



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2008

Held at St. Brigid

Total attendance: 30

Presiding officer: State Advocate, Rick Sisko (substituting for Faithful Navigator, Rick Langheim)

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:40 PM with the usual ceremonials and a call to order. The minutes were read and accepted.

Roll Call:

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

Faithful Navigator Report

None.

Bills and Communications and also Purser Report

Faithful Comptroller Bob Heald reported receiving three bills--\$105 for food, stamps for \$41, and stationary from Supreme for \$58. He reported a balance of \$3,174, less the three new bills bringing it to \$2,970. He has collected about \$600 in dues to be added to the total and expects the next financial report by the Faithful Purser to be very favorable.

Faithful Purser

Skip.

Faithful Comptroller

SK Bob Heald then noted that we started with 172 members, lost one to a transfer to the new Assembly, and lost SK Gordy Hurt to death, bringing us to 170. Six members have not paid and will be removed from the roles bringing us to 164.



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Committee Reports

Entertainment Committee

Sean O'Neill announced that he had heard through an indirect telephone conversation that the Founder's Day Ball had been canceled by FN Rick Langheim. He had not heard this directly from him. O'Neill was under the impression that Faithful Purser Rich Nielson had already delivered a \$500 check to the DoubleTree Hotel.

The question was raised whether we could get the money back. Faithful Comptroller said that the contract had not been signed and he felt it probably was returnable. He felt that the decision to cancel was probably made between Nielson and Langheim, and they would be the ones to report on its status. O'Neill deferred to them on this matter since he was not involved in the transfer, didn't know the hotel staffers, and didn't know the particulars behind the decision to cancel.

Rick Sisko will contact Rick Langheim and confirm the Ball is canceled and inquire about the status of the \$500 check to DoubleTree.

Raffle Committee

Al Garofalo reported that he, Dennis Klein, and Urban Rump were managing that effort. The intent is to raise \$4,000 every year through the sale of 200 tickets at \$20 each. Starting in May, every month a drawing for \$100 would be held, winner need not be present, and winning ticket goes back into the pot for next drawing. With yearly prize money of \$1,200, the profit would be \$2,800 to go to patriotic causes. Tickets are sold only to Knights, family, and friends. No effort to sell these to general public will be made to avoid problems.

Urban Rump is distributing a group of tickets to each member council via officers present. An effort to sell these at Council meeting should be made. Urban Rump is keeping track of who has been allotted tickets.

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump reported that he attended the Veteran's Day Recognition Lunch at the VA hospital along with the DAR and donated clothing. He recently received two letters of recognition for the Assembly. He collected another \$20 to go with the \$22 he collected previously for the Wounded Warrior Project. He will send it when he gets about \$50 total. In the future donations will come from the new raffle rather than passing the hat every meeting.

Commander Report

Commander Joe Noa reported that he has had to cancel some commitments for Honor Guards (notably at the Cathedral) because of inadequate response. He needs four to six people for a proper showing. He noted that he has not been using CallingPost voice mails because of the added time constraints over emails. He will update his email lists because he fears they are outdated. He appealed for greater representation.

Communications

No report.



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Religious Committee

No report.

Welfare Committee

No report.

Applications

None at this time, but several expected from the April 12th Fourth Degree. Joe Noa noted that he had a candidate, David Oshinsky who wished go through the ceremony with his father and join our Assembly. Paperwork and instructions to be sent to Noa.

Trustee Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Al Garofalo asked the Assembly if they would reconsider giving this year's chalice to a new young priest from Columbia in the honor of recently deceased Gordy Hurt. We had at the last meeting promised a chalice to a Father Simon of Ghana on his 25th anniversary.

A vigorous discussion regarding the by-laws followed and resulted in a decision to give out two chalices this year rather than renege on our previous commitment. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to buy another chalice. The second chalice would bear the name of Gordon Hurt.

New Business

None

3rd Degree Reports

All Saints – DGK Lou Hlad reported the loss of two brothers (John O'Shea and Gordy Hurt) in a period of five weeks, their 22nd and 23rd Council deaths. Both had funeral honor guards and he thanked those from St. Brigid and St. Andrew who participated.

- Their fish Frys are going very well and averaging over 900 meals per night.
- A first degree with seven candidates from three councils was held. Father Paul Hatchey of the Archdiocese became a first-degree knight.
- A rush second degree with 34 candidates was held in order to send those folks over to the third degree at St. Monica the next week. GK Bob Langstine of St. Monica was very appreciative.



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St. Andrew –

- Also reported a very successful fish fry.
- They sent altar servers to a hockey game.
- They also noted some right-to-life activities.

St. Brendan – no report.

St. Brigid – GK George Yourick reported:

- They were gearing up for a gala St. Patrick's Day Party with a live band and singers and good food. All invited for \$40 each.
- They will hold a men's prayer breakfast for about 70 people.
- They purchased for \$7500 two golf carts for the priest to travel between church and rectory. KofC symbols are on both.

St. Monica –no report.

St. Benedict –No report

Split-the-Pot was won by Dennis Klein for \$24 each.

Good of the Order – none.

The meeting ended in just under an hour with the usual ceremonials.