



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2008

Held at St. Andrew

Members present: 23

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Guy Stryker

The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. The Faithful Scribe announced that the minutes had been electronically sent to the membership and that several copies were available for those who had no email. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as transmitted and produced in hard copy.

Roll Call:

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

Faithful Navigator Report

None.

Bills and Communications

Bob Heald reported that he had received three bills --- \$97 for the evening’s dinner (congrats to Charlie Robinson and crew for great meatloaf), \$105.90 for postage, and \$61.53 for badge engraving..

Comptroller Report

Bob Heald reported that the current membership is 152 on the books—way down from the year beginning. But ten new exemplifications bring it back to 162. About 10 will probably be lost for non-payment. Some will probably transfer to the Judge Assembly in Cumming.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening November 1 checking balance was \$3101. Monthly expenses of \$235 and monthly income of \$154 brought the October 31st balance to \$3,020. Broken down by funds in the same checking account---veteran’s raffle fund was \$1,178, golf ball fund was \$85, and the general fund was \$1,757 for a total again of \$3,020. Six more raffle drawings will bring the raffle fund down to \$578 left to spend.

Patriotic Committee

Dave Lemcoe reminded everyone that on February 3rd, the Assembly will help the USO greet returning troops from about 7:30AM – 1:00 PM at the airport. He reminded all to wear comfortable shoes.

He mentioned that Xerox is promoting a web site called letsaythanks.com for us to examine and send messages to the troops. He then mentioned the Robin Williams comedy act video clip about the flag that he hoped everyone would see.



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He then made a motion to send \$100 to "Coalition to Salute America's Heroes" that goes to an organization to help injured troops. Since he had over \$500 left in his committee's patriotic fund, a motion was not necessary and he could decide to send it and he did.

He explained the concept of the raffle to a first-time attendee who bought a ticket.

Religious Committee

No report.

Applications for Membership

Bob Heald reported that because there is no active membership committee, the paperwork for ten new members is incomplete with Supreme and we are ten members low in our official count. He pointed out that there should be a committee headed by the Admiral that processes the paperwork properly to the Master.

One person from each Council should be appointed to work with the Admiral to smooth the process. This should be done well in advance of the exemplification. Dave from St. Andrew, Rick Langheim from St. Brigid, and Lou Hlad from All Saints are the contacts. They will get the paperwork to Rick Langheim to be checked by Bob Heald. Two weeks before the ceremony, each Council will provide one check to Heald. The Purser will write one check to the Master.

Heald moved that the membership committee be made up of one member from each council, the Admiral, and the Comptroller. The FN stated that he would not mind being on the committee either. A motion passed to limit the number on the committee to this number.

Heald mentioned that of our 162 members about 20-25 are not even known to us. Greg Coletta stated that the councils do a terrible job in explaining to the members what the council does and what an Assembly is.

Dennis Klein stated that years ago in Cleveland he was interviewed by the Faithful Navigator with his wife at home. All prospects were expected to have regalia beforehand.

Al Garofalo stated that two weeks before exemplification, we should meet with candidates and tell them what to expect. Members need to be indoctrinated in the expectations of the Fourth Degree. A sponsor should go through the degree with them.

Jon Bird suggested that at Council meetings, a presentation regarding the Fourth Degree should be given to the membership at regular intervals. Bob Heald said he might have such a presentation. He will check.

There should be an effort of each council to find out the situation of each of their respective 4th degree members. Many have never come. There are 70 members from All Saints, 40 from St. Brigid, and 14 from St. Andrew. There are two priests that are unknown and their addresses are suspect. They do not pay bills.

FN stated that we need a Welfare/Bereavement Committee to check into the status of brothers not heard from. They may be in poor physical or even mental health. No one had yet volunteered to be the chairman. Ernie Spencer suggested that the three trustees become this committee. Motion passed unanimously.



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Unfinished Business

None

Trustee Report

The trustees had not yet selected a recipient for the chalice for fiscal year 2008-2009. FN urged them to do so promptly. The money is budgeted and a chalice should be bought. Deacon Ray is the contact for names of prospective recipients.

New Business

Greg Crnkovich wished all members a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Held a Desserts with Santa event with 165 families in attendance.
- Opened McGivney Hall for Secret Santa donations to help parish.
- Held a first degree for 14 new knight (9 from our Council).
- Council Christmas party will be held.
- Will sell Monastery Fudge, fruitcake, and coffee.
- Set up parish crèche and hosted a reception.
- Will host an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
- Deacon Ray will lead another cemetery cleanup.

St. Andrew (unknown)

- Gave out Thanksgiving Baskets again this year.
- Held a Christmas Party.
- Held a Breakfast with Santa event.
- Will give out Christmas baskets.

St. Brigid (John)

- Held a first degree for 29 new Knights with 19 going to St. Brigid.
- Tootsie Roll drive doubled last year.
- Fish Fry planning is ongoing. Sold Christmas trees.
- Held a chili cookoff with proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul.



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Good of the Order

- Lou Hlad's sister Veronica has pancreatic cancer.
- Jack Klapka is having problems with his eyes and headaches.
- Bob Heald read a list of ten Knights with ongoing problems. He will keep a growing list of those to pray for.
- Charlie Robinson stated that John Glover has lung cancer.
- Ernie Spencer has a daughter from stroke and a brother-in-law with multiple very serious problems.
- Ed Krise's daughter has breast cancer.

Prayers were offered.

Awards

Split-the Pot

The \$16 pot was won by new attendee Dick Holcomb.

Raffle Award

St. Brendan Council 12942 of Cumming won \$100.

Attendance Award

Ernie Spencer won the Attendance award by picking his own ticket.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies. Length was just under an hour.