

Minutes of Dec. 11th, 2014

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The December Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints McGivney Hall due to the unavailability of the St. Andrew Parish Hall which is now the parish church due to ongoing construction there. St. Andrew will host the meetings at All Saints during months which represent their normal turn. All meetings are on the second Thursday of the month, except where noted.

All Saints.....January 8th then moving to
Mary Our Queen....February 11th (Wednesday) then back to All Saints
All Saints March 12th (St. Andrew Council is host), then repeat.

The pre-meeting rosary was recited at 6:25 PM. It was dedicated our sick Sir Knights.

The social dinner followed immediately afterward. The meeting started a bit early at 7:12 PM. There were 25 members present.

The opening ceremonials, Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer were conducted. Singing of the Opening Ode was waived.

The minutes of the last meeting were waived, since they were posted to members electronically with noted corrections.

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	
Faithful Commander-	Bob Mitchell	
Trustee 3 year term-	“ “	
Trustee 2 year term-	Ron Collins	
Trustee 1 year term-	Dennis Klein	
Inner Sentinel-	Terry Petrukovich	
Outer Sentinel-	James Knapp	
Faithful Friar-	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	(excused)
Faithful Friar Emeritus -	Monsignor Donald Kiernan	(excused)

Faithful Navigator's Report

FN stated that it was appropriate that he start each meeting mentioning any important life events of the members. Wedding anniversaries in December were Joe Mitchell, Andy Diaz, Steven Neri, Gabriel Zacher, and Vincent Flynn (50th).

FN thanked St. Andrews for hosting the meeting and for the fine dinner. They prepared it in McGivney (which FN referred to as the St. Andrew Annex) (laughter). Because it appeared that there would be leftovers, Dennis Klein offered a take home dinner for four at only \$12 if there was interest.

FN mentioned that the Fourth Degree Master, Tom Frizzi, had asked all Assemblies in Georgia to donate \$100 toward the cost of the last fourth degree event. All shortfalls come out of the Master's personal pocket. That motion and the bill for the 4th degree hospitality suite (split with the Archbishop Donoghue Assembly) will be moved to the New Business Section of the meeting.

Faithful Friar Report

Father Dan Rogaczewski was not in attendance.

Faithful Comptroller Report (Dave Mason)

1. Confirming Checking Account Balance of \$5,886.06.
2. Membership at 163, plus 12 from November 4th Degree Exemplification. Paperwork forwarded to Supreme Membership to get added to Assembly Roster by end of month. Which will bring us to a total 175 members.
3. We have an annual survey of Fraternal Activity due January 31, 2015. I will send separate email requesting what activities i.e. estimated hours of fraternal activities, community volunteer services, visiting the sick, etc. I think we all do a lot of this but usually don't keep track of our hours. I need your reply NLT January 15, 2015. So far 45 have been returned. He was impressed by the hours spent by members.
4. Membership dues for calendar year 2015 will go out by December 15th. Dues are still \$30.00. Make check out to K of C Assembly #2688 or we can take cash. You can give it at monthly meeting or if you wish to mail, the address will be on dues announcement.

Rather than waiting for New Business, Dave Mason asked if we could vote on the \$100 request to aide the Fourth Degree Master's shortfall. Bob Mitchell explained how such shortfalls occur at hotels when commitments are made before the event. The Assembly voted and the \$100 donation was approved without objection. FN suggested that such a line item be added to future budgets since this occurs quite often.

Faithful Purser Report (Abe Kassis)

Incoming bills were noted:

- \$133 for the hospitality suite at the fourth degree exemplification.
- \$172 for tonight's meal and drink.
- An amount for regalia cleaning which was budgeted.
- Kassis noted that the money collected for the food and drink at meetings was falling short by over \$300 so far for the year.

Faithful Scribe Report on Communications (Lou Hlad)

- FS read a letter from the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association thanking us for our contribution of \$250. They noted that all of the donation will be used to fund charitable veteran causes. Signed by A. Jack Fishman, Treasurer of the AVVBA.

Report of Committees

Social Committee (Chuck Langgood)

Chuck had a short preliminary meeting with Dick Holcomb, the FN of the Father O'Callahan Assembly at St. Brigid. A starting point for our next patriotic dinner honoring Vietnam veterans would be to start assembling a list of brother knights who served during the Vietnam War.

Bob Mitchell asked for qualification of who would be invited, those who actually served in the war or those who served during the war. That question must be addressed when the numbers are accumulated. There will be many more veterans associated with this war, because the veterans will be younger. That will be clarified by the committee and probably limited to brother knights. Doc Malone mentioned that he saw 65 members alone of All Saints who served during that conflict. WWII saw 23, Korea saw 46. The number of honorees must be limited. Langgood is leaning toward honoring brother knights who served anywhere during that war.

FN added that if we could invite some non-knight Vietnam Vets from our three member parishes, it could serve as a recruiting tool. That would be the decision of the committee.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

The Assembly is in possession of a chalice with three engraved names—Marcus Carroll, Edward Qualters, and Tom Mix. That is the chalice which will be presented to current Deacon Garcia when he is ordained a priest next Spring.

We are planning to purchase another chalice to hold the names of Jean-Paul Roy and Nicholas D'Annunzio, with room for a third name. We don't know whether the new purchase will be a chalice or a traveling Mass kit. It depends on the amount of travel the priest will be undergoing. Our latest gift was a traveling kit to Father Anthony Eshun in Ghana.

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

No report.

Patriotic Committee Report (Jon Bird)

Jon Bird reminded the brothers that when saying the Pledge of Allegiance, a veteran has the option of rendering a hand salute or placing his right hand over his heart. Many people do not know this.

Bird stated that he had made a presentation before the AVVBA proposing a bench for the Johns Creek Memorial Park for that organization.

Bird speculated why we've never built a Habitat Home for a veteran.

Trustee Report (Dennis Klein)

Klein brought back from his recent trip to Florida the rules of a raffle used by another Assembly that could be used by us to earn \$1,650, if employed here. It will be studied.

Bingo Report (Lou Hlad and Doc Malone)

Hlad reported that the monthly Bingo at All Saints is steady with the number of players between 100 and 150. The net profit per month can be as high as \$1,000 depending upon the number of players.

Malone added that the October Bingo run by the Assembly netted \$800 with half going to Sophia Academy and half to the Assembly. The next Assembly Bingo is in January. **We need more Assembly members to be certified before they are allowed to manage the event and deal with gaming money.**

To obtain the procedure for **Bingo Gaming Certification**, please email louhlad@comcast.net and request the email forwarded that contains the relevant links.

Color Corps Commander Report (Bob Mitchell)

- Bob related that in the recent past, the honor guard has served at the fourth degree exemplification, two veterans day Mass events at St. Andrew and All Saints, a flag retirement service at All Saints Scout Troop 434 at All Saints, a Confirmation Mass at All Saints, and funeral Masses with other Assemblies for Past State Deputies and Former Masters Herb Broughton and Tom Gissy both. In a few days the ashes of Tom Gissy will be interred at the Honey Creek burial area at Conyers Monastery.
- The only other thing on the calendar is a Pro-Life Mass Honor Guard at All Saints on Sunday January 18th at All Saints 10:30 Mass. This commemorates the Rowe v Wade decision allowing abortion near the Jan 22nd anniversary of that event.
- Bob mentioned that the group discount period for regalia purchase had just ended. This group purchase was the most successful of all time with several other Assemblies participating to ensure that the minimum purchase was made to obtain the 20% discount. In all, 43 orders were placed from 15 other Assemblies (applause).

FN thanked Bob for his wonderful efforts and asked if the January Pro-Life event might be augmented by a trip to the monument near the All Saints columbarium to place flowers. Bob related that John Gannon of All Saints would be the contact to discuss that ceremony addition.

Color Corps Commander Bob Mitchell may be contacted for all questions regarding honor guard participation or regalia availability at:

Home phone 770-804-8060

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Unfinished Business

Bob Santos, Director of Columbian Charities, noted that he had sent out personalized mailing labels with KofC logos to all members of 107 councils and all assemblies. He wants people to use them and consider a donation to the unrestricted charity fund he champions. The fund enables the address label efforts, the state raffle, and the annual Charity Gala. Donations are tax-deductible.

FN asked the members to remember the Frontline Faith MP3 Player charity and take that back to their respective councils.

New Business

None.

Reports of the Third Degree

All Saints—Dean Trantow

- Sponsored a child's Friday Night Movie on Nov. 21. Movie was "God's Not Dead".
- Held Confirmation on Nov. 22nd. Thanks to all who honor guarded.
- Held a 1st degree on Nov. 24th yielding 5 new members. We now have 481 brothers.
- Sponsored a Bingo Night on Nov. 20th with 127 players. Half the profits go every month to the new Catholic school, Sophia Academy on Dresden Drive. It is a Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 school for students with dyslexia. They have 135 students and are trying to raise \$35,000 for a school bus.
- Provided beverage services at the Parish Christmas Party on Nov. 29th.
- Held our annual parish "Desserts with Santa Party" on Dec. 6th. About 120 families were served. Pictures with Santa were provided.
- Sold Monastery fudge and biscotti last weekend. Still selling it. All proceeds to monastery.
- Sold "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards, car magnets, and yard signs.
- We put up the parish outside nativity crèche display on Dec. 10th.
- Our acolyte altar teams serve every funeral at All Saints. About 50 per year, 4 per month.
- Our catered Council Christmas Party will be this Saturday the 13th.

Mary Our Queen—Jim Knapp

- Holding monthly Sunday breakfasts for the parish. November was big success.
- Planning a Christmas Party with Santa and gifts for the parish kids.
- Several members are participating in a 40-hour Eucharistic adoration.
- Council now participating in Supreme's "Coats for Kids" Program.

St. Andrew—Chuck Langgood

- Target made a donation of \$250 to St. Andrew that will go to their pre-school.
- Held a Thanksgiving food basket drive with about 70 baskets distributed. They are now starting preparation for their Christmas food basket drive.
- ***Breakfast with Santa*** was held on Dec. 6th in limited quarters, but very successful. Terry Petrukovich was Santa (applause).
- Holding a 1st degree next Saturday and have three candidates lined up.
- Members are busy with church renovations which will mean that future Assembly meetings must move to All Saints for 6-8 months. The family center will be the temporary church.
- Brother Jim Lamb is getting very weak with cancer. Prayers needed.

Good of the Order

FN took intentions from the floor and a group prayer was said. Past State Deputies Herb Broughton, Tom Gissy, and Chuck Federico are all very ill. Sir Knight Nick D'Annunzio was specially remembered. Father Joseph Peek and Charlie Robinson and Jim Lamb were especially remembered.

Split-the-Pot Award

Ralph Trujillo was present and won \$47.

Attendance Award

Chuck Langgood of St. Andrew's name was picked, and he was in attendance.

Closing Ode

A chorus of "America the Beautiful" was sung.

The meeting was closed with the usual ceremonials at 8:20 ..

(see the following pictures of interest to our Assembly)

Monsignor Kiernan's 90th Birthday

On December 27th, 2014, All Saints Parish celebrated Monsignor Donald Kiernan's 90th birthday which occurred the next day.

He con-celebrated the 5 PM Vigil Mass at All Saints with Monsignor Marren and the other parish clergy plus a very full congregation of well-wishers and a KofC honor guard of 15 brothers. After the Mass, a reception was held in the parish hall with a champagne toast. The honor guards gave him the arched sword tunnel treatment at both the Mass and reception. Sir Knight Deacon Ed Krise presented the toast.



Monsignor Kiernan's 90th Birthday (continued)

On December 28th, 2014, his closest friends treated him to a banquet at Sophia's Italian Restaurant in Woodstock. Special guests at the meal were the Dominican Sisters from Our Lady of Perpetual Hope Cancer Home in downtown Atlanta. He was very appreciative.

