

Minutes of 01-08-2009

Watters Assembly Meeting

The January meeting was held at All Saints. The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM with usual ceremonials. Nine officers (Stryker, Kassis, Heald, Hlad, McKenzie, Klein, Spencer, Sisko, and Pierson) were present. Members present were 36.

FN asked if any present were attending their first Assembly Meeting. He yielded the floor to John Jedlicka who announced Matt Filla as a new attendee and a fine fund raiser. Applause followed. Abe Kassis announced a visitor, Dave Poseta, a member of St. Andrews Parish and a member of a Massachusetts Council 314 who chooses not to transfer from a Council with such a low number.

The Faithful Scribe read an abbreviated version of the December minutes. He announced that they had also been sent electronically to the membership with the Robin Williams comedy video on the American Flag. The minutes were accepted as read.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN reiterated the importance of encouraging membership in the 4th Degree at this time of the year. He also stated that there will be a Founder's Day Ball this year at the All Saints Social Hall on Saturday, March 28th. A catered dinner and a live band will be featured at around \$35/person. The hall is limited to 150 people and he thinks it can be done. He asked for a show of hands. He is inviting other Assemblies and also Councils to attend. All knights of all levels are invited.

Bills and Communications

Bob Heald reported that he had received two bills — \$161 for the evening's dinner (congrats to Joe Fuentes with applause) and \$38 to Supreme for transfers out and items purchased.

Comptroller Report

Bob Heald reported that the current membership is 162, including Fr. Bryan Small, the chaplain at Emory. About 50% of the members have paid their dues which is excellent for this time of year.

He mentioned a letter received from Kathleen O'Shaughnessy, wife of Brother William, who is very ill and in need of letters and calls at 678-947-0189 from the

members. He's very lonely in his wheelchair, a new specialized model from the VA. It should reduce his pain from MS.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening December 1 checking balance was \$3,020. Monthly expenses of \$390 and monthly income of \$100 brought the December 31st balance to \$2,730.

Broken down by funds in the same checking account---veteran's raffle fund was \$1,098, golf ball fund was \$63, and the general fund was \$1,569 for a total again of \$2,730. Five more raffle drawings of \$100 will bring the raffle fund down to \$598 left to spend.

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump filled in for Dave Lemcoe reported a "thank you" for the \$200 donation to the volunteers at the VA hospital. Urban and his wife attended a Christmas Party at the hospital and delivered clothes and books and got another letter for that. Urban noted they still needed books, stationary, playing cards, games for the patients.

He reminded everyone that on February 3rd, the Assembly will help the USO greet returning troops from about 7:30AM – 1:00 PM at the airport. He reminded all to wear comfortable shoes and shirts with collars.

Because the purchased raffle tickets were with Lemcoe, two raffles would be held next meeting.

Religious Committee

Chuck Langgood requested ideas for religious events. He asked if the Assembly might partner with All Saints on their annual Summer retreat. Faithful Scribe mentioned that All Saints prefers the Kingswood Methodist Retreat Center in nearby Norcross as the finest around and could possibly partner with other councils and the Assembly turning 25 attendees into 50.

Commander Report

Dennis Klein filling in for Bob Mitchell inquired if any councils have a Confirmation or Communion coming up, let Bob know well in advance. Klein mention a confirmation at St. Andrew on Feb. 3rd.

Chalice Committee

Reported delayed until next meeting due to holidays.

Membership Committee

No formal report. Hlad reported that All Saints would put on a very hard push to get 20 new 4th degree members this year. FN reminded us that Jon Bird had suggested a presentation by the Assembly at council meetings. Heald was not able to locate the video used for that purpose.

One transfer application for Terry Petrukovich of St. Andrew Council was announced. He is still in the Marietta Assembly. Voted in by all.

Welfare/Bereavement Committee

Still no chairman and no volunteers. Heald stated that the letter from Brother O'Shaughnessy is an excellent example of why we need one.

Newsletter

FN stated that we need a newsletter for the Assembly. Faithful Scribe said he could write one, but needs at least one article from each Council. Nothing fancy, just a picture and the who/what/where/when facts of the event to be written up later. It would be a good recruiting tool.

Unfinished Business

None

Trustee Report

None

New Business

A member inquired about the annual All Saints Holy Spirit Monastery fudge/coffee/fruitcake sale. Hlad had reported that \$9,000 worth of goods were sold this year. Unknown voice inquired why all councils were not doing this. They need money for their capital campaign of \$6.5 M initially and later \$11.5M to redo their buildings and industries.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – going back to the Sparta cemetery for fourth time. This time with a bobcat to finish clearing the property. January 17th held second degree and promoted 53 brothers from North Georgia. Held Knight Free Throw contest. Held 1st degree for 9 new members.

St. Andrew (Charles Langgood) – planning February 1st degree, Spring golf tournament, Winterfest Feb. 21st for Southern Catholic College.

St. Brigid (John) – Planning a fish fry and have acquired two large fryers, marriage renewal on Feb. 14th.

Good of the Order

Lou Hlad's sister Veronica has pancreatic cancer. Sal D' Ambrosio has reoccurrence of cancer. Ed Pavlik has dementia. Jack Klapka is having problems with his eyes and headaches. Bob Heald read a list of ten Knights with ongoing problems. He will keep a growing list of those to pray for. Charlie Robinson stated that John Glover has lung cancer. Pat Fahey's wife Jackie. Ernie Spencer has a daughter from stroke and a brother-in-law with multiple very serious problems. Ed Krise's daughter has breast cancer. John Francis' daughter has had two brain surgeries. Brother Jim Lamb has cancer. Prayers were offered.

Split-the Pot

The \$66 pot was split \$33/\$33 and won by Bob Heald.

Attendance Award

Ed Pierson won the Attendance award by picking his own ticket.

Raffle Award

No raffle this month. Two next month.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies. Length was just over an hour.

