



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2008

Held at All Saints

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Guy Stryker

The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. The minutes had previously been emailed to the membership due to the excused absence of the Faithful Scribe on vacation. A motion was made by Dennis Klein to the Faithful Navigator, Guy Stryker, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was approved and the notes were approved as transmitted.

Roll Call:

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| Faithful Captain | Greg Crnkovich | Present | Faithful Friar | Msgr. Hugh Marren | |
| Faithful Admiral | Rick Langheim | Present | Inner Sentinels | Benny Mastrogiovanni | |
| | | | | Jack Klapka | |
| Faithful Pilot | Abe Kassis | Present | Outer Sentinel | Ed Pierson | |
| Faithful Comptroller | Bob Heald | Present | Trustee 3-year | Dennis Klein | Present |
| Faithful Scribe | Lou Hlad | Excused | Trustee 2-year | Ernie Spencer | |
| Faithful Purser | Rich McKenzie | | Trustee 1-year | Rick Sisko | |

Faithful Navigator Report

FN asked if there were any bill or communications. PFN Rick Langheim announced that the Watters Assembly had just received a Civic Award for “Outstanding implementation of patriotic programming faithful to the principles of the 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus.” It was signed by the Supreme Knight and the Supreme Chaplain. Applause followed.

FN humbly mentioned that the award really belonged to the past administration under Rick Langheim and not the present one.

Comptroller Report

Faithful Comptroller Bob Heald announced that the current membership stood at 163 which was one more than last year at this time.

Purser Report

Abe Kassis reported that the opening June 1 checking balance was \$4633. Monthly expenses of \$1,066 and monthly income of \$488 brought the June 30th balance to \$4,064. This included all Veterans Fund items in the same checking account.

The expenses were—Bob Heald \$300, Rich Nielson \$50, Raffle prize \$100, VA Volunteers \$200, USO \$200, Attendance Award \$25, Chalice engraving \$95, Check Printing \$96. Total of \$1,066.

Receipts were -- \$460 raffle and \$28 from split-the-pot. Total of \$488.

Breaking out the Veterans Fund, the balance started at \$1273, less a second raffle prize of \$100, a gift of \$200 to the VA volunteers, less a \$200 gift to the USO, leaving a balance of \$1033. Another \$200 of that has already been earmarked for shipping golf balls to Iraq.



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Faithful Navigator Report

FN announced that he believed that rising costs of everything would require that we increase our annual dues by \$5. It was mentioned that the by-laws do not allow this. FN asked that we think about alternatives and/or possibly move to change the by-laws.

FN announced that Joe Noa had resigned as Assembly Commander and that he had appointed Bob Mitchell as a replacement.

Bob Mitchell rose to introduce himself and added that he is updating the Honor Guard records. He will be keeping close tabs on hours served for yearly reports we provide. He passed out information sheets to the members present. He promised not to hound members to participate, but would meet with Grand Knights and council primary contacts to increase participation and gather information regarding potential participants.

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump has found a replacement for his position, David Lemcoe. Dave is a graduate of West Point and attended the recent USO event. Applause followed. Rump announced that Civic Award just announced was the second in a row for the Assembly.

Rump then announced that he had received a letter from the VA volunteers regarding the \$200 donation and also received a letter from the USO for that \$200 donation. They will be contacting us regarding future assignments.

Raffle Committee

The third raffle was held and the winner of \$100 was Mike Will.

Membership Committee

Rick Langheim announced that he, Rick Sisko, and Bob Heald will consist of the new membership committee. Noting that the next exemplification is October 18th, they will make the rounds of the Councils and bring back a report at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

None



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New Business

Bob Heald announced that he was passing out a copy of the new budget that compared last year expenses and variances for last year. The variance last year was \$176 less than anticipated spent. He went through it line by line and these are the highlights.

Every year we try to start the year with a balance of \$3,000. Dues come in during the first quarter. Actions are taken against non-payers in third quarter. Eight members have not paid. The membership committee will contact them.

Revenue is down this year due to transfers to the new Cumming Assembly. More transfers will probably occur. We do have another Council assigned to our Assembly (Fr. Ken Beyer Council of St. Patrick Church.) They only have 6 or 7 Assembly members, however.

The Founder's Day Ball has been budgeted at \$5,000 cost and revenue both. The Patriotic Raffle starts with \$280 tickets sold. The budget was presented and will be voted at the August meeting. Postage has increased, but newsletters are now electronic. The raffle brought in \$2400 when \$4000 was anticipated.

A question to the Master who was present confirmed that Watters has four Councils – All Saints, St. Andrew, St. Brigid, and St. Patrick. The Master asked for prayers for former Master Sal D'Amboise. If 200 candidates come to the next 4th degree exemplification, the Master's staff will shave their heads. Watters have a goal of 14 new members. The Desoto province that includes Georgia was second in membership growth to a New Mexico Province. The web site with exemplification prices and times are on gakofc4th.org.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Greg Crnkovich)

- Mass of Recognition for 35 couples wed over 50 years.
- Built a mural wall for Sister Sullivan of Sullivan Center for kids to paint.
- Donated \$500 to All Saints Vacation Bible School.
- Deacon Egan has recruited us to clean out an overgrown cemetery in Sparta, GA.
- Held a second degree for 17 candidates and participated in the Fourth of July Dunwoody Parade.

St. Andrew (Dennis Klein)

- Grand Knight held a cookout at his house for fish fry volunteers.
- Knights assisted at a dinner and raffle for Fr. Simon of Africa. Raffle raised \$150,000.



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St. Brigid (George Yourick)

- Election of officers was held.
- Council picnic in August.
- Their Fish Fry will be hosted by St. Brigid Knights for the first time.
- All Saints will help with advice.
- Seven new knights at the last degree.
- Deacon Egan and Archbishop Donoghue will perform the officer installation.

Good of the Order

- Sal D'Ambrosio
- Tim Russell
- Kirby Baden
- Red Clement
- Lou Phibidou,
- Al Chicarelli
- John Barocca, and
- a special intention

Awards

Split-the Pot - Winner's name not heard on tape. Please advise Faithful Scribe.

Attendance Award – Ron Collins – 50 dollar bond equivalent

Closing prayer ended the meeting. Length was 1 hour and 20 minutes.

The Assembly officer installation followed the meeting.