



# Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

## Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2007

### Held at St. Andrew

**Total attendance: 21**

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

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:55 PM with the usual ceremonials and a call to order. The minutes were not read because of the late meeting start.

**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	Excused	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	Excused

**Faithful Navigator Report**

FN Langheim apologized for missing the last meeting due to work commitments. He complimented Tim Russell on the fine meal. Applause followed. He said he hoped that St. Brigid could equal it next meeting. He mentioned that one of the next four meetings would have to be moved from St. Brigid because of inability to reserve Corbett Hall. There are no smaller rooms that are free for such meetings there. The schedule will be maintained and one venue will be switched out of normal turn.

He announced that this Assembly was presented a patriotic award plaque due to its great patriotic programs. Discussion as to where to mount it followed. Klein suggested it be given to Urban Rump. Rump declined. Rotation of the plaque was proposed. Langheim suggested that it be mounted at All Saints for the first six months. Hlad stated that it could be mounted next to the Assembly Charter in the foyer of All Saints McGivney Hall. It will be available for rotation as requested.

FN then brought up his observation that the Honor Guard participation is slipping due to increasing age of participants and transfer of members and we need new blood. He also cautioned that he was concerned that some councils were gravitating toward council-based honor guards rather than assembly-based honor guards. The Honor Guard must be an assembly function exclusively. He stressed that the councils must stress this activity more strongly at their meetings.

It was suggested that the councils could augment the cost of regalia as St. Andrew does by buying interested participants a sword. It was suggested that regalia elements make wonderful Christmas presents when you don't know what to ask for. It was also suggested that our CallingPost might need updating and expansion to reach more people.

It was suggested that there is no available advance calendar of Guard events that is sent to all members. Several events like Communion, Confirmation, Special Olympics, and the Eucharistic Congress are known fairly well in advance and could be communicated well in advance. Many are more 'ad hoc' and will continue to create a last-minute scramble.

Guy Stryker announced that the Special Olympics are hoping for the largest turnout of Honor Guard so that every group has a Guard marching with it at the opening ceremony.



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## **Faithful Purser Report**

Sir Knight Rich Nielson reported that the opening balance for November was \$1,985. He enumerated a list of bills received that brought the end balance to \$1,217.

## **Faithful Comptroller Report**

Sir Knight Bob Heald reported with the 18 new members from the October Exemplification coming in and the transfer out of 13 members to the new Cumming Assembly, we have a net total of 178 members. Rick Langheim commented that 178 members certainly is a sufficient critical mass to provide a very healthy Honor Guard.

He reported on a letter from Master Hugh Broughton announcing upcoming events---a Spring exemplification with date not yet chosen, Special Olympics Opening Ceremony of their Winter Games on Friday, January 18th (a large Honor Guard of all the assemblies is requested.) District Meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb 9th, for the FN and one other elected delegate. The Eucharistic Congress will be on May 24th. May 30th will be opening Ceremony of Special Olympics Summer Games.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Commander Report**

Commander Joe Noa was not present, but Rick Langheim gave a report of known recent Honor Guard activities and commitments:

- Three recent events were held. Two at St. Andrew were well represented. One other could not be made out on the tape. There was some discussion about possible events upcoming at the Cathedral. That venue is not one of our parishes, but the host assembly has commitments and may need our aid.
- Ernie Spencer reported that a funeral for a knight who had been a member of both All Saints and Marietta featured six Guards from All Saints and four more from the Marietta council.
- He also reported that an Honor Guard will be required at All Saints on Sunday December 16 for the presentation ceremony of a minivan with handicapped access ramp to Brother Matt Dewhurst, a quadriplegic. Everyone invited.
- Also upcoming -- Special Olympics Opening Ceremony of their Winter Games on Friday, January 18th (a large Honor Guard of all the assemblies is requested).

### **Patriotic Committee**

Urban Rump read a thank-you letter from the Veteran's Hospital for the items donated and the time spent there. Urban will be going out there again for their annual Christmas Party and to deliver some more items.

Urban has put together a party of seven members to go down to the airport to greet the returning troops. He will be scouting out the airport to see the logistics and firm the flight dates.



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### **Communications**

Geary Beaulieu asked that anyone not getting the CallingPost or email messages should see him.

### **Religious Committee**

Sir Knight Charles Langgood noted that he would like to resume the Matthew Kelly DVD series again at the next meeting.

### **Welfare Committee**

No report.

### **Entertainment Committee**

Sean O'Neill announced that we will have another Founders Day Ball event at the end of March, but firm checks will have to be returned earlier this year. A quick straw poll of hands in the room showed good interest. An email will be forthcoming requesting advance payment to reserve the proper size venue. The cost would be in the vicinity of \$50 per person again – a break-even proposition.. Last year we had 35 couples, and might use the Doubletree again, because they treated us very well.

The event will be open to all knights, not only fourth degree members.

### **Applications**

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Chalice Committee had a lead on a needy seminarian, but he fell under another Assembly, so we are going back to the Archdiocese. Ernie Spencer reported that we may need to order one immediately to have one on hand. Langheim responded that they can be had in very short order and we should be able to wait.

### **Trustee Report**

None.

### **New Business**

Dennis Klein won \$20 split-the-pot. Dennis Caniglia's name was called for the \$50 bond attendance Award, but he was not present. A second pick yielded the name of Abe Kassis, who was present.



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### 3rd Degree Reports

#### All Saints –

- Hosted 14th annual Desserts with Santa.
- Held an annual Knight Christmas Party with 80 people
- Provided a new crèche set for the parish.
- Provided a reception after the crèche lighting ceremony.
- Sold fudge, coffee, and fruit cakes for the Conyers Monastery and raised a few thousand dollars for them.
- Will host a second degree on Dec 29th.
- The Council successfully completed a \$40,000 fund raising effort in the Dunwoody community to buy a handicapped van for Matt Dewhurst, a paraplegic member.

#### St. Andrew –

- Held a parish Christmas Party on Dec, 1st and the Knights provided the food and labor.
- They held a Breakfast with Santa for 80 to 100 children.
- They are purchasing 250 chairs for the parish social hall, and they will again be delivering Christmas food baskets next week.

#### St. Brendan –

- Held their annual Breakfast with St. Nick.
- Cleaned up some of the walkways on the church grounds.
- Held a first degree with several other councils.

#### St. Brigid –

- Holding a Breakfast with Santa, First Degree on Dec. 1st.
- Third Degree in January.
- Getting a golf cart to be used on the church grounds to the new rectory.

#### St. Monica – No report.

#### St. Benedict – No report.

Good of the Order – Tim Russell, Mike Klimshuk, and Bill O'Shaughnessy of our Assembly were mentioned for prayers. Ernie Spencer asked for prayers for daughter, Mary. Bob Morell is in a series of experimental treatments at Duke.

The meeting ended at 9:20 with the usual ceremonials.