



# Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

## Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2006

### Held at St. Andrews

**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 read.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Faithful Navigator**

No report.

**Bills and Communications**

Tom Hoover of St. Andrew was to present a bill for the food after the meeting.

Communication from Herb Broughton, Master of the Fourth Degree, thanking all Faithful Navigators for the success of the previous month's Exemplification that added 113 Sir Knights to the region.

Next Exemplification is April 20/21 at Atlanta Airport Westin. Candidate fee has been raised to \$70 and \$45 for priests. The price of the banquet will also be increased, probably to the \$40-\$42 range. The hotel rate has also increased to \$83.

The last ceremony raised \$1,000 for "the Fallen" program. He asked each Assembly to hold a fund raiser this year for this program as well. A Sergeant Gary Huckaby is available to speak further to various groups about the program. He also urged Sir Knights to continue providing VA hospitals with the items they need and to have members from the Assembly join the Veterans Volunteer Services.

**Faithful Purser**

Sir Knight Rick Neilson reported that the previous balance was \$1,865. Food payments of \$173 and deposits of \$254 raised that number to \$1,946. The \$47 credit from Supreme raises our total further - to \$1,993 with yearly dues now coming in.

**Faithful Comptroller**

Sir Knight Heald reported that the current membership is 170 members after 9 recent additions.

**Applications**

None



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### **Fourth Degree Reports**

#### **Commander Report**

Joe Noa reported an Honor Guard at St. Andrew for Our Lady of Guadalupe and then again that Tuesday at St. Benedict. Ernie Spencer reported that All Saints had a Veterans Appreciation Cookout with five Honor Guards participating in the Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony. Ernie Spencer, Wiley Maloof, and George Foster later also went to Our Lady of the Assumption Church to act as a Color Guard in a scout ceremony. Ernie related that an attempt is being made to start a Squires Circle with both the OLA and All Saints scout troops as candidates. Sir Knight George Foster of All Saints Council is also an assistant scout master at OLA.

#### **Patriotic Committee**

Urban Rump reported that there were 6 Sir Knights in regalia at the Nov. 11 Veterans Parade downtown. A good crowd was along the streets and many recognized the Knights organization. It was very windy and the capes were wrapping wildly around them as they marched. The Museum of Patriotism contingent (of which we were a part) won the most patriotic award and we should be proud. Pictures for the next newsletter were taken.

Urban visited the VA Hospital along with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and they visited about 200 patients and distributed gifts. He asked that more knights participate next year because they have a good time and the patients really appreciate it.

We are still collecting golf clubs and golf items. They will soon be taken by an air unit in Marietta and forwarded to the troops when a flight to the Middle East can be coordinated. Bob Heald announced that he had brought 3,000 balls to the meeting to give to Urban. The Faithful Navigator asked for a big hand for all that Urban has done. Applause followed.

#### **Spiritual Committee**

No report.

#### **Welfare Committee**

No report

#### **Entertainment Committee**

Sean O'Neill reported that everyone should have received an email about the January 13th dinner to recognize our new Sir Knights. Only four couples had responded to that point. None of the nine new members had yet responded. It will be held at St. Andrew.

For the Founder's Day Ball on March 31st, he had received 18 responses thus far. He mentioned that the Doubletree Hotel needed a \$300 deposit, so he would like more positive responses. We would like a minimum of 100 people (50 couples) to ensure a successful first ball. Food would probably be prime rib, salmon, or chicken Oscar ---something very nice.



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The Faithful Navigator added that he wanted a firm commitment from the member councils before committing funds. This must be talked up strongly. We have a communication from the Divine Mercy Assembly that they are interested. We feel that the event will happen, but timing is critical.

### **Unfinished Business**

Andy Diaz and Don Myers are communicating with NASCAR to coordinate the Sunday, March 25th event. Andy has already six volunteers who are not knights, but are NASCAR fans and want to go. Any adults are welcome to work. Andy has committed to furnishing about 20 people to work the hospitality tents. Each worker should raise about \$50. Dennis Klein volunteered to work the event. A show of hands generated more interest.

Workers would serve tent guests breakfast, clean up, help with any hospitality programs, then serve lunch and clean up. They would then be dismissed to enter the grandstand using their worker badges to watch the race or go home as they wished. The Assembly would be paid for every hour worked by every person we bring.

Al Garofalo reported that we had received a letter from a person in New Jersey who had known Fr. Watters and had learned about our Assembly and wanted to find out more about how we came to be the Watters Assembly. There might be a possible link from this person to some family members and more correspondence will follow.

The FN urged all members to go on line to learn the story about Fr. Watters and his heroism and how he earned the Congressional Medal of Honor in Korea. There are four or five areas of information about him.

FN suggested that all the recent (and all future) Assembly newsletters be provided to the Councils for distribution to all their 1st to 3rd degree members. This would give our organization good exposure and encourage them to become Sir Knights.

### **New Business**

The FN reported that to encourage attendance at Assembly meetings, a \$50 savings bond will be presented as an attendance award to someone who attended two consecutive meetings. The sign-in sheet at each meeting will be the list of candidates to win the award at the next meeting.

### **Split-the-pot was won (again) by Al Garofolo.**

A hand of applause was given to Tom Hoover for another great meal and his official fourth degree badge was presented to him.

### **No Trustee Report**

### **3rd Degree Reports**

### **St. Benedict –no report**

### **St. Brigid – no report**

### **St. Monica – No report**



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### **St. Brendan** – Grand Knight Bill O’Shaughnessy reporting

- Held their Dec 2nd Christmas with St. Nick using a professional St. Nick. It was very successful. This was their second such event and the children are starting to recognize St. Nick rather than Santa,
- Selling Keep Christ in Christmas cards.
- Bill talked about a January events that were unfortunately inaudible on the recorder.

### **All Saints – Lou Hlad reporting**

- All Saints held all their usual Christmas events previously reported.
- Council will host two nights at the homeless shelter downtown at Immaculate Conception and Central Presbyterian. Nine knights will stay all night with the 100 homeless men to serve as waiters, companions, and monitors in the two adjacent facilities.
- We have instituted a periodic “Wear Your Badges Sunday” where the knights troop their colors at Sunday mass to get visibility for the council.

We are also planning to have six acolytes serving a selected Sunday Mass at least once a quarter.

We also provided acolyte teams for every funeral held at All Saints. Through the year (45).

- Held a first degree

### **St. Andrew – Dennis Klein reporting**

- Helped with the beautiful nativity scene. He encouraged everyone to go down the hall to see it.
- Served 25 families with Thanksgiving turkeys and food baskets. Will do the same for Christmas for the same families.
- Selling cookie tins to raise money
- December 2nd – successful car raffle earned \$7,500 for the council
- December 4th – First degree

### **Around the Table Comments**

Faithful Scribe asked for copies of all council newsletters from recent months to cut and paste into the February Assembly newsletter.

Good of the Order was asked. Bert Botzman and Angelo Sampano were mentioned. Dennis Klein asked for prayers for his niece who has breast cancer.

Meeting closed at 8:15 PM with prayer and national anthem.