

Minutes of December 10th, 2015
Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The December Assembly Meeting was held at St. Andrew Family Center. Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

All Saints.....January 14th (followed by)
Mary Our Queen....February 11th (followed by)
St. AndrewMarch 10th (and back to All Saints)

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner followed its completion.

The meeting began promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonies. FN called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed with no corrections.

There were six new Sir Knights in attendance: Jerry Adkins, Keith Kieffer, Frank Seco de Lucena, Mario Marin, Bob Abney, and Jim Langford. There were 38 total Sir Knights in attendance.

Monsignor Kiernan's 91st birthday was acknowledged. No December wedding anniversaries were known. Handshakes were exchanged.

A roll call of officers yielded these results:

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Faithful Navigator- | Bill Camden | |
| Faithful Captain- | Chuck Langgood | |
| Faithful Pilot- | Jon Bird | |
| Faithful Comptroller- | Dave Mason | |
| Faithful Admiral- | Stan Wasowski | |
| Faithful Scribe- | Lou Hlad | |
| Faithful Purser- | Abe Kassis | |
| Trustee 3 year term- | Bob Webster | |
| Trustee 2 year term- | Bob Mitchell | (excused) |
| Trustee 1 year term- | Ron Collins | (excused) |
| Inner Sentinel- | Terry Petrukovich | |
| Outer Sentinel- | Nick Mattera | |
| Faithful Friar- | Fr. Dan Rogaczewski | |
| Friar Emeritus- | Msgr. Donald Kiernan | (excused) |

Faithful Navigator Report (Bill Camden)

I hope that you all had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. There is always too much food and the right amount of football. Watching the games is not considered exercise to get rid of the extra pounds from the abundance of food, as I quote from my wife.

At the last meeting, we approved the minutes from October 2015.

FN thanked St. Andrew for the delicious meal of pork roast, potatoes, veggies, salad, and bread. Sir Knight Ralph Trujillo presided over the meal preparation.

November has been a very busy month as we have had (12) Honor Guards which is an average of (3) per week.

1. On Nov. 5, we had the wake at Patterson Funeral home for our Sir Knight Brother Dennis Crean
2. Nov. 6th we had the funeral for Dennis Crean at All Saints
3. Nov. 8th was the All Saints Veteran's Mass
4. Nov. 8th we had the Veteran's Mass at St. Andrews
5. Nov. 10th was the Veteran's Mass at St. Brigid's
6. Nov. 10th was the Veteran's Park
7. Nov. 13th was Sir Knight Scott Early's father's funeral
8. Nov. 14th was the 4th degree at Holy Family (we had 16 candidates) join our Assembly
9. Nov. 15th was the Chinese Mass for the 25th anniversary and becoming Holy Name of Jesus Mission
10. Nov 21st was a Confirmation at St. Brigid's at 10:00 am with Bishop Talley
11. Nov. 21st was also a Confirmation at St Brigid's at 2:00pm with Bishop Tally
12. Nov. 22 was a Confirmation at All Saints with Archbishop Gregory.

Our December schedule is also quite numerous with (13) Honor Guards events scheduled so far.

I ask that you please participate in as many Honor Guards that you can as we really need the help to make a nice showing for our Assembly. We also need to support all (3) of our Assemblies other parishes and not just the one that we attend. This makes for a real brotherhood and builds the morale for all Sir Knights.

We are also planning the fund drive to help support our Military Chaplains and Seminarians at all (3) of our Assembly Parishes starting on Dec. 6th at St. Andrew. Then we are doing All Saints on Dec. 12 & 13th followed by Mary Our Queen on Dec. 19th and 20th. We will be giving out American Flags for a donation at the doors of the churches. Please try to do at least (1) of the Masses or more that are back to back. By a show of hand at the last meeting you were in support so please volunteer your time of 15 minutes before and after Mass.

A new 4th Degree has been announced for Feb. 6th and it will be one of the large events. Sonesta Hotel has been selected for the event. This is on a Saturday and show up time is 10:00 am for Color Corps and candidates. There will be a luncheon for the ladies while the exemplification is taking place. We are sharing a suite with the Assembly from Christ the King which will include drinks and hors d'oeuvre and it will give the ladies a place to change for the evening into formal attire for the dinner, drinks and dancing. This is a good way to meet your new brother Sir Knights and their wives and have an awesome time.

If you have not attended a 4th degree that is set up as a large event, you should try to make this one. They are becoming a rarity. We have (13) new candidates interested in becoming a "Sir Knight". If you know of anyone interested in the 4th degree, please encourage them to become a member.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is around the corner. We need to spread the word that it is all about Christ and the celebration of His birth. Keeping Christ in Christmas is so powerful. Greet everyone with Merry Christmas and not happy holidays.

If you are traveling during Christmas, please be safe and careful. I pray that each one of you has the most blessed Christmas and Advent ever.

I pray for Peace, Love and Joy with all of God's Blessings for each of you and your families.

Faithful Comptroller Report (Dave Mason)

1. Confirming checking account balance of \$5,635.54.
2. **Membership:** In November we added 16 new SKs bring our current total 197.
3. **Next Fourth Degree Exemplification** on February 6th in Duluth, Georgia.
Deadline for Completed Forms and Payment Due no later than January 10, 2016. Exemplification fees are \$70.00 and \$10.00 for 4th Degree Badge for a total of \$80.00. Also, if your wife is attending the ladies lunch there is a charge of \$30.00. If you are planning to spend the night at the Sonesta Hotel, you will need to make reservations.
4. We will read in the names of all the Fourth Degree candidates for the February 6th Exemplification at our January 10th meeting. All candidates with completed Form 4s and fees paid will be voted on by the Assembly.
5. **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity.** I have received replies back from about fifty Members so far. Last year the Knights of Columbus contributed \$ 173 million to charitable causes. Also K of C performed over 71 million hours to volunteer services.
Please compile your numbers and be counted!
6. **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Membership dues for 2016 will remain at \$30.00.
Billing will go out electronically at the end of the month. Payment can be made by check or cash. If by check, make out to K of C Assembly # 2688. Please either give it to me or mail it or give to any officer who can get to me to process. Address will be on the invoice.

Faithful Purser Report (Abe Kassis)

| | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 10.31.2015</u> | | \$ 6,672.54 |
| <u>RECIEPTS</u> | | |
| EXEMPLIFICATION | \$ 1,120.00 | |
| BADGES | \$ 130.00 | |
| EXEMPLIFICATION | \$ 36.00 | |
| FOOD | \$ 140.00 | |
| 50/50 | <u>\$ 45.00</u> | |
| SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS | | <u>\$ 1,471.00</u> |
| | | \$ 8,143.54 |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | |
| EXEMPLIFICATION | \$ (1,170.00) | |
| BADGES | \$ (126.84) | |
| FOOD | \$ (126.16) | |
| LAPEL PINS | \$ (185.00) | |
| VIETNAM DINNER | <u>\$ (900.00)</u> | |
| SUB TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u>\$ (2,508.00)</u> |
| <u>BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 10.31.2015</u> | | <u>\$ 5,635.54</u> |
| <u>OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/ (CHECKS)</u> | | |
| DONATION (CHAPLIN FUND) | \$ (48.20) | |
| INSTALLATION DINNER | \$ 36.00 | |
| ATTENDANCE AWARD | <u>\$ (20.00)</u> | |
| | | <u>\$ (32.20)</u> |
| CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 11.12.2015 | | <u>\$ 5,603.34</u> |

Faithful Friar Report (Father Dan)

Our Faithful Friar, Father Dan Rogaczewski, was in attendance. He thanked the Assembly for all the honor guards that we do. He said that they are greatly appreciated by all who attend and are very important to the Church.

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

We received a nice note from Dennis Crean's Widow, Marie, thanking us profusely for our honor guard participation in the wake and funeral. Her personal note is an attachment at the end of these minutes.

We received verbal copious verbal thanks from the Chinese Community for the honor guard we afforded them for their Mass with the Archbishop which made them the formal Holy Name of Jesus Mission temporarily headquartered at All Saints. They had never seen an honor guard before and they loved the uniforms and swords and pomp. They treated us as special guests at their banquet following the Mass.

Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

Three widows participated in our last Bingo event and they played free due to the agreement of All Saints to pick up their \$15 fees. The note of thanks from widow Marie Crean is detailed above.

Social Committee Report (Chuck Langgood)

Chuck related that there was a meeting last month to discuss what the Assembly wanted to do for special events in 2016. After recognizing the WW II, Korean, and Vietnam vets in past years, the committee decided that we would honor Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan vets this year.

Discussion on how to fund the event this year giving vets and wives free meals is open. We have no fundraiser yet planned. We can immediately begin canvassing our council parishes to discover the number of vets we can find.

Chuck has locked down three dates at the St. Andrew Family Center for a possible event (April 23, May 21, and June 11). He is meeting with Dominic Palermo and Joe Inglima to begin food discussions. Lou Hlad and Stan Wasowski are also on the committee.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

Ed Pierson has one candidate for a chalice. He is Gerardo Ceballos who is in need of a travel kit. He will be ordained on June 25th. Ed plans to possibly meet with him to establish a personal relationship. Ed is working with Father Tim Hepburn at the Archdiocese to come up with a second candidate. We have \$1,000 in our budget for two chalices.

We previously had (4) SK's names available. They are:

Anthony Allan Kosek passed 12.25.2014 (All Saints)
Charles J. Robinson passed 12.30.2014 (St. Andrew)
James Edward Lamb passed 3.5.2015 (St. Andrew)
Richard (Doc) Malone passed 6.12.2015 (All Saints)

We now add:

Michael A. Nassr passed 10.31.2015 (St. Andrew)
Dennis M. Crean passed 11.1.2015 (All Saints)

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

The membership committee consists of Jim Knapp of Mary Our Queen, E.J. Couvillion and Bill Camden of All Saints, and Chuck Langgood of St. Andrew.

All Saints have 13 members who have expressed an interest in becoming Sir Knights. They are not yet all signed up. It is important that all interested candidates get their paperwork in by January 10th to Master Tom Frizzi. Even if someone is not yet a third degree, he can sign up for 4th degree because there are 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies scheduled before the February fourth degree.

Patriotism Report (Jon Bird)

Jon Bird reported he did not have a formal report, but is involved in the veterans appreciation dinner and the Chaplains Fund initiative.

Jon will be at the USO tomorrow as he was on Thanksgiving Day volunteering. If anyone is engaged in any patriotic activities, Jon would like to be informed at bird2002@bellsouth.net.

Dennis Klein asked Lou to recount the section he put in the minutes about the Chick-Fil-A Missing Man Table on Veterans Day. Hlad detailed how one restaurant had a table set up with a meal, a folded American flag, and a plaque commemorating a killed veteran who would not be dining at that table. It got much publicity and was shown at the back of the minutes.

We would like our Sir Knights to sponsor a veteran and spouse at the next Veteran Appreciation Dinner to defray the free meals given to those folks. This will also us to not have a large shortfall next year. At \$30/meal, a sponsorship would be \$60.

Color Corps Report (Stan Wasowski)

Stan recounted that the FN had pretty well covered the coming schedule for honor guards in his FN Report.

- Our Lady of Guadalupe honor guard Friday night at St. Andrew.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe honor guard at the noon Mass as well. There will be a procession out to the grotto behind the church. There will be a reception after the procession. Regalia is available for anyone who needs it.
- This weekend Sir Knights in full regalia will be collecting for the Military Chaplain Fund at all Masses at all doors of All Saints. FN noted that all money collected would go directly to the fund, less the \$80 or so spent for supplies.

Trustee Report (Abe Kassis for Trustees)

No trustees present.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Dominic Palermo suggested that the Assembly should look into sponsoring a Spring golf tournament to raise a few thousand dollars for our charities.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

Mary Our Queen (Jim Knapp)

Jim Knapp did not attend, so there was no report.

St. Andrew (Mike Bagnulo)

- They hosted the parish 40 Days for Life Campaign. St. Andrew, St. Peter Chanel, St. Brigid, and St. Thomas Aquinas were approached to represent the north district for this effort. They stood in a prayer vigil in front of a Roswell abortion clinic. They took part for 40 days in shifts. During the efforts, the physician at that clinic passed away of a heart attack. They claimed no credit (laughter).
- They had good attendance at their Veterans Day Mass including honor guard.
- They held Pecan Sale to fund Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. They fed 75 families. Will give out about 100 baskets.
- They received a Star Council Award.
- Keep Christ in Christmas is planned.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe activity planned.
- FN attended the last St. Andrew Council Meeting to discuss the Chaplain Fund and to encourage brothers to become 4th degree. He was extended wonderful courtesy.
-

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- All Saints added 14 new 4th degree brothers in November, plus five new 1st degree brothers, plus nine new 2nd degree brothers.
- Archbishop Gregory elevated the 70-family Chinese community at All saints from an “apostolate” to the chartered “Holy Name of Jesus Mission” at a special Mass attended by our honor guard. This community is now looking for a site for a new church building that will eventually become a full Catholic parish. This new mission remains co-located for now at All Saints under Monsignor Marren and Chinese Sir Knight Fr. Bill Hao.
- Our 3rd degree brother Retired Marine General Denis Shortal was elected Mayor of Dunwoody over our Brother Mike Davis who was running for reelection. Shortal takes over January 1st.
- November Parish Bingo had an excellent 111 players. Half the profits last month went to the Sophia Academy in Brookhaven and half to All Saints Council.
- Sir Knight Dick Marklein was the featured speaker at the All Saints Mens Club on November 9th and gave a great slideshow of his 52-day bike trek across America for Cristo Rey High School.
- Council hosted its 19th annual “Desserts With Santa” event on December 5th. We always get about 150 families and 400 attendees. Sir Knight Greg Crnkovich did the Santa photo duties. Collected toys were presented to the Dunwoody Police Department for their Christmas Toy Drive by Sir Knight John Buchholz and by Grand Knight and Sir Knight Dean Trantow.
- The Council provided beverage services for Monsignor Marren’s Parish Christmas Party on December 5th. During that event our District Deputy Kyle Simonis presented the council with its 16th Council Star Award.
- The Council sponsored the monthly Parish Family Movie “ET- the Extra Terrestrial” in McGivney Hall on November 27th.
- Our acolyte teams served at all parish funerals again this month including deceased brother Gregg Kantak, Sir Knight Dennis Crean, and the father of Sir Knight Scott Early.
- Our Sir Knight Gray Plunkett is in Benin, Africa translating the Bible into the local language.
- Council is preparing for its own Annual Christmas Party on December 19th. A nice slideshow of our 2015 events is being prepared.
- Preparations for our annual Fish Fry have begun in earnest.
- Preparation for the KofC Basketball Free Throw Contest has begun.
- Recent Certificates presented:
 - Brother Bill Driscoll for Cancer Drive Management
 - Sir Knight William Torresala Shining Armor Award
 - Sir Knight Rich Szyperski and wife Jan for 60 years of marriage

Good of the Order

The brothers offered numerous requests for their families and friends. Several brother knights were also included.

The brothers rose to pray for the sick and deceased. Fr. Rogaczewski led the prayer.

Split the Pot

Nick Mattera won \$75 in the split-the-pot raffle.

Attendance Award

Bob Santos was chosen and he was present.

Meeting End

The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:40 PM with the singing of *God Bless America*.

The heart-felt note of thanks from our Widow Marie Crean for the participation of the Assembly Honor Guard in the wake and funeral of husband Sir Knight Dennis Crean of All Saints.

Dear Brother Knights,
Words cannot express
our gratitude for your
kindness shown to our
family. Dennis truly
loved being a 4th Degree
Knight and all the
friendships he enjoyed.
The guardians at the Wake
and the funeral were
a blessing to us.
I know that he is
with his brother Knights
in spirit.
God bless you all,
Marie

14 New 4th Degree Brothers on November 14th



Robert Abney



Jerry Adkins



Jeff Berklich



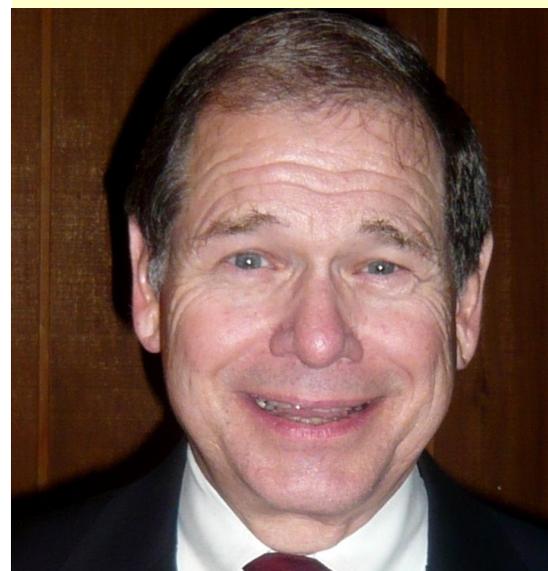
Ron Curtis



Fr. Anthony Eshun



Larry Hall



Keith Kieffer



James Langford



Mario Marin

New 4th Degree Brothers (continued)



Doug Newlands



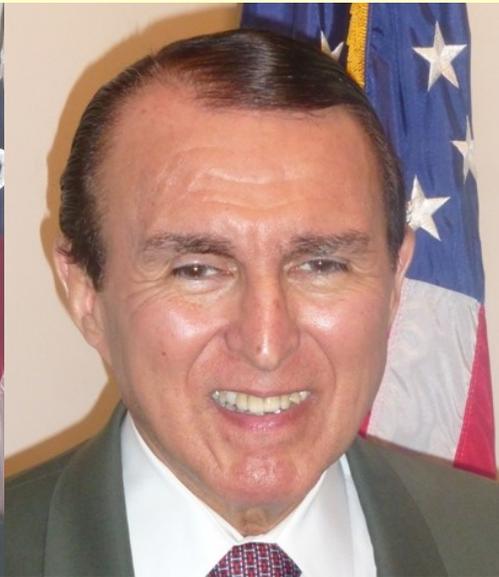
Will Newlands

No photo available

Dave Piper



Frank Seco de Lucena



William Torresala

The preceding 14 All Saints brothers became Sir Knights at Holy Family Parish in Marietta.

The class featured the father/son Newlands pair plus Fr. Anthony Eshun who progressed on September 16th, but whose paperwork went in with this group.

Fredric Alexandre of Mary Our Queen and Richard Rowlands of St. Andrew Councils joined our 14 new brothers into the Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 on that day as well.



Richard Rowlands of St. Andrew also attended the exemplification.

We were unable to obtain a photo of Frederic Alexandre of Mary Our Queen.