

Minutes of December 8th, 2016

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

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

All Saints.....January 12th (followed by)
Mary Our Queen.....February 9th (followed by)
St. AndrewMarch 9th (then back to All Saints)

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. An exceptional gourmet meal of Ham, cheese soffle, pork and beans, salad, dessert, and beverages was prepared by the Sir Knights of St. Andrew. There were 27 total Sir Knights in attendance.

At 7:15 PM a special presentation by the American Heritage Girls Troop 1412 was held with a check from Watters for \$1,500 presented to that group. The group lays wreathes on veterans graves. Proceeds came from our recent golf tournament. (Photos at rear of this report). They girls serenaded us with four Christmas songs.

The regular meeting began after those festivities with the usual ceremonies. Sir knight Daniel Hayden was introduced as a first time attendee.

No Sir Knights from other Assemblies were in attendance. Handshakes among all brothers were exchanged.

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:

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| 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 | (excused) |
| 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) |

Faithful Navigator Report (Bill Camden)

Reminders:

Assembly Meeting Thursday, January 12th at All Saints, 6:30 Rosary followed with Dinner and meeting to start on or before 7:30

This is going to be a very special meeting, as we are honored to have our top Knights of Georgia visit us, The CEO & Georgia State Deputy Mark McMullen, State Warden T J McCaustland, Our new District Master Stan Rapciewicz and our Past District Master Tom Frizzi. Please come and meet these wonderful men who dedicate their lives to make the Knights of Georgia the best in the USA.

At the December Assembly Meeting we approved the meeting minutes and the Faithful Navigator's Report for October.

We have paid the listed Veterans groups as were voted on and approved by the Assembly. Checks were written and distributed to:

Fisher House - \$2,500.00

Phoenix Patriot Foundation - \$2,000.00

Wreaths Across America—St. Andrews Heritage Girls Troop - \$1,500.00

Fallen Solder Memorial Battlefield Cross - \$2,400.00

Total Amount to distribute from Golf Tournament at this time is \$8,400.00.

In November we had (1) Honor Guard.

Dec. 12th - St Andrews – Our lady of Guadalupe.

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.

St Andrews served a great dinner at our last meeting. We thank you Sir Knights for the work you gave to the Knights preparing a great dinner and for the hospitality for our Assembly. Great job Brothers.

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month. Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Linda Sperick, Ernie and Barbra Spencer & family, Wiley Maloof, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smiths daughter Linda, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, and Ron Collins wife Jackie, Msgr. Kernan, Margret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Mike Dorico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco Mary Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Gene, Joy Fahey and Peter Liebowitz, Deborah Blair, Jerry Lively, Norma Pierson, and Mary Ross, Gordon Stintz, Marty Dough, Danny Medina, Dennis Klein, Don Houser, Ray Grupinski and Aidan Toolan.

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 the Clergy of our faith.

Items of Interest:

Fourth Degree was Nov. 12 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Marietta, GA. We had (7) Sir Knight Candidates attending.

Awards:

Our Assembly 2688 received the **First ever “Star Award”** from Supreme at the Fourth Degree Exemplification on Nov. 12th. The award was presented by the Vice Supreme Master Robert Anderson for achievements in Civic Activities, Patriotic Programs and Membership Growth.

We also received the **State of Georgia Civic Award** for Outstanding Implementation of Patriotic Programming Faithful to the Principals of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. This was also presented by the Vice Supreme Master Robert Anderson.

The Phoenix Patriot Foundation presented Our Assembly 2688 with an award for helping them to work with Veterans one on one for their needs to make the most of their physical abilities, working with their unique skill sets to overcome physical and psychological challenges to pursue their passions in life. They also give scholarships to veterans for college and trade schools to get them back into society.

American Heritage Girls Troop 1412 was given \$1,500.00 for **Wreaths Across America** to place wreaths on the graves of the soldiers graves in the National Cemetery in Marietta, GA on the 17th of December. The 35 plus girls attended our meeting last month at St. Andrews and gave us some pictures and a thank you card and sang (5) Christmas Carols to give thanks to the Sir Knights for their donation for the wreaths. It was without a doubt, the best thank you, we have been given. The girls ranged from about 4 to 16 years old and were just wonderful.

Here are a few pictures.





The girls are all from St. Andrews Catholic Church and we were very happy to help them with their cause of Patriotism by laying the wreaths at the graves of all diseased veterans.

The pictures above are of the completed graves with the wreaths.
The pictures below are of the laying of the wreaths.

Jon Bird our Faithful Pilot is pictured in the below right. He is a veteran of the Viet Nam War.



Military soldiers by providing the housing and the air transportation for the families near the hospitals at no cost to the soldiers or their families.

2nd Chalice Presentation this year. It was with great honor that our Knights of Columbus Assembly 2688 honored one of our new Priests, **Fr. Roberto Suarez** at All Saints. We celebrated our new Priest and also honored our passed Sir Knight Brothers whose names are engraved on the Chalice, Sir Knights **Richard (Doc) Malone, James Edward Lamb** and **Michael Nassr**.

Solders Battle Cross Memorial was approved unanimously with the City Council, Parks Dept. and Veterans Association. The placement of our memorial in the John's Creek Veterans Memorial Walk Park is at the entry. This is the 4th largest Veterans Park in the United States. Construction is to begin after the 1st of the year. This is a great honor for our Assembly.

Golf Tournament for Veterans was a success in raising over \$35,000.00 is the reason we are able to do all the things we are doing for our military and the veterans.

Military Chaplains Fund Drive is now complete. This is our only fund drive we do with volunteers collecting donations at the door of each of our 3 Parishes, 15 minutes before and after each Mass. We were very successful this year and we had a great turnout of Sir Knights volunteering to help. Thank you Sir Knights, for being a part of this great cause. The Chaplains are the heroes of our military heroes. We raised \$5,000.00 last year and our goal for this year was \$8,000.00

We raised over \$10,500.00 which was double from last year and we will be presenting a check to our visiting dignitaries from our great state of Georgia.

Military Rosaries are another project that we can be proud of. We sent over 2,000 Military Rosaries that are hand made by the Rosary Guild at All Saints to the front lines in Africa, Kuwait and Afghanistan through Ft. Bliss and Ft. Riley. They were given to all soldiers, Protestants as well as Catholics and told to pray our Father and their intentions on the knots. They were accepted with a very welcoming spirit and were used by soldiers of all faiths.

My Brother Sir Knights, you can be very proud of what you have accomplished this year and I thank you for the time and efforts you have contributed and doing what we are called to do as Sir Knights.

You have gone above and beyond and you will be blessed and rewarded for your all your efforts. Your time, talent and your treasure have been proven time and again that we are the **BEST ASSEMBLY** in the Knights of Columbus. I thank you for all your help and the support you have given to make it happen. God bless and reward you all.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Assembly meeting and we will be meeting our State Officers and the leaders of the Knights of Columbus for the State of Georgia Assemblies and some of our new 4th Degree Brothers.

God's blessings be with you throughout the New Year. Vivat Jesus

Faithful Purser Report—Abe Kassis

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| BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 10.31.2016 | | | \$23,769.40 | | | | |
| RECIEPTS | | | | | | | |
| DONATION | | \$ 55.00 | | | | | |
| CHAPLIN FD | | \$ 5,145.11 | | | | | |
| FOOD | | \$ 155.00 | | | | | |
| 50/50 | | \$ 55.00 | | | | | |
| EXEMPLICATION | | \$ 535.00 | | | | | |
| SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS | | | \$ 5,945.11 | GOLF FUND | | | |
| | | | \$29,714.51 | NET INCOME | | | \$ 15,899 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
| GOLF | | \$ (912.87) | | DONATIONS | | | |
| EXEMPLICATIONS | | \$ (510.00) | | | FISHER HOUSE | | \$ (2,500) |
| MEET FOOD/BEV | | \$ (237.34) | | | PHOENIX FOUNDATION | | \$ (2,000) |
| SOCIALS PICNIC | | \$ (83.69) | | | WREATHS ACROSS AMER | | \$ (1,500) |
| DONATIONS FROM GOLF FD. | | \$(2,000.00) | | | BATTLE CROSS | | \$ (1,488) |
| SUPPLIES | | \$ (51.23) | | | TOTAL DONATIONS | | \$ (7,488) |
| CHAPLIN FUND | | \$ (486.85) | | | | | |
| | | | | | BALANCE OF FUND TODATE | | <u>\$ 8,411</u> |
| SUB TOTAL EXPENSES | | | \$ (4,281.98) | | | | |
| BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 11.30.2016 | | | \$25,432.53 | CHAPLIN FUND | | | |
| | | | | INCOME | | | |
| OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/(EXPENSES) | | | | MOQ | | | \$ 3,304 |
| DONATIONS | | \$(4,000.00) | | ST. ANDREW | | | \$ 1,841 |
| CHAPLIN FUND | | \$ 5,140.86 | | ALL SAINTS | | | \$ 5,133 |
| BADGES | | \$ (48.15) | | ALL SAINTS/MOQ (LOOSE CHANGE) | | | \$ 8 |
| | | | | DONARTION 50/50 | | | 55 |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | | | \$ 1,092.71 | UNDEPOSITED COLLECTION | | | <u>170</u> |
| CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALAN | | | \$26,525.24 | TOTAL INCOME | | | \$ 10,511 |
| | 12.08.2016 | | | EXPENSES | | | \$ (487) |
| | | | | NET FOR CHAPLIN FUND | | | <u>\$ 10,024</u> |

Faithful Comptroller Report—Dave Mason

1. Confirming checking account balance as November 30, 2015 is \$25,432.53. Of this amount \$18,400 earmarked for Veterans and Chaplain's Fund.
2. Membership: We have 205 Sir Knights in our Assembly. Plus 7 new SK's from the November Exemplification in Marietta which bring to a total of 212 members.

There are two transfers- in process along with one reinstatement. That should bring us to the start of January at 215 members.

NEW MEMBERS FROM 4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION NOVEMBER 2016

ALL SAINTS # 11402

Michael Cure

Scott Panyi

Daniel Hayden

MARY OUR QUEEN #14944

Michael Bayot

HOLY SPIRIT #6517

Kurt Oppermann

Gino Nardone

Wallace Taylor

Welcome to Assembly 2688

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly

3. Membership Dues. 2017 Assembly Membership billing to be emailed before January 2nd.

Dues are \$30.00. Priest and Deacons and life membership are exempt from membership dues. You can pay by cash or check (to Assembly # 2688). If you wish to pay by credit card its \$31.00 charge. Directions will be on invoice where to send check or bring to meeting.

We need payment NLT February 28, 2017.

Membership Dues are our main source of revenue to support the Assembly.

4. Please update my files with any changes, address, email phone etc.

- 5 Next 4h Degree Exemplification is in February. I do not have date or location at this time, Get your candidates ready and get Form 4 and fees completed.

6. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities for 2015.

Last year the Knights of Columbus Provided:

73 Million hours of Volunteer Service

\$175 Million in Charitable Contribution

I am sending a separate e mail to all of you to get any and all services provided by you.

I think you would be surprised how services come out of Assembly # 2688.

You will also be receiving same from your council. I will try to help you there. Please read email and reply by January 15th.

Honor Guard is easy to reply as Assembly item. Please reply to both Council and Assembly.

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

We received two “thank you” letters from widows for forwarding our council newsletter this month.

Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

Hlad related that since All Saints has 61 deceased members, St. Andrew has 5, and Mary Our Queen has 1, that nearly all the widow activity will be at All Saints. That council continues to include the widows in all their events. Three widows played Bingo free of charge this month. The widows get newsletters. They will be invited to our coming Council Christmas Party.

We acknowledge that Mike Nassr’s widow Bobbie of St. Andrew was present at the chalice presentation to Fr. Roberto Suarez. Her husband’s name was engraved on that chalice.

Social Committee Report (FN)

FN related that we raised in the past seven months \$35,000 .from the golf tournament, \$10,500 for the Military Chaplain Fund. In all we raised \$47,000 for charity. It is already designated to veterans opportunities. Our battlefield soldier monument will be placed in the Johns Creek Memorial Park right at the entrance by the flags. The plaque is done and we will start construction when the weather permits. We were the recipient of the Civic Award for the state of Georgia. We also won an Assembly Star Award. This is the first time that such an award has been given. We were honored in the Knightline Section of their web site. The Phoenix Foundation presented us a certificate of appreciation. FN will work up the paperwork for next year’s awards.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

On November 3rd at All Saints 7 PM Mass , our latest chalice was presented to Fr. Roberto Suarez who is assigned to St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Monsignor Marren of All Saints, FN Bill Camden, Ed Pierson, and Dave Mason did the honors. Widow Bobbie Nassr was present and very appreciative. Jon Bird took the photos. Fr. Roberto said he would pray for our Assembly.

Ed checked with Fr. Tim Hepburn regarding future seminarians to be ordained. He has the names of two who will be ordained next summer. Ed will try and get a recipient before that date. We have no new chalice candidates at this time.

- Presented to Fr. Ceballos, a chalice with the names:
Anthony Allan Kosek passed 12.25.2014 (All Saints)
Charles J. Robinson passed 12.30.2014 (St. Andrew)

- Presented to Father Roberto Suarez on Nov. 3rd.
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 two more Chalices. (next budget cycle)
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 5.1.2016 (All Saints)
Guy E. Stryker passed 9.26.2016 (All Saints)

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

No new applications.

Patriotism Report (Jon Bird)

Jon Bird reminded the brothers that the new day was Veterans Day. He will be going to the Atlanta Historical Society which is having a gala event for the Vets. The author of the book and movie “We Were Soldiers” will be a guest speaker. A couple of Medal of Honor winners will be there as well.

The Saturday closest to Veterans Day has been selected by the City of Atlanta as the day for a Veterans Parade. There will be a killer parade.

FN added some comments about Fisher House.

Color Corps Report (Bill Camden)

Our Lady of Guadalupe is our next honor guard. It is an entertaining event with costumes and feathers and dancing. We may have to escort the image out to the grotto.

Trustee Report

No Report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

No new business

Reports of the 3rd Degree

All Saints December 8th Report

- Exemplified 5 new members to 1st degree at All Saints on November 29th.
- Exemplified 4 members to the combined 2nd/ 3rd^t degree on November 12th at St. Jude.
- Our new 2nd degree team called Legio Christi (Legion of Christ) performed that 2nd degree ceremony.
- Exemplified 3 new 4th degree Sir Knights on November 14 at Holy Spirit in Marietta.
- On November 17th we sponsored a Bingo night with 118 players including 3 widows. Half the profit went to Sophia Academy on Dresden Road.
- We presented Sir Knight Dave Richardson with Knight-of-the-Month for his very successful Pumpkin Patch management. We made about \$6,000 profit.
- We presented Brother Matt Allen and wife Beth our Family -of-the-Month for their ongoing parish coffee and donut ministry after Sunday Masses.
- We presented a check for \$150 to Mike Nash, the Dunwoody High School football coach, for his Booster Club because his team members helped during our Pumpkin Patch unloading.
- We sent several more laptops and wireless routers to Ghana for use by our Sir Knight Fr. Anthony Eshun. We also found a used Eucharistic Monstrance and sent that to him in Africa as well.
- We supported our member, Brother John Klein of the Legionnaires of Christ, studying for the priesthood in Rome.
- We accepted the Holy Family Icon from the St. Andrew Council and began devotions to same at All Saints.
- The Assembly chalice present to Fr. Roberto Suarez was awarded at All Saints at a 7 PM Mass by All Saints Sir Knights Camden, Pierson, and Mason and concelebrated by Pastor Msgr. Hugh Marren.
- Collections for the Military Chaplains Fund took place at the church doors and were very successful.
- We supported the All Saints Mens Club monthly event. All club officers and volunteers are knights.
- We held a Keep Christ in Christmas sale at the church doors.
- We held a Holy Spirit Monastery fudge and biscotti sale at the church doors. All profit to monastery.
- We held a Desserts With Santa Party with about 100 families participating.
- We held a Council Christmas Party with about 120 people participating.
- We managed a Sunday night at the Homeless Shelter downtown. Our knights stayed overnight.
- We published and sent out a 20 page Council newsletter.
- Our council acolyte teams again served all parish funerals in November.

Mary Our Queen
No one from MOQ present.

St. Andrew Report for Dec. 8, 2016 (Bill Campbell)

- Pecan sales fund raiser was conducted in November with record success.
- 68 Thanksgiving food baskets had been distributed to needy families.
- Collection bins are out for the Christmas Basket food at the church entrances for the next few week ends. Christmas baskets will be assembled Dec 19th evening and distributed Tuesday Dec 20. We buy the chickens and turkeys and parishioner donations supply the non-perishables. We also help distribute gifts from the giving tree along with the food. We anticipate 85 to 90 baskets.
- Parish Advent party was Dec.2. Council supplies bar-tenders.
- Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday Dec. 10.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration scheduled for Dec. 12. Honor Guard is requested. Mass will be bilingual.
- We have 1st degree exemplification scheduled for Saturday Dec 17. We have 7 candidates and All Saints has 1.
- Greater Atlanta Chamber of Commerce has donated some very nice office furniture to the parish. Ralph Trujillo requested help from council to help move the furniture from downtown to our offices on Monday Dec.12.

Good of the Order

The Good of the Order was announced by the FN at the beginning of the meeting. Several additions were added at this time.

Split the Pot

Jim Gonzalez won the \$55 prize and donated it back to the Assembly.

Attendance Award

BJ Van Gundy won, but was not present.

Meeting End

FN told a couple of jokes as usual.

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

Watters Assembly Fosters Heritage Girls Troop

At the recent Fr. Charles Watters 4th degree Assembly Meeting held at St. Andrew Parish, the Assembly invited Heritage Girls Troop 1412 to attend and receive a check for \$1500 to honor deceased veterans. Shown here is the result of this donation honoring Veterans Day. The girls decorated Marietta graves of fallen soldiers during ceremonies in which Sir Knights attended.



Watters Assembly Veterans Monument Planned



Sir Knights Stan Wasowski and Bill Camden model a plaque purchased by the Fr. Charles Watters Fourth Degree Assembly to grace the monument for our veterans to be built in the Johns Creek Memorial Park. The plaque will be part of a display featuring a standing rifle, helmet, and boots memorializing a deceased soldier at the entrance of the park. The park already contains a bench dedicated to Fr. Charles J. Watters, medal of honor winner.