



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2008 Held at St. Andrew

Members present: 30

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Guy Stryker

The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. Deacon Ray Egan served as the Chaplain. The minutes of the last meeting were not read. The Faithful Scribe was behind in transcribing of the recordings. They will be coming soon.

Roll Call:

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

Faithful Navigator Report

Guy Stryker called on Deacon Ray Egan to talk about the Diocesan Cemetery cleanup project in Sparta, GA. to start off the meeting. There are five old cemeteries under the control of the Diocese dating from the 1800's. He gave a short history of them all.

Deacon has organized three workdays to cut their way into the over 100-year-old overgrown 2 and 1/2 acre Sparta plot and about a third is still undone. He has applied for a grant. The work crews have uncovered 4 graves. The plan is to use ground penetrating radar to find more and mark them. The work is done for the summer. Too hot. He will request other councils to assist and work will begin as the weather permits again.

He asks that the State Officers start a program to get Councils to adopt cemeteries to clean the old cemeteries and start a trust fund to maintain them perpetually. The Diocese has a cemetery web site and he is still embarrassed by Sparta.

The FN asked for a hearty thank-you to the chef for a great meal. He thanked everyone for the prayers and outlined the physical therapy for his shoulder replacement.

He presented Rick Langheim with his former FN service pin.

Bills and Communications

Bob Heald reported that he had received two bills, one for graphic engraving (\$23) and one for the evening meal (\$111). He received \$49 from the drinks and a check for \$70 from Matt Filla's exemplification and another \$70 exemplification check. He also reported that they received a \$25 dues check for last year from the wife of Jim Taylor who is suffering from Alzheimers.

Comptroller Report

Bob Heald reported that the current membership is 153 on the books—way down from the year beginning. But ten new exemplifications bring it back to 163.



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Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening October 1 checking balance was \$3475. Monthly expenses of \$1,479 and monthly income of \$1,105 brought the October 31st balance to \$3,101. Broken down by funds in the same checking account---raffle fund was \$1,178, golf ball fund was \$85, and the general fund was \$1,838 for a total of \$3,101.

Patriotic Committee

Dave Lemcoe asked if everyone had seen the short touching clip "Revilie" transmitted to all members with the previous minutes. He also alerted everyone to the clip on the West Point graduating class that went to war after 9/11 that was to be sent. Lemcoe reminded everyone that Tuesday February 3rd was the date set aside for the Assembly to greet the troops at the Atlanta Airport from 7:30 AM until 2 PM. Wear comfortable shoes.

Urban Rump reported that he had attended the 9-11 ceremony and read all the names of the victims for three hours. He also reported that the CDC has really transformed themselves since that tragedy.

Religious and Entertainment Committee Chairman Needed!

The FN asked for volunteers. None yet.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell asked Rick Langheim to fill in for his report. Rick introduced John Baker to talk about the casket Honor Guard for Father Kinny. Baker reported there were six shifts of three hours of men from our DeSoto Province ranging from about twenty and then with the 2 AM to 5 AM shift having 4 men. There were 7 for the funeral Mass.

Rick thanked everyone who was part of the 15 man Honor Guard who turned out for the 10th anniversary celebration of St. Brigid Parish. A few days later there was another fine turnout for the St. Brigid Remembrance Mass. He then asked for a turnout for the two confirmation ceremonies at St. Brigid on November 22nd where the Archbishop will be administering. There is a second degree at All Saints that day.

Dennis Klein reported 8 Honor Guards at St. Andrew's Veteran's Day Mass. Hlad added that Bob Mitchell put together a quick 4-man Honor Guard for the All Saints Flag Retirement ceremony with the Boy Scouts for Veteran's Day.

Applications for Membership

There were none, but Rick Langheim suggested that our new Sir Knights introduce themselves at this time---Dick Wilson and a second knight (name unheard) of St. Brigid. Applause.

Unfinished Business

None

Trustee Report

None.



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New Business

Lou Hlad reminded the Assembly that we need to obtain a chalice for recently-deceased Dave Price. He asked if there were any past deceased Assembly members who had never been so honored. The consensus was that there were none. He was reminded that Tim Russell needed to be honored on the next chalice as well.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Held a Memorial Mass for their 24 deceased knights.
- Held a charity golf Tournament at Horseshoe Bend with 88 golfers.
- Participated in the Diocesan cemetery cleanup project.
- Selling religious Christmas cards.
- Parish held a party for the 50 Council acolytes at the rectory.
- Dan Baker gave 11402 its second straight double star award at a parish Mass.
- Veteran's Day flag retirement with Boy Scouts.

St. Andrew (Charles Langood)

- Held a successful Golf Tournament.
- Have a 1st Degree coming up on Dec. 1st.
- Will hold a Thanksgiving Basket drive.
- Will Hold a Christmas Party.
- Received a Double Star award.
- Will host a barbeque for the Mother's ministry.

St. Brigid (John)

- Will host a 1st degree at All Saints McGivney Hall with possibly 30 new members from various councils.
- Will host a chili cook-off on Dec. 7th.
- Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 13th.
- Had a record Tootsie Roll Drive..

FN mentioned that he had written the Georgia Bulletin about the All Saints acolytes as a response to an article on Catholic funerals. He encouraged all councils to consider an acolyte team.

He asked how many would be interested in attending a Founder's Day Ball on March 28th. Not too many raised hands. He asked if it was a money problem. He said that hotels are struggling and a great rate can be had. FN will go forward with the planning. Other Assemblies will be invited along with state officers.

Good of the Order

- Dennis Klein's daughter



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- Sal D'Ambrosio's cancer is back
- Urban Rump
- Wiley Maloof's brother, George
- Charley Robinson
- Kirby Baden,
- Lou Hlad's sister, Veronica
- Ernie Spencer daughter and brother-in-law and the brother of his sister-in-law in a coma
- Other names were not heard clearly.

Deacon Ray led a prayer for the sick and distressed.

Chaplain's Report

Deacon Ray Egan mentioned that the recent change in our top government has raised the possibility of a federal law (Freedom of Choice Act) being passed that would outlaw all further laws regarding abortion. Our vigilance as Catholics is imperative. Our congressmen must be contacted.

Awards

Split-the Pot – No split the pot.

Raffle Award – Matt Cooper won \$100.

Attendance Award - Not presented.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies. Length was just under an hour.