Minutes of August 11th, 2016 Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The August Assembly Meeting was held at Mary Our Queen Parish Hall. Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

St. AndrewSeptember 8th(followed by)All SaintsOctober 13th(followed by)Mary Our QueenNovember 10th(Mary Our Queen)

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. An exceptional gourmet meal of pork loin, onions, carrots, salad, cookies, bread, and adult beverages was prepared by Mary Our Queen brothers. There were 33 total Sir Knights in attendance.

The meeting began slightly early at 7:25 PM with the usual ceremonies. First time attendees were Jerry Cross and Father Darragh Griffith, pastor of MOQ. July wedding anniversaries were announced for Joe Inglima (29) and Frank Seco de Lucena (53). It was noted that Frederic Alexandre (who prepared the fine meal) had just become an American citizen two week earlier (applause).

No Sir Knights from other Assemblies in attendance. Surprisingly, no attendees had July birthdays. Handshakes among all brothers were exchanged.

A special icon portrait of the Holy Family which is making the rounds of many parishes was displayed and venerated. (Photo shown in FN Report).

FN called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed with no corrections.

A roll call of officers yielded these results:

Faithful Navigator – William Camden Faithful Controller – Dave Mason				
Faithful Captain – Nick Mattera				
Faithful Pilot — Jon Bird				
Faithful Admiral – Stan Wasowski	(excused)			
Faithful Purser – Abe Kassis	× ,			
Faithful Scribe – Lou Hlad				
Inner Sentinel – Dave Richardson				
Outer Sentinel - Joe Inglima				
One Year Trustee – Bob Mitchell				
Two Year Trustee – Bob Webster				
Three Year Trustee – Chuck Langgood				
Color Corps Commander – Stan Wasowski	(excused)			
Faithful Friar – Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	(excused)			
Faithful Friar Emeritus— Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan	(excused)			

Special Award Presentations

FN initiated the meeting by giving out out a special "Outstanding Knight of the Year" to our Faithful Controller, Dave Mason. Dave had been absent from the previous meeting at which several special awards were presented by the FN.

Here is the citation:

<u>Dave Mason</u> – Dave you are the incredible. You are always there to help a new Sir Knight, or a new Officer learning his way. When the call goes out for help you always respond.

You collected donations at every Military Chaplains Fund Drive services at All Saints and St. Andrews. You helped with the Veterans Dinner. You volunteered to stand guard for many hours at Wakes when we were short in the middle of the night.

You have chased the past due memberships and set the record for accomplishments. You keep up with our accounting and balance to the penny every month. You do our taxes every year and all the reports that Supreme requires.

You visit the elderly, sick or dying in the hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. You are also co chairman for Seminarians getting their new Chalice when they become a Priest.

For all of this we award you with Outstanding Achievement for 2015-2016. Thank You for all you do for our Assembly.



Faithful Navigator Report (Bill Camden)

I hope all of you have had a great summer. Hopefully we will get a break from the heat and the cooler weather will move in. This is another very busy month with a lot going on.

At the August meeting, we approved the minutes for the July 2016 meeting.

In August we had (2) Honor Guards. I want to thank each of the Sir Knights for your participation in the Honor Guard for the month of August. We had a great turnout for all Honor Guards with (21) at the end of the month and (18) at Mary our Queen and (18) at St. Andrews. WOW!!! That was awesome. Thank you and God bless you all for your support.

Aug 21st – Mary Our Queen- Welcome Mass for Fr. Griffith, new pastor. Aug. 27th- St Andrews –Rededication Mass

I ask once again that you please participate in as many Honor Guards as you can as we need each of you so we can make a spiritual showing for our Faith, Priests and our Assembly. Please remember to support the other parishes and not just the one that you attend.

Our new Mary Our Queen **Sir Knight Frederic Alexandre** did an excellent job preparing the food at our last meeting. The dinner was excellent. We thank you Frederic for all the hard work you gave to the Knights preparing a wonderful dinner and for the hospitality for our Assembly.

Frederic also became a United States Citizen this past month. Congratulations Frederic.

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month. Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, Guy Stryker, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Mary Malone, Sharon Culetta, Walt Wasowski, Bill May, Oscar Frizzi, William Osherski, Linda Sperick, Barbra Spenser, Wiley Maloof, Ray Grupinski, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smiths daughter Linda, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith and Matt Powell Sr., Kathleen, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, Patrice Gavin, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, and Ron Collins wife Jackie. Jim Masak, Msgr. Kernan, Margret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Lori Echols, Robbie White and added last month was Mike Dorico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barinco, Mary Jo Westbrin, Frank Farrell's wife Gene, Joy Fahey and Peter Leibowitz, Deborah Blair, Jerry Lively, Bob Mitchell's sister Nancy Dill, Norma Pierson, and Mary Ross.

Please keep these wonderful Brother Sir Knights and their family and friends in your prayers. Please pray for our countries new leaders that they will lead us in the direction that our Lord asks of us. Please pray for the men and women in the military that are fighting for our freedom and religious rights and for all the Christian refugees in the Mid-East. Please pray for our Clergy of our faith.

Assembly Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th from 12:00 noon to 4:00. If your name starts with A through M, please bring a side dish. If your name starts with N through Z, please bring a dessert. The Assembly will be serving hamburgers and brats. This will be a great time for some fun and camaraderie.

I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Interest:

The Assembly Officers held their Installation dinner at Mumbo Italiano restaurant with our current District Master, Tom Frizzi, on August 19th. Our District Master was very complimentary on our Assembly and all of the activities we are involved with. He mentioned again about how impressed he was with numbers involved in our Honor Guard of (21) Sir Knights at the Installation Mass. He sends his THANKS TO ALL OF YOU for your support of our Assembly.



We had the Holy Family with us at our Assembly meeting courtesy of Sir Knight Dennis Klein. We said the Rosary in honor of the Holy Family and recited the prayer that travels with The Holy Family icon. We were very blessed and honored. Thank you Dennis.



• Our Chalice presentation with Fr. Roberto Suarez was canceled again due to a conflict with his schedule. We will announce the new date once we know.

- I am pleased to announce our new District Master is Stan Rapciewicz. Stan is the current state Retention Chairman, District Marshall, and he is a former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator. His term starts on September 1st and I am looking forward to helping him. Please give him your support.
- It has been announced that there will be a 4th degree in November. We do not have a date at this time but I will announce it once it has been determined.
- Our Assembly submitted for the Patriotic Award to our Supreme Council and the award is to be announced sometime after July.
- We have also submitted for the Civic Award to the Vice Supreme Master. This will also be announced sometime after July.
- We were chosen by the State K of C for the Program for "Knights Activity" for the year by our State Deputy Mark McMullen.
- We submitted for the Knights Activity in "Knightline" to Supreme and we were in April addition online and the May addition "Knightline Newsletter" from Supreme.
- We also submitted an article for "Columbia Magazine" for our Assembly which has not been printed at this time.
- We signed up a record (41) new Sir Knights in 2015-2016

Golf Tournament:

Sir Knights, we need about 5 more golfers for our Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 10th at "Bear's Best" in Suwannee. We have about 110 signed up. If you know someone that doesn't have the entry fee, please consider sponsoring him or her or contact us..

If you are a golfer, then please consider being one of the fun groups. We will place you with a great group, and you will have a blast playing with Leo Mazzone and Rocky Snipes, the greatest long ball hitter in history (450 yards plus) who will hit your ball off the tee for you.

If you sponsor a golfer for \$150.00, you too have a free Lunch, beverages, and you can go to the awards ceremony and hear Leo Mazzone speak. (He <u>will</u> make you laugh). You will also be admitted to the silent action at no charge.

It will be a great time and remember that this is for a great cause <u>"The Veterans" who need help.</u>

Please call David Emery at 770-395-7913 or email <u>jdavidemery@gmail.com</u> If you would like to volunteer at the golf tournament, please contact me or David

Thanks and God bless you for your help.

Our Next Monthly Meeting will be at St. Andrew's on Thursday, September 8th. Rosary is at 6:15 followed by dinner and the meeting starts at 7:30 or before. Please try to attend and meet some of our new Sir Knights with a warm welcome. This will be the (3^{rd}) meeting of the New Year 2016 – 2017.

I thank you all for your participation and support of this great Assembly and may God's blessings be with each of you and reward you for all you do for the Knights Assembly. Vivat Jesus.

Faithful Purser Report—Abe Kassis

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 6.30.2016	\$ 16,767.83	
RECIEPTS		
DUES	\$ 150.00	
VETERAN DINNER	\$ 1,500.00	
GOLF	\$ 7,875.00	
FOOD	\$ 198.00	
50/50 SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS EXPENSES	<u>\$ 70.00</u> <u>\$ 9,793.00</u> \$ 26,560.83	<u>GOLF TOURNAMENT</u>
OFFICER INSTALLATION SUB TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ (150.00)</u> <u>\$ (150.00)</u>	INCOME \$ 19,000.00 EXPENSES <u>\$ (2,397.46)</u> TOTAL <u>\$ 16,602.54</u>
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 7.31.2016	<u>\$ 26,410.83</u>	
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/(EXPENSES)		
GOLF	\$ 1,150.00	
GOLF	\$ (886.01)	
WEB	\$ (65.05)	
VET DINNER	\$ (122.59)	
OFFICER INSTALLATION	<u>\$ (75.00)</u>	
TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 08.10	<u>\$ 1.35</u> .2016 <u>\$ 26,412.18</u>	

Faithful Controller Report (Dave Mason)

- 1. Confirming checking account Balance as of August 10th at \$26,412.18. (with \$16,602.54 for the Golf Tournament coming up in September at Bear's Best).
- 2. Membership: We are at 210 members. There was no exemplification in July. We didn't gain any new members, but good news is we didn't lose anyone either.
- 3. Membership dues--all SKs are paid except 2 members. We had less than 1% that did not pay.
- 4. We have the final numbers in for the Mid-East Veterans Dinner. We actually made a couple hundred dollars. Nice job by all and especially Chuck Langgood.
- 5. Assembly Audit- Was completed August 30th. All policies and procedures are in place. Signed off by Faithful Navigator William Camden and the three Trustees (Mitchell, Webster and Langgood).
- 6. Golf Tournament- September 10th at Bear's Best. We have raised over \$20,000.
- 7. Assembly IRS forms to be completed by end of August.

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

We received an email from Sir Knight Mark Foster. His wife Stephanie gave birth to a son, Michael Patrick Foster 6 pounds 13 ounces by c-section. His second child. Mother and son are doing fine.

Rita Mix, widow of Tom Mix, thanked us for sending her communications. She likes being in the loop and knowing what we are doing.

Sir Knight Walt Gauthier wrote that he thanks brother knights that helped him after his auto accident, especially Bob Santos who stayed with him 24/7.

Since that time Walt writes that he has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. He can no longer drive or live alone. His niece in Massachusetts has offered to take him in. He will move up there in by October 1. He will put all his possessions up in an estate sale. He has an honor guard sword, baldric, gloves, and chapeau box that he would like to sell to raise a modest amount.

Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

Four widows played Bingo at All Saints complements of the council. A new record. Both Rita Mix and Mary Ann Stojka thank us for keeping them in the loop.

Still have not gotten the contact info for any St. Andrew and Mary Our Queen widows. We need to invite them and family members to our Wednesday October 19th 7 PM Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Knights at All Saints. Sir Knight Ralph Stinson will coordinate the contacting of widows for the Mass.

Social Committee Report (Langgood/FN/Emery)

Chuck discussed the Assembly picnic which was postponed earlier in the year. He said that either Saturday October 8th or 15th would work. He has both days reserved by St. Andrew parish at the riverside. Beverages and meats will be provided by the Assembly. The other foods will be pot luck and provided by those that attend. FN said he would send out the poster again with the date included.

Because it was raised that All Saints has a recruiting drive on October 8/9, FN decided that the Assembly picnic would be on Saturday October 15th. This does not conflict with the All Saints picnic to be held on Sunday October 30th.

David Emery reported we have over 100 players signed up. Several non-players sponsored other players and sponsored holes. Another 25 players would put another \$3000 in our profits. He now expects to make \$5-\$10k profit on this tournament as of now.

So far there is not a single female signed up to play. Four priests, Msgr. Marren, Msgr. Fennesy, Father Jim Duffy the pastor of OLA, and potentially Fr. Griffith the pastor of MOQ. Lunch will be about 2 PM for those who don't play but can come and dine with us. Charge should be about \$15 charged by Bear's Best. Non-players can also just take part in the chipping and putting competition.

It was asked if any other Assemblies were invited, Emery noted that there is a foursome from OLA and one from St. Benedict playing. We have not advertised extensively to other Assemblies. Advertising as an insert in the All Saints church bulletin had a poor response.

The method of play will be a "scramble" meaning everyone plays the best ball of the foursome.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

We presented a travel chalice to Father Gerardo Ceballos in a ceremony at All Saints Church.

Our next candidate is Roberto Suarez, who was ordained on June 25th.We have \$1,000 in our budget for two chalices. He wants a regular chalice. We had Mass dates to present him a chalice, but he has canceled twice. Looking to agree to a common time.

٠	Presented to Fr. Ceballos, a chalice with the names:		
	Anthony Allan Kosek passed 12.25.201	4 (All Saints)	
	Charles J. Robinson passed 12.30.201	4 (St. Andrew)	

 Currently awaiting Presentation to Father Suarez: James Edward Lamb passed 3.5.2015 (St. Andrew) Richard (Doc) Malone passed 6.12.2015 (All Saints) Michael A. Nassr passed 10.31.2015 (St. Andrew)

 Awaiting another Chalice (or two): Dennis M. Crean passed 11.1.2015 (All Saints) Fr. Joseph M. Peek passed 3.14.2016 (All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest?) Thomas Templeton passed 5.1.2006 (All Saints) No recipient yet identified for another chalice.

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

It was a record year for new Assembly members this year. We added 41 new Sir Knights.

Patriotism Report (Jon Bird)

No report from Bird. FN noted that we are looking for veteran organizations that do not have high administrative costs and the money gets to veterans. BJ Van Gundy put forth the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition, but this is not a veteran organization. Camden asked for suggestions.

David Emery suggested putting an ad in the Georgia Bulletin. FN thought it a good idea. Jon Bird floated the idea of helping the Atlanta Veterans Business Association (AVBA). He advised that this organization gives scholarships to families of veterans and 100% of the money goes to this. FN asked for more information. Terry Petrukovich suggested the American Heritage Society which promotes flag raising ceremonies. FN asked for more information.

Color Corps Report (Stan Wasowski)

Stan Wasowski was not present. FN reported a July ceremony at St. Andrew, the Officer Installation with 21 honor guards, and an honor guard at All Saints for a bishop from Sri Lanka.

Trustee Report (Bob Mitchell)

Other than the audit completion, no report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Reports of the 3rd Degree

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Held an Officer Installation ceremony on July 10th with new District Deputy John Knight.
- John Knight and myself traveled to Christ the King to hold an officer Installation ceremony there.
- Assembly Officer Installation was held at All Saints on JULY 19TH with Master Tom Frizzi and Faithful Chaplain Fr. Donald Rogaczewski doing the honors. Thanks for the large honor guard. Frizzi was very impressed.
- Got three new 1st degree members on July 19th
- Heard from our member Fr. Anthony Eshun in Ghana with photos showing how the ten laptops we sent them are being used by his students.
- We awarded our Knight-of-the-Month to Brother Michael Cure.
- We awarded our Family-of-the-Month Award to Dean and Mary Trantow. Dean is our GK.
- We are sponsoring our Annual Altar Server Whitewater Outing on August 20th.
- Father Gerardo Ceballos was awarded the Assembly travel chalice kit at a ceremony at an All Saints Mass on July 21st. Bill Camden and Ed Pierson presented the kit.
- Our member Deacon Ray Egan celebrated his 25th anniversary as a deacon with Archbishop Gregory.
- Our parish 23rd Habitat for Humanity House is scheduled for an all-knight work day on October 1st. Our council members stuffed a couple of thousand envelopes to send out to the parishioners.
- Our new Insurance Field Agent Nicholas Shaw attended our July council meeting to introduce himself.
- Our July 28th Bingo had a record 187 players including three widows. We have almost outgrown our social hall for this event. Half of the profits again went to Sophia Academy.
- Our Assembly Member Gray Plunkett has returned to Benin, Africa to continue translation of the Bible into the local language. He benefited for a \$1,000 donation from the council and several personal donations from members.
- We will be furnishing food services for the Dunwoody Butterfly Festival on Sat. Sept. 20th.
- We are sponsoring our monthly Family Movie Night on Aug. 26th and showing <u>The Force</u> <u>Awakens</u>.
- We published and sent out a 22 page Council newsletter.
- Our acolyte teams again served all parish funerals.

Mary Our Queen (Larry Pelkowski)

- Fr. Griffith, the new pastor, is a 4th degree. He will be the new Worthy Chaplain of MOQ.
- Three new members since July 1st.
- Working with the American Heritage girls toward new school supplies.
- Larry will be speaking to that group this week.
- Our new American citizen Sir Knight Frederic Alexandre will be doing a dinner at MOQ.
- A barbeque is scheduled for the end of October.

St. Andrew (Terry Petrukovich)

- Pastor of St. Andrew received his third degree on August 6th.
- Held a Red Cross Blood Drive.
- The traveling icon shown at this meeting is being handled by the council.
- A 1st degree is scheduled for August 20th.

Good of the Order

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month.

Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, Guy Stryker, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Mary Malone, Sharon Culetta, Walt Wasowski, Bill May, Oscar Frizzi, William Osherski, Linda Sperick, Barbara Spencer, Wiley Maloof, Ray Grupinski, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smith's daughter Linda, Barbara Morrison, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith and Matt Powell Sr., Kathleen, Larry Orchard, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, Patrice Gavin, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, and Ron Collins' wife Jackie. Jim Masak, Msgr. Kiernan, Margret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Lori Echols, Robbie White and added last month was Mike Dorico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco, Mary Jo Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Gene, Joy Fahey and Peter Leibowitz.

Brother Jim Snoddy had a pacemaker installed and is doing well.

Walt Gauthier has congestive heart failure and his life will be changed forever.

Norma Pierson had a stent installed and will be removed soon. She is doing well.

Please keep these wonderful Brother Sir Knights and their family and friends in your prayers. Please pray for our countries new leaders that they will lead us in the direction that our Lord asks of us.

Please pray for the men and women in the military that are fighting for our freedom and religious rights and for all the Christian refugees in the Mid-East.

Sir Knight Bob Mitchell read a letter stating that his sister Nancy Gill had a completely successful brain surgery operation. Doctors believe they got the entire tumor and may be discharged tomorrow. Lou Hlad will send out the letter to all knights this evening. (applause)

The brothers rose to pray for the sick and deceased. FN lead the prayers.

Split the Pot

Ray Grupinski won the \$60 prize .

Attendance Award

Lou Hlad was chosen. He was present

Meeting End

The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:24 PM.

Items of Interest:

On July 21st 7:00 pm Mass, The Assembly presented a "Traveling Mass Kit to Fr. Gerardo Ceballos with the engraved names of our passed Sir Knight Anthony Allan Kosek and Sir Knight Charles J. Robinson.

The Assembly had a great turn out for the Mass and the presentation. I want to thank all of the Sir Knights for attending this wonderful occasion. Fr. Gerardo concelebrated the Mass with Monsignor Marren who gave a great Homily and had a lot of very nice things to say about the Sir Knights and thanked us for all we do for the church and our faith. We also thank Monsignor Marren and all of the Priests for all their support for us.



The presentation was held at All Saints following the 7:00 PM Mass on July 21st, 2016 From Left to Right Pictured are Sir Knights Fr. Kevin Peek, Mario Marin, Bill Camden, Fr. Gerardo Ceballos, Sir Knights Mike Bagnulo, Lou Hlad, Ed Pierson, Ted Tada, Bob Webster and Monsignor Hugh Marren.

Our Chalice Priests Ordained June 25th



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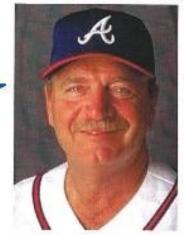
Holding the flags of their native countries, (I-r) Father Valery Akoh, Father Carlos Cifuentes, Father Roberto Suarez Barbosa and Father Gerardo Ceballos are further testimony to the culturally diverse makeup of the new priests enhancing the vocational ranks within the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Father Akoh hails from Central Africa's Cameroon, Fathers Cifuentes and Suarez Barbosa are natives of Colombia, South America, and Mexico is Father Ceballos' country of origin. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory ordained them priests on June 25 at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta.

The two priests to the right are the two we will present chalices They were ordained June 25th. Fr. Suarez will be assigned to St. Jude. Father Ceballos has not yet been assigned.

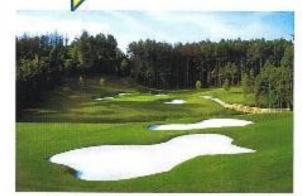
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