



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2007 Held at St. Andrew

Total attendance: 23

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Rick Langheim

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:40 PM with the usual introductory prayers and ceremonials, followed by the officer roll call. It was noted that Rick Sisko was attending the National Convention.

Roll Call:

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

The minutes of the August meeting were dispensed because of an introductory video presentation by Joe Noa regarding the Knights of Columbus National Convention Meeting in Nashville, TN.

The video featured a greeting by President Bush listing some of the major accomplishments of this society in the past year:

- 143 million dollars in charitable works
- average of 40 hours of community involvement per member
- unflagging defense of the unborn
- protection of the wording in the Pledge of Allegiance

He pledged his continued assistance toward Knight ideals through resistance of stem cell research that kills embryos, fostering a Culture of the Sacredness of the Unborn, and the continued support of his Supreme Court appointments Roberts and Alito.

That video was followed by a video by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson who talked about the goals of the society. The special guest of honor was Cardinal Bertoni of Italy, who is the Secretary of State of the Vatican and the number two figure in the Church.

The faithful navigator stressed the significance of the presence of the Cardinal at the National Convention as a sign of the importance this organization has to the Church. It was mentioned with pride that this was the first time that the Catholic channel – Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) had carried much of the convention live.

Faithful Navigator

Read some of the official instructions from the Master, Herb Broughton's, letter indicating the schedule and details of the October 13th exemplification. There will be a hospitality suite. It was mentioned that at St. Monica, St. Brendan, and St. Brigid councils were also expecting to have such suites and that members of other councils would be welcomed.

The FN mentioned that the formation of the new Assembly that will be in District 16 is proceeding. Formation meetings are being held and transfer forms are being sought to staff the new assembly that will include St. Monica, St. Brendan, and St. Benedict.



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Faithful Pursor Report

Sir Knight Neilson gave the starting balance of \$3,969 and the ending balance of xxxx for the month preceding. A bill for the evening meal was received.

Faithful Comptroller Report

Sir Knight Heald reported that there were now 177 members, with several still not paid. He noted that the October 13th exemplification would bring us several new members.

He noted that October 5th would be the deadline for the 4th Degree Exemplification money and reservations.

Committee Reports

Commander Report

None

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump again stressed the importance of forming a group that would serve as a meeting party to go down to the airport to meet, serve, and cheer arriving troops.

Communications

No report.

Welfare Committee

None

Entertainment Committee

None

Applications

There were 14 applications for membership from St. Monica and one from St. Andrew. Three are expected from All Saints.

Unfinished Business

None

Trustee Report

None



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New Business

Joe Noa showed a portion of a second video entitled Passion and Purpose. It is a six DVD series by Matthew Kelly—a noted Australian lecturer who speaks about man’s quest for happiness. The many failures of Abraham Lincoln were featured before his final successes.

3rd Degree Reports

All Saints – GK Greg Crnkovich reported:

- They hosted 2nd/3rd degree for 44 brothers on Sept 8th.
- They held their second annual summer retreat at Simpsonwood Retreat Center in Norcross August 25th/26th.
- They held an altar server appreciation day of rock climbing at Atlanta Rocks.
- They painted the offices of a charity helping intellectually disabled adults called “People Making Progress.”
- They enlarged the All Saints Pre-School facility.
- They hosted a cook-out at Emory Catholic Center for their brother, Father Bryan Small, the chaplain there.
- They held a 1st degree on August 28th for 6 brothers.

St. Brigid – Grand Knight-elect George Yourick reported:

- St. Brigid hosted the Georgia State Grand Knights Meeting on July 9th.
- They held a quarterly Adopt-a-Road function. They held a family social in family week.
- They held a breakfast for the Catechist’s of St. Brigid.

St. Andrew –

- They furnished members of an Honor Guard at East Roswell Park on August 25th for the Summer Olympics.
- They are hosting a golf tournament on October 15th at Windemere.
- Five or six holes still lack sponsorship. They had a recruiting table for their Church Participation Sunday.
- And they are in the process of forming a softball team.

St. Brendan –

- Reiterated their \$650 dollar donation to the Fulton Sheen Foundation, their successful garage sale which netted over \$8,000, and their numbers were not yet in on their target of \$10,000 to aid the parish’s debt reduction that was aided by an August 6th Golf tournament at the Hamptons.
- They had a summer picnic family event.

St. Monica - had no official report, but it was noted that they have qualified as a Double Star council and they led the State in attendance increase.



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St. Benedict –

- They will raffle off a Lexus ES350 auto at their New Year's eve party, selling on;y 750 tickets at \$100 each.
- They also have routine donut sales ongoing.

Good of the Order

Terry Burdis' son , Sophie Mason who needs a bone marrow transplant, and Greg Crnkovich's aunt Francis need our prayers.

Tim Russell was also remembered for our prayers.

The meeting ended with the usual ceremonials about 9:20.