



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2017 Held at All Saints

Sir Knights present: 36

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Nick Mattera

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

- Mary Our Queen September 14th
- St. Andrew October 12th
- All Saints November 9th
- Mary Our Queen December 14th

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner followed with a nice meal of round sandwich rolls, chips, cookies, pasta bread, dessert, and beverage. Jim Gonzales was the chief cook and was thanked. There were 36 total Sir Knights in attendance. Deacon Ken Melvin opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting began slightly early at 7:20 PM with the usual ceremonies. Because our FN was running late to the meeting, our Faithful Captain, Bob Mitchell, actually opened the meeting in his stead. During roll call, FN Mattera entered the meeting and took over the gavel. FN then called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed.

There were no first time attendees present. FN announced that he has begun a new tradition of sending birthday cards to members each month. August wedding anniversaries were announced for Rich Tomaszewski (37), Len Dorrien (53), and Frank Seco de Lucena (54). Handshakes among all brothers were exchanged.

Roll Call:

Faithful Captain	Bob Mitchell	Present	Faithful Friar	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Stan Wasowski	Present	Inner Sentinel	Gary Romanick	Present
Faithful Pilot	Jon Bird	Present	Outer Sentinel	Jim Gonzales	Present
Faithful Comptroller	Rich Tomaszewski	Present	Trustee 1-year	Bob Webster	Present
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Chuck Langgood	Present
Faithful Purser	Dave Lemcoe	Present	Trustee 3-year	Dave Mason	Present

Faithful Navigator Report

FN spoke of the chalice presentation to Father Bryan Kuhr and the upcoming Officer Installation. He had not sent out an FN Report at the time he spoke, but has now sent it before our September meeting. It follows:

My Fellow Worthy Sir Knights,

First, I want to thank each of you for your patience and your tolerance for last month's tardy meeting start. I know all of you are well aware somethings are unavoidable and last month's meeting was one of those situations. I also assure you our hospitality selection will not be that dismal again.

We addressed the topic of the new uniforms for the 4th Degree. I agree with you 100%. I am op-posed to changing to military uniforms as well, and for all the same reasons that were discussed in the meeting. When we first became Knights, we all took an oath to abide by the decisions of our Supreme officers. The fact that we were not advised or consulted really makes no difference. We are 4th Degree Knights and we stand behind the patriotic duty of our Order.



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The wearing of regalia is only one facet of what we do. My thoughts if our Bishops and priests request the Knights to be dressed in traditional regalia... that is what we should do.

There was a motion that was voted on and approved by the Assembly, that we draft a 'Respectful' letter to our state deputy expressing the concerns of our assembly regarding the new uniforms. Sir Knight Bob Webster has prepared a preliminary draft letter that we will share and discuss who we will direct it toward.

We finally had our installation Ceremony on August 19, 2017. It was held at All Saints after the 5:00 pm Mass. Past District Master Tom Frizzi conducted the installation ceremony. Thank you to all the 'fill-in's,' who unselfishly offered their time to Honor Guard at the 5:00 o'clock mass and to hang out afterwards for the Blessing of the Swords.

Did you know there was another Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly??? I received a letter from a fellow Sir Knight in Norco, California who after long research came across a few bio's on Father Watters. Like us, they also felt it very fitting to name their Assembly in honor of Father Watter's service to our Lord, the Knights of Columbus, his parish community, and to his country during his life.

On the 19th of June 2017 with 75 members and 13 charter officers, the newest Father Charles J. Watters assembly 3728 was chartered in St. Mel's Catholic Church; in Norco, CA... we now have a brother assembly on the west coast..... Congratulations #3728!

Congratulations Sir Knights!! We made mention in the August edition of The Columbia for educating our parishioners on our Military Chaplin Fund and being able to donate \$10,000 toward this fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 14th (Thursday): Our next 4th Degree Assembly meeting is: September 14th 2017 at Mary Our Queen. 6:15 pm Rosary followed with dinner and meeting to start on or before 7:30 pm

Faithful Friar Report—Nick Mattera

FN noted that our current Faithful Friar, Fr. Dan Rogaczewski of All Saints, has agreed to continue for another term as our Friar. Father noted that often he will not be able to attend our Assembly meetings because of other coaching commitments. Nick will send a letter to all Assembly pastors to offer them any help we can afford them.

Patriotic Committee Report — Jon Bird

Jon noted that he has heard that the Habitat for Humanity people will be building a home specifically for a veteran in the near future. He offered that this would be a good opportunity to participate in the build for this patriotic cause. He will advise of date and place (Douglasville) when plans are firmed.

Faithful Navigator Extra Comments—Nick Mattera

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Faithful Comptroller Report—Rich Tomaszewski

1. We have \$16,546 (and \$5854 from golf fund of that is set aside for patriotic events from last year).
2. We have 203 members (2 not paid)
3. There is a 4th degree ceremony on Sat Nov. 4th at St. Monica. We have one candidate so far. Please try to get others and get the forms and money to me.
4. IRS Report is due 5. Annual Audit Report is due

Faithful Scribe Report—Lou Hlad

Hlad is working with Anita Mitchell who is rewriting our assembly web site. All the information from Lou's home computer is being moved to the new site. Historical Monthly Minutes, photos of events, and photos of new officers are being transferred. We are grateful to the Mitchells for all the hours they are putting in on this project. Cancelling the old web hosting site is a cost savings.

Ad Hoc Widows Committee—Lou Hlad

- Two widows played BINGO at Council expense this month.
- All Saints is now sponsoring a new program called Knights Helping Widows with a small staff doing odd jobs for widows around their homes. Sir Knight John Shaffer is coordinating. No action yet.
- We received a list of the St. Andrew widows and they will be integrated into our invitation list for our October Deceased Knight Mass on Oct. 10th at All Saints.
- Jim Gonzales added that we are looking into adding our widows to the list of people we give rides to health appointments via our I Care Program. Also, a cut rate air conditioning service would be nice for widows.



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Purser Report—Dave Lemcoe



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PURSER REPORT

8/1/2017

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 6/30, **\$ 16,571.13**

RECEIPTS

50/50 **\$ 60.00**

EXEMPLIFICATION **\$ -**

BANK CHARGE **\$ -**

DUES **\$ 30.00**

FOOD DONATIONS **\$ 169.00**

SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$ 259.00**

\$ 16,830.13

EXPENSES

BANK CHARGE **\$ -**

BADGES **\$ -**

MEET FOOD/BEV **\$ (185.31)**

CHALICE FUND **\$ (98.44)**

REGALIA **\$ -**

AWARDS **\$ -**

COLOR COR **\$ -**

EXEMPLIFICATION **\$ -**

SUPPLIES **\$ -**

BATTLE CROSS **\$ -**

SUB TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ (283.75)**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 6.30.2017 **\$ 16,546.38**

GOLF FUND

NET INCOME **\$ 15,899.00**

DONATIONS

FISHER HOUSE **\$ (2,500.00)**

PHOENIX FOUNDATION **\$ (2,000.00)**

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA **\$ (1,500.00)**

ROSARY FOR VETS **\$ (250.00)**

BATTLE CROSS **\$ (1,488.00)**

BATLE CROSS PEDESTAL **\$ (800.00)**

BATTLE CROSS MISC SUPPLIE **\$ (244.72)**

BATTLE CROSS FR. ROY LEE **\$ (100.00)**

BATTLE CROSS SUPPLIES **\$ (161.99)**

T. BURLEIGH--LOURDES TRAV **\$ (1,000.00)**

TOTAL DONATIONS **\$ (10,044.71)**

OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/(EXPENSES)

BALANCE OF FUND TODATE **\$ 5,854.29**

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS, **\$ -**

CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALAN **\$ 16,546.38**



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Chalice Committee Report— Ed Pierson

Ed related that we presented a chalice on July 16th (Fr. Bryan Kuhr) and have a new potential, Fr. Bradley Starr. He is also researching the two new RSVP deacons from All Saints, John Klein and Jack Knight. They become priests this year. Lou Hlad asked if there is enough money for three more chalices. It was related that there is.

We will need additional chalices because of the sad backlog we now have. If we present a solitary chalice for a priest, we now have potential names for three additional chalices.

- **Presented** to Fr. Ceballos, a travel kit 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, a chalice 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)
- **Presented July 16th to Fr. Bryan Kuhr – Travel Chalice**

Dennis M. Crean passed	11.1.2015	(All Saints)
Thomas Templeton passed	5.1.2016	(All Saints)

- **Awaiting Future Chalices**

Fr. Joseph M. Peek passed	3.14.2016	(All Saints)	(solitary chalice for a priest)	#1
Guy E. Stryker passes	9.26.2016	(All Saints)		#2
William O'Shaughnessy	1.11.2017	(St. Brendan)		
Robert Heald	3.12.2017	(All Saints)		
Patrick J. Callahan	5.18.2017	(All Saints)		#3
PFN George P. Novac	5.31.2017	(All Saints)		
One open spot on potential third chalice				

Social Committee Report—Chuck Langgood

Chuck is coordinating a date with the St. Andrew staff for a good date to hold our Assembly Picnic. He is aware of the October 8th date for the All Saints Oktoberfest and will make sure not to conflict.

He is looking at late October and early November for that event. Stan Wasowski reminded Chuck that November 19th was the date for the dedication of the Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Mission and the honor guard planned. It was discussed that Sept. 30th is the All Saints Habitat Build Day and would not be good.

The format will be similar to last year's success with fun, food, and games for all. If anyone would like to help plan it, they would be most welcome.



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Membership Report—Nick Mattera

As mentioned, we have one new member Chris Smirl of Holy Name of Jesus Mission. We need new candidates signed up for the November exemplification. We have 203 members currently. We have only one candidate for that ceremony presently.

Color Corps Commander Report—Bob Mitchell

Bob related that Supreme had dropped a bombshell on all regarding the new regalia uniforms. Supposedly, this is cast in concrete with no going back. Very little info on how this is to be done is known. As of September 1st, the Supreme Master and District Masters will wear nothing but the new uniforms. Tuxes are being phased out for candidates at exemplifications. Swords will still be used. The uproar across the nation is overwhelming.

Comments from the members were exceedingly negative and caustic. Members directed that a letter of objection be written by the Assembly to State. Several members stated that the expense for the new outfits is excessive. Many people have said that they will leave the Assembly if this is done.

The Assembly voted to draft a letter that we could send to our District Master opposing the new uniforms. The vote was unanimous.

FN thanked everyone who had taken the time to participate in Honor Guards and asked for continued strong participation. He mentioned that the Guard at the recent 4th degree ceremony looked very sharp. FN said that he is available for any questions regarding the Guard and no one should hesitate to call him with issues. Email is his primary communication method.

Future Honor Guards

Aug. 15th- All Saints -Archbishop George of Madras, India-7:00 PM

Aug. 19th –All Saints Mass of the Installation of Assembly Officers 5 PM Mass

Nov. 19th – Fr. Bill Hao – Dedication of the Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Church

There will be an Honor Guard competition early next year. It will take practiced at length with no more than 6-10 people. There will be tryouts. About 8-10 Assemblies will participate.

Trustee Report—Bob Webster

The Trustees have completed their work on the needed reports (applause).

Unfinished Business

None.



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New Business

FN asked for a show of hands of those officers that will miss the Officer Installation ceremony. It was known that Lou Hlad will be out of town. The process for obtaining stand-ins for the ceremony has begun. Also, we are looking for members who will participate in the Blessing of the Sword Ceremony by holding up our surplus regalia swords. About five fill-ins are required and they must wear tuxedos and baldrics. Several volunteers were heard.

A dinner for the Assembly at a local restaurant is being planned. They are looking at an Italian restaurant called Aldo's that could be used for a price of about \$27 per person. Other venues will be considered as well.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

Mary Our Queen—Mike Baylot

- The Backpack Drive at MOQ was successfully completed. Fr. Lee collected about 35 back-packs. The parish American Heritage Girl group has collected another 40.
- They completed their 5th Sunday Rosary devotion last month.
- September will see a resumption of their Sunday Pancake Breakfasts which were not held during the summer.
- A monthly Spaghetti Dinner is being planned to encourage parish fellowship. This was requested by the pastor.
- They will be setting up a smoker to roast Boston Butts in their parking lot at night. That will be a party followed by sales of the barbeque to parishioners the next day.
- A date is being researched for a (cooking?) demo they have previously held.
- MOQ has a new Youth Minister. He has approached the Council to get involved with the Confirmation candidates. Meeting with him next week to see what he plans.

St. Andrew— Bill Campbell

- Attained Star Council status for FY 2016/2017.
- Served pizza and beverages meal to Toastmasters meeting at St. Andrew on July 18. This is a fund raiser for the council which netted \$600 for our charities.
- Hosted Living Rosary and ice cream social for parish. We do this several times a year. Coordinated by SK Chuck Langgood.
- Had Red Cross blood drive Sunday Aug 6. Coordinated by SK Dave Lemcoe. Collected 45 pints of blood.
- Installation of council officers and dinner scheduled for Saturday Aug. 12 at 4:45 mass.
- Seminarian Matthew Howard has been incorporated in our RSVP list for financial support. Matthew has been working with us this summer.
- We have reactivated and updated our web site. SK's Bill Leach and Ralph Trujillo are leading this and Ralph will be the webmaster.



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All Saints— Lou Hlad

- Rewrote our 15-year-old All Saints website in modern software and are registering members to use it.
- Exemplified three new brothers and got one 3rd degree transfer in.
- Held our Council Officer Installation Ceremony on July 16th with a reception luncheon.
- Our district team Officer Installation Team travelled to Atlanta 660 council at Christ the King Cathedral to hold their council's Officer Installation. Sir Knights John Knight and Lou Hlad serve as District Deputy and District Warden for district 7.
- Sir Knight John Shaffer was awarded the council Knight-of-the-Month for starting our "Knights Helping Widows" program.
- Held the Chalice Presentation ceremony with Nick Mattera and Ed Pierson awarding Fr. Bryan Kuhr a travel chalice at All Saints.
- Thanked our Youth Director Bryan Kler and son Owen for their participation in the local Soap Box Derby at our July meeting. Young Owen thanked the council at our meeting and pictures were taken.
- Our July Bingo had a record 224 players on July 27th—an increase of 59 players over June. We cleared over \$3000 profit to be given to charities.
- Our Youth director, Sir Knight Bryan Kler, is managing the Annual Altar Server Outing at White Water Park on Saturday August 12th. Knights pay for the altar servers entry fees into the park.
- Two of our four RSVP seminarians became Deacons recently. Both will be priests by year end. They remain on our RSVP program until they become priests.
- All Saints will build its 24th Habitat House this Fall. Our council's work day is scheduled for September 30th.
- On the Feast of The Assumption August 15th (Holy day of Obligation), a bishop from India will celebrate the 7 PM Mass at All Saints along with Archbishop Gregory. They are raising money for a seminary in India. Our council has donated \$1000 to the project. We hope to have a nice honor guard for that Mass.
- We are donating \$150 for personalized Habitat for Humanity T-Shirts.
- We are donating \$500 to pay for our Parish Ministry Fair for refreshments and food.
- We are donating up to \$1,200 to purchase religious 2018 calendars for All Saints parishioners.
- Our acolyte teams served all parish funerals again this month.
- Council published a 21 page newsletter.



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Good of the Order

The running list has been carried from past meetings:

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month. Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, Linda Sperick, Wiley Maloof, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smith's daughter Courtney Hertel, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, and Ron Collins' wife Jackie, Msgr. Kiernan, Margaret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Mike D'Errico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco, Mary Jo Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Jean, Joy Fahey, Peter Leibowitz, Deborah Blair, Mary Cross, Gordon Stintz, Marty Dough, Danny Medina, Dennis Klein, Don Hauser, Adrian Toolan, Judy Klein, Randy Hines, Ted Throne, Olga Waltering, Kathy Harvey, and Mary McCallen, Tom D'Errico, Harvey Moskowitz, James Ambrose, Danny Ross, Orfeo Trombetta Sr., Stephen Powell, Carolyn Lively, Bill Camden, Julie Kassis, Larry Aston, Loren Echols, Bill Driscoll, Les Washington, George Swartz, Abe Kassis, Fr. Dan McCormick, John Petrukovich, Tom Hoover and Debra Webster.

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 our Clergy.

Special prayer requests were also added for:

- Sir Knight Bill O'Shaughnessy
- Brenda Dorrien
- Sir Knight Bob Heald
- Sir Knight Bill Camden's son, BJ Camden, on deployment
- PFN George Novac

Several others whose names could not be heard on tape.

Split the Pot

Mike Feeney won \$50 in the split-the-pot raffle.

Attendance Award

Attendance Award won by Mike Baylot who was present.

Meeting End

Deacon Ken Melvin said the closing prayer. The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:40 PM.



Blessing of the Swords



Every year after the Officer Installation of our Fr. Charles J. Watters Fourth Degree Assembly, a special "Blessing of the Swords" ceremony is held. Sir Knights Monsignor Marren and Deacon Ed Krise did the honors. Former Master of the Fourth Degree, Tom Frizzi, was on hand to perform the Officer Installation itself. All brothers should prayerfully consider advancing to join the fourth degree Assembly to be fulfilled as a Knight. This group is the most visible arm of the Order and is beloved within the Church.

Father Anthony ala Honor Guard



Before our own Sir Knight Father Anthony Eshun returned to Ghana, he wanted very much to participate in his first honor guard ceremony. He got his wish on the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 when the Watters Assembly held a special honor guard at the Mass for the visiting bishop from India. Father was one of our 24 honor guard participants and he couldn't have been prouder. Commander Bob Mitchell presented him afterward with a donation from the Watters Assembly. At the reception following, Father sang for the diners. We will miss that man.

More Knight Photos from August



Showing the impressive honor guard for the August 15th Feast of the Assumption at All Saints Parish. Father Anthony Eshun was featured in the center of the front row. Two bishops celebrated the feast day and welcomed the Catholic community from India.



Sir Knight Nick Mattera (left) is escorted by Sir Knight Joe Mitchell to receive his medallion as new Faithful Navigator of the Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688.

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Winners of Appreciation Awards All.

Joe Inglima was not present and will likewise receive an award.

Dave Mason also received a Knight of the Year Award.



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.

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Adopt-A-Cop Project Renewal



The Adopt-A-Cop ministry is a prayer program.
It provides the opportunity for ALL law enforcement officers
EVERYWHERE
to be prayed for on a daily basis.
Are YOU signed up to pray for one?

The goal of Adopt-A-Cop is to assign law enforcement officers to a family, group, or individual who will pray daily for them and send a note of encouragement, support and a thank you for their service to the community.

Imagine the powerful difference you can make in the lives of those who put their lives on the line for us everyday! While a bulletproof vest gives a level of protection for our law enforcement officers, an even greater blessing and shield of protection can be found in the power of a faithful, praying believer or group of prayer warriors.

Besides the obviously high physical risk in their profession, officers also have a risk of becoming cynical, feeble, hopeless, having relationship problems, succumbing to alcohol abuse and even becoming suicidal. The divorce and suicide rates among those in law enforcement are well above the national average.

"I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and for all those in authority that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." – 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 (NIV)

Praise God!

Adopt-a-Cop is growing rapidly. It is amazing to see God at work.
This ministry is now represented in 20 states.
It is with the hard work, dedication and prayers of those
involved that this ministry will continue to provide the protection our
Law Enforcement Officers need.

Send an email to our Sir Knight Deacon Ray Egan at <mailto:dekeray@aol.com> to be assigned an officer to pray for and encourage.