

Minutes of 04-09-2009

Watters Assembly Meeting

The April meeting was held at All Saints. The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM with usual ceremonials. Nine officers (Stryker, Heald, Hlad, McKenzie, Klein, Spencer, Sisko, Mastrogiovanni, and Pierson) were present. Members present were 29.

SK Dennis Klein moved that the reading of the minutes be read in abbreviated fashion. The motion carried. They were read so by Scribe Hlad. (applause)

Faithful Navigator Report

FN asked how many present attended the Founder's Day Ball. A few members raised hands. FN reminded others that they had missed a pleasant evening. Only 34 tickets sold for \$1190. plus \$97 cash bar donations = \$1287. Total cost was \$2488. Loss of about \$1201. FN said he would bear the loss because he insisted on holding the event.

Dennis Klein rose to protest and raised a motion to fund the loss through the Assembly. The motion was discussed, approved by trustees present, and passed. FN thanked the members. Frank Callan rose to announce that he would ramrod the member attendance next year and suggested that it be held outside of Lent. FN said that Monsignor Marren wants it held in April or May at St. Andrew.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Comptroller Heald reported he was pleased that nine new members are expected for the October 25th degree. The bill of the evening pasta meal was \$117 and a round of applause for chef Joe Fuentes was given. Dues of \$225 collected. Only 16 non-paid members this year. Most will pay. Five non-paid last year and this year. They are being suspended. Trustees have done a good job in collecting dues. Two members are unemployed and dues are waived. Several badges were made and never collected. Membership stands at 154.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening March 1 checking balance was \$4,946. The March 31st balance was \$4,373. That breaks down to \$48 in patriotic fund with 3 raffles to go, \$63 in golf ball fund, and \$3,862 in general fund for total of \$4,373.

Patriotic Report

Dave Lemcoe summarized the greeting of the troops at the airport with the USO on April 15th. Four assembly members, one other couple, and several people from St. Brendan and St. Therese were present.

Heald presented a document regarding a memorial being built at Fort Benning to honor the 173 Airborne Army Brigade. Fr. Watters was a member and there is some feeling for donating in the future to the fund and maybe sending an honor guard to future dedication.

Welfare/Bereavement Report

Urban Rump has begun sending out birthday cards for the April members. He would like the wedding anniversary date list from the councils for all members. St. Andrew does not now have this information

Chalice Report

Ernie Spencer reiterated that Dominic Tran, seminarian in Latrobe, PA., was the choice. He will be ordained June 27th and will be presented the chalice. He asked if he should buy the chalice from the English Company along with a carrying case. Al Garofalo knows the engraving company and will take care of that. Spencer also mentioned that the methods and procedures followed at a wake will be documented and printed in the next newsletter.

Applications for Membership

Nine members were read in for membership and voted as a group:

John Cahill—All Saints 11402—Husband of their organist

Rich Ducote-All Saints 11402—8 sons are Eagle Scouts

Bob Fiscella- All Saints 11402—Sports Broadcaster

Joshua Fleck-All Saints 11402– Wiley Maloof’s son-in-law

Richard Malone-All Saints 11402– very active

Dean Trantow– All Saints 11402-Husband of Women’s Guild Pres

Brian Van Gundy-All Saints 11402– Lobbyist by trade

Gordon Blich– St. Andrew-want to be a fourth badly

Larry Mentry-St. Andrew– Active in several ministries

Religious Report

Chuck Langgood reported that he was working with All Saints to try and orchestrate a combined retreat. Hlad added that the Aug. 22/23rd retreat was booked and room for 40 people is reserved. The facility is first class with excellent cafeteria, hotel-like rooms, and wooded area for meditation. They were trying to attract a good speaker. All Saints would change the name to the Fr. Watters Retreat if Assembly members could be recruited. Rooms are \$129 for single, \$95 for double.

Commander Report

Spencer reported April 25th has both a 1st Communion at All Saints and a 4th Degree at St. Francis de Sales. Bob Mitchell will be on vacation and needs commanders for both.

May 2nd also has two Honor Guards—First Communion at St. Andrew and Monsignor Kiernan's 60th Anniversary at All Saints.

May 9th—St. Brigid has three 1st Communions back to back at 9 AM, 11:30 AM, and 2 PM.

June 13th—Ken Winkler and Patsy have a 50th wedding Mass at 5 PM and then a party at All Saints. Steel Drum party —dinner/dance.

Unfinished Business

Dennis Klein made a motion that a donation to Monsignor Kiernan's 60th anniversary burse be made. A discussion followed and the amount of \$200 was voted and approved.

Split-the-Pot

Bob Heald won \$25.

Attendance Award

Greg Crnkovich's name was picked. He was not in attendance.

Patriotic Drawing

Dave Lemcoe picked the \$100 ticket.. Arla Moskowitz won.

Trustee Report

None

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – reported a record 6,713 fish fry dinners served (9% increase.) Vidalia Onion Sale will feature 2,000 ten-pound bags divided among 7 councils.

Monsignor Kiernan's 60th anniversary as a priest will feature a huge outdoor party.

St. Andrew (Langgood) – reported good camaraderie with their squire circle. Clean the stations of the cross along the river. They will participate with All Saints in Vidalia Onion Drive. May 4th is a 1st degree. A multi-cultural food festival is being planned.

St. Brigid (Rich McKenzie) – sold 366 fish fry dinners and a total of 2261 dinners in Lent. Adopt-a-Road project is upcoming. Hosted a Shepherd's night with the Serra Club. Sixty priests attended.

Good of the Order

Bill Leyman is very sick and going on hospice watch. Ralph Stinson's wife is in the hospital again. Prayers for all the firefighters laid off by the county. Bob Heald's brother Milton, 82. Dennis Klein's niece and cousin need prayers. Lou Hlad's sister, Veronica, has pancreatic cancer. Ernie Spencer's daughter Mary and wife Barbara. Guy Stryker reported that his arm will never be better than it is now with limited motion.

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

