



# Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

## Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2007

### Held at St. Andrew

**Total attendance: 20**

**Presiding officer:** Faithful Navigator, Rick Langheim

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:45 PM with the usual ceremonials and a prayer by Faithful Friar, Father Hugh Marren, followed by the officer roll call. The minutes were read and approved.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Faithful Navigator Report**

FN Rick Langheim, announced that formation of the new Assembly is proceeding, but they had a drop-dead date of the end of September for the necessary minimum 30 applicants to forward to Supreme for their charter. They confirmed that they had not met that number, but are proceeding with other elements of formation. The new organization will be named for Father Judge, the fire chaplain who was killed in the 9/11 tragedy in NYC.

He mentioned that Chuck Langgood and Joe Noa had been in conversation with Monsignor over the video series by Matthew Kelly that we saw part of last meeting. It was decided that it would be advantageous to view other portions during future meetings. What we had seen was outstanding and the FN had even used part of the Abraham Lincoln lesson in a discussion with his daughter to great advantage.

He mentioned that 121 new Sir Knights would be exemplified soon on October 13th in a patriotic ceremony. He stated that he thought that the conduct of Barak Obama in refusing to venerate our flag was shameful. He read a patriotic prose poem that lauded our country's flag.

Faithful Captain Guy Stryker, brought up the fact that the architect of the capital had unilaterally removed the words "under God" from the certificate given to those who received a flag flown over the capital. It was mentioned that Boy Scouts had gotten the words restored that very day. The FN urged that we emulate this manner of strong and immediate action. Monsignor Marren gave a stirring oratory about voting for candidates of either party that have a clear vision for America.

**Faithful Purser Report**

Sir Knight Rich Nielson reported that October started with a balance of \$2,463. During the month deposits of \$2,163 and checks of \$2,242 brought a month end October balance of \$2,384 which he felt was a comfortable amount.



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#### **Faithful Comptroller Report**

Sir Knight Heald reported that we currently had 174 members and 17 more were slated to take their 4th degree on October 13th . This would bring our membership on that date to 191. It was thought that 6 of 17 new members from St. Monica were slated to eventually transfer to the new Assembly. We are not aware of other potential transfers at this time, so it is believed that the Father Judge Assembly will have minimal initial impact on the Fr. Watters Assembly headcount. At worst case we would envision a solid base of 150 members.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Commander Report**

Commander Joe Noa was not present, but FN and others gave a report of known recent Honor Guard activities and commitments:

- St. Benedict held dedication ceremonies with 5 honor guards present
- All Saints held their Council Deceased Knight Remembrance Mass with 7 Honor Guard present.
- November 11th Honor Guard is requested for Veteran's Day Remembrance Mass at St. Andrew at 9:30 AM.
- November 11th Honor Guard is requested for All Saints Veteran's Appreciation Picnic for U.S. flag retirement ceremonies with parish Boy Scout troop in the early afternoon.

##### **Patriotic Committee**

No report.

##### **Communications**

No report. FN noted the fine job that Geary Beulieu continues to do with getting out our emails and voicemails.

##### **Religious Committee**

Sir Knight Bob Heald noted that the Matthew Kelly DVD had gone over so well that he suggested that Chuck Langgood look into obtaining a couple of sets of DVD's called Passionate Purpose, and the book also as the start of a lending library for the Assembly. It was mentioned that Monsignor also had similar thoughts and Chuck Langgood will investigate costs and availability of same and report back.

Monsignor then stated that if a pastor calls Matthew Kelly and asks for copies of his book, Rediscovering Catholicism, Kelly will send any number for free. Monsignor had asked for 1500 for his parishioners and had gotten them. Then, in each book, there is a post card requesting six more books to order free for friends. The book costs at least \$15 on eBay. A question regarding whether he would come to Atlanta to speak yielded the fact that he would come for about \$2,500.

##### **Welfare Committee**

Guy Stryker reported that he would like to turn welfare over to another person. Discussions will continue off line.



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### **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.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **Trustee Report**

None.

### **New Business**

FN requested that some of the Sir Knights present consider being observers at the 4th degree. There were four signed so far. Sir Knight Bob Heald encouraged every Council to make sure they have a membership chairman to foster 4th degree participation and advancement, as well as their 1st to 3rd degree considerations. Tom Kozlowski of St. Monica was raised as an example with his business cards stating he is the membership chairman of the council.



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### 3rd Degree Reports

#### All Saints –

- Held annual remembrance Mass for their 21 deceased members.
- Have a 1st degree scheduled that will include new brothers from St. Thomas Aquinas Council and Father Bayer Council of St. Patrick Parish.
- Held a second Tootsie Roll Drive and totaled \$5500 for both drives.
- Having a council “Wear Your Badge Sunday” Mass Event with one of their acolyte team serving the Mass.
- Going to the NASCAR race with 20 folks on Oct. 28th to host a hospitality tent to earn \$50/person.

#### St. Brigid –

- Grand Knight-elect George Yourick had a social at his house with the purpose of bringing back some inactive members.
- Had a 1st degree with six new members.
- Holding a Harvest Fall Festival which is a dinner/dance for \$25/ticket.
- Held some pro-life events.

#### St. Andrew –

- Held a recent picnic.
- They have an upcoming golf tournament at Windemere as well with 84 participants signed.
- They have a car raffle with tickets selling at \$50 with a maximum of 1800 to be sold.
- First prize is a 2008 Nissan Altima.
- They had a 1st degree with 8 new members and several advancements to 2nd/3rd degree.
- They are selling special German sweet bread for \$8/loaf.

#### St. Brendan –

- Starting Christmas card sales.
- Have Sunday morning breakfasts scheduled.
- Urban Rump will be coordinating Veteran’s Day activities.
- Holding a Road cleanup activity on the first Sunday of November?
- Have a 1st degree coming up and State Deputy Dan Baker will award them their council Double Star.

#### St. Monica – no report.



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### **St. Benedict –**

- Held their dedication with Archbishop Gregory and an Honor Guard.
- FN mentioned that Angelo Sampano has transferred there and has worked tirelessly to bring Pastor Father Flood into becoming a steadfast backer of the Knights.
- Angelo is also mentoring the new young Grand Knight.
- There has been a great turnaround there and they have a very active council.

### **Good of the Order –**

- Mike Klimshuk reported good results with his chemo, but asked for continued prayers.
- Ernie Spencer asked for prayers for daughter Mary.
- Rick Sisko asked for prayer for Terry Burgis' son still in critical condition with West Nile Fever, and also the Master, Herb Broughton, having surgery.
- Bob Heald asked prayers for Dave Webster with heart bypass surgery.
- Lou Hlad asked for prayers for his seriously-ill 85-year-old mother.
- A Father Giocosa in Nashville is dying of pancreatic cancer and prayers were requested.
- Bill Lehman's wife Mary Ann is having foot surgery, and Creg Crkovich's Aunt Francis is terminally ill.

The meeting ended at 9:20 with the usual ceremonials and an "Our Father" by Monsignor Marren.