



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2007

Held at All Saints

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Dennis Klein

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	Rick Langheim	Present	Faithful Friar	Msgr. Hugh Marren	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Ernie Spencer	Present	Inner Sentinel	Benny Mastrogiovanni	Present
				Bill Lusk	Excused
Faithful Pilot	Angelo Sampano	Excused	Outer Sentinel	Jim Rainsford	Excused
				Kirby Baden	Excused
Faithful Comptroller	Bob Heald	Excused	Trustee 3-year	Rick Sisko	Excused
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Guy Stryker	Excused
Faithful Purser	Rich Nielson	Present	Trustee 1-year	Andy Diaz	Present

Faithful Navigator

The Faithful Navigator thanked everyone for the exemplary job they did of attending meetings and thanked the officers for their help during his term. He predicted that Rick Langheim would do an extraordinary job as the new Faithful Navigator. Applause followed.

The Faith Navigator went on to relate that he had received a letter ostensibly from a member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation. He is proposing the construction of a museum and used some Fr. Charles J. Watters references in asking for funds. It stated that if the museum was not built, the money would be used for other charitable purposes. They have already been turned down by the Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation, the Ronald Reagan Charitable Office, and the fund does not seem legitimate.

Faithful Purser Report

Sir Knight Rich Nielson reported that there was only one bill received for the food for the meeting. Applause for the fine meal followed and Sir Knight Benny Mastrogiovanni explained that the applause should go to his wife Bridget. Nielson then reported that the June 1st balance was \$4,451 and after minor expenses and inputs was now \$4,339.

Faithful Comptroller - No report.



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Committee Reports

Commander Report

Commander Joe Noa reported that the Honor Guard had been very busy doing all the events that had just been read in the minutes of the previous meeting and also had an Honor Guard for the going away of Father Viermo Gordo who was reassigned from the Cathedral to Blairsville. He offered that this turned out to be a very nice event.

The Faithful Navigator added that the Assembly had been gifted a sword by member Richard xxxx from a friend. It was be used as a spare or an ornament. It was thought to be quite old. Someone joke that it had 1776 printed on it. Laughter followed.

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump reported he doesn't need any more golf equipment as those delivery channels have dried up. He still wants books and magazines for the Veteran's Hospital.

He reported that St. Brendan's will have a parish wide fundraiser for the Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation to furnish prayer books for soldiers on July 1st.

The FN added that Urban has filled out two applications for awards for patriotic programs done by the Assembly.

Communications - No report.

Religious Committee

Chuck Langgood reported that the father son/daughter breakfast was being moved to the Fall.

Welfare Committee - No report.

Entertainment Committee - No report.

Applications - No new applications.

New Business

The meeting moved on toward the main article of business which was the election of new officers for the 2007-2008 Fraternal Year.

The office of Faithful Navigator was done separately and hearing no other nominations,

Faithful Navigator - Rick Langheim was elected with one vote cast.



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Asking if there were any other nominations for any other office, and hearing none, these positions were filled by acclamation:

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

The meeting was then turned over to the new Faithful Navigator for the purpose of selecting the winner of the Savings Bond which was Ken Brook. The split-the-pot was won by Joe Noa in the amount of \$34 and \$34 for the Assembly.

Deacon Ray Egan then gave a report on the Eucharistic Congress. There were about 120 Honor Guard in a tremendous showing. It was a very successful Congress estimated at 25,000 people and it took up to 50 minutes for the procession to conclude. About 7,000 to 10,000 people attended evening Mass. There were more Hispanics this year than Anglos.

A young man with no arms played a guitar with his feet. Some demonstrators were chanting "no hope with the pope" and were removed.

No Trustee Report

3rd Degree Reports

All Saints – Greg Crnkovich

- Greg reported a barbeque for 175 people on Memorial Day and then another barbeque for 40 graduating high school seniors.
- Tootsie Roll drive was very successful with about \$1500 profit.
- Another one to be held in the Fall. All Saints will be a Star Council and probably a Double Star Council this year.
- Two attended the state convention.
- All Saints won the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign this year.



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St. Brigid – Rick Langheim

- Rick reported that George Urick will replace him as Grand Knight.
- They also expect to achieve Star Council.
- They held an Altar Server Appreciation Mass and a monthly prayer breakfast.
- Also the 2nd Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents.

St. Andrew – Chuck Langgood

- St. Andrew has 4 participants in the state convention.
- Held a 1st degree in June with another scheduled for July.
- He encouraged all to view the new Stations of the Cross along the River when the meeting moves there.

St. Brendan – Bill O'Shaughnessy

- Bill reported their attendance at the state convention and that the new State Deputy Dan Baker has selected St. Michael the Archangel as the new emblem.
- They attended the Special Olympics but it was not handicap-accessible to his dismay.
- They are working on their garage sale.
- Held a 1st degree. Held weekend retreat at the monastery of Holy Spirit.
- The new Grand Knight will be Bill Lusk.

St. Monica –

- Honor Guard at St. Monica.
- Ten new candidates for 1st degree.
- Project to rebuild a brother's home about half done.
- Donated \$500 to a fund for the troops overseas.
- Donated wine for a dinner with speaker on Champions of Faith.
- Have signed Form 4's for nine new Sir Knights to join our Assembly with possibly more.
- Starting an auto auction.

St. Benedict –

- Donating a large amount of money to the parish embellished by an auto raffle Social on Monday.
- Parish is finishing a large expansion and the Council will provide three flags and memorials in a new courtyard with a garden in September with an Honor Guard.

Ernie Spencer asked whether it was true that a new Assembly will be formed in the area and possibly three of our Councils will be put into that new Assembly. Individual members may, of course, stay in this Assembly. Everything is rumor and more information must be obtained.

Deacon Ray made an impassioned plea to send our troops some of the prayer books from the Fulton Sheen Foundation.



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Rick Langheim took over the gavel and ended the meeting an announcement of the Formal Officer Initiation at St. Brigid on July 21st and ended with the usual ceremonials.