



# Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

## Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2008

### Held at All Saints

**Members present: 22**

**Presiding officer:** Faithful Navigator, Guy Stryker

The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. The minutes had previously been emailed to the membership. A motion was made by Dennis Klein to the Faithful Navigator, Guy Stryker, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was approved and the notes were approved as transmitted. Bob Heald was remembered as having won the last split-the-pot (not heard on tape).

A guest by the old Western cowboy name of Tom Mix was introduced as a past Faithful Navigator and potential member.

**Roll Call:**

Faithful Captain	Greg Crnkovich	<b>Present</b>	Faithful Friar	Msgr. Hugh Marren	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Rick Langheim	<b>Present</b>	Inner Sentinels	Benny Mastrogiovanni	Excused
				Jack Klapka	Excused
Faithful Pilot	Abe Kassis	<b>Present</b>	Outer Sentinel	Ed Pierson	Excused
Faithful Comptroller	Bob Heald	<b>Present</b>	Trustee 3-year	Dennis Klein	<b>Present</b>
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	<b>Present</b>	Trustee 2-year	Ernie Spencer	Excused
Faithful Purser	Rich McKenzie	<b>Present</b>	Trustee 1-year	Rick Sisko	Excused

**Faithful Navigator Report**

Guy Stryker gave a report that centered on his recent serious illness and the circumstances around it. He was at a point not wishing to live after his wife of nearly 50 years passed away quickly from cancer a few years ago.

The week before the Assembly meeting, he had an episode at the gym and his daughter who was with him took him to the hospital. An EKG looked bad and he was put in the hospital immediately. During the night his heart nearly stopped multiple times. He needed a pacemaker immediately.

During the operation, he saw his wife walk into the room and shake her head that it was not his time to die. He considered this a life-changing experience and he urged everyone to live each day as if it is your last.

He then turned the gavel over to the Faithful Captain, Greg Crnkovich, who continued the meeting.

**Bills and Communications**

Bob Heald reported that two delinquent members had paid their dues and he had sold \$60 worth of recycled golf balls to members. He still has 9,000 balls he can send to the Middle East troops.

Calling post charges were about \$150 during the month. Shipping four boxes of balls to Iraq cost \$63. About \$15 was spent to make member badges. Food by Joe Fuentes was \$160.

Heald read a letter of appreciation from Captain Darrell Priest from Camp Victory in Iraq for the golf balls used on their driving range. They are being distributed around Iraq.

FN humbly mentioned that the award really belonged to the past administration under Rick Langheim and not the present one.



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### **Comptroller Report**

Faithful Comptroller Bob Heald announced that the current membership had stood at 163 and was now 161. Dennis Higginbotham in Louisiana paid dues, but will transfer to a local Assembly.

### **Purser Report**

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening July 1 checking balance was \$4054. Monthly expenses of \$469 and monthly income of \$381 brought the June 30th balance to \$3,966. Broken down by funds in the same checking account---raffle fund was \$1,232, golf ball fund was \$141, and the general fund was \$2, 593.

### **Applications**

Sir Knight Tom E. Mix was asked to leave the room while his application was discussed. He is a transfer from Denton, Texas. His election was unanimous. Applause followed as he re-entered.

Sir Knight Charles Robinson was awarded his honorary lifetime membership making him dues free.

### **Outstanding Committee Report**

It was suggested that a one-time raffle ticket price of \$15 instead of \$20 be introduced for the meeting, since only 9 raffles remain. About 100 tickets have been sold so far. A few more tickets were sold.

### **Patriotic Committee**

David Lemcoe reported that the USO is looking for a team of troop airplane greeters on 12/31/08, the only date left. Lemcoe also dropped some magazines at the VA hospital. He suggested that member councils might buy some raffle tickets to boost the discretionary fund for patriotic causes.

Urban Rump requested a few volunteers to read names of the 9/11 victims during a ceremony at the Museum of Patriotism on that date.

### **Membership Committee**

Bob Heald announced that he, Rick Sisko, and Bob Heald will consist of the new membership committee. Noting that the next exemplification is October 18th, he will be reading the applications at the next two meetings.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **Commander Report**

Bob Mitchell thanked the 8 respondents to his plea for an Honor Guard at the upcoming Special Olympics at East Roswell Park. One volunteer is from another Assembly and Bob has started to partner with other Assemblies in this regard.



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Bob is currently building a current roster of Honor Guard members and has 36 names on his list, although some have not participated for a long time. Joe Mitchell will be performing his first time.

### Third Degree Reports

#### All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Held a retreat at Southern Catholic College for 17 brothers.
- First degree for 12 knights, 6 from All Saints, 4 from St. Brigid, and 2 from Atlanta 660.
- Saturday will be a work day at Elaine Clark Center.
- Altar server outing this Saturday.
- Parish Hoedown on August 16 th and we will do concessions.
- Second Degree on August 26 th.
- Cookout at Emory Catholic Center for Father Bryan Small.
- Third degree on Sept 6 th.

#### St. Andrew (unknown)

- Installation of officers in July.
- Will give \$500 to the Special Olympics.
- First degree in September to include new parochial vicar Juan Oriega.
- Parish picnic in September.

#### St. Brigid (John)

- Installation of officers was held.
- Archbishop Donoghue attended and said some complimentary things.
- Mass for Catechists on August 23rd.
- Council picnic on Sunday.
- First degree sometime in September.
- Planning underway for Oktoberfest and the first Fish Fry hosted by St. Brigid Knights.

### Good of the Order

- John Ordway's mother Velma
- Joe Noa
- Jack Klapka mother-in-law
- Tom Rice
- Kirby Baden
- Mike Klimshuk's stepdad
- Bill Allen's wife Tisha
- Ralph Stinson's wife Mary
- Guy Stryker, and our troops.



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Mary, Queen of the Knights, prayer was recited.

### **Awards**

**Split-the Pot** - Rick Langheim won the \$21 award.

**Raffle Award** - Dave Lemcoe won \$100.

**Attendance Award** - Not presented.

Closing prayer and National Anthem ended the meeting. Length was 1 hour and 20 minutes.