

Minutes of August 11th 2011 Watters Assembly Meeting

The August Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints McGivney Hall. It was the second meeting using the one-month venue rotation method. Future rotations are shown below.

Mary Our Queen...September...then moving to
St. Andrew...October...then moving to
St. Brigid...November...then moving to
All Saints...December...then repeating the rotation.

The newly-initiated pre-meeting rosary started at 6:15 PM. The social dinner followed immediately and the menu featured Baked Ziti. There were 36 members present.

The meeting started early at 7:27 PM with the usual ceremonials. The minutes of the last meeting were bypassed in lieu of the transmitted minutes. The roll call of officers was conducted. All present, except as noted.

Faithful Navigator-	Dick Kobylski	
Faithful Captain-	Chuck Langgood	
Faithful Pilot-	Ed Pierson	(excused)
Faithful Comptroller-	Bob Webster	
Faithful Admiral-	John Lewis	
Faithful Scribe-	Lou Hlad	
Faithful Purser-	Rich McKenzie	
Trustee 3 year term-	John Miles	
Trustee 2 year term-	Rick Langheim	
Trustee 1 year term-	Tom Mix	
Inner Sentinel-	Mike Klimshuk	
Outer Sentinel-	Bob Santos	
Faithful Friar-	Monsignor David Talley	(excused)
Faithful Commander-	Bob Mitchell	

Faithful Navigator's Report

FN awarded Dennis Klein an Honorary Lifetime Membership card!! FN noted that Medicare payments were not to be included (applause/laughter).

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie announced a bill payment of \$70 to Urban Rump for cards and postage plus a bill for the night's dinner of \$164.55. The dinner bill was more than offset by dinner donations of \$200.

FN announced a "thank you" letter for the honor guard at a recent St. Bridgid wedding from the family. He also announced a "thank you" letter from the family of deceased Sir Knight John Lynch of All Saints for the honor guard at his funeral. A spiritual Mass remembrance card was sent the family and they responded with a \$200 donation to the Assembly.

Comptroller's Report

Faithful Comptroller Webster announced a current Assembly membership of 203 (one had deceased during the month). The cash in the bank was currently \$5,433. The Trustees had just signed off on the fiscal year audit. The budget for next year will be transmitted electronically. It is balanced,

Purser's Report

Faithful Purser McKenzie reported that the cash total on July 1st was \$5,857. Cash revenue during the month was \$20 and expenses were \$584, yielding a July 31st cash total of \$5,293.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Patriotic Initiatives

FN noted that he had sent out a document to all members outlining the proposed initiatives for the fraternal year. He hoped all had read it, but if not, he would review it now.

The membership had shown the most interest in expanding help to the military. The overall designation would be entitled "*Serving Those Who Served.*" FN would read a list of proposed initiatives in that regard, and he was looking for an overall team captain to oversee the captains of the individual initiatives to be named.

- Supporting the Catholic chaplains (chapel at VA hospital)
- Motivators at individual councils (Jon Bird and Doc Malone)
 - Adding participation at the council ranks will enable much more success. The councils and Assembly should be a common thread.

- Providing transportation for veterans who need it. FN said that Brother Nick D'Annunzio is a wonderful asset to use as a telethon person. He himself carries an oxygen tank with himself.
- Distributing toiletries and other items as coordinated efforts with the hospital.
- Coordinating with other organizations for donations and establishing a depot to store these items before delivering.
- Pet therapy for veterans. Bringing pets to the hospital to cheer them up.
- Working with job participation outreach organization to help vets get jobs to become self-sufficient.
- Arts and crafts programs for injury therapy.
- Patient visiting (Doc Malone has stepped up there).
- Patient check-in help. Liaison to help vets wait for and see a doctor.
- Organizing and celebrating holidays, taking vets to picnics and ball-games, etc. (Doc Malone has again stepped up). We may have to do a fundraiser to get a transportation van or use member vans.
- Pat Callahan stood up and recommended that we connect through the parish offices with parish families having members overseas . We need to know which families have members serving and help them. His VFW group has recently sent many packages to a group they have adopted. We need to do similar things.

Max Mileur asked if we could wear our KofC outfits during these activities. FN replied we are not allowed to wear our Council Shirts when participating at the USO events at the Airport, but all other events we should definitely wear our Council Shirts so we are recognized for all work in which the Council and Assembly Brothers are participating.

FN noted that getting liaison officers at each council would be needed to get a unified effort going across the board. He asked that individuals contact him directly at email address rmdkoby@bellsouth.net to give their thoughts or volunteer to captain one of these ministries.

Dave Lemcoe asked if we are still in the loop on the two USO days we have volunteered at the Atlanta Airport. FN noted that Urban Rump will keep us informed, although he has transferred to another Assembly. Dave will coordinate with Urban, although FN said he would.

Social Committee Report

Charles Langgood noted that he had no report, but was looking for ideas to come up with a social event and perhaps include the wives.

The discussion moved to the failure of the Assembly to garner support for the Parochial Vicar Founders Day Activity. FN offered that we had not promoted it far enough in advance. We also had not coordinated enough with the pastors and church offices. It appears that we will try again next year with more lead time and planning.

FN offered that St. Brigid starts promoting their St. Patrick Dance in January and gets donated prizes such as PGA tickets to raffle. They also raised enough money to buy 50 wheel chairs to distribute in October.

Some comments indicated that members are also looking for a social to participate in with their wives.

Scribe Hlad opined that his All Saints Council has held several dinners at local eateries for members and wives that were very successful. Typically a restaurant gives a special deal for a large group (25 members and 25 wives) and sometimes supplies a private room, sometimes with a piano bar with singers. Their last event was at Altobelli's very near St. Brigid.

He also mentioned that All Saints had recently held a wine tasting event in their McGivney Hall attended by 80 people, including Msgr. Marren and Father Dan McCormick. Beverage Warehouse brought in five distributors each with five wines they wished to showcase for later possible purchase. The cost was \$5 per person for cheese and sushi. Wine was free.

There was excitement about the wine tasting idea and a decision that the Assembly might try one in the October timeframe. Dave Lemcoe noted that the St. Andrews Family Center could hold many more attendees than McGivney. It could occur on a Saturday evening after the 5 PM vigil Mass. A tentative date of Saturday, Oct. 15th was floated.

FN asked if the Assembly would be interested in forming an "ad hoc" committee to foster right-to-life activities. The by-laws would have to be changed to make it permanent. The consensus was "yes".

New Business

Dennis Klein brought up the request that all the Watters member councils contribute the usual \$250 donation to the Special Olympics during the Saturday, October 8th, athletic opening event at Roswell Field at which our honor guard will appear. The Grand Knights of each council should bring up the idea during their next council meeting in September. St. Brigid has already budgeted this money.

Commander's Report

Honor Guard Commander Bob Mitchell opened his report by reading a letter just received from our missionary, Gray Plunkett, who is on his way to Benin, Africa. Gray asked for our prayers for a safe flight, and he apologized for missing the meeting. After an exhausting trip he will continue the work of creating a children's bible in the Foodo language.

Gray constantly needs donations to continue his travels and mission. If you would like to send financial support for his work in Benin, please make checks payable to: **Society of African Missions**. Write on the memo line "*Benin Mission-Gray*" and attach a note saying it is for Gray Plunkett.

Please send to:

Society of African Missions
23 Bliss Avenue
Tenafly, NJ 07670
Attn: Joanna Pawlicka

The honor guard already has nine events through October. Three of them occur in the next few days.

- Funeral of Debbie LaFreniere -wife of Deacon Jim of St. Brigid
- Memorial Mass at St. Andrew for Gert Mullen, wife of Rich Mullen.
- Feast day of Our Lady of the Assumption at their church

Event cancellation:

- The 9/11 event at Christ the King is scaled way down. Only 7 guard required. Our participation no longer required.

October events:

- Oct. 1st - Archdiocesan 50th/60th wedding anniversary Mass event.
- Oct. 8th - Post colors for Special Olympics at Roswell Road

Reports of the 3rd Degree

All Saints (Wasowski)

We filled out the program chairs for this Fraternal year adding:

John Barranco at Church
Kevin Murray at Family
Frank Callan at Membership and
Joe Liebsack as our Program Activity Director

Won a Double Star Award for the 5th consecutive year.

We submitted a budget for Fraternal Year 2011-2012 that was
(a) Balanced! And (2) totaled over \$140,000 with over \$20,000 going to
direct charitable donations (not counting State charities)

On August 20 we will be sponsoring the annual Altar Server Outing.

That same night we will be lending our hall and our cooker to Fr. Bill
Hao for a cookout event.

On Wednesday August 24, we will be having our annual welcome back
cookout at Emory for Fr. Bryan Small's Catholic Center.

On Tuesday August 30 we will be having a First Degree Exemplification
at McGivney Hall.

We will be helping to build All Saints' 18th Habitat House on Oct. 1st.

Council Benevolence and Charity

I-Care Inc. \$2,000 to drive indigent to medical appointments

Elaine Clark Center for Intellectual Disabilities - \$1,000.

Christmas toys for hospital- woodworking supplies- \$250

Pregnancy Center of Doraville - \$500

Monastery of Holy Spirit - \$4,000

Special Olympics - \$250

Gray Plunkett Benin Mission - \$1,500

Birtheright Atlanta - \$1,000

Dominican Sisters - \$1,000

Mary Our Queen (Heiman)

The council finally has council jewels (no more borrowing) (applause).

Now schedule two officer meetings per month.

Fundraiser at Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant at Gwinnett Mall.

The parish has a new deacon who immediately filled out a Form 100.

Father Lyness, parochial vicar, will take his 3rd degree at their hall.

At least three members will take their 4th degree this Fall.

Fundraiser to move St. Gerard Church to Norcross continues with a sale of enscribed bricks soon.

St. Andrew (Lemcoe)

Installation dinner for officers was held. Their new District Deputy and State Deputy Rick Sisko were in attendance.

Only office to change was Chancellor.

Sponsoring a new seminarian from Columbia. Their previous one was ordained.

Will sponsor a blood drive next month with LifeSouth.

Will reinstitute the Tootsie Roll Drive this Fall.

Participating in the Adopt-a-Street Program.

Held a 1st degree for three new brothers (all from their Squires Circle). (Jokes about youth brought laughter and applause).

Field Agent David Rose was called out on a death claim for the Knights during one of their meetings. (Memento Mori)

Council will be playing important role in the upcoming parish picnic.

Children of three members will be attending World Youth Day.

One of their members participated in the World Special Olympics in Greece and placed in weightlifting events.

St. Brigid (Dent)

Held two breakfast cookouts to raise money for the RCIA program.

Six brothers became 3rd degree at St. Catherine of Siena.

Sixteen brothers participated in the Adopt-A-Road Project.

Were awarded the Double Star for the fifth consecutive year.

Council now has (including 9 clergy):

1st degree - 124 members

2nd degree - 43

3rd degree - 98

4th degree - 77

Council raised \$10,000 for a very sick brother without health insurance. They are trying to get him on disability via our U.S. Senators/attorneys.

Hosted their brother Rick Sisko with his installation at State Deputy.

Hosted our Assembly officer induction ceremony with sword blessing.

Held their council officer installation ceremony.

Hosted the District Deputy Meeting under Rick Langheim.

District Deputy Report (Langheim)

DD Rick Langheim alerted the Assembly to the fact that the District Master funds the 4th Degree ceremony out of his own pocket. The last ceremony suffered a large loss that had to be covered by him (Gissy).

It is imperative that we send as many candidates to the 4th degree as possible to make a profit this year. The ceremony has been moved from the hotels this year to bring the costs in line. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th at St. John Neumann Parish in Lilburn.

This year there will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, for priests and deacons only. It will be a true exemplification for them because they have a difficult time coming on Saturdays.

Good of the Order

- Prayers for Our Assembly Brother S K Rick Sisko to have a successful term as State Deputy
- Prayers for all Brother Knights looking for assistance in finding jobs
- S K Brother Bob Webster ongoing medical treatments for his lungs
- S K Brother Nick D' Annunzio ongoing medical treatments for his lungs
- S K Brother Paul Buettner cancer treatment
- S K Brother Matt Cooper's wife treatment for breast cancer
- S K Brother Marty Wilson's wife Michele recuperating from surgery
- S K Brother Charles Robinson spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spinal cord causing pressure on the spinal cord)
- S K Brother Mike Nassar suffering with dementia
- Prayers for the repose of the soul of Debbie LaFreniere, wife of St. Brigid Council Brother Deacon Jim LaFreniere who died this week after a long fight with cancer.
- Christine Santos, wife of SK Bob Santos.
- S K Mike Klimshuk's grandmother.
- S K Joe Cavallaro with heart problems
- S K Mark Foster's two uncles