

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly

Meeting Minutes of April 10th, 2014

Held at All Saints

Assembly Web Site: www.kc2688.com

Total attendance: 23

The opening ceremonials, Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer were conducted. The roll call of officers was conducted.

Faithful Navigator- Bob Webster

Faithful Captain- Stan Wasowski

Faithful Pilot- Ed Pierson

Faithful Comptroller- Dave Mason

Faithful Admiral- Lou Hlad

Faithful Scribe- Tony Santoro

Faithful Purser- Abe Kassis

Trustee 3 year term- John Lewis **Excused(Eye surgery)**

Trustee 2 year term- Dennis Klein

Trustee 1 year term- John Miles

Inner Sentinel- Terry Petrokovich

Outer Sentinel- Jim Knapp **Excused**

Faithful Friar- Monsignor Kiernan

Faithful Commander- Bob Mitchell

Singing of the Opening Ode was waived. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting were posted on the web site and bypassed in lieu of the transmitted minutes which were accepted without further correction.

Note: due to scheduling and other obligations (choir), the Color Corp Commander's report was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Bob Mitchell:

We had a slow month of activities:

1 – St. Patrick Day parade was attended by 14 members. Largest group ever to attend.

2 – The St. Patrick mass at the cathedral was only attended by 3 people. There may have been issues with the schedule for this one at 530 PM which prevented additional attendance.

3 - Funeral for Jim Kelly (3rd degree) at St. Andrews on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

4 – Easter weekend, three events scheduled.

5 – First communion at All Saints on Saturday, April 26. (Ernie Spencer commanding)

6 – First communion at All Saints on Sunday, April 27. (Divine mercy Sunday, 1030)

7 – May has many events schedule and will be communicated via e-mail.

8 – We may be requested to assist other assemblies. It would be nice if we reciprocated and helped other assemblies.

Faithful Navigator Report:

1 – Thanks to the All Saints cooks for preparing the meal.

2 – Thanks to Lou Hlad to picking up Msgr.

3 – **Recruitment** - We still have a recruitment target of 10 people for Macon exemplification. We had an open house, two candidates showed. We need continued selling to the third degree members.

4 – Officer nominations are coming up. Notify Lou Hlad if you are interested in becoming an officer.

5 – Msgr. Kierman thanks everyone for the transportation so he could attend the meeting.

Faithful friar report: Thank Lou Hlad for picking him up. He had a stroke in November and can attend our meeting provided we supply transportation.

Report of Faithful Comptroller Dave Mason: Excused but provided the following report via email.

Membership: 159

1 - 4th Degree Membership Dues: 20 members still have dues outstanding. We will be sending out e-mail notifications. For those who have not paid, dues are \$30.00 cash or check.

2 – Need paperwork (form 4) submitted for the upcoming exemplification. Cost: \$7 for event and \$10 for the badge. Note: five members have applied with one person pending. Bill Camden will provide transportation for the candidates. The list of candidates are:

A – Ralph Coheala – St. Andrews

B – Steven Strong – All Saints

C – Will Estes – All Saints

D – Richard (Dick) Marlang – All Saints

E – Michael Kalissa – All Saints

F – John Healey – St. Andrew – pending application.

The motion to approve the candidates was accepted and approved by the members.

Report of Bills and Communications: Abe Kassis - reports no outstanding bills other than tonight's dinner.

Purser Report: Abe Kassis

<u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 02.28= 2014</u>								\$	6,246.77
<u>RECEIPTS</u>									
DONATION BENCH			\$ 250.00						
DUES			\$ 750.00						
MEET FOOD			\$ 212.00						
50/50			\$ 83.00						
SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS								\$	1,295.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
STATE COUNCIL			\$ (160.00)						
SUPPLIES			\$ (127.36)						
MEETING MEALS			\$ (33.92)						
SUB TOTAL EXPENSES								\$	(321.28)
<u>BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 03.31.2014</u>								\$	<u>7,220.49</u>
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/CHECKS									
DUES			\$ 150.00						
STATE COUNCIL			\$ 160.00						
DONATION MP3 PLAYERS			\$ 240.00						
STATE COUNCIL			\$ (160.00)						
DONATION--AVVBA			\$ (250.00)						
MEET FOOD			\$ (119.61)						
NET DEPOSITS/CHECKS								\$	<u>20.39</u>
<u>CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 4.01.2014</u>								\$	<u>7,240.88</u>

Report of Committees:

Patriotic Committee:

Jon Bird requested a \$250 donation to the Vietnam Veteran Business Association memorial for the fallen. May 22 dedication for a veteran from Atlanta. John also read a letter from a veteran's magazine about Fr. Watters and how he served our country and received a medal of honor.

Social Committee Report:

Korean War Founders Day Event:

Discussion from T. Santoro and Doc Malone regarding the progress and preparation.

The Founders day event will be held on Armed Forces Day, Saturday May 31 at All Saints in the Gymnasium. There are still a lot of logistics that have to be planned for this event:

We need all brothers to start recruiting Korean War veterans. Sponsoring partner Councils, should pick-up the dinner costs for the veterans and their spouses and local priests.

Several committees still need to be created such as for setup, decoration and tickets. Also Squires may be used to assist in cleanup and setup, gaining volunteer credit and an appreciation for our Veterans.

- 1 - The caterer has been selected and is a member of the All Saint's parish.
- 2 - Lou Hlad – proposes a slide show. Also requests the attendance of Msgr. Kierman and to have George Yourick set up a booth to promote the Newtown Park Veteran's Memorial. Doc Malone, suggest that veterans send pictures to Lou Hlad for slide presentation
- 3 - Bob Mitchell to coordinate the Honor guard activities.
- 4 – Still looking for guest speakers. Possible Korean Consulate General per Dennis Klein.
- 5 – Dick Holcomb will be the M.C.
- 6 – If you know a Korean vet, please reach out to them and invite.
- 7 – Include South Korean vets that fought alongside the U.S.
- 8 – Rich McKenzie to print tickets.
- 9 – Lou Hlad to set up a projector for the event.

Discussion:

Mike: we would run once a quarter.

Doc: takes 4 people to operate plus volunteers for refreshments, etc. total approximately 8 to 12 people.

Navigator: called for a show of hands in the level of interest for volunteering routinely for this event and received a strong response. The first public Bingo be conducted is Thursday, March 27th for All Saints parishioners.

Abe: asked who pays the \$36 cost. Doc: needs funding and doesn't recommend council support. Maybe borrow from the assembly.

Lou: we need to pick up the cost of the event for veterans and spouses at council level.

Stan: we need to make this an annual event and needs to be communicated to councils for budgeting purposes.

Tony: a D.J. maybe too much as older people maybe not be able to hear any conversation over the music.

Chalice Committee: Ed Pierson: Thanks to Stan for suggestions. Msgr. Marren looking for priests in need of a chalice.

Applications for Membership: Lou Hlad: No news to report.

Trustee Report: No reports.

Commander Report: Bob Mitchell: See Bob's report email to Honor Guard.

Unfinished business:

Bingo event:

Doc Malone discussed initiating a quarterly Bingo event to raise money for future Veteran and Patriotic programs.

1 - A state bingo license has been secured by All Saints, however, the expense of setting up the resources of about \$3,000 still needs to be recouped.

2 - Operators are required to have a background check (cost \$36) and passport photo by the GBI for all workers and volunteers at the Bingo. For license info, refer to the Georgia government web site.

3 - Room scheduling is an issue. He is trying to get rooms switched with the St. Vincent DePaul group.

Memorial funding, Newtown Park Veterans Memorial Walk:

Fr. Charles J. Watters Bench - funding is incomplete as assembly members have not contributed as expected. Navigator suggests considering funding the balance due out of the treasury. Currently we have authorized \$1,000 from treasury and \$550 in donations but may need additional authorization of \$450.

Discussion:

We received pledges of \$200. This was from just two members present. We will need an additional \$250.

Abe: As of today our budget is currently on track but excludes the shortfall as well as the Vietnam Veterans donation of \$250.

Mike: pledges an additional \$100 as well as another Sir Knight present.

Trustee Report: No report.

New Business: No report

Reports of the 3rd Degree

All Saints: Lou Hlad

- We have four candidates identified and signed up for the fourth degree in Macon on April 26th.
- The council hosted its second homeless shelter event on March 23rd at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
- All Saints Parish held its first public Bingo event on March 27th. About 72 parishioners played. Our next one is April 24th, the last Thursday of every month. Our electronic boards are in operation.
- Our council is deeply involved in helping the new Catholic Jesuit Cristo Rey High School get ready for its first fall class on West Peachtree in Midtown. We

organized two work days to help our council brother, Deacon Bill Garrett, who is the president of the school. The former headquarters of the Archdiocese building is being converted to a school.

- Our Lenten Fish Frys are breaking all records. We've had consecutive weeks of 1,207, 1,227, 1,206, and then the surprise 1,422 meals served. Our Lenten season record of 8,008 meals served should be broken by about 500 meals with one week to go.
- The Vidalia onion drive has been moved back one week to May 2/3. The crop is a little late this year, but doing very well.
- We are scheduled for a first communion honor guard at All Saints on April 26th. That same day is our parish's CRHP retreat that will see many knights attend.
- We voted another \$1,000 to Sir Knight Gray Plunkett's African Mission in Benin. We also decided to give him all the split-the-pot month we collected at our fish frys this year.
- We will hold our usual first degree exemplification in McGivney Hall on April 29th. Always the last Tuesday of every month. All are welcome.

Mary Our Queen:

Jim Knapp

Four of the five weekends in March, we took pre-orders for Vidalia onions, after all the weekend Masses. We ended up matching our total of last year, with 95 bags.

- Sunday, March 16th, we hosted another successful breakfast after the 8:30 Mass, with better than average attendance. Also had more Knights show up to help, than we needed, which was a nice change. Donations from attendees covered costs and then some. So overall, it was a good event.
- We have a 2nd Degree Brother Knight who will be taking his 3rd Degree this coming Saturday, Apr 12th, at the Exemplification being held at Notre Dame Academy. And as soon as he can get on his feet with a fulltime job, it's his intent to become a 4th Degree Sir Knight. We also have a Form 100 for a candidate that we hope to get to a 1st Degree within the next two weeks, to a month. Possibly at a 1st Degree held in our own Kiernan Hall.
- We held a membership drive this past weekend, starting with a table set up at our Men's Club Fish Fry on Friday night. We also had a membership table set up after all the weekend Masses. Possibly due to Spring break having started this same weekend, attendance was a little lighter than usual at the Fish Fry and Masses, and we had no one stop to inquire about the Knights, or express an interest in joining. Another drive is scheduled for the last weekend in April, after all the weekend Masses, with the addition of a burger & hotdog lunch being served after the 11:00 Mass, with all food donations earmarked for the Knight's Wheelchair Fund.
- For April, in place of our 3rd Sunday breakfast, since that is Easter Sunday, we will be helping to serve a meal for our Youth Group, after the 5pm Sunday Mass, just before they break for the summer. It will be a typical youth meal of burgers, hot dogs, and the like.

St. Andrew: Dennis Klein

- Vidalia onion sales delayed.
- Two first communions scheduled for May 5th and 10th. One will be in English and the other in Spanish.
- Donating 92 rosaries to the boys and girls. Have been contributing for the past several years and is well received.
- Painted team room as part of the renovation project.
- Fish dinners continue to do well with last event service 411 meals. Forget the overflow at the other churches, Come to St. Andrews !

Good of the Order

FN called for names to be remembered in our Good of the Order prayers. The names were given and FN led the Assembly with a special prayer for health, and Our Father.

50/50 split – \$82.41

Attendance award – Joe Travato

Next Meeting – May 5th, Mary Our Queen

Meeting Concluded: 8:10 PM.