

Minutes of 04-14-2011 Watters Assembly Meeting

The April Assembly Meeting was the second of four meetings to be scheduled at St. Andrew. The meeting started promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. FN opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance. Members present were 39.

The Faithful Minstrel, Mark Foster, lead the group in "God Bless America".

The ten officers present were Crnkovich, Langgood, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Pierson, Klein, Stryker, Klimshuk and Webster. Faithful Friar Msgr. Marren was excused along with Zaryski and Langheim.

Because the minutes of the last meeting were transmitted by electronic means, a motion from the floor to accept them as transmitted by Dennis Klein was made. Scribe Lou Hlad announced that he had corrected the misspelling of Dick Kobylski's name previously transmitted.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie announced that the Assembly took in a record \$192 donations evening's dinner meal. The actual bill for the dinner was only \$98. The Assembly took in \$20 for dues and spent \$10 for a badge and \$703 for regalia expenditures (\$40 for cleaning and \$663 for new regalia items),

Comptroller Report

Bob Webster reported our roster of members previously stood at 201. Two new transfers coming in will raise us to 203 members. Our cash balance stood at \$6,436 on March 31st.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported a starting Balance of \$6,154 at the beginning of March. Expenses of \$988 and revenue of \$1,100 plus uncashed checks of \$270 made our balance at the end of March \$6,436 as Faithful Comptroller Bob Webster reported earlier.

New Applications

The Faithful Comptroller advised that there were two transfers into the Assembly pending:

- Monsignor David Talley- new pastor of St. Brigid had applied. Faithful Purser McKenzie vouched for him (to some laughter).
- James Lamb - transfer from Assembly 172.

Both were approved, Lamb was present and got applause.

Committee Reports

Chalice Committee Report

Ernie Spencer reported that he tried to contact Deacon Charles Okeke via email twice and cell phone three times with no response. He later learned that all pending candidates for the priesthood already had chalices, so he turned toward Deacon Ray Egan to formulate a new plan. Sir Knight Egan returned Spencer two names that will be ordained in 2012 and Spencer will contact them shortly to see if they require chalices.

Welfare Committee Report

Urban Rump reported that all cards were sent out this month, including a perpetual Mass card for deceased Sir Knight Chuck Mahony. FN reminded Rump that Sir Knight Walter Bieszack of All Saints had since entered hospice and would require a card as well. He will be specially remembered at the end of the meeting in our prayers.

Patriotic Committee Report

Stan Wasowski reported that Father Dan McCormick had mentioned that he could use a crucifix for the chapel being constructed at the VA hospital. Dick Holcomb inquired as to the size crucifix that was desired and FN assigned him the task of finding out.

Jon Bird advised that the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA) received our check for \$250 voted last month with gratefulness. Each year they raise money for a fallen serviceman or servicewoman of the Vietnam War from the Atlanta area to provide a memorial plaque. This year they are honoring their 25th deceased veteran, PFC Ted. D. Britt in Black Shoals Park in Rockdale County.

Social Committee Report

Chuck Langgood announced that he is the chairman of the event to honor our Parochial Vicars. The date chosen is Saturday May 21st at St. Andrew Family Center. Chuck thanked Rich McKenzie and others for preparing the posters for each parish. Langgood has tickets to be distributed. Only one Assembly meeting remains before the event. Selling tickets is a must. They are \$35 each. Shrimp cocktail and prime rib will be featured. Two cash bars will be set up. Breakeven would be about 100 tickets, so each council should sell at least 25.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell gave the Color Corps Report.

Last month there were 4 events:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade - 8 participants
- St. Patrick's Day Mass
- Confirmation at All Saints
- Wedding for Allison Satterfield

Nine events will be forthcoming between April 29th and May 14th.

- Confirmation at St. Andrew - April 29th
- First Communion at All Saints - April 30th
- Confirmation at Mary Our Queen - May 1st- Spencer commands
- Divine Mercy Sunday at All Saints - May 1st - 10:30 Mass
- Crnkovich commands.
- Three First Communions- back to back to back May 7th,
- Installation Mass at St. Andrew for Father Michael Kinnery - May 11- new pastor
- First Communion - St. Andrew- May 14th - 10:30 Mass

There will also be Memorial Day ceremonies at cemeteries in Marietta and Kennesaw. There will also be a ceremony Mass said by Monsignor Corbett at the cemetery reclaimed by All Saints in Sparta, GA. Greg will command. It is a two hour drive to Sparta. Currently we expect at least 66 honor guard events done by our Assembly in this fraternal year. We may reach 70.

Unfinished Business

None

Trustee Report

Dennis Klein, Tom Mix, and Rick Langheim are the current trustees. They wish to publicize the current slate of officers to be nominated at the June meeting. Anyone wishing to be added to this list should submit his name in writing to the trustees to be announced in the minutes of the May meeting.

Any additional member can still be nominated from the floor for any position at the June meeting at St. Andrew. The term of office is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. As of this writing, there were no known additions to those announced at the April meeting as follows:

**Faithful Navigator - Dick Kobylski - St Brigid
(Greg Crnkovich will not continue)**
Faithful Captain - Chuck Langgood (incumbent)
Faithful Pilot - Ed Pierson (incumbent)
Faithful Comptroller - Bob Webster (incumbent)
Faithful Admiral - Guy Stryker (incumbent)
Faithful Scribe - Lou Hlad (incumbent)
Faithful Purser - Rich McKenzie (incumbent)
Trustee - 3 year term - John Miles (St. Andrew)
Trustee - 2 year term - Rick Langheim) (former 3 year term)
Trustee - 1 year term - Tom Mix (former 2 year term)
Inner Sentinel - Mike Klimshuk (All Saints)
Outer Sentinel - none announced yet
Faithful Friar - (appointed by FN)

The Faithful Navigator shall appoint two tellers to count the votes if there is a contested election.

New Business

Dennis Klein then turned the topic toward the sequence of venues used for future Assembly meetings in the coming fraternal year. He suggested that we go to a one-month cycle per council rather than the four-months cycle per council. This means that one month the meeting would be at St. Andrew, next month at St. Brigid, next month at All Saints, and next month at Mary Our Queen and then repeat the cycle (for example).

FN advised that because the present cycle was identified in the by-laws, any change would need to take place after a vote next meeting. A straw vote was taken and nearly all members preferred the one-month cycle and four or five preferred a two-month cycle. The vote was unofficial. After a vote in May, the selected rotation would begin in July with the beginning of a new fraternal year.

St. Brigid requested that they have the first week of every quarter for their hall availability. Webster reminded them that with four councils, St. Brigid and others would be on a trimester rotation basis.

A general discussion suggested that the rotation starting July be St. Brigid, St. Andrew, Mary Our Queen, and All Saints. It was noted that All Saints with their designated hall could be placed in any rotation. The grand knights would work out an amicable rotation probably on a one-month per council rotation pending the May vote.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN moved on to a resumption of his April survey regarding new activities in which the Assembly could engage. Ideas were solicited on index cards last meeting. FN asked the brothers who had “volunteered” to investigate suggested new activities to now report their findings.

Dick Holcomb had no report on new guest speakers at meetings.

Bob Mitchell also had no report. He had just read the minutes today to find out he had a task to do. Dave Lemcoe reported that Life South would come to any location and date to pick up blood for just a few persons. They need a heads-up. They have a bloodmobile. All Saints does a Red Cross blood drive in coordination with the boy scouts. Dennis Klein volunteers at St. Joseph and could organize one if they came down to the hospital.

FN asked Dave Lemcoe to check with LifeSouth to set up regular June and December blood drive activities for the Assembly at any venue they would like.

Anthony Santoro was declared web master for the Assembly.

Dick Kobylski reported on possible Pro-Life activities. He suggested an annual Mass of the Tiny Innocents with an honor guard and a rosary after with strong Assembly participation using wooden crosses.

He also suggested an Assembly support presence at an abortion clinic and a period of silent prayer at that site to deter women from going into the clinics. Obeying all laws, the knights could hand out information to women to seek counseling at Catholic pregnancy centers before proceeding. For those that went ahead with abortions, we could hand out post-abortion healing information.

We could more actively support the Georgia Council's sonogram machine placement program to deter women from having abortions. Each machine is \$10,000-12,000 each and councils could raise more money for these devices with council events.

Councils in co-operation with their pastors could find space and raise money for landscape architects to build contemplative gardens on the church grounds honoring aborted fetuses.

We could take the lead in raising funds for Sheltering Grace Ministries which support local homes for mothers in crisis.

FN noted that All Saints has a Mass for the Unborn in October with wooden crosses. He asked if other council do something like this. St. Brigid and St. Andrew do. We need to support them more strongly. FN noted that councils are weak in pro-life activities after holding a rosary or a Mass for the Unborn. More pro-active stances are needed.

Dick Kobylski noted that St. Brigid is getting very active in Pro-life. Last year 45 knights took part in such activities and this year 85. They also team with their nearby MegaChurch in these activities.

FN asked if the Assembly should add a permanent Pro-Life chair to the standing committees. Bylaws would have to be altered. Jon Bird opined that it should be called a Respect for Life chair that would then include older citizens rather than only unborn infants.

Report of the Third Degree

St. Brigid (Kobylski)

Reported that their Fish Fry efforts are proceeding very nicely and are approaching 600 meals from very humble beginnings only three years ago (about a 35% growth per year). They have instituted a very successful drive-through meal pickup which has become very popular with parishioners. It is estimated that as much as 40% of sales are now drive through (applause).

He thanked the Assembly for their participation with an honor guard for the wedding of Sir Knight John Satterfield's daughter. His family was very impressed. Relatives had attended from Spain and Italy and had never seen honor guards. It was the talk of the reception.

St. Andrew (Lemcoe)

- May 1st will be the 20th anniversary of St. Andrew Council 10632,
- The evening meal just consumed was prepared by chefs Tom D'Errico and Dimitri Tripodi.
- Monsignor attend their March St. Patrick's Day Party to make his famous Irish Coffee. The proceeds of this party will defray some of the cost of the parish World Youth Day mission trip. Eight children of knights will be going.
- Some members have gone through their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees.
- They will participate in the Vidalia Onion Sale effort at month's end.
- Lemcoe said that their fish fries are going very well. They like to think that they provide a valuable community service and don't broadcast the numbers. Jon Bird then asked that if they did broadcast their numbers, what would they be?(laughter).
- Lemcoe and Leech will attend the Georgia State Convention.
- Monsignor Marren wrote a letter of thanks to the council for the help given during his six year term as pastor there. Their new pastor Father Mike Kinnery is a 4th degree knight.
- They will be aiding a charity run along the river this month.

All Saints (Wasowski)

- The Fathers for Good Program continues its seminars into its third year every Sunday morning.
- Fish Frys have been extraordinary this year. A new record of 1,242 meals in one evening was reached. Our slowest night was the Spring Break weekend of 971 meals. We believe that the WXIA 11 Alive TV segment and the Dunwoody Crier newspaper articles have helped our numbers a lot.
- Held a 1st degree exemplification at McGivney Hall as they do every month.

- St. Patrick's Day Party was successful in McGivney Hall with a full house also watching the NCAA tournament games on their satellite TV service.
- An honor Guard was present for the parish March 24th Confirmation.
- Held their first combined 1st/2nd degree exemplification in McGivney Hall Will hold a 3rd degree on March April 16th in the Social Hall.
- Two Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to Mark Balmes and Tom Begley. A third brother, Darrell Grabow, could not attend, but will get his life membership next month.
- Brother Frank Callan won a Golden Knight Award for his recruiting efforts.
- District 13 hosted a class for 30 financial secretaries on the All Saints campus. The class required internet connectivity.
- All Saints requested an honor guard for the Divine Sunday Beatification of John Paul II.
- The combined All Saints Men's Club/Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament will be held at St. Marlo Country Club in Duluth on May 9th.
- All Saints will host the Vidalia Onion Sale for 11 councils. We will transport over 10,000 ten-pound bags of onions from Vidalia. Will store them in Deacon Ed Krise's warehouse, and palletize them for distribution to participating councils via his trucks.
- Will hold a 1st degree on Tuesday April 26th.
- All Saints will for the third year host four clinics for the Dunwoody Soap Box Derby in McGivney Hall. At least 15 race cars will be constructed, weighed, and tested for the Kiwanis Club sponsors. This year a special double-wide body car capable of holding two kids side by side will compete. One youngster will drive and the other will be a physically or mentally-disadvantaged passenger.
- Voted \$500 for MP3 players to be sent to the troops. A dinner event will be held later in the year to raise even more money for this purpose.

Mary Our Queen (Crnkovich reporting)

- Held a joint 1st/2nd degree on April 9th with six new members and 24 second degree candidates. They are preparing for their own degree team later this year.

Good of the Order

- Walter Bieszack is in hospice from 11402.
- Jim Snoddy's uncle passed away in Ohio.
- Grand Knight Bob Santos' wife needs our continued prayers.
- Mike Klimshuk reported that his tumor markers are up and he needs our prayers.
- Chuck Langgood asked prayer for his newly-born grandson who has a heart arrhythmia.
- Greg Crnkovich sister, Celeste, needs prayers for breast cancer.
- Bob Santos' wife, Christine, needed a blood transfusion because of her high marker count. Results of a CAT scan are due soon. She has bone, liver, and breast cancer.
- Ernie Spencer asked for prayers for his newly-born grandson, Garrett Pilcher, with vision problems.
- Mark Foster request continued prayers for his uncle who has regressed.
- Dennis Klein Asked for continued prayers for St. Andrew Sir Knight Charlie Robinson and Jeannie Foster's mother.
- Paul Buettner of our Assembly needs our prayers for liver cancer.
- Stan Wasowski uncle is suffering from Alzheimer's.
- An unknown knight asked for prayers for his 88-year-old mother with congestive heart failure.
- Prayer for a brother knight being deployed to Afghanistan.

FN offered a prayer for these afflicted.

Attendance and Split-the-Pot Awards

Mike Capizzi won the attendance award.

Guy Stryker won \$52 split-the-pot.

The meeting ended at 9:00 PM with the usual ceremonies.