

Minutes of 12-09-2010 Watters Assembly Meeting

The December Assembly Meeting was the second consecutive held at All Saints. The meeting started promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 40.

The nine officers present were Langgood, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Pierson, Zaryski, Klein, Stryker, and Webster. Only FN Crnkovich, Msgr. Marren, and Langheim were excused. The Faithful Captain, Chuck Langgood, stood in for the Faithful Navigator for this meeting in place of Crnkovich. The vacant Outer Sentinel office caused by the untimely death of Jim Judson was to be addressed by an election at this meeting.

Faithful Captain Langgood requested the reading of the November minutes. Faithful Trustee Klein motioned that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed due to the electronic transmission of same. Motion carried and minutes were not read.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie announced receipt of a bill for the evening dinner for \$161.87, a member transfer out charge from Supreme of \$8.15, a bill for engraving for \$75.97, an income collection of \$60 from dinner donations, and an income amount of \$73 for one-half of the split-the-pot sales.

Purser Report

Faithful Purser Rich McKenzie reported that the opening November 1st checking balance was \$4,024. Receipts were \$905, expenses were \$2,936, and the November 30th ending balance was \$2,893.

Comptroller Report

Bob Webster reported our roster of members had stood at 172 from last month, but the addition of 17 new members from the Nov. 6th fourth degree exemplification had raised our membership to 189. The current cash balance as of this meeting is \$2,912.

Committee Reports

Patriotic Committee Report

Wasowski reported that there was no Patriotic Report, but asked for a prayer for the Americans who died on the 69th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack celebrated a few days ago. An Our Father was offered for this purpose.

Chalice Committee Report

Ernie Spencer reported that two chalices were now in possession of the Assembly. One was displayed and one was still in the box. He reported that he will be in possession of same in lieu of the Corps Commander who has too many things in his possession now.

A question was raised as to the method used to award the chalices. Spencer responded that they query the Director of Vocations at the Archdiocese office to determine if a seminarian being ordained in the Spring is in need of same. It is presented at his first Mass after he first blesses it. It may then be used at that first Mass and then forever by the recipient. The first chalice representing last fraternal year will bear the names of Frank Welter and David Moeller. Jim Judson's name will appear on next year's awarded gift.

Welfare Committee Report

Urban Rump reported that sympathy cards were prepared and sent for Jim and Elizabeth Judson and also for Mary Stinson, wife of Ralph Stinson. Birthday cards for the month of December will be mailed in the next couple days.

He thanked the members present for the gifts of non-perishable food and magazines on the table. He will be going to the VA hospital next Monday with his wife for delivery of magazines. Rump asked if any of the member parish pantries would need the food or else he would take it to his Fulton County pantry. Brother Kassis mentioned that St. Andrew could use the food and it will be sent there.

Rump announced that he had arranged to schedule four dates for meeting the troops at the Atlanta Airport. February 2nd was firm and dates in May, August, and November are to be announced later. Only Atlanta and Dallas airports handle the rotating troops coming back from war fronts. Direct

flights from Kuwait and Afghanistan are incoming. The USO events are pretty well booked and we were fortunate to get four dates.

Social Committee Report

Langgood asked Klein to speak briefly about an Assembly formal social dinner planned after Lent. It will probably be another Founder's Day Ball sometime in May. Last year it was done honoring pastors, but this year the theme is planned to honor parochial vicars of our four Assembly parishes. The type of gift given to these men is not yet determined. We expect the priests to attract a large audience like last year. We will ask the four councils to fund the gifts for their priests.

Bob Mitchell opined that we must be careful about a May date because we get slammed for Honor Guard requests every year in May.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell reported that since last meeting these honor guard activities were held:

- A funeral Mass for Father Marty Kopchik at St. Jude. The O'Hara Assembly also participated.
- A Confirmation at Our Lady of the Assumption (the very first honor guard ever done there). O'Hara folks also participated.
- The Rome, GA Christmas event was postponed due to bad weather.
- Nov 20th at St. Brigid held two confirmations 10 AM/2 PM.
- Posted the colors along with the Sons of the American Revolution at the Roswell Fulton Seniors Activity Center on the day of our last meeting.

This month Archbishop Gregory will bless the All Saints Columbarium at a special Mass he will concelebrate. Eighteen have responded. Bennie Mastrogiovanni said he will come if the weather is nice (laughter).

In the first six months we have done an incredible 29 honor guard events with 365 participants. Mitchell asked Bob Webster if he had heard anything about the honor guards pins ordered and Webster said he had not. Bob will follow up. The FN has possession of an original group we received.

It was mentioned that Jim Judson was scheduled to be the sponsor of a St. Brigid confirmed youth. The youth's sister carried Jim Judson's chapeau during the entire ceremony in his absence and honor.

New Business - Outside Guard Officer Election

The recent tragic passing of outside guard Jim Judson required the election of a replacement officer as the first order of new Business.

Dennis Klein offered a motion to simply use our secondary Outside Guard for the rest of the fraternal year out of respect for Jim Judson. He was under the impression that we had in June elected two Outside Guards. It was pointed out that Dick Kobylski was not an official officer under the bylaws. Klein withdrew his motion.

At the last meeting two members had been nominated to fill the lone vacant Outside Guard position, Mike Klimshuk and Dick Kobylski. It came to light that Kobylski had since withdrawn, leaving only Mike Klimshuk nominated. Langgood asked three times if any other brother wished to be nominated. None offered. Mike Klimshuk was then elected by unanimous acclamation with the record showing one vote for Klimshuk. Mike was present and loud applause followed his appointment.

Other New Business

State Secretary Rick Sisko rose to announce that a firm in South Atlanta called Frontline Faith that manufactures a computer flash drive (alias memory stick) designed to go out to the military. It contains the Rosary, the Mass, and related Catholic information on it. The normal price is \$25 each, but the Knights can buy it for \$14 each.

The Master of the Fourth Degree will take the lead on this project and attempt to gain wide distribution of these devices through the Assemblies. More information will be forthcoming soon.

It was mentioned that there will be an exemplification of the fourth degree on February 26th at the Marriott Northwest in Marietta near I-75 & I-285.

Report of the Trustees

Trustee Tom Mix wished all brothers a very happy and prosperous New Year. (Applause)

FN Report

Chuck Langgood spoke about an article in the latest **Columbia Magazine** about one of the Americans who designed the device that freed the trapped 33 miners in Chile. He is a brother knight from Texas and he was quoted as being in the right place at the right time. He was a very ordinary person doing extraordinary things as God called upon him. The Navy captain who freed his crew from the Somali pirates earlier this year was also a brother knight. The current feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe featured a very simple peasant, Juan Diego, called upon by God for an important mission, as was the Blessed Virgin herself. He offered this as food for thought during the Advent Season.

Third Degree Reports

St. Brigid (Holcomb) –

- Dick Kobylski is running the **Catholics Come Home** event during this Assembly meeting, so he was not here.
- Nov. 18th and Dec. 2nd held **Business Connection** events to help parishioners find jobs. About 450 parishioners are participating as either employers or applicants. It is estimated that 600 heads of households are out of work at St. Brigid. Breakfasts and evening meals are provided for participants.
- On November 20th and 21st held a Tootsie Roll Drive earning about \$1,300.
- On Dec. 2nd, St. Brigid held an election to replace Jim Judson as Recorder. Mike Fletcher was chosen.
- Bob Laird donated his \$140 50/50 winnings to the council **Knight on the Knights** program.
- John Baker's father also heard about the **Knight on the Knights** program and donated \$100. These donations are usually matched by restaurants and families in need are fed.
- Started a program called **Our Brothers Kids** to ensure that the Judson children and any others in need receive Christmas and birthday gifts for three years.
- Their Monastery Fudge sale yielded \$2,600 in sales.
- On Dec. 11th will hold annual **Breakfast with Santa** and then immediately clean the hall for a funeral reception followed by their annual council Christmas Dinner.

- Their Third Annual **Chili Challenge** is upcoming on Dec 12th. Nine groups are participating and the Johns Creek Fire Department will bring over their truck for the kids.
- They will sell Christmas trees this year.

St. Andrew - (Lemcoe)

- Held a council Christmas Party last weekend.
- Had a presentation regarding new and existing insurance products from their new field agent.
- Will have a 1st degree ceremony early in January.
- Monsignor Marren asked the brothers to pray the **Memorare** prayer three times a day for the intentions of the knights.
- Council raised \$2,730 for new parish vestments which has exceeded the goal of \$2,500. Thirty-six knights and three non-knights contributed.
- Council will support three seminarians this year's RSVP program.
- St. Andrew's Squires Circle helped a brother Robertson set up a nativity scene in his yard, will then help with the **Breakfast with Santa**, and then help decorate the rectory.
- The Council **Breakfast with Santa** will be held this Saturday.
- Will hold a pancake breakfast. Brother Copano has decided that the diameter of the pancakes will be 5 inches (laughter).
- Recent Pecan Sale netted \$1,582 for their Food Baskets for Children with Disabilities Program.
- They are preparing Thanksgiving food baskets as well.
- On February 5th, brother Gary Schantz will be ordained a deacon. A dinner that evening and breakfasts after morning Masses are being planned for that event. An honor guard will be requested.
- Council donated \$250 to a brother in need.
- Ongoing food collections are done by their council.

All Saints (Wasowski) -

- Made a \$500 donation to the Friends of Disabled Adults and Children. They provide mobility aids.
- On November 6th participated in the Dunwoody Community Cleanup event. Removed trash from an I-285 intersection.
- Started our **Keep Christ in Christmas** religious card sale.
- Participated with St. Brigid in a Soccer challenge event.

- Held a spaghetti dinner for the benefit of the parish cub scouts on November 13.th. They served 300 meals and made \$1,100 for All Saints Pack 434.
- Finished their third **Fathers for Good** seminar series and are already planning their fourth series to start next month.
- Held a 1st degree exemplification on November 30th and got five new members.
- Participated in the SEC Fanfare event at the World Congress Center which preceded the SEC Championship football game.
- On Saturday December 4th, they held their 17th annual **Desserts with Santa** event. About 165 families participated with 500 people. Pictures with Santa were taken for about 200 children.
- They will be hosting a **Monastery Fudge Sale** for two weekends. Fudge, coffee, biscotti, and fruitcake will be sold.
- The council Christmas Party will be held December 11th in the social hall.
- Knights will be assembling the parish outdoor crèche, then later holding a lighting ceremony after the parish **Festival of Carols** in the church. A reception will then be sponsored by the knights in the social hall.
- All Saints is in the process of hosting four consecutive Assembly meetings.
- A badge Sunday will be held on December 17th at one of the Masses.
- Will be holding a New Years Eve party in the gym for all comers.

Langgood asked for a round of applause for Joey Fuentes for the great evening meal (applause).

Gray Plunkett, the All Saints lay missionary to Benin, Africa, requested funds for his ministry. He mentioned a series of CD's by Lighthouse Catholic Media that sell a series of catholic CD's. He get a small 50 cent refund for all purchased when using his promo code. He sold a few during the meeting. He displayed the comic book in Foodo language that he is working on.

Split the Pot

Chuck Langgood picked the winning Split-the-Pot ticket and it was his own.

Attendance Award

Dennis Klein won the \$20 award.

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order and the usual ceremonies. The meeting lasted about 1 hour and 20 minutes.