee**

Urban Rump could not be present, so there was no Patriotic Report. We are still collecting books, magazines, and clothing for that VA Hospital. Urban has received a "thank you" letter from the hospital that will be presented later.

#### **Communications**

Bert Botzman has expressed a desire to be relieved of the Communications duties due to other commitments. Email and Calling Post duties are affected.

#### **Religious Committee**

Chuck Langgood is going forward with the Father/Sons or daughters Communion Mass and Breakfast at St. Andrews on Sunday June 10th at 9:00 Mass. Coffee and doughnuts or a breakfast will be provided.

#### **Welfare Committee**

Guy Stryker reported that Mary Stinson was back from the hospital and doing better. Ernie Spencer reported on the stroke his 43 year-old daughter had suffered and her ongoing rehab that will take at least a year for good progress.

#### **Entertainment Committee**

No report. The Founder's Day Ball was already covered.

#### **Applications**

New applications from Joe Fuentes of All Saints and Loren Hauck of St. Monica. They were accepted.

#### **Unfinished Business**

The drawing for the \$50 savings bond will become winner's choice between the \$25 cash required to purchase the bond or the paid application form for the \$50 bond requiring personal information such as social security number of recipient.

Guy Stryker was the winner of the drawing.

Assembly elections are coming up soon. An officer nominating committee has been formed that consists of Al Garofalo, Andy Diaz, Guy Stryker, and Rick Sisko.



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### New Business

Split the pot yielded \$28 to the winner (name not heard) and \$28 to the Assembly.

### No Trustee Report

### 3rd Degree Reports

#### All Saints –

- GK Greg Crnkovich reported (modestly) that they sold a record 6,100 Lenten Fish Fry meals over 7 dates.
- An Appreciation Dinner for the volunteers is being planned.
- A quarterly “Wear your Badge” Sunday Mass event with Archbishop Donoghue and an Acolyte altar team.
- The Vidalia Onion drive will be late April with All Saints purchasing 1800 ten-pound bags for distribution to our council and several fellow participating councils.
- They anticipate being a Star Council this year after three years of very narrow misses.

#### St. Brigid –

- GK Rick Langheim reported they are continuing their monthly men’s prayer breakfast, they are participating in the combined Vidalia Onion sale just mentioned, they are holding the Drive for Intellectual Disabilities (formerly Tootsie Roll Drive), holding an annual altar servers appreciation Mass and breakfast, and a committee is being formed to answer the archbishop’s challenge to provide support to Catholics at non-Catholic colleges (they will concentrate on Georgia State).
- GK Crnkovich noted that an organization called Spirit and Truth Ministries has a similar mission and he would send information to GK Langheim. Langheim thanked him and embellished that the primary goal was to get the large Georgia State Catholic commuter student population a permanent facility. This would take the effort of all councils in the region.

#### St. Andrew –

- Held a successful Fish Fry. They had employed a maximum of \$25 per family and that brought in the families. They humorously reported a grand total of 6,300 meal sales, believed by nobody.
- They are also participating in the combined Vidalia Onion Drive.

#### St. Benedict –

- Joe Noa reported they held a very successful Fish Fry as well.
- Held a Divine Mercy Sunday prayer service.
- Are planning to install an area at their church with three flagpoles and a memorial for the unborn.



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### **St. Brendan** –

- Rich Nielson reported that they plan a pancake breakfast, a membership blitz, Shiloh Road Cleanup, Council Garage Sale, first/second/third degree exemplification participation, building a council hall, an altar server dinner in June, a retreat in June, August 6th Golf Tournament., also participating in southern Catholic Golf Tournament Sept. 17th.

### **St. Monica** –

- DGK Larry Kowolski presented impressive printed page of about 15 events that they were working on that had not been reported before. This extensive report is being featured in our next newsletter.

### **Good of the Order**

Tim Russell, Father Michael, Tom Scherrer, Ron Rigby, Mike Klimshuk, Rick Langheim, Dennis Klein's mother-in-law, and the safety of our troops.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:40 PM. with prayer and national anthem.