



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2007

Held at St. Andrews

Total attendance: 33

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Dennis Klein

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:33 PM with the usual introductory prayers and ceremonials, followed by the officer roll call. The minutes were read and approved with corrections.

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	Excused
Faithful Pilot	Angelo Sampano	Present	Outer Sentinel	Jim Rainsford	Present
				Kirby Baden	Excused
Faithful Comptroller	Bob Heald	Present	Trustee 3-year	Rick Sisko	Present
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Guy Stryker	Present
Faithful Purser	Rich Nielson	Present	Trustee 1-year	Andy Diaz	Present

Faithful Navigator

No report.

Report on Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser Rich Nielson reported there were three requests for checks -- to Tim Russell (\$100.24) for meeting food and drink, an expense check to Dennis Klein (\$56.96), and bill for engraving badges for \$12.31. Deposits were \$750 in dues and \$75 from exemplification for a total of \$825.

FN reported a letter from Frank Morgan, the State RSVP Chairman, requesting a donation of \$500 for a seminarian. A discussion followed and it was decided that since it was not budgeted this year, we would table it and consider adding it to the next budget in June.

FN received a "thank you" letter from Nicholas Snyder, founder of the Museum of Patriotism, for our efforts to collect golf equipment for the troops in the Middle East.

The efforts of Urban Rump and Bob Heald were singled out by the FN as well.

The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation wrote to thank us for our support of the troop prayerbook campaign and the canonization campaign of brother knight Archbishop Sheen. A special magnet with a spiritual adoption prayer for the unborn composed by Sheen was enclosed. A form to obtain more was enclosed.

Faithful Comptroller

Sir Knight Heald reported that we were holding at 169 members with 35 still unpaid. He suggested that we might have to put unpaid members on suspension after 90 days as our bylaws outline.



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Faithful Purser

Sir Knight Neilson reported a checkbook balance on Jan 1. of \$1,814. After payment of checks and receipt of dues, the new balance was \$3,593.

Applications

New transfer - Bill Leech was asked to leave the room. He is transfer from Birmingham, born in Canada, heavily involved in the church, pro-life movement, and the Squires. Tim Russell spoke glowingly in his behalf. The vote in favor was unanimous. Upon his return, all the Knights introduced themselves to him.

Committee Reports

Commander Report

Joe Noa reported that an unusual number of Honor Guards were coming up.

- Confirmation with Archbishop Gregory on February 15 at St. Andrew.
- March 2nd has a First Friday Lenten evening vigil at St. Andrew with an Archbishop Donoghue Mass and exposition of Blessed Sacrament followed by a 1:00 AM Mass in Latin. Next morning has a regional retreat and procession for the Hispanic community.
- April 28th All Saints First Communion 10:00 AM
- May 5th two communion classes at St. Monica 10 AM and 2 PM.
- May 12th St. Monica 2 PM 1st Communion.
- May 25th Special Olympics Opening Ceremony.

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump reported that the Veterans Hospital is having Salute to Veterans. We are still collecting books, magazines, and clothing for that facility. He picked up some at the meeting. He recently delivered the last bunch to the VA.

He is still collecting golf items for the troops as well.

Communications

No report. FN mentioned that Bert was doing a wonderful job getting out communications.

Religious Committee

Chuck Langgood reported he is still working on proposed Sunday morning father/son or daughter communion breakfast.

Welfare Committee

Guy Stryker asked prayers for Bob Morell and three Assembly wives--Pat Garofalo, Barbara Spencer, and Mary Stinson who has been going back and forth to the hospital.

Joe Noa also asked prayer for the Parochial Vicar of St. Andrew, Fr. Michael.



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Entertainment Committee

Sean O'Neill reported that about 35 people have signed up with three weeks to go. Archbishop Donoghue will speak. Fn mentioned that he hoped each council would send 10 couples. St. Andrew and All Saints seem to be having the best response.

Urban Rump suggested an alternate plan could be a private dinner without band at a restaurant on a smaller scale. The Doubletree might want to do this rather than lose the whole thing. The idea was well-received, a favorable vote was taken, and the idea is being investigated.

Unfinished Business

Andy Diaz reported that NASCAR required all volunteers to attend a Saturday alcohol awareness seminar before we could work it. There was no enthusiasm to give up both a Saturday and a Sunday going to distant Hampton Georgia. Because skipping the training was not an option, it was agreed to cancel the event after a voice vote.

St. Monica has asked the Assembly if they would support them in manning concession stands at the Gwinnett Arena for pay when they could not fulfill their commitment. They have made \$400 and \$600 at single events. The idea is being investigated.

New Business

The name picked for the \$50 savings bond attendance award was won by Sean O'Neill.

Split-the-pot of \$30 was won by Bill O'Shaghnessy.

No Trustee Report

3rd Degree Reports

St. Benedict –

- 5 Fish Frys planned.
- Planning a Spring Membership Blitz.
- Supporting the RSVP program for seminarians.
- Organizing a car raffle -- Mercedes for \$39,000, \$100 tickets.
- Planning a fraternal benefits night.
- Voted \$100 seed money for a college council at Southern Catholic.
- Voted \$100 for an ad for State Convention.

St. Brigid –

- Held a men's prayer breakfast.
- Preparing a St. Valentine Day wedding vow renewal event.
- Preparing a St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance
- Preparing for their Altar Server Appreciation Mass and Breakfast.



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St. Monica –

- Continue their concession nights at Gwinnett Arena
- They will be holding Lenten Fish Frys.
- Have a large art auction in April.

St. Brendan – Grand Knight Bill O'Shaughnessy reporting

- Did their basketball free throw event at Good Shepherd.
- Two knights took their 1st degree at All Saints.
- Participating in seminarian support.
- Had a Mass at St. Michael the Archangel for their deacon who had gone on to become a priest (one of the few).
Had a special jacket made up as a gift.

All Saints – Lou Hlad reporting

- All Saints held both a Council and a District Free Throw contest and sent winners on to the state tournament in Macon.
- Council hosted two nights at the homeless shelter downtown at Immaculate Conception and Central Presbyterian for 100 homeless men.
- Planning is well under way for 8 Fish Frys-- a practice fry for our Council only, Ash Wednesday Fry, and 6 Lenten Friday Frys.
- Held a 1st degree for 6 new brothers.

St. Andrew – Chuck Langgood

- Planning a 1st degree for 2 brothers
- Held a Chili cook-off
- Planning a pre-Lenten fish fry and Friday Lenten Fish Frys.
- Supporting 3 seminarians
- Hosting s retirement reception for Deacon Bob Smith
- Sending Knights to the homeless shelter at Immaculate Conception.

Around the Table Comments

Urban Rump had compliments for the February newsletter.

A retreat at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit in Conyers June 1,2,3 was mentioned.

A Day of Reflection at All Saints on March 24th was mentioned by Wiley Maloof.

Good of the Order

- Ron Stinson's wife, Mary
- Charlie Robinson – colon operation
- Tim Russell



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- Ken Douglas – heart problems
- Dennis Klein asked for continued prayers for his niece who has breast cancer, but whose tumors have shrunk.
- Bob Morell- chemo
- Tom Scherrer
- Ron Rigby
- David McAlister

Meeting closed at 8:40 PM with prayer and national anthem.