



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2016 Held at Mary Our Queen

Sir Knights present: 35

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Bill Camden

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

- St. Andrew March 10th
- All Saints April 14th
- Mary Our Queen May 12th

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

The meeting began slightly 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 four new Sir Knights in attendance: Gary Romanick, Ray Grupinski, Charles Lynch, and Skip Dolt. They each gave a short introduction speech.

Eight brothers with February birthdays were congratulated, but not named. Wedding anniversaries for John Knight (26 years) and Chuck Langgood (40 years) were announced. Handshakes among all brothers were exchanged.

Roll Call:

Faithful Captain	Chuck Langgood	Present	Faithful Friar	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Stan Wasowski	Excused	Inner Sentinel	Terry Petrukovich	Present
Faithful Pilot	Jon Bird	Present	Outer Sentinel	Nick Mattera	Present
Faithful Comptroller	Dave Mason	Present	Trustee 3-year	Bob Webster	Present
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Bob Mitchell	Present
Faithful Purser	Abe Kassir	Present	Trustee 1-year	Ron Collins	Excused

Faithful Navigator Report

February we had (2) Honor Guards. I want to thank each of the Knights for their participation in the Honor Guard.

- On Feb. 6th we had an Honor Guard at the Sonesta Hotel for the 4th Degree and a total of (74) Knights were inducted into the 4th degree as "Sir Knights". Our Assembly 2688, had (9) scheduled for the exemplification but only (8) were able to make it. It was a fantastic event. The Honor Guard was led by the District Marshal, T.J. McClaustland, which always con-ducts a great Honor Guard and Color Corp. We shared a (3) room hospitality suite with (2) other Assemblies and it was a great time seeing and meeting other Knights. We were honored to have the Supreme Vice Master and the Past Supreme Vice Master as well as the State Officers and District Master attend our hospitality suite. Sir Knight Gordon Calley did a great job with the food and drinks. The evening was one of the best 4th degrees I have attended. We had 15 observers and wives attend along with (8) new 4th degree Sir Knights and we had a great time dancing to a band that was one of the best. The dinner was steak with all the sides and trimmings that go with it. Fabulous!!!
- On Feb. 26th, we had an Honor Guard at Christ Our King and Savior Catholic Church in Greensboro, Georgia for the funeral of Fr. Phillip Ryan who has been very active in the Atlanta Archdiocese and was very popular in



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Georgia. Arch Bishop Gregory and a multitude of priests attended the funeral. Our Assembly 2688 was represented as well as all the priests from All Saints and St. Andrews.

The (8) new Sir Knights from our Feb. 6 Exemplification are Frank Farrell, David Riedinger, William (Bill) Driscoll, Eric Martin, Dave Richardson, Ray Donohue, Bruce Malinoff and Gary Romanick. When you see these Knights, be sure to tell them how excited we are to have them join us as Sir Knights and encourage them to be a part of the Honor Guard to support our priests and church.

Our Assembly was honored at the 4th degree exemplification on Feb. 6th during the banquet for doing the fund drive for the Military Chaplains and Seminarians. The District Master and the Vice Supreme master congratulated us for giving the greatest amount for a charity at one time to the State Knights of Columbus Charities Program. Good job Sir Knights of Assembly 2688, "You are the Best."

Our Assembly has been alerted that the "Last Rites" have been given to our friend and Brother Sir Knight Priest, Fr. Joseph Peek who is in hospice. Fr. Kevin Peek (Fr. Joseph Peek's brother) has requested an Honor Guard and he will be in touch as the final plans are being made for his eternal rest. We ask that each one of you to please make this Honor Guard for our great friend and Spiritual leader of our parish and of the Archdiocese. The tentative plans are to have the funeral and wake at St. Catherine's of Siena in Kennesaw, GA. and a graveside service will be held at the Military Cemetery in Canton, Georgia. Due to the popularity and spirituality of this great man of God, this will be massive funeral service.

I ask 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 all (3) of our Assembly parishes and not just the one that you attend. This makes for a real brotherhood and shows respect for our faith and builds the morale for all Sir Knights.

Mary Our Queen did an excellent job preparing the food at our last meeting. The dinner of shredded pork, broiled chicken legs, potatoes and salad was impressive. We thank you for all the hard work you gave to the Knights preparing a wonderful dinner & for the hospitality for our Assembly. Our new Sir Knight Frederick Alexandre of MOQ, a chef, coordinated the meal.

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month. Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, Fr. Joe Peek, Tom Templeton, Guy Stryker, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Mary Malone, Tom Frizzi, Sharon Colleta, Walt Wasowski, Bill May, Oscar Frizzi, William Osherski, Linda Sperick, Barbara Spencer, Wiley Maloof, Ray Grupinski, Bill Campbell and his wife, and Matt Powell Sr.. 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 all. 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.

Picnic Plans are underway for the on May 21st for all 4th degree and their family. The event will be held on the river at St. Andrews. This is a beautiful area with a lot of facilities.

The Veterans Dinner is planned for June and is underway. This event will be held in the large social hall at St. Andrews. Chuck Langgood is the Chairman.



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The Golf Tournament planning is also underway and will be on a Saturday, September 10th at "Bears Best". We have several sponsors and prizes already. If you are interested in playing or a sponsorship, please contact **David Emery** at 770-395-7913 or 609-458-2125 or jdavidemery@gmail.com. **100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Veterans. \$150 Donation includes: Golf, Golf cart, Breakfast/Lunch Prizes and Silent Auction.**

- Our Assembly submitted for the Patriotic Award to our Supreme Council.
- We have also submitted for the Civic Award to the Vice Supreme Master.
- We were chosen for the K of C States Program for "Knights Activity for the year by our State Deputy Mark McMullen.
- We have submitted for the Knights Activity in "Knightline" to Supreme.
- We also submitted an article for "Columbia Magazine" for our Assembly.
- We will be discussing the time for a dinner get-together for the Sir Knights and their wives at this next meeting.
- We have been to Altobeli's a couple of times and it is a great place with piano bar, fine wines and private area. Lots of fun and a great dinner.

A New 4th Degree is planned for April 23rd in Macon and will also host the annual meeting for the 4th degree. This is on a Saturday and show up time is 10:00 am for Color Corps, Honor Guard and candidates.

The Annual Meeting of all 4th Degree Assemblies will be held after the 4th degree exemplification on April 23rd in Macon and elections will be held at that time. Delegate's to attend are Bill Camden, Dave Mason, Chuck Langgood, Nick Mattera, Stan Wasowski and Bob Webster.

Our Next Monthly Meeting will be at St. Andrews on Thursday, March 10th. Rosary is at 6:15 followed by dinner and the meeting starts at 7:30. Please try to attend and meet some of our new Sir Knights with a warm welcome.

Membership dues are due Jan.1st. Some of you are still not paid. Please pay your dues as this is a hardship on our Controller with phone calls and emails plus extra expense in trying to collect your dues. If there is a hardship case, please let our Controller Dave Mason know.

FN mentioned that the amounts being donated for food at our Assembly meetings average only \$4.25 per person. This is inadequate to offset the cost of food and drink provided. Please consider increasing your donations to assure break-even.

May God's Blessings be with each of you & your families. Vivat Jesus



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Faithful Comptroller Report (Dave Mason)

1. Confirming checking account balance as 2-11-2016 at \$8,142.32.
2. Membership: Added 8 new Sir Knights on February 6 Exemplification.
We had 2 transfers out (Roy Thompson and Sean O'Neal).
NEW TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN ASSEMBLY #2688 is 203.
3. Next Exemplification: Expected Saturday April 23rd in Macon. Details to follow.
4. Annual Survey of Fraternity Activity: Last year the Knights of Columbus contributed \$173 million to charitable causes. Also K of C performed over 71 million hours to volunteer services.
I do not have the National Numbers yet. But both appear to be up 8 %.
Assembly Number # 2688: Participation 61%. (Last year 43 %). Overall hours are up 21% over last year (3827 vs 3153 hours. CONGRATULATIONS!
5. MEMBERSHIP DUES: I have payment from about 65 percent of members. We are having some members think by paying their council dues that it takes care of Assembly Dues. Or paying their Assembly it takes care of Council. It Does Not. Councils and Assemblies have separate dues and membership cards. Please get your dues paid in February.

Faithful Purser Report – Abe Kassis

<u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 1.30.2015</u>	<u>\$ 10,798.33</u>
RECEIPTS	
CHAPLIN FUND	\$ 60.00
FOOD/BEV	\$ 223.00
50/50	\$ 81.00
DUES	\$ 2,376.00
DONATION	\$ 20.00
EXEMPLIFICATIONS	\$ 630.00
BADGES	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS	<u>\$ 3,470.00</u>
	\$ 14,268.33
EXPENSES	
FOOD	\$ (222.88)
CHAPLIN FUND	\$ (5,110.05)
SUPPLIES	\$ (143.08)
EXEMPLIFICATION	\$ (630.00)
ATTENDANCE AWARD	<u>\$ (20.00)</u>
SUB TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ (6,126.01)</u>
BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 1.31.2016	<u>\$ 8,142.32</u>
<u>OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/ (CHECKS)</u>	
CONVENTION AD	\$ (160.00)
EXEMPLIFICATIONS	\$ (660.00)
DUES	\$ 210.00
CHAPLIN FUND	\$ 120.00
DUES	<u>\$ (6.00)</u>
CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 02.11.2016	<u>\$ 7,646.32</u>



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Faithful Friar Report (Father Dan)

Our Faithful Friar, Father Dan Rogaczewski, was not in attendance.

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

There were no communications this month.

Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

All Saints had four widows participate in our February Bingo event and they played free due to the agreement of All Saints to pick up their \$15 fees. We must make a decision later this year whether we will invite our widows to any social events we hold.

Social Committee Report (FN)

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. An insert into our church bulletins is being formulated to announce our intentions and reach out to candidates. The dinner is planned for June 11th. The span of years served is 1975 to present. All Saints already has a good list. St. Andrew and Mary Our Queen are working through their parish offices to complete theirs.

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.

He is meeting with Dominic Palermo and Joe Inglima to begin food discussions. Lou Hlad and Stan Wasowski are also on the committee. Soon all hands will be needed to pull this off.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson not present- no change)

Ed Pierson had one candidate for a chalice at the last meeting. 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. **See bio and photo on Page 11.**

Ed worked with Father Tim Hepburn at the Archdiocese to come up with a second candidate. He is Roberto Suarez, also to be ordained on June 25th. We have \$1,000 in our budget for two chalices. **Dave Mason and Ed are working on meeting with him on Tuesday, 5-17-16, in the afternoon at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Cumming GA. (See Suarez bio page 10.)**

We previously had (4) SK's chalice 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)

Recently added:

Michael A. Nassr passed 10.31.2015 (St. Andrew)

Dennis M. Crean passed 11.1.2015 (All Saints)



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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.

As the FN noted, we had 8 candidates attend the February 6th Fourth Degree. They were:

Eric Martin	Dave Richardson	Ray Donohue	David Riedinger
Bill Driscoll	Gary Romanick	Frank Farrell	Bruce Malinoff

Patriotism Report (Jon Bird)

Jon passed out information about a program he has discovered called **eMENTOR.com**. It helps veterans leaving the service to assimilate back into civilian society. The mentors contact veterans over the internet to give them advice about their next steps in life. He handed out informational brochures. Jon has signed and he is actually assigned a veteran of West Point to help.

Color Corps Report (Stan Wasowski)

These were mentioned in the FN report. Commander Stan Wasowski was excused.

Trustee Report (Bob Mitchell for Trustees)

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Dominic Palermo and Nick Mattera are looking into sponsoring a Spring golf tournament to raise a few thousand dollars for our charities. They would like 72 golfers and some sponsors. It would be a shotgun start and could raise \$2000 to \$3000 easily. A show of hands showed there were many golfers. Several brothers volunteered to serve on this committee. Good golfers are not required. It would be a best-ball tournament with hole sponsors, hat sponsors.

Jerry Atkins rose to indicate that a Saturday September 10th date has been planned and the cost would be \$150 per player. It will be held at Bears Best Country Club in Suwanee, GA at 5342 Aideburgh Drive 30624. Veterans would be charged only \$125. Breakfast and lunch are included. They hope to have some silent auction entries and a hole-in-one automobile prize offered. Signups were requested and foursomes are needed.

FN also announced that a May family picnic was being considered along the St. Andrew river-front. Held on Saturday May 21st which is Armed Forces Day. It will be a potluck dinner with attendees bringing their favorite dish. Council supplies burgers and brats. Info to follow.

The Assembly has sent in submissions to Supreme for a patriotic and a civic award. They also were sent to Knightline Newsletter and Columbia Magazine. We were also noted at the recent 4th degree exemplification for the \$5000 donation to the Chaplain Ministry Fund.



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The Charity Gala has a theme of “Evening of Sharing and Caring” on Saturday April 23rd at St. Ives Country Club in Johns Creek. Cocktails 6-7 PM and dinner at 7 PM. Tickets are \$100 or a table of ten for \$900 until January 31st. A silent auction will be held. A speaker has not yet been identified.

Also, a Wheelchair Sunday has been planned. It’s a 3rd degree program, but Assemblies can also do it. For every \$150 donation, a brand new wheelchair is received. They arrive in large containers from the factory. Donations are tax-deductible to the KofC Georgia Charities. If a parish or KofC organization raises money for 100 chairs, that fulfills all 4 requirements for the community Star Council Award. He has poster and DVD.

Reports of the Third Degree

Mary Our Queen (Jim Knapp)

- Regular monthly breakfast planned for this Sunday.
- Participated in Coats for Kids project with St. Vincent de Paul.
- Added a second seminarian to their RSVP program.
- They participate in the parish capital campaign going on.

St. Andrew (Mike Bagnulo)

- Held a Confirmation with Archbishop Gregory who praised the Honor Guard present very strongly. A special grotto dedication followed.
- Held a 1st degree and got three new members.
- Initiated a parish holy hour which will be held every Thursday evening.
- Gary Romanick became a new Sir Knight.
- Their pastor tasked the council to come up with flagpoles for the outside of the church. They are looking into it.
- Lenten fish dinners are beginning.

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- On January 20th, 5 brothers took their 2nd degree at St. Benedict in Johns Creek.
- On January 26th, we held a 1st degree for 7 candidates at McGivney Hall. All Saints got 1 new member, Georgia Tech Council got 5 new members, and Atlanta 660 got 1.
- On February 6th, 7 of our brothers became Sir Knights in Duluth. Several of our brothers took part in the honor guard and the color guard.
- Our council hosted two Sunday evenings at the downtown men’s homeless shelter.
- Our brother Denis Shortal took the oath of office as Mayor of Dunwoody. Our brother John Heneghan took the oath of office as Dunwoody councilman, Our brother Judge Rick McCully administered these oaths.
- Our missionary Sir Knight Gray Plunkett returned from Benin, Africa after four months translating the Bible into Foodo language. While returning from Africa, he visited our brother Sir Knight Father Anthony Eshun in Ghana who maintains close contact with us.
- Our parish sent 14 missionaries to Jamaica, largely made up of our brothers and their wives.



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- Our January 28th Bingo evening featured 122 players. Profits went to the Marist school Sophia Academy on Dresden Drive.
- We held a council party in McGivney to watch the Alabama/Clemson football game.
- Our council has already hosted two parish fish fries, a practice fry for knights, family , and friends only and a public Ash Wednesday event.
- Our council acolytes served every funeral at All Saints during the month.
- Preparing for the knight basketball free throw contest in our gym.

Good of the Order

Special prayer requests were made for:

- Newborn Jonas Gregory son of Brother Michael Gregory and grandson of Brother Gert Kampfer.
- Barbara Spencer, wife of Sir Knight Ernie Spencer,
- Sir Knight Bill O'Shaughnessy
- Joy Fahey, wife of Sir Knight Pat Fahey
- Sir Knight Joe Liebsack
- Sir Knight Ray Grupinski
- Sir Knight Wiley Maloof
- Sir Knight Bill Campbell's wife
- Sir Knight Andy Dias
- Sir Knight Dennis Caniglia
- Sir Knight Guy Stryker
- Sir Knight Bill Camden's son, BJ Camden, on deployment
- Brother Tom Templeton is in ICU
- Father Joseph Peek
- Matt Powell, Sr.
- Several others whose names could not be heard on tape.

The brothers rose to pray for the sick and deceased. FN lead the prayers with a special prayer for Fr. Joseph Peek.

Split the Pot

Euse Durah won \$55 in the split-the-pot raffle.

Attendance Award

Lou Hlad was chosen and he was present.

Meeting End

Bill Allen added that a Widow/Widowers Social has been institutes at All Saints on the 2nd and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30. All in that situation are invited.

The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

Special New Business

Our Assembly was regaled at the February 6th Fourth Degree Exemplification for its record-breaking donation of \$5000 toward the Military Chaplain Fund of the Georgia State Council.

The money had been collected at the doors of our member council churches on two weekends. Our honor guards stood at the doors in full regalia to solicit funds for this special purpose. Several state officers praised our efforts.



Shown L-R are Faithful Navigator Bill Camden, State Warden J.T. McCaustland, District Master Tom Frizzi, and Faithful Comptroller Dave Mason. Photo by Jon Bird.



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Chalice Recipient Roberto Suarez Bio

Name: Roberto Suarez

Age: 32 years old

Birthplace: I am from Colombia.

Parents: Roberto Suarez and Margarita Barbosa

Family: I have one brother Miguel Angel, and two sisters Viviana and Leidy Milena, niece Sophia.

Education: in High school, I attended Minor Seminary; then, I went to college to the Franciscan University of St. Bonaventure in Bogota, Colombia. After that, I finished philosophy in the Archdiocesan Seminary of Monterrey in Mexico.

Then, I moved to the United States to study English at Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio and then in Georgia State University. I am currently attending University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary for Theological studies in Chicago, Illinois.

Hobbies: I enjoy traveling, reading, playing some guitar and piano, movies, eating out.

Languages spoken: Spanish and English.

Pastoral: I like every ministry related with teaching and pastoral education such as Formation of catechists, preparation for the sacraments, and RCIA

Yes Ed, I like the standard chalice and the travel case. I am looking forward to meet with you on Tuesday, 5-17-16 in Good Shepherd.



Chalice Recipient Gerardo Ceballos Bio

I was born on August 18th 1988, in a little town call Puruandiro in the State of Michoacan in Mexico. Both of my parents (Lidia Gonzalez:Mom, Raul Ceballos:Dad) are catholic and living, I am the youngest of 6 siblings. I have 3 sisters (Maria, Rosa, Xochitl) and 2 brothers (Saul and Israel).

- On August 11th 2003 I entered High School Seminary in my hometown Archdiocese.
- On June 11th 2006 I joined the Archdiocese of Atlanta but I continued my studies in Mexico.
- On August 6th 2006 I was Transferred to the Pontifical University Of Mexico to study the College Level (Philosophy)
- I obtained my BA by the Pontifical University of Mexico on May 22nd 2008
- On August 14th 2008 I was transferred to the Archdiocesan Seminary of Monterrey in Monterrey Mexico to pursue a Degree in Philosophy (Licentiate in Philosophy: PhL)
- On March 29th 2009 I was a kidney Transplant Recipient, My brother Israel donate me one of his kidneys.
- On July 2nd 2011 I Obtained my PhL Degree by the Archdiocesan Seminary of Monterrey in Monterrey Mexico.
- On August 24th 2011 I was transferred to the Pontifical College Josephinum to study English as Second Language (ESL) and to pursue a Master in Divinity (MDiv) Degree.

I was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on May 23rd 2015 at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Morelia on the 50th Wedding Anniversary of my Parents by Bishop Luis R. Zarama Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta. God willing I am obtaining my MDiv. Degree on May 14th 2016 by the Pontifical College Josephinum. God willing, also I will be Ordained a Priest at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta by Archbishop Wilton D Gregory on June 25ft, 2016.

My Parents live in Mexico and Travel to Coachella, CA to visit usually once a year for Christmas. My brothers and sisters live in Coachella, CA.

I served Mass for Pope Francis On January 1st 2015 at the Vatican.

