



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2008

Held at St. Brigid

Total attendance: 34

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Rick Langheim

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:40 PM with the usual ceremonials and a call to order. The minutes were read and accepted. Membership cards were checked for the current green variety.

Roll Call:

Faithful Captain	Guy Stryker	Present	Faithful Friar	Msgr. Hugh Marren	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Dennis Klein	Present	Inner Sentinel	Benny Mastrogiovanni	Excused
Faithful Pilot	Bill O'Shaughnessy	Present	Outer Sentinel	Jim Rainsford	Excused
Faithful Comptroller	Bob Heald	Present	Trustee 3-year	Ernie Spencer	Excused
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Rick Sisko	Present
Faithful Purser	Rich Nielson	Present	Trustee 1-year	Andy Diaz	Present

Faithful Navigator Report

Faithful Navigator thanked Chuck Langgood for procuring the Matthew Kelly Video series and playing it during the social hour. He also noted that Kelly's book "Rediscovering Catholicism" was available to those who wanted it at no charge.

FN apologized for missing previous meetings.

He went on to observe that he thought that Candidate Mitt Romney's decision to end his candidacy that morning in a show of unity was a patriotic act that was deserving of our admiration. Grand Knight Greg Crnkovich reminded him that as knights we should refrain from any hint of political favoritism and FN stated that Greg raised a fair point.

Faithful Purser

Rich Neilson reported a January 1 opening balance of \$1,227. January debits were \$876 and income from dues was 2,493, yielding Feb 1 balance of \$2,844. With more net dues income during the meeting, he reported a final balance of \$3,161.

Faithful Comptroller

SK Bob Heald noted that we had 172 members (same as last month). He has mailed membership cards to those who paid dues. Still 42 not paid. Guy Stryker and Bill O'Shaughnessy will call those members. It is expected 10-15 of those will choose not to stay with this Assembly.

Faithful Captain called upon Al Garofalo to speak about a fund raising raffle now being used successfully at a new Assembly in Florida now headed by our former member, George Novak. It involves an annual raffle fund that grows with yearly purchase of a maximum of 200 tickets at \$20 each yielding \$4,000 and pays \$100 to the winner at each monthly meeting. The winner's name always goes back into the pot. He explained that the excess in the fund could be used for charitable purposes. He made a motion to investigate this concept. It was tabled until the New Business section of the meeting.



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Committee Reports

Commander Report

Commander Joe Noa confirmed that the Honor Guards managed by Ernie Spencer had been reported to him in accordance with the spirit of the procedures established. Noa announced that Honor Guards were held for two 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrations in February for two Assembly members from All Saints, Jim Rainsford and Bob Morell. He also noted the Assembly had teamed with another Assembly for a pro-life Mass at St. Peter Chanel.

The next event will be at St. Andrew on Feb. 21st for a Confirmation. On March 7th, Archbishop Gregory will celebrate First Friday Mass at St. Andrew. A St. Patrick's Mass at the Cathedral on March 17 will also require a Guard. Another event with St. Brigid and St. Peter Chanel for Pro-life will be requested. Noa asked that members help other councils and not just their own.

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump reported that he continues collecting dollars in his bucket for the wounded warriors and will hold it until he gets a meaningful amount to send. He collected \$22 last meeting.

He also reported that he has met with the USO and they have a date of April 29th to greet returning veterans at the Atlanta Airport and then host them during the day at the Center.

He made another delivery of donated items to the Veteran's Hospital. Applause followed.

A Patriotism Raffle Committee was set up with Dennis Caniglia, Urban Rump, and Al Garofalo serving.

Sir Knight Chris Scoma of St. Andrew requested support of the Girl Scout effort to send cookies to the troops. A bucket was passed for contributions.

Communications

No report.

Religious Committee

Sir Knight Charles Langgood reminded all to pick up their Matthew Kelly book "Rediscovering Catholicism". He also announced that Kelly would be at St. Brigid on April 20, 21, and 22 for an appearance.

Chalice committee reports that Monsignor Marren identified a Father Simon from Africa as a recipient on his 25th anniversary.

Welfare Committee

No report.



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Entertainment Committee

Sean O'Neill announced that a \$500 check was delivered to the DoubleTree Hotel. A contract has not yet been completed, but is being worked out. A speaker and music man are being searched. The cost is only \$35/per person this year and there will again be three meal choices. Cutoff date is end of February for half the amount due. No walkups are allowed. Bob Heald would prefer one check for each table for convenience. He stressed that an email stating that a table was committed even before the money was sent. Some checks were collected at the meeting.

This year's cost (\$35/person) would be less than last year when we had 44 attendees. A motion was made and passed that a deposit of \$500 would be sent to the DoubleTree Inn. The event will be open to all knights, not only fourth degree members. In fact, the event is open to all people who want to come. Every officer of the Assembly should try to get enough people to attend with him to fill a table of eight. Dress is formal with tuxedo and social baldric required for Assembly members. Non-fourth degree Knights would wear ordinary suits. A letter urging participation will go out to all Grand Knights. Pastors of all Assembly Councils will be invited without charge. Checks go to Bob Heald by Feb. 28th.

A speaker honorarium of about \$100 would be necessary, as well as some complementary meals for clergy.

Applications

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

Trustee Report

None.

New Business

Commander Noa made a motion that all pastors of each council be invited free to the Founder's Day Ball. The Grand Knights would invite them. Passed with one nay.

George Yourick won the attendance award.

Mike Klimshuk won Split-the-Pot of \$33 for which he was selling tickets.

A question whether the Patriotic Raffle would later replace the attendance award. The concensus is that it would be an additional award.

During the discussion period, Sir Knight Greg Crnkovich suggested that we investigate whether we should limit sales to Assembly members and their families making it an internal raffle to put us on safer ground.

Sir Knight Bob Heald has cautioned that proper applications must be submitted to the Sheriff of DeKalb County and a written waiver must be received by us. The sheriff must understand what he is signing, since we are an insurance company and not a 501(C3).



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Discussion then followed whether or not the tickets could be sold outside DeKalb County. The consensus of unknown voices was that they could be sold anywhere as long as the raffle was held in DeKalb County.

The motion was called and the vote was passed with one nay vote.

There was no split-the-pot or attendance award.

3rd Degree Reports

All Saints – Greg Crnkovich reported:

- The Fish Frys were back.
- A very aggressive exemplification 1st/2nd/3rd degree schedule was planned this month.
- They will hold a Council Free Throw Contest and then a District Contest later.
- Two 50th Wedding Anniversaries will be celebrated.

St. Andrew – Chuck Langgood reported:

- Their fish frys beginning.
- They donated a thousand voter guides.
- Holding a reception for their new deacon, and a family of the month.

St. Brendan – Rich Nielson reported:

- Their quarterly Shiloh Road cleanup.
- An Honor Guard for their new deacon.
- Fish frys start as well.
- Working on a Fall golf outing.
- A garage sale in May.
- Installed HVAC at the Knight's Hall.
- Bought a large trailer for their garage sale, and are setting up a food pantry for emergency situations.

St. Brigid – George Yourick reported:

- Preparing prayer cards for parishioners on feast of St. Brigid.
- Preparing a prayer breakfast.
- An unannounced first degree for two deacons.
- Holding a free throw contest on the 16th.
- Provided 900 Christmas presents for 300 families.
- Provided a scholarship for the parish day school.
- Getting a golf cart to be used between the church grounds and the new rectory.
- Held a 3rd degree with 34 candidates (5 from their council).
- Participating in the Free Throw Contest Program.



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St. Monica – Noa reports:

- Special tickets for Wheel Chair Foundation on March 8th at a Gladiators game at Gwinnett Arena.

St. Benedict – Noa reported:

- The successful car raffle yielded \$27,000 contribution of the \$73,000 to the parish for three flag poles.
- They are also doing fish frys.

Good of the Order – ended the meeting at 8:45 with the usual ceremonials.