

Father Charles J. Watters Assembly #2688

"In Service to One, In Service to All"



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Faithful Navigator's Report

Worthy Sir Knights:

First off, I would like to thank you for the trust you placed in me by electing me your Faithful Navigator for the 2006 – 2007 Fraternal Year.

My SPECIAL THANKS to Ernie Spencer for an outstanding job as our Faithful Navigator for the 2005 -2006 Fraternal Year. Ernie, vou left some big shoes to fill.

On behalf of the new Officers, I would also like to thank the members for their election. I feel extremely confident that as a team, we can continue to make this the BEST Assembly in the State of Georgia.

Now I know it's always customary to promise to

do this or do that and see to this or see to that.

Well, guess what! I'm not going to do that.

Instead, I'd like to express my vision for our Assembly.

Our Commander Joe Noa has done an excellent job in seeing that the Honor (Color) Guard was there when called to do so. Joe, my personal THANKS for the wonderful job you have done. I know at times Joe has been pressed thin,

due to sometimes having to meet two or three calls on a given day.

To that end, I would ask that if you are not a member of the Honor (Color) Guard, please consider becoming one. We also have two sets of regalia available, just in case someone does not have a set. I would also like to ask that if you do not have your own regalia, PLEASE consider getting it.

Remember that if you have a special ceremony for yourself or an immediate family member like an Anniversary, Wedding, or Funeral, the Honor Guard will be there if you request them.

Bob Heald, our Faithful Comptroller, has put together his budget for the 2006 -2007 fiscal year. While our budget depends mostly on our member

dues to meet our expenditures, I would like to see us do one or two activities that will enhance the budget and cover costs and allow us to do more on the social side.

It could also include a new regalia set, cover our chalice fund, or cover whatever the membership feels we need to do. This should not take away from what our Councils do, but instead be an Assembly program only.

I know that it's sometimes hard to attend Assembly meetings (especially when it's the 2nd Thursday of the month), but I would like to ask each and every member to try and make the meetings if you can. In order to entice you, we have a dinner meal prior to the meeting that will rival any of the

best restaurants in Atlanta.

Also to make travel a bit easier, we rotate Councils every quarter. Our next meeting August 10th will again be at All Saints. Then we move to St. Andrew for four months beginning in September and then to St Brigid, and then back to All Saints.

On Saturday October 21st, we will have the 4th Degree Exemplification. Please

try to recruit your 3rd Degree members. **Dennis Klein** Your Grand Knight will have more **Faithful Navigator** information on this as it comes out. Time permitting, I would like to have an open fo-

rum at our meetings where every member has an opportunity to express his views on what they would like to see the Assembly do. But please keep this down to 30 minutes; "oops", I meant 3 minutes.

I know our Officers and Committee Chairmen will work hard to support the all needs of our Assembly. In turn I ask that you respond to their suggestions and programs to continue to make our Assembly alive and vibrant.

May God Bless each and every one of you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

Dennis Klein Faithful Navigator

Introducing Our New Faithful Navigator — Dennis Klein

Born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in Westside suburban Parma, Ohio (the home of the Pink Flamingos), Dennis is the oldest of four siblings and the only boy. His father was German and his mother was Croatian. Dennis attended grade schools at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Cleveland and later St. Charles in Parma. He continued his Catholic upbringing by attending St. Edwards High School in Lakewood. Ohio.



He joined the **U.S. Navy** in 1954 intending to go to sea, but ended up at Great Lakes Training Station winning several Navy boxing championships. As a youth he had started boxing in the **Catholic Youth Organization** (**CYO**) at age ten and won championships starting at 56 pounds. He confesses that he now weighs slightly more and would have to box in a higher classification.

The Navy transferred him to Kodiak, Alaska and assigned him to **Armed Forces Radio and Television** with his own disc jockey show. He was also boxing coach and was active in the **Kodiactors** little theater group.

Following his military service, he worked at **Republic Steel Co.** in Cleveland and soon met his bride-to-be, Judy Hlivak, at the **St. Charles Young Adult Club.** He still claims to know exactly what he was wearing the first time he saw her.

His job at Republic Steel was mired in a strike situation, so Judy's father offered him a job at **Bigelow Carpets** (the beginning of his floor covering career.)

This was during the period he was attempting to win Judy's affection.

Dennis ended up marrying the boss's daughter. He largely credits their marriage to his mother-in-law, Julia (who currently resides with them), due to her insistence that Judy go out with that "nice guy" Dennis.

In 1977 Dennis' employer, **the Olin Corporation**, transferred him from Cleveland to Atlanta as a Regional Manager. He and Judy attended St. Jude's Church while living at the Guest Quarters awaiting completion of their home in the Martin's Landing subdivision. He then became one of the first members of St. Andrew Parish, attending Mass in an office complex until the church was built. Still a member there, he serves as Lecturer, Eucharistic Minister, and whenever needed an Usher.

Being sports-minded and having won Little League championships in Parma, he started his youngest son, John, in Roswell's base-ball program. He waited his turn to be able to coach, and when it came he immediately won the Roswell City Championship with his son John on the team.

Dennis has also flirted with a part-time acting career, being seen in over 18 movies with stars such as Burt Reynolds, Daniel Day Lewis, and Emilio Estevez — to name a few.

His Knight career had begun back in Cleveland where he was active in both the 3rd and 4th Degree. He is the **Past Grand Knight of** St. Andrew Council and is extremely proud of his brother Knights who helped earn that council's first **Star Council Award**. When asked to be a **State District Deputy**, he gladly accepted so he could help other councils grow within his district. He has also been recently recruited by K of C State Deputy John Brenner to be the **State Chairman for People with Intellectual Disabilities**. This brand new designation takes the place of the former chairmanship of the so-called "Tootsie Roll Drive."

Dennis' business career has led to travel all over the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. He and Judy actually traveled to Zagreb, Croatia in an attempt to find the church in which his grandfather and grandmother were married. After calling the local bishop's office to see if it was still standing. in that war-torn region, they were told that it was. They got within a few miles before their allotted search time ran out and they had to return without seeing it.

Dennis and Judy, who is the retired Administrative Assistant to the Business Director at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, have been married for 46 years. They have four children: Denise, Deborah, Dennis George, and John — plus another nine grandchildren and their dog, Blair. He is currently a marketing and sales consultant.

Our Assembly is both fortunate and honored to have this accomplished gentleman as our new Faithful Navigator.

Assembly Members Enjoy All Saints July Meeting Festivities



This view from the officer's podium shows some of the fourth degree Sir Knights planning future activities for our Assembly and the five member councils. Assembly meetings rotate among three member council sites having adequate facilities, and this was the third of four consecutive meetings scheduled to be held at All Saints McGivney Hall. There is always great food and drink to be had at these Assembly meetings as well as warm fellowship. If you haven't been attending these meetings, please come and help us plan the future direction of the member councils.

St. Brendan Briefs

• All Assembly members are invited to participate in a first annual golf outing being sponsored by St. Brendan Council 12942 on Monday August 21 at the Hampton Golf Village. An entry fee of \$125 includes golf, cart, lunch, awards, prizes and a gift bag. Contact Ralph Pelaia at 770-344-9263 for registration.



- SK William Lusk is running for city council in District Three of the newly-formed city of Milton, Georgia.
- The following SK's and Assembly members have been installed as officers in ceremonies at St. Brendan Church on Saturday July 29th SK William O'Shaughnessy as GK, SK William Lusk as DGK, and SK Rich Nielson as Warden. All are members of our Assembly.
- During the council meeting on July 17th, a chalice was presented to Father John Howren, pastor of St. Brendan, in commemoration of his tenth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.
- A formation meeting is to be held soon to form a chapter of Columbiettes. A committee is being chaired by Kathleen O'Shaughnessy.
- A recent council yard sale garnered \$2,900 for St. Brendan.
- Present membership of the St. Brendan council now totals 116.
- SK Urban Rump has been asked by the new Grand Knight of St. Brendan to act as the source for items of interest for publication in this Assembly newsletter.



Assembly Officer Installation Ceremony (Saturday July 22)



Front - Angelo Sampano, Kirby Baden, Monsignor Hugh Marren, Dennis Klein, District Master Sal D'Ambrosio, Rick Sisko Back - Jim Rainsford, Benny Mastrogiovanni, Bill Lusk, Rich Nielson, Lou Hlad, Bob Heald

St. Andrew Council Hosts Assembly Installation Mass

Not hindered by the 95-degree temperatures, your Assembly officers-elect and their spouses gathered at St. Andrew Church with an elite Honor Guard for the purpose of officially becoming your officers for the Fraternal Year 2006-2007.

The celebrant of the evening Mass was Father Michael Sherliza, Parochial Vicar at St. Andrew. He could not have been more gracious to the Assembly contingent. Being a Fourth Degree Sir Knight himself, he praised the Order and urged the other men in attendance to join the organization and make a difference in the world.

After Mass, the Brothers adjourned to the chapel to begin the formal initiation ceremony. Sal D'Ambrosio, District Master of the Fourth Degree, did the honors along with District Marshall Tom Langston. Each Assembly officer-elect was escorted to the podium along with classical music and two Honor Guards, read the duties of his office, and then presented the medallion of that office by our Faithful Friar, Monsignor Hugh Marren. Pictures of that ceremony are featured in this newsletter on the preceding page.

A wonderful buffet followed and formal portraits were taken for use on the Assembly web site and in this newsletter. The Fraternal Year is now officially off to a great start!

4th Degree Exemplification Scheduled Saturday Oct. 21st

Our Councils collectively feature <u>hundreds</u> of 3rd degree members. These Brothers are very close to fulfillment as Knights, lacking only one last initiation ceremony stressing Patriotism. Most Brothers often need a push to get them to the exemplification. The 4th degree has special hurdles because it involves owning a full black tuxedo, paying a non-trivial fee, and scheduling a full Saturday at a remote site, probably including the spouse.

This Fall's exemplification will be on October 21 at the Airport Westin Hotel Ballroom followed by the sit-down dinner. Wives are invited to the dinner and possible hospitality suite, but like all Knight ceremonials, are not included in the exemplification which is only offered in Georgia once in the Spring and once in the Fall.

Registration for this event requires the submission and acceptance of a third-degree Brother's "Form 4" available from a Council officer (usually the Financial Secretary)...

There is, of course, a fee covering the dinner and the ballroom rental. That fee will be announced in August by the Master of the Fourth Degree. The next Fourth Degree may well be held in Savannah, so don't miss this one. Encourage your third degree Brothers to fulfill their Knighthood and then **join** them as observers at the exemplification.



The Good of the Order





- Sal D'Ambrosio (District Master)
- Ralph Stinson's wife, Mary Jane
- Frank Welter (new hip)
- Mike Klimshuk (chemotherapy)
- Lou Hlad's mother, 84 (second mild stroke)
- John Lynch and wife Eleanor (his caretaker)
- George Novac, Founding Faithful Navigator
- Ken Douglas' brother

Joe Cavallaro's sister, Carol Reither Frank Welter's wife, Margaret Mike Klimshuk's step-dad, David Evans

Bennie Mastrogiovanni's daughter

Your very special prayers are asked for our recently dearly departed.

R.I.P.

"Requiescat in Pace"

Patricia McGowan — sister of Sir Knight Jim Maloney. Please pray also for Jim and wife Margaret.

Magdanella Esterl, age 76 — sister of Sir Knight Frank Welter died in Denver. He just very recently lost another sister. Please also keep Frank and Margaret in your prayers.

Please offer daily prayers for our Sir Knights and their relatives that are sick or in distress:

Sam Monte Jr., age 67 — brother-in-law of Sir Knight Harvey Moskowitz, passed away in Wellsville, Ohio. Please also keep Harvey and wife Arla Mae in your prayers.

Clarice Lakatos, age 57 —sister-in-law of Bob Mitchell's wife Anita. Died of cancer in Acworth, GA.

Proposed Assembly Budget for Fraternal Year 2006-2007

This is the revised budget that needs to be approved in a vote by the Assembly at the next business meeting.

Revenue	Number	Amt. Each	Total
Exemplifications	18	\$125.00	\$2,250.00
Exemplifications/ Hospitatilty	18	\$10.00	\$180.00
Exemplifications/ Observers	12	\$10.00	\$120.00
Membership Dues	155	\$25.00	\$3,875.00
50/50 Drawings/ at meetings	10	\$35.00	\$350.00
Beverages / meetings	10	\$5.00	\$50.00
Name Badges	15	\$10.00	\$150.00
Fund Raisers			\$1,000.00
Socials/Receptions			\$4,700.00

Expenses	Number	Amt. Each	Total
Exemplifications	18	\$125.00	\$2,250.00
Meetings/Food	10	\$180.00	\$1,800.00
Operating Expense/			\$300.00
Postage/etc.			Ψ300.00
Newsletter			\$300.00
Website			\$60.00
Equipment/Regalia			\$340.00
Chalice/ with engraving			\$350.00
Calling Post			\$100.00
Exemplification/Hospitality			\$885.00
Socials/Receptions			\$5,000.00
Bereavement/Illness			\$150.00
Master Expense			\$200.00
Celebrant Gratuity			\$50.00
Engraving/Plaques			\$60.00
Engraving/Badges	15	\$8.00	\$120.00
Vets Hospital			\$100.00
Color Corps Commander			\$250.00
Comptroller/8% of dues			\$310.00
Purser/ \$50 per annum			\$50.00
Totals			\$12,675.00



All Saints Council Invites Assembly to August Retreat

All Saints Council's Weekend Retreat will be held on August 26/27. They are thrilled to have **Father Brian Higgins**, the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, as the retreat master speaking on the Eucharist. The cost for food, board (Saturday Night), and homilies is only \$95 per attendee (easy penances not included) at the beautiful <u>Simpsonwood Conference Center</u> in Norcross. This will be a real treat for the attendees. Check out the retreat house facilities at <u>www.simpsonwood.org</u>. They are outstanding! Call Frank Callan at 770-668-9755 (<u>fvcallan@aol.com</u>).

Recent and Scheduled Color Corps Activities

Recent Events:

- On July 2, 2006, the Fr. Charles J. Watters Honor Guard participated in the Installation of Father Jack Durkin as Pastor of St. Monica Catholic Church.
- On July 22, 2006, the honor guard participated in the Installation of Officers ceremony for its own Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly at St. Andrew Church.

Future Events:

- On Sunday, August 27, 2006, the Assembly Honor Guard will participate in the installation of Monsignor Reynolds as pastor of St. Brigid Catholic Church in Alpharetta during the 10:45 AM Mass. All members of the honor guard are asked to arrive at St. Brigid no later than 10:00 AM.
- On Saturday September 16th, 2006, the Assembly Color Corps has been requested to post the colors at the Special Olympics Annual Softball Tournament at East Roswell Park. Help will also be needed for scoring, announcing, etc. St. Andrew Council's Grand Knight Brian Peabody will be donating a check for \$500 to the Special Olympics before the game. Other councils might consider having their Grand Knights do likewise.





Assembly 2688 Officer Roster

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State of the Assembly Report

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Faithful Comptroller Robert Heald reported that there are currently about <u>160</u> Assembly members, depending upon the final count from Supreme.

The following transfers into the Assembly were read and approved:

Urban Rump

Guy Stryker

Chuck Langgood

SK William O'Shaughnessy, Gran	nd Knight, from St. Brendan Council 12942;
SK Matthew Dodge	from St. Brendan Council 12942;
SK Kenneth Douglas	from St. Brendan Council 12942;
SK Charles Robinson	from St. Andrew Council 10632.



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6	7	8	9	10 Assembly meeting at All Saints (6:30 Social 7:30 Mtg)	11	12
13	14	15 Assumption of Our Lady	16	17	18	19
20	21 St. Brendan Golf Outing (See article)	22	23	24	25	26 Knight Retreat at Simpsonwood in Norcross
27 Honor Guard Knight Retreat at Simpsonwood in Norcross		29	30	31	Sep 2006 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	
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