

Minutes of August 14th, 2014 Watters Assembly Meeting

The August Assembly Meeting was held in the Kiernan Hall of Mary Our Queen. Our normal future rotations are shown below:

St. Andrew.....September then moving to
All Saints.....October... ..then moving to
Mary Our Queen....November.. then back to St. Andrew

The pre-meeting rosary was replaced by a 6 PM vigil Mass of the Annunciation holy day in the sanctuary. The social dinner followed immediately afterward. The regular business meeting started early at 7:15 PM. There were 22 members present.

The opening ceremonies, Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer were conducted.

Singing of the Opening Ode was waived.

Our last meeting was an Officer Installation ceremony presided by Master Tom Frizzi and Monsignor Hugh Marren. Scribe Lou Hlad announced that no regular business was enacted and a catered dinner with wives was held at All Saints. So there were no minutes of the last meeting.

The roll call of officers was conducted. All present, except as noted.

Faithful Navigator-	Stan Wasowski	
Faithful Captain-	Doc Malone	
Faithful Pilot-	Ed Pierson	
Faithful Comptroller-	Dave Mason	
Faithful Admiral-	Bob Webster	
Faithful Scribe-	Lou Hlad	
Faithful Purser-	Abe Kassis	
Trustee 3 year term-	Bob Mitchell	(excused)
Trustee 2 year term-	Ron Collins	
Trustee 1 year term-	Dennis Klein	
Inner Sentinel-	Terry Petrukovich	
Outer Sentinel-	James Knapp	
Faithful Commander-	Bob Mitchell	(excused)
Faithful Friar-	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	
Faithful Friar Emeritus -	Monsignor Donald Kiernan	(excused)

Faithful Friar Report

Our new Faithful Friar, Fr. Dan Rogaczewski of All Saints was present at the pre-meeting meal, but could not stay for the meeting due to a previous commitment. He expressed how happy he was to be the new Friar and stated that he would try to make remaining meetings. He has a commitment as the water polo captain at St. Pius that would conflict for a couple of weeks and then he would be free to attend.



It should be noted that the Assembly members attended a pre-meeting Mass in the MOQ sanctuary with Fr. Dan celebrating the vigil of the Assumption rather than the customary rosary. Fr. Dan gave a wonderful sermon on the importance of Mary in our Catholic culture.

Faithful Navigator's Report

FN thanked the members of MOQ for a wonderful dinner as always.

He announced that the target for the Saturday November 8th fourth degree exemplification was 10 new members. He urged all councils to begin recruiting third degree members and filling out the paperwork to avoid the usual last minute crunch.

FN relayed the fact that Master Tom Frizzi mentioned at our last month's Officer Initiation Dinner that he wanted the patriotic activities pushed down to the councils and not relegated to the Assembly only. This is important, since the Assembly does not have the financial resources that the councils do. FN stressed the Frontline Faith initiative that sends MP3 players to the troops with the Mass, rosary, inspirational prayers. He wants to target 100 MP3 players (\$24 each = \$2400) from our members councils. Based on membership that means All Saints provides \$1600, St. Andrew \$500, and MOQ \$125. There are still 7 members from St. Brigid and a few from 6 other councils. We could make up the difference with private donations. FN urged the Grand Knights of the councils to take this request back to the councils for action.

Dennis Klein mentioned that this activity would also count toward a council's goal for needed activities toward their Star Award criteria.

A member questioned whether as many would be needed due to troop draw-downs in the military. There are still a goodly number of troops in the field.

Faithful Comptroller Report

Dave Mason reported a starting balance of \$5,722. We lost two members this month leaving us with 163. Jean-Paul Roy passed and Dimitri Tripodi moved to Florida.

The quarterly audit was completed and signed off by the trustees. The IRS Form 990 was also completed. He urged everyone to get in their Form 4's for the November 8th exemplification in Duluth. Many signatures are needed on the form. He asked Lou Hlad how many 3rd degree members All Saints had. The answer was 172. Our target for all councils is only 10 across all councils.

Dennis Klein asked if it were possible to do an exemption to allow 3rd degree members into one of our 4th degree meetings to see what we were about. It was pointed out that this is not allowed by KofC rules. Recruitment meetings would have to be held at the councils like we did last year at All Saints.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser Abe Kassis reported recent revenues of \$967. All Saints voted \$660 for gratis meals eaten by their people at the Korean War Dinner. About \$220 was spent for awards at that dinner. Bills for the evening dinner had not yet been reported.

Report of Committees

Patriotic Committee

Jon Bird provided the Sir Knights with some magazines from military dioceses he had obtained regarding patriotic themes.

He also had a booklet called "Armed with Faith" which the KofC provides. It is a handbook for military personnel. With the Catholic doctrines of respect for life, nonetheless, going back to St. Augustine, there are actually "just wars" that should be fought. He is the apostle of "just wars" that bring peace to the State. This must be the object of war for "Blessed are the Peacemakers" even as they are provoked to war. We must also remember that mercy is due the vanquished.

Trustee Report

As was previously reported, the required audit reports were completed.

Social Committee Report

FN asked Chuck Langgood if he would serve another year as chairman and he answered that he would.

Langgood stated that there were currently no social events on the calendar and welcomed suggestions from the members. He stated that a social dinner with the wives would be a good idea.

Langgood mentioned that our next veteran's appreciation dinner would be for the Viet Nam veterans and probably held at St. Brigid in cooperation with their Assembly again. He mentioned that the social board had met and decided to start earlier next year and learn from our experiences with the last two dinners. The next event would potentially have larger numbers of people due to more surviving vets. It is possible that the invitees might be limited to Knight veterans, but this has not been finalized until some numbers are known. Langgood, Doc Malone, and Mike Bag-nulo are the three organizers of our Assembly.

Chalice Committee

Ed Pierson reported a thank-you note from Father Matthew Janecsco, OFM who received our last travel kit chalice. He is the Franciscan nephew of our Sir Knight Frank Zimmerer. He called it an "incredibly kind gift" which he has already used on the road. He said he would remember deceased knights Paul Buettner and Paul Reale as he employs it.

Ed had one chalice left that he was trying to work out with Deacon Garcia. Monsignor Hugh Marren pointed out that we should be presenting chalices to priests and not deacons. Since the deacon will not become a priest until May of next year, we will hold off on his gift.

Membership Committee

No new members to read in.

Unfinished Business

FN asked how the Fr. Charles J. Watters bench project was coming. It was reported as completely done.

FN asked if all Sir Knights had received their copies of the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence.

Sir Knight B.J. Van Gundy displayed the Informed Voter posters that we used two years ago that were posted in our council church vestibules. He wanted to have us reach back to the councils to ascertain interest.

Doc Malone asked for help identifying the last four Korean War vets in the group picture, Bill Youtt, Steven Pawlik, Charles Cammack, and Russell Glenn. The other 25 pictures to vets were mailed to the attendees.

New Business

FN noted that a copy of this year's budget was sent out via email. He asked for discussion or corrections. There were none. The budget was accepted by unanimous vote.

Commander's Report

- Bob Mitchell was not in attendance, so there was no Commander's Report.

Reports of the Third Degree

All Saints—Lou Hlad

- All Saints built a patriotic float for the Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade. One of the members was dressed as General Patton and all the past grand knights of the council rode on it.
- Monthly Bingo Night had a record 149 paying players for a new record. The crowds are steadily growing and so are the prizes and profits.
- Sir Knight Tony Joyce celebrates his 50 continuous years as a Knight and becomes our third winner of this prestigious award.
- Sir Knight Bill Allen becomes an Honorary Life Award winner at age 65 with 25 years of service. His dues are now waived and he gets a certificate and his honorary life pin.
- Hosted the Officer Installation Assembly Meeting/Dinner last month.
- The council voted to reimburse the Assembly for the gratis Korean War Veteran dinners enjoyed by our parish members. The amount sent to the Assembly for 36 meals was \$660, since the council had submitted several donations from the parish.
- Donated \$2,000 to an organization called I-Care which provides free rides to older persons needing transportation to and from medical appointments.
- Hosted a day at White Water Park for all our altar servers and their parents.
- Will serve food at the Dunwoody Butterfly festival this Saturday for 3,000 attendees at the Dunwoody Nature Center.
- On a sad note, All Saints lost three brothers to death this month — SK Jean-Paul Roy, Donald Del Guercio (3rd degree), and Bill Giles. (3rd Degree). SK Roy will be the first name on our next chalice. They are our 46th, 47th, 48th deceased.
- All Saints has been instrumental in staging several weekend work day events to get the new Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Midtown ready for opening day in the Fall. Our brother Deacon Bill Garrett is the new school President. The Chief Operating Officer, Nick Gentile, became an All Saints first degree member in June because of the work they did there.
- Council acolyte teams continued serving all parish funerals in July.
- The Council will participate the building All Saints 21st home for Habitat of Humanity.
- Insurance Field Agent, John Knight, was presented with the Top Insurance Field Agent Award at the Georgia State Convention.

Mary Our Queen—Jim Knapp

- They held a breakfast.
- Jim Knapp passed the GK title to Pete Farrell.
- They have three candidates thinking of the fourth degree ceremony.

St. Andrew (Mike Bagnulo)

- SK Deacon Gary Shantz organized a contingent of 30 St. Andrew folks (including 5 or 6 brothers) to visit the State Penitentiary of Louisiana at Angola. They spent three nights in the prison visiting with the prisoners. They have managed to build the only Catholic Chapel on any prison grounds. It has been named the non-denominational Catholic Chapel (laughter) to avoid ACLU problems.
- Held a blood drive with the Red Cross getting 60 pints of blood.

Further FN Comments

FN asked the membership whether they would prefer that the third degree reports be limited to only patriotic issues, since the fourth degree is the patriotic degree. There was no inclination from the membership that they wanted this change and enjoyed hearing of all the things that the other councils did every month.

FN mentioned that SK Bob Santos reminded the Assembly that they should consider a Camp Inspire donation next month.

Good of the Order

Petitions were offered by members of the council and a group prayer was offered for the petitioned.

Split-the-Pot Award

An award of \$47 was given to Abe Kassis.

Attendance Award

Bob Mitchell's name was picked, but he was not in attendance.

The meeting was closed with the usual ceremonials at 8:15 PM after one hour.