

Minutes of 04-08-2010 Watters Assembly Meeting

The April meeting was held at St. Andrew. The meeting commenced promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 28. The nine officers present were Stryker, Hlad, McKenzie, Langheim, Mix, Klein, Webster, Crnkovich, and Pierson. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed due to the electronic transmission of same.

Faithful Navigator

FN announced that he would skip his remarks in favor of the important discussion of the coming Founder's Day Dinner led by Dick Holcomb and Dennis Klein.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Scribe Hlad read a very moving "thank you" message from Dennis and Judy Klein regarding the support of the Assembly Honor Guard and other attendees at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Party.

Faithful Comptroller Webster read the communication from the Master of the 4th Degree regarding the exemplification of same at St. Catherine of Siena Parish on June 19th. It begins at noon. The cost is \$80 including the Assembly membership badge.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening March 1st checking balance was \$3,565, receipts were \$2,409, expenses were \$777, and the March 31st ending balance was \$5,197. All but \$20 in the golf ball fund was in the general fund.

Comptroller Report

The Assembly membership was constant at 169 members last month. He mentioned that 20 members are still delinquent. One of those members has withdrawn. The other 19 on the list are presented to members of their council to see if they are in financial difficulty.

Patriotic Report

Lemcoe reminded us that the ceremony at Fort Benning unit of Father McGivney will be in June. FN reminded us that this is the 50th anniversary of the 50 star flag. Jon Bird mentioned that the Atlanta Vi-

etnam Veterans Business Association will honor 47 fallen graduates of North Georgia State University in Dahlonega on April 17th with a book featuring their biographies,

Welfare Report

Urban Rump asked that anyone needing the Holy Eucharist brought to them or others should contact him and he would oblige.

Trustee Report

Dennis Klein asked that any member interested in holding an office in the upcoming term should contact himself, Tom Mix, or Ernie Spencer.

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

Comprises the major discussion of the Social Committee to follow:

Social Committee

Dennis Klein began by thanking all the people who had given him and the Committee support for the Founder's Day Dinner. He singled out Lou Hlad, Dick Holcomb, Bob Webster, and Chuck Langgood for special thanks. He reminded all how tentative the support for the Dinner was originally and how it had grown through the efforts of the three councils, There were now 150 to 154 tickets sold (applause). Dennis reminded all that a tremendous amount of work lay ahead to make the dinner a success. He called on Langgood to speak.

Langgood asked the brothers to help him begin to set up the hall for the dinner by moving many of the tables into position already after the meeting.

Klein asked for volunteers to man the drink concessions for 30 minutes each. He reported that wine would be sold for \$3/glass with beer at \$2, and soft drinks and water at \$1. He said that the \$30 per head dinner ticket price might result in a slight profit, but the goal was break-even. He introduced Dick Holcomb who would be the Master of Ceremonies.

Holcomb reported that many dinner guests (including our Honor Guard) would be attending the 5 PM Mass and would then immediately come to the Hall at about 6 PM, even though the start time was stated as 6:30 PM.

He asked that the concession people be there early. We also want the DJ to start the music early. We want the people to begin mingling and we hope the priests will mingle as well. People will use that time to find a table. At

about 6:50 PM, Holcomb will welcome the guests, introduce some dignitaries, recognize grand knights, and ask council contingents to stand as a group. Archbishop Donoghue will say the blessing. Then we invite guests to begin forming lines for food.

Hlad mentioned that some groups had asked to sit together, notably the Mary Our Queen folks, a Doug Birkbeck contingent, and a group of St. Brigid folks.

It is assumed that about 150 guests will attend the 5 PM Mass and an area for them and the Honor Guard must be reserved.

Hlad mentioned that we had forgotten to discuss ticket takers at the door and someone to sell the split-the-pot tickets. It was decided that the latter would be \$5 each and three for \$10. Profits would go to the priest retirement fund.

Holcomb will begin the program near the end of dinner. Guy Stryker would speak for two minutes, Hlad speaks about the founder, Fr. McGivney, for eight minutes. Then the State deputy speaks. Then Dennis Klein gives a plaque to Archbishop Donoghue. Finally Holcomb calls up the grand knights to present the putters to the four pastors. After the split-the-pot award, the dancing begins.

Hlad encouraged all to wear a tuxedo and a service baldric. Cleanup after the event is scheduled by others who will charge us \$200.

Applications for Assembly Membership

Three applications from St. Andrew were presented-- John Miles, Michael McEwen, and Richard Mullin.

Third Degree Reports

St. Andrew (Langgood) - Their Lenten Fish Dinners are going well. They will participate in the Vidalia Onion Drive as well. They had to move their first degree to May 3rd. They will participate in the Homestretch Race of 5K and 10K distance on April 17th. They have a reception for an Eagle Scout ceremony for the son of a Brother.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcomb) – They featured a “Night on the Knights” program by getting donations from local businesses. They gave some of the gifts to wives of servicemen. They will clean up the retention pond on the St. Brigid property.

They are very proud of their Lenten Fish Dinner events. Monsignor Reynolds is pleased. The fellowship is wonderful and they are signing up new members steadily. Holcomb's son became a knight. They take orders on line and Hlad is interested.

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – mentioned that the Fish Fry was another record this year with 1,139 meals sold the last day. The Georgia Bulletin was on hand to record the event. It was featured in March and included a 50 picture slide show on line on their web site internet edition.

All Saints has submitted their "Fathers for Good" seminar program for a state award consideration this year.

All Saints will order 2,000 ten pound bags of onions to distribute to the eight other participating councils.

All Saints Men's Club/Knights will hold a golf tournament at St. Marlo Country club on May 10th.

Mary Our Queen (Crnkovich) - 44 registered members now. They have 25 to 30 men come to meetings. They will participate in the Onion Drive. They make Star Council this year. Bob Santos, their Deputy Grand Knight, is likely to become the new Grand Knight. They will start a major campaign to move St. Gerard Church in Buffalo down to Norcross.

Split the Pot

Forty four dollars was in the pot. Bill Zaryski won \$22.

Attendance Award

There was no attendance award.

Faithful Navigator Closing Comments

Guy Stryker and Greg Crnkovich attended the District Deputy State Meeting. Herb Broughton will not continue as Master and three people were nominated to run-- Tom Gissy, Mark Hoffman, and Tom Langston. Supreme will choose among the three.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell reported that there were nine events coming up in the month. The need for volunteers is intense. He only has a few signed for each event.

He even needs commanders for some of them. First Communions at St. Andrew and All Saints are all hurting. Some volunteers spoke up.

There is a very first event at Mary Our Queen-- a Confirmation. A good first showing is critical with a bishop in attendance. The three First Communions at St. Brigid are also crucial. Rich Langheim will command there.

Conclusion

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order. FN asked for a special prayer for Abe Kassis' sister who has brain cancer. He is down in Texas with her. Bennie Mastrogiovanni is currently in the hospital. Charlie Robinson is in the hospital.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies.