



# Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

## Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2007

### Held at All Saints

**Total attendance: 35**

**Presiding officer:** Faithful Navigator, Rick Langheim

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 read and approved.

**Roll Call:**

Faithful Captain	Guy Stryker	<b>Present</b>	Faithful Friar	Msgr. Hugh Marren	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Dennis Klein	<b>Present</b>	Inner Sentinel	Benny Mastrogiovanni	<b>Present</b>
Faithful Pilot	Bill O'Shaughnessy	<b>Present</b>	Outer Sentinel	Jim Rainsford	Excused
Faithful Comptroller	Bob Heald	<b>Present</b>	Trustee 3-year	Ernie Spencer	<b>Present</b>
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	<b>Present</b>	Trustee 2-year	Rick Sisko	Excused
Faithful Purser	Rich Nielson	<b>Present</b>	Trustee 1-year	Andy Diaz	<b>Present</b>

**Faithful Navigator**

The FN commented on the combined officer's installation ceremony for both the Assembly and St. Brigid and held at St. Brigid---- he thought the turnout was gratifying ad thanked host Grand Knight George Yourick for his participation in this experiment. He noted that the combined ceremony took no longer than either one ever took singly. He noted that the Master of the 4th Degree, Herb Broughton, was there and also thanked District Deputy Guy Stryker for his double duty as ceremonial officer.

He then acknowledged the Past Faithful Navigator, Dennis Klein, who had received a PFN plaque and then presented him with his PFN jewel ribbon for his tuxedo. Applause followed.

He then mentioned that an Honor Guard was requested at St. Brigid to celebrate the mass celebrating the raising of Father Joe Corbett to Monsignor, who is now the Vicar General of the Archdiocese.

He then mentioned that Sunday August 12th has been declared Knights of Columbus Day by Governor Sonny Perdue. He noted that this speaks volumes for the organization and its growing impact in our area.

He also mentioned that Cardinal Bertoni, the Vatican Secretary of State, is traveling to the Annual KofC Supreme Convention in Nashville. He is the second highest ranking Vatican official after the pope (i.e the vice-pope.) The meeting was broadcast for the first time live over the Catholic EWTN network in the US and also in Canada.

He also recognized Urban Rump for his work with the Veterans. He will be formally recognized as our Chairperson of the Veteran's Hospital Administration Committee and Dennis Klein has submitted paperwork for formal recognition on these projects. Master Herb Broughton has announced a forthcoming award for Urban. Applause followed.

He announced that our first Assembly officer's meeting would be held shortly at All Saints McGivney Hall. He also asked the cooperation of all in getting cooperation from the council in getting new 4th degree members.

The FN then read a formal communication regarding the formation of the new Assembly that will be in District 16. Formation meetings are being held and transfer forms are being sought to staff the new assembly. It does not seem that those efforts are seeing a lot of traction at this time.



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### **Faithful Purser Report**

Sir Knight Rich Nielson reported that he had received no bills – meaning that the assembly meal was on All Saints—this elicited a quick search by Benny Mastrogiovanni who produced one. The starting monthly balance was \$4,026, the bills totaled \$180, awards were \$85, bringing it to \$3,761 with a credit from Supreme for \$15 yielding a grand total of \$3,776. Then \$193 more from 50-50 money and 5 member dues raised the final total to \$3,969.

### **Faithful Comptroller**

Sir Knight Heald noted that there are now 176 members with 12 unpaid and the October 13th exemplification should bring us more members.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Commander Report**

None.

#### **Patriotic Committee**

Urban Rump recapped all the efforts being made for Veterans due to an old comment that not enough being done. We have done Christmas decorations at the VA, held 3 “stand downs”, Christmas parties, two or three staff recognition days, numerous trips delivering books and stationary, collected for the Wounded Warrior Project, attended the downtown Veteran’s Day Parade, Bought Fulton Sheen wartime prayer books, met at the National Museum of Patriotism, and collected golf equipment.

Urban suggested that we should organize a group to go down to Atlanta Airport to meet and greet troop planes that come in an cheer, them, accompany them, give them drinks, and see off troops leaving. This can be a very moving experience.

#### **Communications**

No report.

#### **Religious Committee**

It was reported that Monsignor Marren might be able to discuss Pope Benedict’s new book “Jesus of Nazareth” since the next meeting is at St. Andrew. This is being looked into.

#### **Welfare Committee**

Guy Stryker asked prayers for Benny Mastrogiovanni’s coming back surgery, Ernie Spencer’s daughter, Mary, Robert Morell chemo trials at Duke University, Urban Rump’s brother and his wife’s brother who both died within three weeks, Father John O’Brien –past State Chaplain who was killed in an auto accident.



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He also stated that the national manufacturer's coupons from the AJC can be collected and sent to the troops, even if they are expired. He will bring a list of bases to support.

### **Entertainment Committee**

Sean O'Neill was not present, but the FN noted that the Master, Herb Broughton, asked that this Assembly continue our efforts in holding and fostering the Annual Founder's Day Ball. It can be held at a place like St. Brigid if cost becomes a factor, but it should be held and made into a significant yearly event.

### **Communications**

None

### **Applications**

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

Dennis Klein announced an award for the Honor Guard member who attended the most events. Ernie Spencer won the special pin award for 12 appearances. Applause followed.

### **Trustee Report**

None

### **New Business**

Split the pot of \$38 was won by Ken Douglas. Ron Collins won the Attendance Award. A second attendance award was not awarded to Frank Welter who was not present.

### **3rd Degree Reports**

**All Saints** – GK Greg Crnkovich reported:

- They will host a 2nd/3rd degree on Sept 8th. The preparation will feature a post card campaign, newsletter articles, and calls to ensure that their members are very supportive of their own event.
- August 25th/26th will feature their second annual summer retreat at Simpsonwood Retreat Center in Norcross.
- They will hold an altar server appreciation day of rock climbing at Atlanta Rocks.
- They will paint the offices of a charity helping intellectually disabled adults called "People Making Progress."
- They will be enlarging the All Saints Pre-School facility.
- They will be hosting a cook-out at Emory Catholic Center for their brother, Father Bryan Small, the chaplain there.
- They also plan a 1st degree on August 28th.



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### **St. Brigid** – Grand Knight-elect George Yourick reportedL

- St. Brigid hosted the Georgia State Grand Knights Meeting on July 9th.
- They held a quarterly Adopt-a-Road function.
- They held a family social in family week.
- They held a breakfast for the Catechist's of St. Brigid.

### **St. Andrew** –

- They contributed \$500 to St. Andrews for their band and a \$500 donation to the Special Olympics and at least three members will be in the Honor Guard at East Roswell Park on August 25th.
- They are hosting a golf tournament on October 15th at Windemere. Five or six holes still lack sponsorship.
- They have a recruiting table planned for their Church Participation Sunday.
- And they are trying to get together a softball team.

### **St. Brendan** –

- Reiterated their \$650 dollar donation to the Fulton Sheen Foundation, their successful garage sale which netted over \$8,000, their number were not yet in on their target of \$10,000 to aid the parish debt reduction aided by an August 6th Golf tournament at the Hamptons.
- They had a summer hot dog/hamburger family event.

### **St. Monica** –

- Had no official report, but it was noted that they have qualified as a Double Star council and they led the State in attendance increase.

### **St. Benedict** – Ken reported:

- That the helped serve food at a three night parish event.
- They are raffling off a Lexus auto at a New Year's eve party.
- They have routine donut sales planned.

### **Good of the Order**

Al Garofalo reported that Brother Frank Welter was involved in an automobile accident that demolished his car. He was not injured, but after the accident he fell down in a faint and his replaced hip come out of its socket for the fourth time. He must again undo hip socket repair and another six week recovery.

Tim Russell was also remembered for prayer.

The meeting ended with the usual ceremonials.