



## Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2007 Held at St. Brigid

**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.

**Roll Call:**

Faithful Captain	Rick Langheim	Present	Faithful Friar	Msgr. Hugh Marren	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Ernie Spencer	Present	Inner Sentinel	Benny Mastrogiovanni	Excused
				Bill Lusk	Excused
Faithful Pilot	Angelo Sampano	Present	Outer Sentinel	Jim Rainsford	Present
				Kirby Baden	Present
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.

**Faithful Purser Report and Bills and Communications Report**

Sir Knight Rick Nielson reported there were two bills to be yet paid – CallingPost for \$110 and the food bill for that evening to Rich Langheim. The checkbook balance as of 12/1 was \$1,946. Food payments of \$160 to Tom Hoover for refreshments, deposits of \$28, changed that number to \$1,814. The \$47 credit from Supreme raises our total further to about \$1,862.

**Faithful Comptroller**

Sir Knight Heald reported that he had received added funds from member dues in the amount of \$2,375 which was fantastic for that early in the year. That equates to 57% of members paid—way above last year. He said there was \$780 paid for the new member dinner and \$14 from split the pot. One bill for \$117 in postage for the dues request letter.

**Applications**

None

**Fourth Degree Reports**

**Commander Report**

Joe Noa reported that an Honor Guard is being request by Master Herb Broughton for a Special Olympic event on January 19th. All Assemblies are invited and our Assembly will be sending a couple of brothers.



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### **Patriotic Committee**

Urban Rump reported that he had been at the Veterans Hospital and they had held a six-month review of where they stood. They are holding a stand-down on May 19th and our Assembly could be actively involved. The location is currently unknown. Unfortunately, that is the same weekend as the St. Brigid yard sale.

About \$50 million of remodeling and renovation construction is being done at the Veterans Hospital --- modernizing patient's wards on three floors, renovating the mental patient ward, building a research modular building, renovating the dental clinic, and doubling the size of the congested front parking lot. They are also trying to take over the deactivated hospital at Fort McPherson to greatly increase their facilities at minimum expense. This will be by 2011.

We are still collecting books, magazines, and clothing for that facility.

### **Communications**

No report.

### **Religious Committee**

Chuck Langgood brought up that a proposed Sunday morning father/son or daughter communion breakfast was still being considered. It could be held at All Saints, St. Andrew, or St. Brigid. It would be very simple. We would be recognized at Mass, we would sit in a cordoned-off area, and coffee, juice, and doughnuts would follow Mass.

A show of hands demonstrated interest in the idea. He will continue and investigate a possible date.

### **Welfare Committee**

Guy Stryker passed a greeting card around the room for Ed Krise and his two-year diaconate anniversary. Guy asked if anyone else needed a card and the names of Bob Morrell and Ralph Stinson's wife Mary were offered.

### **Entertainment Committee**

Sean O'Neill reported that the welcome dinner for new knights would be held that Saturday at St. Andrew at 7:30 PM and that 50 people had signed up so far. Master Herb Broughton is scheduled to speak. Grilled steak and shrimp are being served.

Faithful Navigator Klein mentioned that although tuxedos were requested, no brother should fail to attend should he be more comfortable in a regular suit. Those wearing tuxedos should wear social baldrics, especially since Herb Broughton would be there.

The Founder's Day Ball on March 31st was again discussed. The ballroom at the Doubletree Roswell on Holcomb Bridge and 400 seats 130 people. The price is \$50 per person (\$100/couple). Thirty nine couples (78 people) would cover the cost of the meal, and an additional 15 couples (30 people) cover the band. So, 54 couples (108 people) make a breakeven situation with room for an additional 11 couples. If an extraordinary demand arises, the entire double ballroom could possibly be rented for lots more space. Food would probably be prime rib, salmon, or chicken oscar --- something very nice.



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Brother O'Neill made a motion that we would reserve the room for \$300 using the budgeted funds for entertainment. This money would be refunded to the council from the proceeds. The motion was passed. The half ballroom would cost \$3000 and a full ballroom would cost \$6,000. We are awaiting interest from the Divine Mercy Assembly and our own member councils. FN Klein will be making calls to gauge interest. Applause was given for Sean O'Neill for all his hard work.

### Unfinished Business

Phil Coty was awarded his fourth degree certificate and badge to applause.

Ernie Spencer was awarded his Past Faithful Navigator medal for his tuxedo.

### New Business

The name picked for the \$50 savings bond attendance award was finally deciphered to be Benny Mastrogiovanni, but he was not present and no bond was awarded.

### Split-the-pot was won by Jack Klapka.

A hand of applause was given to Tom Hoover for another great meal and his official fourth degree badge was presented to him.

### No Trustee Report

### 3rd Degree Reports

St. Benedict – No report. It is known that they held a social in Duluth.

### St. Brigid –

- Held a successful "Breakfast for Santa."
- Five U-Hauls filled with presents were distributed.
- Bishop Gregory was recruited to speak at a council meeting. He is again scheduled for an April event that is a cross-ministry event among the knights and other church groups.
- Held a third degree and chased off a deacon who did not understand the decoy placement and left after the second degree. Not sure what to do about these regrettable situations.

### St. Monica –

- No member present, but Joe Noa reported that St. Monica Council is challenged to build an adoration chapel. Joe admonished us to reach out. They are revamping the council and Father Jack Durkin is very supportive of the Knights.
- Lou Hlad added that they are very active and their Deputy Grand Knight Larry Kozlowski is keeping us informed on their events. They are holding an art auction at Notre Dame Academy and council hockey events and regularly manning concessions at the Gwinnett Arena to earn money. Rick Sisko suggested that we possibly hold an event on their turf to get them involved, since we have 17 members from that council.



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### St. Brendan – Grand Knight Bill O’Shaughnessy reporting

- Held their Dec 2nd Breakfast with St. Nick using a professional St. Nick. It was very successful. This was their second such event and the children are starting to recognize St. Nick rather than Santa. 350 people attended.
- Sold Keep Christ in Christmas cards and made \$300.
- Manned the parking lot on Christmas Eve
- Sealed and restriped the parking lot and made handicapped spaces.

### All Saints – Grand Knight Crnkovich reporting

- All Saints held “Desserts with Santa”, Council Christmas Party, and hosting lighting of parish Creche Party.
- Council hosted two nights at the homeless shelter downtown at Immaculate Conception and Central Presbyterian. Nine knights stayed all night with the 100 homeless men to serve as waiters, companions, and monitors in the two adjacent facilities.
- We have instituted a periodic “Wear Your Badges Sunday” where the knights troop their colors at Sunday mass to get visibility for the council.

We have six Knight acolytes serving Mass on the altar as well.

- We had seven honor guards at a special parish mass honoring the late Gerald Ford.
- Raised \$1,000 for the Interfaith Outreach Home in Doraville from Christmas Card Sales. We sold 245 boxes and 76 car magnets.

### St. Andrew –

- Served 25 families with Christmas turkeys and food baskets for the same families as the Thanksgiving food.
- Sold 300 cookie tins to raise money (made \$2,000)
- Hosting a Southern Catholic College Scholarship fund event
- Planning a golf tournament for the Spring.
- December 2nd – successful car raffle earned \$7,500 for the council
- January 16th – Holding a First Degree

### Around the Table Comments

Jon Bird mentioned that an income tax deduction may be obtained for those who have actively served in the armed forces. All veterans should check out the IRS web site if they have a DD214 Form showing their active service.

Dennis Klein advised that he had received an email from Massachusetts that sounded like a fraudulent request for charity funds for Nicaragua children from someone who had presented himself as a knight.

### Good of the Order

- Ron Stinson’s wife, Mary
- Charlie Robinson – colon operation
- Ken Douglas – heart problems
- Dennis Klein asked for continued prayers for his niece who has breast cancer, but whose tumors have shrunk.
- Guy Stryker – artery blockage



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- Bob Morell- chemo
- Tom Scherrer
- Ron Rigby
- David McAlister

Mike Klimshuk gave us a very positive update on his latest doctor's report regarding his chemo. Applause followed.

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