

Minutes of 02-11-2010

Watters Assembly Meeting

The February meeting was held in All Saints. The meeting commenced promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 36. The twelve officers present were Stryker, Kassis, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Klein, Webster, Klimshuk, Crnkovich, Mastrogiovanni, Zaryski, and Pierson. Deacon Ed Krise read the invocation. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed due to the electronic transmission of same. There was one nay.

Faithful Navigator

FN apologized for the bothersome and loud talking that disrupted the last meeting. He said that this would not happen again while he was FN.

He yielded the floor to Greg Crnkovich who talked about a gala that Friday at the Marriott Century Center for benefit of the Special Olympics Camp Inspire. Gala includes dancing to the sounds of "53 West". Tickets are \$125 each. There will be a silent auction and District Deputy Frank Moran will be collecting items. Ken Lucier is selling tickets.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Comptroller Webster reported that the current bank account was \$2,890, there are 169 members (same as last month), 97 members paid dues, 7 are exempt, 65 still owe (which is about \$2,000 due). Bills were \$250 for annual stipend for the Color Corps Commander salary, the evening's dinner cost was \$193.58, and \$59 was spent for the CallingPost voicemail fee.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening January 1st checking balance was \$596, Receipts were \$2469, expenses were \$181, and the January 31st ending balance was \$2,884. All but \$20 in the golf ball fund was in the general fund.

Social Committee

Dennis Klein reported that he was at an impasse on the Saturday, April 10th Founder's Day Dinner Dance on the Saturday after Easter. The cost will be \$30/person or \$60/couple for a prime rib dinner. He has a disk jockey lined up. It will be at St. Andrew Family Center. It is a dress up affair. He needs to know by the end of the month. He needs 50 couples and right now there are 20 couples committed. A show of hands indicated that we should go ahead.

Welfare Report

Urban Rump passed a sign up sheet around for birthday and anniversary information for sending out cards. He has sent this month's cards out. There was a Mass card for John Henry Haslach, the father of our Mike Haslach. A card for the Frank Welter family also went out.

He mentioned that his parish, St. Thomas Aquinas, has collected over \$100K for Haiti earthquake relief. He suggested that money be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

Patriotic Report

Urban and 9 others will be at the airport USO Center greeting the returning troops and he urged others to join him. People will be done about 3:30 PM. It takes 3 to 4 months to reserve a date for this purpose. Our next date will be in July.

Dick Ducote of All Saints rose to speak about a new organization called "Care for the Troops" (careforthetroops.org). The request was first originated from the Archdiocese via Monsignor Kiernan who asked Ducote to speak on it. The mission is to help the returning troops when they re-enter society. Medical professionals and regular citizens are involved. He has an information sheet on how to find a team that can get involved with this. Some parishes already have such a team. He sent around a sign up sheet.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell reported that Frank Welter's funeral Mass featured 18 honor guards, although he noted that 25 had signed up. He noted that people should not pass on coming just because it looks like there are enough. There are never enough.

The honor guard on February 6th for the ordination of Deacon Ed Krise was perhaps the biggest we have ever done with 26 participating. Seven white and purple capes did the Consecration salute with the request of Ed Krise and the approval of Monsignor Kiernan and Archbishop Donoghue.

Mitchell noted that there are 12 upcoming events already on his calendar for the Spring, plus one pending for the Fall. Spring is the busiest season and stretched the honor guard thin. On some days there may be three events and up to five on a weekend. Emails will go out shortly.

The events in February and March are these:

February 28th, Sunday, a 5 PM Confirmation at St. Andrew.

March 13th, Saturday, St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown on Peachtree.

People who can not stand for long periods shouldn't participate.

March 17th, Wednesday, St. Patrick's 10:30 Mass at the Cathedral.

All Assemblies in the area will participate with us in the lead.

March 20th, Saturday, Confirmation at All Saints at 10 AM.

March 20th, Saturday, Dennis & Judy Klein- 50th anniversary Mass at St. Andrew at 5 PM with a reception. Headcount needed,

In April and May we are absolutely slammed with events. For certain events we call other Assemblies to help. Mitchell will send out a save-the-date calendar. We need to ask the offices of each parish to check their calendars and find out their needs.

We have not yet heard from Mary Our Queen. Hlad mentioned that it would be good to advise them of our availability. Jim Knapp is an honor guard member who now belongs to that council which will be a member of Watters 2688 within a month. Mitchell stressed that we must wait for their request and not force ourselves upon them.

Since July 1st, 226 brothers have taken part in our honor guard through 37 events.

New Applications

Richard Mullin of St. Andrew has submitted a Form 4, but has not yet become a 4th degree. He will progress in the Fall.

Unfinished Business

Greg Crnkovich reintroduced the tabled motion to purchase a new American flag set for Mary Our Queen Council in an amount not to exceed \$250, since they have nothing yet and they will join our Assembly. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Trustee Report

Dennis Klein reported that the trustees have done an audit and found everything in order.

New Business

Crnkovich reported that the district free throw finals will be held at Holy Redeemer School on Sunday, February 22nd, between 2 PM and 4 PM.

Ed Krise thanked everyone for the humbling experience of the huge honor guard at his recent Ordination.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – reported on two Homeless Shelter events held. He thanked the honor guard for the two magnificent events held at All Saints -- the Frank Welter funeral and the Ed Krise Ordination. All Saints is moving into fish fry mode with 8 events planned. March 30th will be their next 1st degree, Hopefully they will hold a 2nd degree soon.

St. Andrew (Kassis) – Raised \$36,000 at their WinterFest event held on January 23rd for Southern Catholic. Holding a garage sale on February 18th/19th. They are getting ready for their fish fry also. Jim St. John will award St. Andrew a Double Star on February 21st. March 1st will be their 1st degree. They will attend St. Brigid's 2nd degree on March 6th.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcomb) – will hold a combined 1st/2nd degree on Saturday, March 6th.

Split the Pot

Fifty-two dollars was in the pot. Ed Pierson won \$26.

Attendance Award

Stan Wasowski won the \$25 attendance award.

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order. Rick Langheim is having a lens implant. Charlie Robinson has back problems. Bennie Mastrogiovanni's daughter-in-law, Holley. Mary Stinson needs continuing prayers. Abe Kassis has a brother-in-law in hospice and a sister with breast cancer. Dennis Klein asked prayers for his brother-in-law who just passed away from cancer. Bill O'Shaughnessy needs constant prayer. Lemcoe noted that a friend of his, Adam Wade, just lost a son in Afghanistan.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies.