



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2013

Held at St. Andrews

Total attendance: 29

Presiding officer: Lou Hlad, Faithful Navigator

At 7:30 the meeting started after the rosary, dinner and fellowship events completed.

Officer attendance was taken

Faithful Captain	Bob Webster	present	Faithful Friar	Msgr. Kiernan	excused
Faithful Admiral	John Lewis	present	Outer Sentinel	Jim Knapp	excused
Faithful Pilot	Ed Pierson	present	Trustee 3-year	Dennis Klein	present
Faithful Comptroller	Bill Zaryski	present	Trustee 2-year	John Miles	excused
Faithful Scribe	Tony Santoro	excused	Trustee 1-year	Rick Langheim	excused
Faithful Purser	Dave Mason	present	Color Corps Commander	Bob Mitchell	present
Inner Sentinel	Terry Petrukovich	present	Musician	Mark Foster	present

The chair officers read their duties. The Faithful Navigator then led the assembly in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the officer roll, Father from St. Andrew dropped in. He had no report, but accepted our offer to go to the kitchen for dinner.

The opening oath – Faithful Musician Mark Foster let the members in “God Bless America.

The previous meeting minutes were transmitted electronically and no corrections were needed – member approved.

Faithful Navigator Report:

- The Faithful Navigator (FN) complimented Tony Santoro on his fine transcribing of the minutes again this month.
- Thanks were given to the chefs of St. Andrew that prepared the evening chili meal that was very tasty and abundant.
- FN announced that the focus of the meeting would be on the planning and execution of the upcoming February 12 Valentine's Day Social at Altobeli' Italian Restaurant. Last minute reservations are being received and the dinner total has passed 50 committed attendees. The cost is pegged at \$60 per couple including tax and gratuity. FN advised that this was a wonderful bargain in these inflationary times. A good time will be had by all with a piano bar singer performing this time. Bill Zaryski is taking checks and reservations tonight still.
- FN then thanked Faithful Admiral, Bill Lewis, for providing him with a manual that contains all the instructions for Assembly ceremonies such as Blessing of the Swords, Renewal of Vows, Assembly Meetings Funerals for Sir Knights, and some others. FN had never seen all this information in one binder together. A manual on how to display the American Flag properly for any contingency and how to fold it and retire it was included. FN quipped that apparently the Faithful Admiral thought the FN needed more printed instructions (laughter).
- FN announced that our new Faithful Friar, Monsignor Donald Kiernan, could not attend tonight, but sends his love and will attend as many meetings as he is able. He requires a ride from St. George Village in Roswell because he is wheelchair-bound. We hope that we can provide transportation to him in both directions.



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Bills and Communications Report:

Purser: Dave Mason

Purser mentioned that Marty Wilson had alerted us to special hockey tickets available for \$15 from KofC for a game between the Atlanta Gladiators and the Florida Everglades on Feb. 16th. He has tickets.

Purser Report: Dave Mason

January income :	\$2,808	from 50/50 raffles, food donations, dues
January expenses:	<u>\$1,750</u>	for Altobeli Social, food, attendance award
Initial balance:	\$8,636	entering February
February income:	<u>\$2,320</u>	more dues
	\$10,956	current balance

Faithful Comptroller: Bill Zaryski

FC announced that we have a very good commitment from 52 people for the upcoming Altobeli Social. This is exactly how many we had last time. We should get a few more this time. All but 6 of the 52 have already paid. So three couples will pay at the door.

We will have a larger room this time that will hold up to 65 attendees. Bob Webster is making the arrangements with Altobeli's.

On the subject of dues payment, exactly one-third of the members have not yet paid. Today's mail did yield four more payments. He has all the membership cards for those who have paid.

He moved to the subject of the budget and the item line for donations. In one donation last meeting, we wiped out our budget of \$600. In order to add more flexibility to the budget, a revised budget will be submitted to the membership before the next meeting to allow further charitable donations this year.

He proposed raising the donation item line from \$600 to \$2,000 by making three minor changes. We believe we can drop the regalia allowance from \$2,000 to 1,000, the chalice budget from \$2,000 to \$1,000, and the 4th degree exemplification hospitality suite allowance from \$500 to \$100. This would free the additional \$1,400 that would allow our charitable donations to rise from \$600 to \$2,000. A motion was raised to amend the budget in this fashion.

During discussion of the motion, Fernando Paguaro asked why we do not have fundraisers like the Councils. He was advised that Assembly fundraisers are allowed, but we have to be careful not to conflict with Council fundraisers. Assemblies usually exist on their dues, except in special cases.

A question was raised as to why we didn't simply take 1,600 out of our cash on hand rather than moving items around. Zaryski stated that we always try to run a year on a net zero basis just as good financial practice. We started the year with \$8,000 in the bank and we would like to end the year with \$8,000, since some slack has been identified.

Next year we could intentionally budget a shortfall to begin draining down our cash reserves if we wish. Thus far we are on a balanced course, but the food donations for tonight's meal we \$85 and meal cost \$222. These are the types of unforeseen expenditures that cause deficit consequences. We have a very large April 27th social with unknown



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expenditures. It is very nice to have a cushion in the bank. Our Assembly has had some very low balances in past years causing us to be conservative.

A question was raised about how many active dues-paying members do we have? Of the 227 members, we have four or five honorary life members who pay no dues, all clergy members pay no dues, and members in dire circumstances pay no dues. About 200 members pay dues of \$30 per year giving us about \$6,000 income from dues every year.

Before voting on the resolution to revise the budget, it was suggested that we should email out the revised budget and vote on it during the March meeting. It was agreed to do this.

Patriotism: John Bird

Jon brought to our attention that the Georgia National Guard at Dobbins Air Base was looking for volunteers to provide transportation, spiritual counseling, home grounds maintenance, finances, utilities assistance, job fairs, wellness checks, etc. He has a document that requests these services that he can share. It will be mailed to all members.

He also will let us know about the donation request he raises every year for the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Association that raises money for a memorial erected in honor of a fallen local Georgia soldier. This year's honoree is a Marist grad. A memorial will be erected the Thursday before Memorial Day at Marist. Jon will request a donation next month. There will be a nice ceremony with a parade and a flyover. We will give out more info as it is received. Our people should attend.

Social Committee: Chuck Langood

The committee has met to make some primary arrangements. The date is Saturday, April 27th, at St. Andrew Parish Center. The ticket price will be around \$35 per person. There will, of course, be no tax gratuity. The Assembly is hoping that the councils will sponsor any honorees that come from their councils, since they will not pay for dinner. We expect that priests will not pay as well.

World War II veteran honorees can be from any group. They need not be Knights of even Catholics. They will be honored for their service. Attendees for the dinner can be from the councils or the public as well. We would like about 175 to 200 attendees. We will have pulpit announcements to find veterans. Sir Knight Klein mentioned that this would be a good recruitment opportunity with the publicity received.

A question as whether we could include Korean War vets. It was decided that there are too many living Korean vets, since they are 12 years younger.

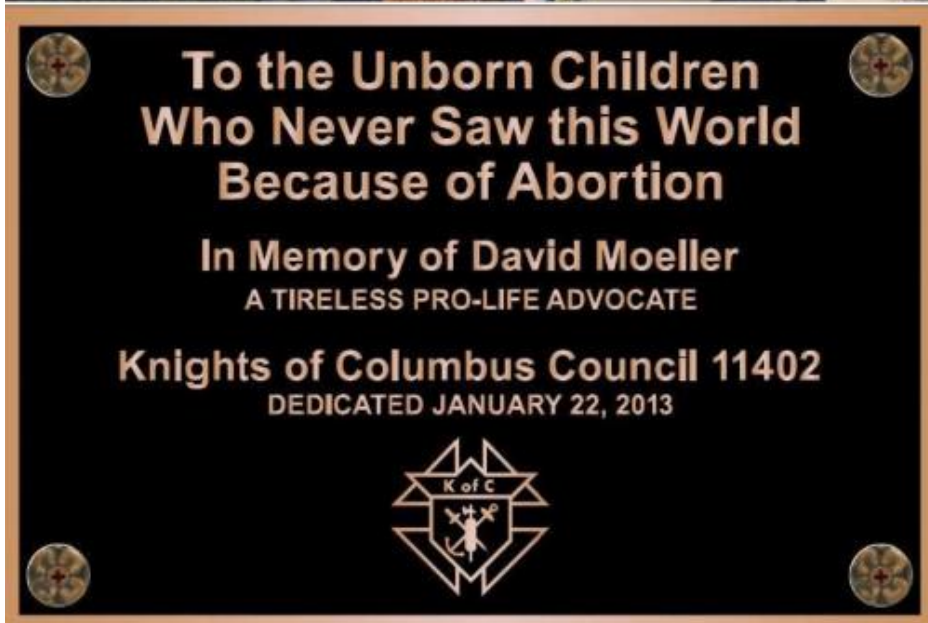
Chalice committee:

We have purchased another chalice. We will put the next three names on that chalice and hold off until the next fraternal year (July 1) to purchase the next chalice.

Pro-Life Committee: Lou Hlad

On January 20th, in connection with the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, All Saints Council 11402 dedicated a Memorial Statue to the Unborn of Abortion. The dedication plaque was in honor of our deceased Sir Knight David Moeller who championed the cause all his life. Msgr. Marren blessed at and recited a special prayer he wrote for the occasion. Many members of the congregation stood outside at the dedication site.

Mark Moeller, David's son, has a marble base constructed for the statue which depicts Christ holding two young children. An honor guard of 15 men was present and the event was impressive. FN thanked all the members who took part. He hoped that all member councils would do something like this on their properties.





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Report of the 4th Degree: Bob Mitchell transcribed to FN

There have been 10 honor guard events since Jan. 19th.

- MLK Day at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
- 75th Anniversary of the Cathedral of Christ the King
- All Saints Pro-Life Mass
- Dedication of Memorial to the Unborn at All Saints
- Funeral Mass for Sir Knight Ed Pavlik who passed from our Assembly
- Wedding Mass for Sir Knight Patrick Coffey at the Cathedral
- First Mass of newly-ordained Deacon Rick Medina at St. Andrew
- First Communion at OLA in support of the Atlanta Assembly

Upcoming events include:

- Confirmation at St. John Newmann to assist the Elizabeth Ann Seaton Assembly
- KofC night at the Atlanta Gladiators hockey game
- St. Patrick's Day Parade March 16th
- St. Patrick's Day Mass March 18th

Commander Bob Mitchell rose to thank Chuck Langgood and Doc Malone for commanding and assistant commanding the honor guard at OLA in the absence of himself and Rob Cochran who are both Commanders. Re capes led red capes.

Unfinished Business:

Bob Mitchell reminded the Assembly that we had postponed a vote for \$300 for supporting an athlete for Special Olympics Camp Inspire because it was above the \$250 limit. The vote was taken and passed.

New Business:

None. But Dennis Klein rose to thank Chuck Langgood's wife, Shay, for making the dinner of chili which was delicious and abundant.

3rd Degree Reports:

Mary Our Queen:

No members present. Report from last month of their scheduled events.

- **Sunday, Jan. 13th** – Breakfast hosted by the Council after 8:30 am and 11:00 am Masses. Food is being donated and prepared by our worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Pete Farrelel and his wife Jennifer. A few additional hands to help with setup, serving, and cleanup would be appreciated.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 15th** – Social evening in Kiernan Hall from 7PM to 9PM for all Brother Knights of our Council. The plan is for friendly games of poker. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Again, this is a social evening for the membership. A time to catch up with each other after the holidays. No business will be discussed. Hoping to see you Brother Knights we haven't seen at the business meetings.



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- **Thursday, Jan. 17th** – Council business meeting
- **Tuesday, Jan. 22nd** – Mass for the unborn and March for Life.
- **Saturday, Jan. 26th** – California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser. Location: the Forum. We get a percentage of the sales. Proceeds earmarked for hurricane Sandy relief effort.

St. Andrew – Mike Walker

- First Mass for Deacon Rick Medina was held
- Lenten Fish Frys start on Ash Wednesday. Rotating specialty items featured weekly.
- 3rd Degree hosted on Monday, February 11th.
- Parish landscape event on Saturday, February 23rd.

St. Brigid: Marty Wilson

- Feb. 1st was St. Brigid Feast Day. Mass and large social was held with honor guard of 19 members.
- Council put out the crosses for the Roe v. Wade remembrances
- Lenten Fish Frys start on Friday, Feb. 15th.
- Free Throw Tournament of February 16th will be held.
- Rite of Election ceremony needs 8 volunteers as guides and ushers.
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 9th. It will be a dinner/dance.

All Saints: Stan

- Held a Notre Dame/Alabama TV game party in McGivney hall on Jan. 7.
- Sponsored a Spaghetti dinner to benefit the All Saints Cub Scout Pack 434.
- Wore our Council badges at all Masses on weekend of Jan. 12/13 for PR.
- Held the Georgia Grand Knights Forum on Jan. 19th in our Social Hall.
- Dedicated a Pro-Life statue on the All Saints campus in honor of deceased Sir Knight Dave Moeller on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.
- Held the funeral of Sir Knight Ed Pavlik at All Saints on Jan. 21st with a full team of Brother acolytes and an honor guard.
- Held the annual Knight's Free Throw Contest on Jan. 27th in our gym.
- Held a 1st degree on Jan. 29th. All Saints got five new members and 1 additional transfer member. Saint Thomas Aquinas brought three new Brothers to our ceremony as well.
- The Council donated \$1,000 to our parish Jamaican Mission coming in February.
- We donated 550 to Special Olympics Camp Inspire.
- We donated \$400 to the Georgia Tech Council to help them with bus fare to the Washington DC pro-life rally at the capitol.
- We raffled off two \$100 annuities to two new Council Brothers.
- We continue holding "Father for Good" Seminars in McGivney Hall for parishioners.
- We schedule a monthly widowers bereavement meeting in McGivney.
- We are beginning our Lenten Fish Fry events tomorrow with a Knights-Only Test Fish Fry at reduced cost. Public Fish Frys start of Ash Wednesday.



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- We will sponsor homeless shelter teams on Jan. 17th and March 24th.
- We are holding a combined 1st/2nd degree exemplification in McGivney on Tuesday, Jan. 26th.

50/50 raffle: \$90 was collected. \$45 goes to each. Faithful Captain Bob Webster won and put the money into the meeting food fund because the collection was low. We thanked him for his generosity.

Attendance award – Bill Zaryski. He will donate his winnings to the food fund as well.

Good of the Order:

Prayers were offered for our sick Brothers, relatives and friends.

Sir Knight Ed Pavlik of All Saints passed on to his reward after years of Alzheimer's. God bless his soul.



Closing ceremony – Meeting lasted about 90 minutes.

Next meeting is at All Saints.

Altobeli Valentine Social Night Pictures





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