

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly Meeting

Minutes of February 19th, 2014

Held at Mary Our Queen

Assembly Web Site: www.kc2688.com

Total attendance: 22

The opening ceremonials, Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer were conducted. Singing of the Opening Ode was waived. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was bypassed in lieu of the transmitted minutes which were accepted without further correction.

The roll call of officers was conducted.

Faithful Navigator- Bob Webster

Faithful Captain- Stan Wasowski (late , sub by Tony Santoro)

Faithful Pilot- Ed Pierson

Faithful Comptroller- Dave Mason

Faithful Admiral- Lou Hlad

Faithful Scribe- Tony Santoro

Faithful Purser- Abe Kassis

Trustee 3 year term- John Lewis

Trustee 2 year term- Dennis Klein

Trustee 1 year term- John Miles

Inner Sentinel- Terry Petrokovich

Outer Sentinel- Jim Knapp

Faithful Friar- Monsignor Kiernan Excused

Faithful Commander- Bob Mitchell

The prescribed ceremonials to open the meeting were performed. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were corrected and approved.

Opening ode – waived.

Faithful Navigator Report:

A – Previous meeting minutes were corrected regarding no 4th degree exemplification, but possible in the fall. (nothing official has been posted, pending follow up from Bob Mitchell).

B – Recognized the MOQ cooks for preparing meal.

C – Last exemplification, we added 4 new members with a target recruitment of 10 candidates by April, 2014 for the Macon 4th degree exemplification. Note: Possible ceremony scheduled in the Atlanta area in 2014.

Discussion:

1 - Lou – Bob Fiscella – may be able to hire a bus to take everyone to Macon. Open to other councils if they need transportation.

2 – Navigator – we need to see if there is funding to cover bus transportation. Also we need to ensure there are enough people to use the transportation. See if we can recruit more people via contacts.

3 – Dave Mason – 3rd degree candidates don't have to wait if they don't have regalia. We can provide. We are a patriotic arm of the Knights.

4 – Dennis Klien suggest open house to promote our mission.

5 – Navigator – Sunday afternoon or promote at each council, we did this last year.

Question, should we do this at each council or on a local basis?

D – The IRS re-instated our tax exempt status.

Discussion:

Dave Mason to report details to Supreme to ensure our status is reported correctly. He advised that there is a backlog at the IRS causing delays.

Navigator: Supreme has a list of approved assemblies, also has a backlog which delays processing.

Faithful friar report: Lou Hlad

Msgr Kierman – Still attend mass at All Saints. just turned 89 on December 28, and can still hold mass.

Report of Bills and Communications:

Report of Faithful Comptroller Dave Mason:

Confirming Checking Account Balance of \$8,281.71

Membership: 160

4th Degree Membership Dues: 91 have paid. If you have paid I have your 2014 Membership Card. For those who have not paid, dues are \$30.00 cash or check. Don't forget to add a \$10 donation for the Veteran's Memorial Bench fund from Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly # 2688.

Next Exemplification is April 26th in Macon, GA. We would like to have a great showing at this event by Assembly # 2688. If you have a friend or associate who is third degree or will be by April 26th. We need have him signed up. Our goal for Macon is ten candidates. I need all paperwork NLT April 10th. Cost is \$70.00 for candidate plus \$10.00 for SK Badge. Candidate's lunch and Baldric included in fee. Observer's lunch is \$10.00.

1 - There will not be a Banquet with this event.

2 - No overnight. Go to Macon in the morning and return to Atlanta after luncheon. I will send to all a schedule and timing of events.

3 - Please fill Form 4 completely. Remember to fill in Membership number and write in candidates email address along top of form. I have extra Form 4s if you need them.

For those that cannot make this Exemplification there will be one scheduled for June 21st in Augusta.

Form 100 filing – please have new candidates add their e-mail address to the form

Faithful Purser Report: Abe Kassis:

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 12.31.2013					\$ 7,014.87
RECIEPTS					
BENCH		\$ 275.00			
DUES		\$ 1,230.00			
50/50		\$ 53.00			
MEALS		<u>\$ 128.00</u>			
SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS					\$ 1,686.00
EXPENSES					
REGALIA/ CLEANING		\$ (399.16)			
ATTENDANCE AWARD		\$ (20.00)			
SUB TOTAL EXPENSES					<u>\$ (419.16)</u>
CHECK BOOK BALANCE 1.31.2013					<u>\$ 8,281.71</u>
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/ CHECKS					
NET DEPOSITS/CHECKS					
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 1.31.2013					\$ 8,281.71

Report of Committees

Patriotic Committee: Jon Bird

Navigator: we have reserved a spot for a bench at the John's Creek Veterans memorial.
Construction status: placards have been installed and walkways are already set.
There are sections for each war, WWI, WWII, Korean, etc...

Social Committee Report: Chuck Langgood

1 – First social of the year on January 25th at T. Santoro's house. 23 people attended. Rock video and covered dish event.

2 – Marriage vow renewal at St. Brigid, February 15th. 108 people attended.

3 – Founders day(Armed Forces Day) May 31 at All Saints. A dinner event honoring Korean War veterans. The WWII dinner event last year was a break even event. Doc Malone has reserved a hall.

Discussion:

- 1 - first Korean War kickoff meeting was held on February 15th.
- 2 - we need to start finding Korean War veterans in our parishes.
- 3 - need guest speakers.
- 4 - need honor guards.

- 5 – need pictures taken.
- 6 – post event in local parish bulletins, Georgia Bulletin.
- 7 - Try to hold cost to \$30 per person.
- 8 – All Saints Gym has been reserved.

Discussion:

Navigator: concern about opening to the state vs local.

Chuck: concerns, target 150 attendees..

Dennis Klien suggests inviting St. Brigid and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Abe: who will finance – each council.

Invitees will be controlled by the parishioners due to limited resources. Not sure how many Korean veterans currently exist in the local parishes.

Other vent: movie Son of God.

Bob Santos – civic group – opens Friday, February 28th at local theaters. You can purchase tickets for \$9 at www.SonofGod.com.

Chalice Committee:

Ernie Spencer:

- 1 – sent emails to Stan and Ed Price to help find priests.
- 2 – need to locate new priests.
- 3 – maybe Fr. Tim Hepburn(Archdiocese of Atlanta).
- 4 – We currently have one chalice to be sent to someone. All subsequent deliverables will be a travelling kit.

Pro-Life Committee: No Report

Applications for Membership: Lou Hlad – no news to report.

New Business

A - John's Creek - Newtown Park Veterans Memorial: George Yourick is promoting donations to a memorial that will be constructed at the Johns Creek Newton Park

Web Site - www.JohnsCreekGA.gov/JCVA

- 1 - Can purchase a \$50 or \$100 brick and have a name engraved to remember someone.
 - 2 - Larger options available. Example: \$2,000 benches.
- B - May 17 Armed Forces Day committee(Chuck Langgood).

Trustee Report: No reports.

Commander Report: Bob Mitchell

- 1 – seven events including a funeral.
- 2 – MLK event.
- 3 – Fr. Fogherty funeral at St.Thomas Aquinas.
- 4 – Special Olympics Winter games.
- 5 – Pro Life event at All Saints.
- 6 – Confirmation at St.Andrew.
- 7 – St. Patrick Parade, march from midtown to Varsity(March 15th)

- 8- St. Patrick mass on March 17 at Cathedral of Christ the King, report 1730.
- 9 – Exemplification in Macon, GA, April 26th..
- 10– All Saints 1st communion on April 26, report time 10 AM.
- 11 – Pending follow up with Bob Santos, possible confirmation at Mary Our Queen.

Unfinished business:

- 1 – Memorial funding - **Fr. Watters bench at Newtown Park** Veterans Memorial park. Trustee recommendation, cost \$2,000 with \$1,000 from assembly members and \$1,000 from savings. We are asking for each member to donate \$10 to help cover the cost. The bench will be placed in the Vietnam War area.
- 2 – Bi-annual meeting of delegates in Macon, requires the presence of the navigator and two delegates. (Bob Mitchel and Dave Mason volunteered.)
- 3 – MP3 player program for soldiers. \$24 per unit. Provide recording of the Catholic Mass and letters from children. The Navigator suggests we donate \$240 for ten units. May be delayed due to budgeting and available money.

Discussion:

- A - Bob Santos suggested a program using the Sweet Tomatoes restaurant where a portion of the sale proceeds can help fund the program. You need to set up a date and send out flyers. Person bring flyer to the restaurant to get the donation. At the end of the day, part of the day's sales will be donated to the program.
 - B – Navigator advised this should happen at the parish level and not the assembly.
 - C – Abe – we may over extend our finances, since **we are behind on dues**.
 - D – Dennis Klien opened a motion to commit to the program.
 - E – Navigator advised we don't have money in the account and that committing assumes we will have future collections coming in.
- 4 - **State convention in Augusta on May 18.**
- A - Lou created an advertisement/collage of the Watters assembly for posing in the conventions book Nightline. Dennis Klien kudos to Lou for his design.

Previous events: none

Upcoming events:

- 1 – **Council 143 fruit fund raiser(raised \$1500)**
- 2 – **Founders day event on May 31st**

Trustee Report

All trustee business is current. No report.

Old Business: none to report.

New Business:

- 1 – Navigator -173rd Airborne(Fr. Watters was a member) memorial foundation on June 14th in Columbus, GA at the National Infantry museum. More information to follow.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

All Saints: Lou Hlad

All Saints Report

- We had five brothers take their 2nd degree at Atlanta 660 council in the last month. Stan is at Council 660 tonight as District Deputy at their 1st/2nd degree.
- We got one new brother who reapplied after being away about 10 years. Our 1st degree last month was cancelled due to the ice storm. We have six candidates queued up to become new members on Feb 25th. We hold a first degree on the last Tuesday of every month.
- Our District Deputy, Stan Wasowski, gave out two First Degree Team Certification Awards to two of our council members who have become team alternates
- Our Grand Knight, Bob Fiscella, is throwing around an idea to provide a bus for the 4th degree in Macon on Saturday, April 26th. We would provide transportation to any other council members who wished to attend. We need a critical mass of candidates to make it practical, of course.
- Our Fathers for Good program of weekly seminars continue in McGivney on Sunday mornings. This is the fifth year the program is in existence. Some of the upcoming topics for parents with teens are: Consequences 101, Aggressive Behavior, Argumentativeness, Chores, Curfew Violations, Deception and Lying, Detaching from Family, Driving and Cars, Ignoring Parents, Internet use, Moodiness, Peers, Runaways.
- All Saints is preparing for our greatest fish fry ever. Our record is 1,300 meals in an evening. We are accepting credit cards this year. We decided to keep the same menu with the same prices as last year. We start on Ash Wednesday.
- We initiated a PayPal link on our web site to allow members to pay their dues electronically. Dues are normally \$40, but online they are \$42. Members are using it.
- We hosted our Annual KoC Free Throw Tournament in our gym. We are now preparing to host the District Free Throw tournament. The State Tournament will be held at Georgia Tech on March 2nd. The Georgia Tech Council will host the event just before the Georgia Tech/Boston College game. Stan Wasowski is involved as the District Deputy over there.
- Sir Knight Harvey Moskowitz celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary this month. He is one of ten who will be so honored again this year.
- Five of our members and a couple of knight wives are in Jamaica on a parish mission.
- Sir Knight Monsignor Hugh Marren has made All Saints the preferred destination for Atlanta teenagers in the Life Teen Organization. Every month about 400 or more teens descend on our gym for a rock concert and a prayer meeting. He has installed strobe lights, colored lights, sound systems, and giant TV screens. Several other knights are involved in the program.

Mary Our Queen: Jim Knapp

January Council Report

- Saturday, Jan 11th, our breakfast preparation efforts were appreciated by the Confirmation group that got together at the church that morning, for further instruction regarding the sacrament.

- Sunday, Jan 19th, we hosted our pancake & sausage breakfast, after the 8:30am Mass. Had average attendance. Biggest representation was mothers with their kids, who took advantage of our feeding the munchkins. We were happy to give the Mom's a break.
- We have a new candidate for 1st Degree, but due to his trade (plumbing), he's been very busy as of late, thanks to the recent sub-32 degree weather, and higher occurrence of busted waterlines. Last resort, if we can't get him to a local 1st Degree ceremony, we'll use the 1st Degree video, recently received.
- A few B.K.s from MOQ Council, along with a B.K. from All Saints Council, and some additional volunteers from other ministries, will be transporting B.K. George Swartz, to his dialysis treatments, 3 times a week. B.K. George is on Council #11402's rolls, and he and his wife Joanne, are parishioners of MOQ parish. Nine volunteers currently share responsibility for transportation.
- Sunday, Feb 16th, we again hosted our pancake & sausage breakfast, after the 8:30am Mass, having a little better than average attendance.

St. Andrew: Chuck Langgood

- Chili cook off (Winner KoC).
- Fish dinner meeting, same prices as last year. Use theme nights Italian, Mexican and Louisiana style with gumbo.
- 1st degree on March 9th which includes two squires.
- Yard Sale on March 7th. Help set up and clean up.

Good of the Order

FN called for names to be remembered in our Good of the Order prayers. The names were given and FN led the Assembly with a special prayer for health, and Our Father.

50/50 split – John Bird \$42

Attendance award – John Miller – absent.

Next Meeting – St. Andrews on Thursday, March 13th.

Meeting ended: 2030 hrs.