



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2007

Held at All Saints

Total attendance: 35

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Rick Langheim

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:30 PM with the usual introductory prayers and ceremonials, followed by the officer roll call. The minutes were read and approved.

Roll Call:

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

Faithful Navigator

The new Faithful Navigator, Rick Langheim, presided over his first Assembly meeting. There was no formal FN report.

Faithful Purser Report

Sir Knight Rich Nielson reported that he had received two bills -- one from Dennis Klein for liquor (laughter followed) -- actually for officer awards and one for the fine meal just served (applause followed). The starting monthly balance was \$4,092, the bills totaled \$205, minor receipts including membership dues of \$59, bring the total to \$3,946. With the \$15 credit from Supreme, the final true balance for the past fiscal year was \$3,962. The Faithful Purser noted that this was very typical compared to previous years. The FN then mentioned that there was still an unknown line item outstanding for the Officer Installation event to be deducted from this amount. The amount would be reported to the FN by email as soon as tabulated..

Faithful Comptroller

Sir Knight Heald was not present. No report.

Committee Reports

Commander Report

Commander Joe Noa's report had no report of activity.

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump was in Houston and not present due to the passing of his brother. A special prayer would be added later to the "Good of the Order". Sir Knight Rich Nielson mentioned that a collection for the Fulton Sheen prayer books had continued in his absence and had raised \$550.



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Communications

Sir Knight Geary Beulieu had no report, but the FN noted that he had been very busy sending out communications, including those for the Officer's Installation. It was noted that 30 to 35 email addresses are bad and major updates are being made to our lists. The FN asked if anyone has not been receiving email in the last 30 days. Ernest Spencer noted that he is not receiving communications. This will be investigated. The FN noted that the ATT/Bellsouth merger had caused some problems with email addresses being wiped out.

Religious Committee

Chuck Langgood reported that he is still working on the Parent/Child communion breakfast concept. He would like either that Mass event or a speech by one of our priests, possibly a speech by our Faithful Friar on the new book by Pope Benedict entitled "Jesus of Nazareth." Another possibility would be a retreat, provided it would not conflict with the All Saints August 25th retreat to which all members are invited.

Welfare Committee

Guy Stryker had no report.

Entertainment Committee

Sean O'Neill had no report.

Communications

The FN reported that he had received a very detailed four-page outline from Master Herb Broughton of the agenda for the fourth-degree exemplification to be held October 13th. He noted that the biggest change was a location move from the Airport Westin Hotel to the Airport Marriott Hotel. Another change was that the ladies luncheon was changed to a wine and cheese reception. He promised a summary bulletin would be sent out to the councils.

The FN also noted that it was crucial that we get a good number of candidates this year because of the creation of a new Assembly that could take many of our members. Sir Knight Rick Sisko, the Georgia State Advocate, was present and confirmed that the new Assembly creation was indeed going forward. Three of the six councils in our Assembly are slated to be moved to the new Assembly, although individuals retain the option of staying in this Assembly if desired. Nevertheless, this is a great challenge.

The FN mentioned that he would like to visit the three remaining councils, All Saints, St. Andrew, and St. Brigid to give a presentation regarding the importance of becoming a member of Watters.

Applications

None.



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Unfinished Business

The Officer's Installation is scheduled for July 21st at St. Brigid. Grand Knight George Yourick and the FN of St. Brigid have decided to hold a combined Assembly/Council installation to acquaint his members with the Assembly, ease scheduling, and split the cost.

Rick Sisko stated that Assembly elections are coming up soon. An officer nominating committee has been formed that consists of Al Garofalo, Andy Diaz, Guy Stryker, and Rick Sisko.

The FN wishes to schedule an officer's meeting in the next 30 days and put together an agenda with some meat to it.

Trustee Report

Sir Knight Rich Nielson reminded them that an annual report is due very shortly. He had a sample of the Form.

New Business

Split the pot of \$36 was won by Benny Mastrogiovanni who did not pick his own ticket.

The attendance award was not given due to a mixup. There will be two such awards next meeting.

3rd Degree Reports

All Saints – GK Greg Crnkovich reported:

- Officer's Installation was held immediately after the parish 12:15 Mass in the church with reception following in the Social Hall.
- All 7 previous Grand Knights of All Saints were honored (including Rick Sisko) and eight couples observing either their 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries within an eighteen month period were honored, as well as Fr. Dan McCormick celebrating his 50th year as a priest.
- The All Saints Council "Santa Maria" replica float also won first prize in the Dunwoody Salute to America 4th of July parade viewed by an estimated 25,000 people.

St. Brigid – Grand Knight-elect George Yourick reported:

- St. Brigid will host the Georgia State Grand Knights Meeting on July 9th and welcomed all to their coming Council meetings.

St. Andrew - Past Grand Knight Chuck Langgood reported:

- Their upcoming installation Mass and scheduled First Degree Exemplification.
- They also have a scheduled October 15th Golf Tournament at Windemere.



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St. Brendan –

- Reiterated their \$550 dollar donation to the Fulton Sheen Foundation.
- Their successful garage sale which netted over \$8,000
- They have a target of \$10,000 to aid the parish debt reduction aided by an August 6th Golf tournament at the Hamptons.

St. Monica - had no official report, but it was noted that they have qualified as a Double Star council and they led the State in attendance increase.

St. Benedict - Joe Noa reported:

- They are finishing up the expansion of the church facilities and the Knights are deeply involved. He also disclosed that the previously undisclosed amount of the council donation to the church was \$27,000.
- Angelo Sampano has worked tirelessly to bring Pastor Father Flood into becoming a steadfast backer of the Knights. There has been a great turnaround and an Honor Guard will accompany the Bishop during the dedication of the new facilities on August 10th.

The meeting ended with some words from Rick Sisko about the meetings being planned by the new Georgia State Council Officers and State Deputy Dan Baker's decision to change the State Officer jackets from the previous green to black.

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order prayers at 8:45.