

Minutes of 12-10-2009

Watters Assembly Meeting

The December meeting was held in All Saints. The meeting commenced promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 35. The twelve officers present were Stryker, Kassis, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Klein, Webster, Spencer, Sisko, Klimshuk, Mastrogiovanni, and Pierson. Deacon-in-Formation Ed Krise read the invocation. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed due to electronic transmission.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN skipped the Navigator Report to be done later in the meeting.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie reported on one bill for the night's dinner of \$126.

Comptroller Report

Faithful Comptroller Webster reported that the 18 new members raised our membership total to 170 which was exactly what the budget for the year stated.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening November 1 checking balance was \$460. Receipts were \$189, expenses were \$183 and the November 30th ending balance was \$466. Of that, \$446 was in the general fund and \$20 was in the golf ball fund.

Welfare Report

Urban Rump reported that birthday and anniversary cards were delivered and he delivers Hoy Communion to Brother Jim Rainsford on Wednesdays and made arrangements with another person to bring it on Sundays. He reported that Jim is doing wonderfully and is walking around the neighborhood. He expects to be at the next Assembly meeting. He had gone into the doctor originally for a stress test and ended up getting a six part bypass operation.

Patriotic Report

Urban then reported that he was down at the airport on the Oct 29th with several knights from other councils. The troops served numbered 380, the largest Urban

has ever seen. They were on their feet constantly. It shows an increase in the number of troops going back to the Middle East.

He was also at the Korean War Veteran Convention in Dallas Texas. He sat with a bunch of 4th degree knights who serve airports in Dallas just like in Atlanta. They also serve the Veterans Hospitals.

Urban also heard about a group called Wreaths Around America. They are headquartered in Atlanta and furnish wreaths for veteran cemeteries around the country. He will join them on Saturday to lay wreaths on graves at the Canton, Ga. Veterans Cemetery. He encouraged everyone to go to the Canton Veterans Hospital on Highway 20, just west of Canton.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell reported on two upcoming honor guard events. Deacon Lloyd Sutter's son, Richard, will be ordained in Rome into the Legionnaires of Christ and celebrate his first American Mass at St. Brigid on Sunday, January 10th, at 12:15.

Our own Sir Knight Ed Krise will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, Feb. 6th, at the cathedral. He will perform as a full deacon that evening at All Saints 5 PM Mass. An honor guard is requested that evening and a reception will follow in the Social Hall. No honor guard at the cathedral.

Four of our members joined six members from Elizabeth Ann Seaton Assembly at St. Patrick to commemorate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The parade to the Vietnamese Mission was canceled due to rain.

Sir Knight Stan Wasowski commented that they processed into the church with a statue of Mary. After Mass they processed around the inside of the church due to rain. A benediction was held and a rosary was said. He said there were Latin elements and many elements he had not seen for years. The incense was intense for two hours (laughter).

Bob Mitchell mentioned the Honor Guard for the Special Olympics at East Roswell Park.

Dennis Klein reported on the honor guard for the Veterans Day Mass at St. Andrew with 15 guards taking part. Observers were totally amazed.

Bob Mitchell added that two Confirmation were done at St. Brigid with three more in the offing for the Spring. Lou Hlad took part in an Honor Guard for a friend at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Smyrna.

Mitchell then reported that we are at the middle of our fiscal year. Last year at this time we had been asked to take part in 14 honor guard opportunities with 105 members taking part. This year we have already had 21 opportunities and 144 members signed in. This is only in six months.

FN asked all new members at the meeting to introduce themselves. Bill Luckert, Mark Foster, Ed Trainor, Bill Schmitz, and Dimitri Tripodi were present for the first time.

Entertainment Committee

Dennis Klein reported that this year's Founders Day Ball will be at St. Andrew and will either be on Saturday April 17th or 24th. The target cost will be \$60/couple. St. Andrew will prepare the food. We need to get a sense of how many will come from our councils. Start asking.

Unfinished Business

Having passed and seconded the motion to change the by-laws at the November meeting, it was time to vote on the changes. Bob Mitchell requested a summary of the changes. The major change was an increase in dues from \$25 to \$30/yr. The Admissions Committee was changed to 7 members under the Faithful Admiral and the function of the Welfare committee was only defined to visit the sick.

Calling the question resulted in a favorable vote with one negative vote and four abstentions. There were 35 members present.

Trustee Report

None

New Business

The Toys brought were collected in the back of the Hall for the Ronald McDonald House.

Split the Pot

Ed Krise drew the name of Lou Hlad who won \$28.

Attendance Award

Rick Sisko picked the name of Rich McKenzie and Rich won the \$25 award since he was present.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – Held a Desserts with Santa for 200 families. They took digital pictures for the first time. Worked the SEC Fan Fest Event before the Alabama/Florida game to earn money. Setting up the crèche outside the church tomorrow. A second degree is planned for the weekend. Council is selling fudge for the Monastery. Christmas Party is this weekend. McGivney Hall will be used for the parish Secret Santa toy storage and pickup. Knights will light the crèche on Tuesday night after the Festival of Carols in the Church and then they will host a reception in the Social Hall. Next Sunday All Saints gets its Double Star at the 10:30 Mass. Next two Assembly Meetings at All Saints. Mary Our Queen Council Charter Meeting has been delayed a month.

St. Andrew (Kassis) – Got 8 new brother knights. They will give out Christmas baskets and have a Jesse tree for toys. They will have a Breakfast with Santa. Holding a Fan Fest on Jan 23rd for Southern Catholic College.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcomb) – Reported that they had been awarded a Double Star by the State Deputy at their last meeting. They also got a Champions Trophy and have mounted them in their closet (laughter). Held a first Christmas Dinner (40 knights and 40 wives). Held a chili challenge with 7 ministries for charity. Held a Breakfast with Santa. They will also sell Monastery fudge.

St. Thomas Aquinas (Urban Rump) - A new Assembly is forming and he will probably transfer. They support the Fulton County Community Center in Roswell. Their small building near city hall is overcrowded. They recently got a new building with help of an anonymous donor. Urban volunteers at the current building. His council will be collecting food for the Center at their Christmas Party.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN remarked about his winning of the Star District Award and his subsequent free trip to New Haven to tour the Supreme facilities, the Museum, the printing facility, etc. He loves New Haven as the college town it is (Yale University). He thanked everyone for their recruiting efforts which won him the tour.

He read a poem called "Patriotism at Christmas" .

Conclusion

The Good of the Order was requested and Ed Krise concluded the meeting with the closing invocation.