



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2017

Held at St. Andrews

Sir Knights present: 29

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Bill Camden

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

- All Saints March 9th
- St. Andrew April 13th
- All Saints May 11th

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. An exceptional gourmet meal of pasta casserole, potatoes and carrots, pork and beans, bread, salad, dessert, and beverages was prepared by St. Andrew .

The meeting began early at 7:15 after dinner with the usual ceremonies. Sir Knights Bob Fiscella and Dean Trantow of All Saints introduced themselves as not too frequent attendees (laughter).

February birthdays were acknowledged (Al Alberghini) and then Chuck Langgood was cited for 41 years of marriage and Dean Trantow was cited for 43 years of marriage in February.

There were no visitors from other Assemblies. Handshakes among all brothers were exchanged.

Deacon Bill McKenzie came in late. All stood to honor him.

FN called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed electronically with no corrections.

Roll Call:

Faithful Captain	Nick Mattera	Present	Faithful Friar	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Stan Wasowski	Present	Inner Sentinel	Dave Richardson	Excused
Faithful Pilot	Jon Bird	Present	Outer Sentinel	Joe Inghima	Present
Faithful Comptroller	Dave Mason	Present	Trustee 3-year	Chuck Langgood	Present
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Bob Webster	Excused
Faithful Purser	Abe Kassis	Present	Trustee 1-year	Bob Mitchell	Excused

Faithful Navigator Report

At the February Assembly Meeting, we approved the Meeting Minutes and the Faithful Navigator’s Report for January.

In February we had (1) Honor Guard:

- Fourth Degree Exemplification at St Monica.

New upcoming Honor Guards:

- April 22nd – All Saints – Devine Mercy – 5:00/4:15 show up
- April 23rd – All Saints – Devine Mercy – 10:30/9:45 show up
- April 29th – TBA
- May 7th – Mary Our Queen – Conformation – 11:00
- Nov. 19th – Fr. Bill Hao – Dedication of The Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Mission Church



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I ask once again that you please participate in as many Honor Guards as you can. We need each of you so we can make a spiritual showing for our Faith, Priests and our Assembly. Please re-member to support the other parishes and not just the one that you attend.

St. Andrews served a great dinner at our last meeting. We thank the Sir Knights for the work you gave to the Knights preparing a great dinner and for the hospitality for our Assembly. Great job!

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month. Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Linda Sperick, Ernie Spencer & family, Wiley Maloof, Bill Camp-bell's wife Linda, Mike Smith's daughter Courtney Hertel, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, Ron Collins wife Jackie, Msgr. Kiernan, Margaret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Mike Dorico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco, Mary Jo Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Jean, Joy Fahey, Peter Leibowitz, Deborah Blair, Jerry Lively, Norma Pierson, and Mary Cross, Gordon Stintz, Marty Dough, Danny Medina, Dennis Klein, Don Hauser, Ray Grupinski and Aidan Toolan, Judy Klein, Randy Hines.

We added Tom Drico, Harvey Moskowitz, Bob Lammers and James Ambrose.

Please keep these wonderful Brother Sir Knights and their family and friends in your prayers.

Please pray for our countries new leaders that they will lead us in the direction that our Lord asks of us. Please pray for the men and women in the military that are fighting for our freedom and religious rights and for all the Christian refugees in the Mid-East.

Please pray for the Clergy of our faith.

Items of Interest

Fourth Degree Exemplification



Please welcome our new "Sir Knight" Joe Thibadeau, as he became our newest member on February 25th at St. Monica Parish.

Joe progressed from 1st Degree to 4th Degree in less than a year and has become a very active part of the Knights.

Congratulations Joe!



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Elections for 2017-2018: Elections are coming up. If you are interested and an active member in the 4th degree and would like to become an officer, please give your name to one of the trustees or to me. If you have any questions or would like more information on a position, give the trustees or me a call or email.

Bob Webster – 770-335-6918 – bob.b.webster@gmail.com

Chuck Langgood – 770-992-8386 – clanggood@szabo.com

Bob Mitchell – 770-310-1760 – bobmitchellga@yahoo.com

Spring Picnic: The Social Committee (Chuck Langgood, Nick Mattera and Joe Inglima) are planning the Spring Picnic and will be announced.

Civic Award: The “Civic Award” for the State of Georgia has been submitted to State and Supreme for the current year of 2017-2017. We won this award in 2015-2016.

Patriotic Award: The “Patriotic Award” has also been submitted to State and Supreme for our current year 2016-2017. We also won this award in 2015-2016.

Star Assembly Award: The “Star Assembly Award” was submitted for our current year 2016-2017. We won the First ever Star Award in 2015-2016.

Knightline: We submitted our story on the “Military Chaplains Fund Drive” to Knightline.

Columbia Magazine: We also submitted our story to Columbia Magazine for the Military Chaplains Fund Drive.

Battle Cross Memorial: We are nearing the completion of construction for the “Battle Cross Memorial” in Johns Creek Veterans Park. The footing and the pedestal was completed this past week. The monument will be placed this week if the weather permits. A dedication will be announced for the unveiling in a few days. On the next page are some progress pictures.

The Battle Cross will sit atop the pedestal and stand a total 7’-1” high. An 18” x 14” Bronze Dedication plaque will be attached to the brick base. See Below

The monument will be installed this next week in the Johns Creek Newtown Park located at 3150 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek, to commemorate our fallen heroes. This is the fourth largest Veterans Park in the United States. We are honored that our monument was selected to be at the entry of the park.



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FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.

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Awards and Completed Projects for 2016-2017:

- Supreme Star Award
- State of Georgia Civic Award
- The Phoenix Patriot Foundation
- American Heritage Girls Troop 1412 & Wreaths Across America
- Fisher House
- 2nd Chalice Presentation this year. Fr. Roberto Suarez and honored our passed Sir Knight Brothers Richard (Doc) Malone, James Edward Lamb and Michael Nassr.
- Solders Battle Cross Memorial
- Golf Tournament for Veterans
- Military Chaplains Fund Drive
- Military Rosaries for the deployed to the Mid-East
- Veterans Dinner for the Mid-East Wars
- Sir Knights and Wives Appreciation Dinner
- First Annual Picnic

My Brother Sir Knights, you can be very proud of what you have accomplished this year. I thank you for the time and efforts you have contributed and doing what we are called to do as Sir Knights. You have gone above and beyond and you will be blessed and rewarded for your all your efforts.

Your time, talent and your treasure have been proven time and again that we are a great Assembly in the Knights of Columbus.

I thank you for all your help and the support you have given to make this happen. God bless and reward you all.

Please, don't forget to pay your membership dues as they are due on Jan.1st of each year. The dues are \$30.00 per year. Make your check out to "K of C 2688". Forty (40) of you have not paid at this time and it is a hardship on our Controller when you are late.

You can pay at our next meeting on March. 9th or send your check to David Mason, 5468 Red Bark Pl., Dunwoody, GA 30338

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Assembly meeting at All Saints at 6:15 for Rosary with dinner to follow. The meeting starts at 7:30 or a little before. God's blessings be with you all. Vivat Jesus

Respectfully,

William M. (Bill) Camden



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Faithful Purser Report – Abe Kassis

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 12.31.2016		\$ 26,873.16			
RECEIPTS					
50/50		\$ 88.00			
DONATION		\$ 87.00			
DUES		\$ 1,780.15			
FOOD DONATION		\$ 148.00			
SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 2,103.15	GOLF FUND		
		\$ 28,976.31	NET INCOME		\$ 15,899
EXPENSES					
DONATIONS					
BADGES		\$ (11.03)	FISHER HOUSE		\$ (2,500)
MEET FOOD/BEV		\$ (188.62)	PHOENIX FOUNDATION		\$ (2,000)
CHAPLIN FD		\$(10,000.00)	WREATHS ACROSS AMER		\$ (1,500)
SUPPLIES		\$ (14.97)	BATTLE CROSS		\$ (1,488)
BANK FEE		\$ (10.00)	TOTAL DONATIONS		\$ (7,488)
SUB TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (10,224.62)			
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 1.31.2017		\$ 18,751.69	BALANCE OF FUND TODATE		\$ 8,411
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/(EXPENSES)					
CHAPLIN FUND					
BADGES		\$ (8.03)	INCOME		
SUPPLIES		\$ (75.09)	MOQ		\$ 3,304
DUES		\$ 1,320.00	ST. ANDREW		\$ 1,841
SUPPLIES		\$ (189.17)	ALL SAINTS		\$ 5,133
			ALL SAINTS/MOQ (LOOSE CHANGE)		\$ 8
			DONARTION 50/50		55
TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$ 1,047.71	VARIOUS DONATIONS		<u>170</u>
CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 19,799.40	TOTAL INCOME		\$ 10,511
		2.09.2017	EXPENSES		\$ (10,487)
			NET FOR CHAPLIN FUND		\$ <u>24</u>

Faithful Comptroller Report—Dave Mason

1. Confirming checking account balance as of February 9, 2017 at \$19,799.40 with \$8,400.00 earmarked for Patriotic Donation.
2. Membership. We have 211 Sir Knights in our Assembly. We added added 7 SK from the November Exemplification. We had one transfer out (Crnkovich) and one death (O'Shaughnessy).
3. Next Fourth Degree Exemplification is on February 25, 2017 at St. Monica Catholic Church in Duluth GA. This will be a degree and lunch only. Candidates fees are \$70.00 plus \$10.00 for SK Badge. I need completed Form 4 and fees NLT February 16th. Please get candidate ready i.e he will need a TUX, etc



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4. ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP DUES are do now. Amount is \$30.00. Covers Assem-bly dues from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Make check payable to K of C # 2688. Mail check or bring to meeting. Or call me and I will meet you.

Mailing Address: David Mason
5468 Redbark Place
Dunwoody, GA 30338

Phone: (404) 386-1267

Email: davelmason46@gmail.com

5. Annual survey of Fraternal Activity for 2016

	2015	2016	
Volunteer/Charity Hours	3,827	6012	plus 57%
Charitable Disbursements	\$5,620	\$23,237	plus 331%

Fisher House
Phoenix Foundation
Wreaths Across America
Battle Cross, etc.

Also: 313 Hospital visits and 35 Bereaved visits.
We had a reply rate of 59%

Great job!

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

We received a “thank you” letter from Sir Knight Ed Pierson for our prayers for wife Norma. She is back home from the hospital and they await the results on the biopsy of her cancer mass. Harvey Moskowitz thanked us for the prayers for his recent blood disorder.

We had a “thank you” letter from the Friends of the Dunwoody Library for the donation of Sir Knight Walt Gauthier’s collection of 1300 DVD movies given them for sale at their site. Walt moved to retire in Massachusetts and could not take his collection. He also had 500 music CDs given to the Atlanta Assistance League for sale for their charities. He thanks us as well.

We got another “thank you” from the Wreathes Across America Foundation or the \$1,500 donation for their Marietta cemetery event.

Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

Hlad related that since All Saints has 61 deceased members, St. Andrew has 5, and Mary Our Queen has 1, that nearly all the widow activity will be at All Saints. That council continues to include the widows in all their events. Three widows played Bingo free of charge this month. The widows get newsletters. Our widow Mary Ann Delaria (Lehman) got a



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certificate of Appreciation at our Christmas Party for her food recycling from Publix and Kroger. We sent Christmas cards to the widows also this year.

Social Committee Report (FN)

Chuck Langgood noted there were no social events last month. He noted that we are starting to think about our Spring picnic event coming soon.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson not present- no change)

We lost another Assembly member, William O’Shaughnessy. He had been a Multiple Sclerosis sufferer for some time and was not able to make meetings any further. He was a member of St. Brendan Council in Cumming and declined to move to another Assembly when that split took place. We were not aware of his passing until long after it occurred.

Ed checked with Fr. Tim Hepburn regarding future seminarians to be ordained. He has the names of two who will be ordained next summer. Ed will try and get a recipient before that date. We have no new chalice candidates at this time.

- Presented to Fr. Ceballos, a chalice with the names:

Anthony Allan Kosek passed	12.25.2014	(All Saints)
Charles J. Robinson passed	12.30.2014	(St. Andrew)

- Presented to Father Roberto Suarez on Nov. 3rd.

James Edward Lamb passed	3.5.2015	(St. Andrew)
Richard (Doc) Malone passed	6.12.2015	(All Saints)
Michael A. Nassr passed	10.31.2015	(St. Andrew)

- Awaiting two more Chalices. (next budget cycle)

Dennis M. Crean passed	11.1.2015	(All Saints)
Fr. Joseph M. Peek passed	3.14.2016	(All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest)
Thomas Templeton passed	5.1.2016	(All Saints)
Guy E. Stryker passes	9.26.2016	(All Saints)
William O’Shaughnessy	1.11.2017	(St. Brendan)

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

Joseph Thibadeau of All Saints was read in. He later became a Sir Knight on February 25th.

Patriotism Report (FN)

Jon has arranged for us to meet with the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association to discuss an arrangement with them. This has been moved to a later date.

Color Corps Report (Stan Wasowski)

- The Color Guard schedule is listed in the Report of the Faithful Navigator.

Trustee Report (Bob Webster)

Bob was not present and there was no report.

Unfinished Business

The Assembly voted \$250 to the St. Faustina Rosary Guild for supplies, so that they can continue furnishing rosaries to the troops.

New Business

It was noted that the Fr. Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly was hosting the Vietnam Moving Wall to be visiting our area at the end of March in Johns Creek and we all need to go see it. Our Battle Cross will be unveiled at the entrance to the Newtown Park as well.





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Reports of the 3rd Degree

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Exemplified 1 new council brother at St. Jude last month.
- Our new Legio Christi second degree team exemplified four All Saints brothers and seven brothers of other councils to the 2nd degree.
- We honored Brother Bruce and Delina Malinoff as Family of the Month and presented a certificate.
- We honored our Sir Knight Bernie Marino as Knight of the Month and presented a certificate.
- We held a Fifth Sunday Rosary on Sunday Jan 31st with about 100 parishioners participating.
- We participated in a Mass for the Unborn at All Saints. Thanks for all participants in the honor guard. Our Chaplain Sir Knight Hugh Marren gave an impassioned sermon against abortion at that event.
- Many of our brothers participated in the parish baby bottle effort at the doors of the church.
- We managed the parking lot traffic for the Chinese New Year celebration at the new *Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Mission* in Norcross. Our Sir Knight Father Bill Hao is not shy about asking All Saints for help. We are establishing a roundtable at that mission to hopefully start a new council. They now have two of our members attending there and Father Hao is the third Knight.
- Our Sir Knight Bryan Kler managed a KofC Free Throw Tournament in our gym on Jan. 15th. Winners go on to the District Free Throw next month in our gym as well.
- Our council managed and staffed the downtown men's homeless shelter on January 8th.
- We held a Super Bowl Party in our Hall on our giant movie projection screen for thirty people.
- On January 26th we sponsored a Bingo night with 149 players including 3 widows. As always, half the profit went to the Marist Sophia Academy on Dresden Road.
- Several of our guys attended the St. Andrew Confirmation honor guard Jan. 29th.
- We published and sent out a 28 page Council newsletter.
- Our council acolyte teams again served all parish funerals in January.
- We continue to support four seminarians under the RSVP Program.
- We have 15 teams of members deeply involved in preparing for our Lenten Fish Fry.
- We donated: \$500 to our parish Jamaica Mission upcoming.

Mary Our Queen (Mike Baylot)

- December 18th they held their Santa Breakfast.
- Had a letter from Mike Nix (sp) who was a military chaplain and thanked for support.
- They will be celebrating the Fifth Sunday Rosary in support of that Knight Program.
- They supported the Living Rosary in December for the CCD Program at MOQ. The knights supplied the rosaries for the children.
- They are participating with the Coats for Kids Program along with St. Vincent de Paul.
- They lost a member Brother Obermire and he provided the information re the widow. The obituary is later in this document.



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St. Andrew (Mike Bagnulo)

Four major events :

- Bill Campbell is the chairman of our Food for the Needy Drives for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Over those two dates they provided over 170 meals in the St. Andrew and surrounding area. Bill has run this now for several years and it is very worthwhile and he does a tremendous job.
- On December 17th they held a 1st degree and got two new members. Chuck Langgood expanded that one of the candidates had autism and his father was a Knight who stood next to him through the entire ceremony. Chuck is the chairman of their membership committee. Their goal is ten new members this year. They already have eight and have two more identified.
- They held their Breakfast for Santa and had 80 to 85 kids for that.
- The parish has a Secret Santa Tree and they were able to donate 500 toys to needy kids mostly in downtown Atlanta. The Knights were very involved, especially their Chaplain Fr. Roy Lee.

Good of the Order

The Good of the Order was announced by the FN at the beginning of the meeting. Several additions were added at this time.

Split the Pot

Jerry Cross won the \$47 award.

Attendance Award

Mike Schaaf's name was picked, but he was not present.

Meeting End

FN told a couple of jokes as usual. Deacon Bill McKenzie gave a closing prayer. The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:15 PM.



COLONEL JOHN PAUL OBERMIRE
RETIRED

07/19/1932 - 01/07/2017



Life Legacy	Service Schedule	Tribute Wall	Share Via Email
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Colonel John Paul Obermire Retired, age 84 of Norcross, GA, passed away on January 7, 2017. John served in the U.S. Army from 1953 – 1984 and retired as a Colonel and having served during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, since 1996, where he was a former church lector and was active in his Bible study. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother. Col. Obermire is survived by his wife of 63 years, Billie Obermire; daughters; Irene Berridge, Dianna Poetker (Henry), Kathryn VerSoy, Tericia Rasmussen (Tom), Debora Graham, and Sandra Jenkins (John); 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Francis Obermire; and sisters, Mary, Karen, Cheryl and Brenda. A funeral mass will be held Monday, January 9th, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, with a reception to follow. The family will receive friends Sunday, January 8th, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Flowers are accepted or donations may be made to Mary Our Queen Catholic Church or Catholic Relief Services. Please sign the online guestbook at www.crowellbrothers.com. Arrangements entrusted to Crowell Brothers Funeral Homes and Crematory, 5051 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. (770)448-5757.

Mary Our Queen lost a member.
Memento Mori



Watters Assembly Fosters Heritage Girls Troop

At the recent Fr. Charles Watters 4th degree Assembly Meeting held at St. Andrew Parish, the Assembly invited Heritage Girls Troop 1412 to attend and receive a check for \$1500 to honor deceased veterans. Shown here is the result of this donation honoring Veterans Day. The girls decorated Marietta graves of fallen soldiers during ceremonies in which Sir Knights attended.



Watters Assembly Veterans Monument Planned



Sir Knights Stan Wasowski and Bill Camden model a plaque purchased by the Fr. Charles Watters Fourth Degree Assembly to grace the monument for our veterans to be built in the Johns Creek Memorial Park. The plaque will be part of a display featuring a standing rifle, helmet, and boots memorializing a deceased soldier at the entrance of the park. The park already contains a bench dedicated to Fr. Charles J. Watters, medal of honor winner.

Mass for the Unborn

