



# Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

## Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2016

### Held at All Saints

**Sir Knights present: 42**

**Presiding officer:** Faithful Navigator, Bill Camden

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

- Mary Our Queen     February 11<sup>th</sup>
- St. Andrew             March 10<sup>th</sup>
- All Saints                 April 14<sup>th</sup>

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

The meeting began slightly early at 7:20 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 two new Sir Knights in attendance: William Torresala and Frederic Alexandre. They each gave a short introduction speech. District Master Tom Frizzi and District Marshall (and State Warden) T.J. McCaustland were special guests. Deacon Ken Melvin led the prayers.

January birthdays for William Torresala and Euse Durah were announced. The 43rd wedding anniversary for Stan and Kathy Wasowski was commended. Handshakes were exchanged.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Faithful Navigator Report**

At the January meeting, we approved the minutes for December 2015 meeting.

January was a slower month as we had (2) Honor Guards. I think everyone was ready for a slow month due to the fast pace of November and December.

I want to thank each of the Knights for their participation in the Honor Guard:

We had two honor guards for Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Andrew that were well- attended. There was much pomp and ceremony with parishioner in Indian garb.

On Jan 17th, we will have an Honor Guard at All Saints for Pro Life.

On Jan. 24th we will have an Honor Guard at St. Andrews for Confirmation. We expect (19) Sir Knights, which is a great number.

Our February schedule has an Honor Guard event scheduled for Feb. 6th for the 4th degree.



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I ask that you please participate in as many Honor Guards that you can, as we need each of you so we make a nice showing for our Assembly. We also need to support all (3) of our Assembly parishes and not just the one that we attend. This makes for a real brotherhood and builds the morale for all Sir Knights.

On Jan. 14th, we were honored to have (2) special guests, District Master Tom Frizzi and our District Marshal and State Warden T. J. McCaustland, attend our Assembly meeting. Our Assembly gave a donation check to the Georgia State Knights of Columbus in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the "Military Chaplains Fund". This was the largest donation given at one time to the State Charities.

I want to recognize Joe Inglima, Dave Mason, Vince Annaloro and Dominic Palermo for at- tending all (8) Masses at All Saints and St. Andrew to collect for the fund drive, and a big "thank you" to all of the other Sir Knights for their help in the fund drive.



Once again Jim Gonzales did an excellent job as chef, cooking the food. Jim smoked chicken on his smoker and had a delicious number of sides. It was very impressive, Jim. We thank you and you lovely wife M. J. for all the hard work you give to the Knights cooking and preparing wonderful meals for the Council and the Assembly.

We read in and approved (9) new candidates for the upcoming 4th degree on Feb. 6th. They are Frank Farrell, David Riedinger, Ralph (Dave) Davis, William (Bill) Driscoll, Eric Martin, David 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.

We had several people on our prayer 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 Coletta, Walt Wasowski, Bill May, Oscar Frizzi, William Osherski and Linda Sperick. Please go by and see them if you can and remember to pray for them.

The 4th Degree for Feb. 6th will be the last of the large events to be held in a hotel according to our District master Tom Frizzi. Sonesta Hotel has been selected for the event. This is on a Saturday and show up time is 10:00 am for Color Corps and candidates. There will be a luncheon for the ladies while the exemplification is taking place.



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We are sharing a (3) room suite with the Assembly from Christ the King which will include drinks and hors d'oeuvres, and it will give the ladies a place to change for the evening into formal attire for the dinner, drinks and dancing. This is a good way to meet your new brother Sir Knights and their wife and have an awesome time. We have (9) new candidates becoming a "Sir Knights".

Our Assembly is to be honored by the Officers of the Georgia State Knights of Columbus at the 4th degree banquet for the Military Chaplains Fund for our donation.

Our next monthly meeting will be at Mary Our Queen on Thursday, Feb. 11th. 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.

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

### **Faithful Comptroller Report** (Dave Mason)

1. Confirming checking account balance of \$10,622.60 of which \$5,000 will be coming out to go to the Military Chaplains Fund donated to the State Council.
2. Membership: In November we added 16 new SKs bring our current total 197.
3. Next Fourth Degree Exemplification on February 6th in Duluth, Georgia. We have applications from 9 candidates. That will put us over 200 members.
4. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. I have received replies back from about fifty Members so far. Last year the Knights of Columbus contributed \$ 173 million to charitable causes. Also K of C performed over 71 million hours to volunteer services. These numbers are probably low because of low responses. Please compile your numbers and be counted!
5. MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership dues for 2016 will remain at \$30.00. About 50% have paid. Billing will go out electronically at the end of the month. Payment can be made by check or cash. If by check, make out to K of C Assembly # 2688. Please either give it to me or mail it or give to any officer who can get to me to process. Address will be on the invoice.



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### **Faithful Purser Report** – Abe Kassis

<b><u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 11.30.2015</u></b>		<b>\$ 5,635.54</b>
<b><u>RECIEPTS</u></b>		
CHAPLIN FUND	\$ 5,072.79	
FOOD/BEV	\$ 214.00	
50/50	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	
SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS		<u>\$ 5,361.79</u>
		<b>\$ 10,997.33</b>
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
FOOD		
CHAPLIN FUND	\$ (103.57)	
REGALIA	\$ (55.43)	
ATTENDANCE AWARD	<u>\$ (40.00)</u>	
SUB TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ (199.00)</u>
 <b><u>BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 12.31.2015</u></b>		 <b><u>\$ 10,798.33</u></b>
 <b><u>OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/ (CHECKS)</u></b>		
FOOD/BEV	\$ (216.93)	
FOOD/BEV	\$ 25.00	
CHAPLIN FUND	\$ (43.80)	
CHAPLIN FUND	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>\$ (175.73)</u>
<b><u>CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 01.14.2016</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 10,622.60</u></b>

### **Faithful Friar Report** (Father Dan)

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

### **Bills and Communications** (Lou Hlad)

We received a beautiful letter from Kathleen O’Shaughnessy regarding how much her husband Sir Bill enjoys our newsletters and other communications. He is bed-ridden with MS and can no longer attend our meetings, but is thinking of us. We said a prayer for Bill during the Good of the Order.

We got another “thank you” from the Wreathes Across America Foundation for the \$1,500 donation for their Marietta cemetery event.



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### **Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report** (Lou Hlad)

The number of widows at All Saints has reached 54 and the number of Assembly widows is now 30. Hlad has updated the memorial plaques at the rear of McGivney Hall. We have a de-tailed widow's database and we attempt to keep them close. Three widows participated in our last Bingo event and they played free due to the agreement of All Saints to pick up their \$15 fees.

### **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.

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.

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.

We have 9 candidates signed up for the February 6th Fourth Degree. They are:

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

### **Patriotism Report** (Jon Bird)

No report at this time.

### **Color Corps Report** (Stan Wasowski)

Stan reported that there were two events coming up shortly:

- Sunday at All Saints, there will be a Pro-Life Mass at 10:30 AM.
- January 24th at St. Andrews at 12:45 Mass there is a confirmation. Signups for these two events have been very good so far.

### **Trustee Report** (Bob Mitchell for Trustees)

No report.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

Bob Santos thanked the Assembly for the \$5000 donation to the Military Chaplains Fund.

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 fulfils all 4 requirements for the community Star Council Award. He has poster and DVD.

Dominic Palermo said that he 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. Probably about July timeframe. It would be a best-ball tournament.

FN also announced that a May family picnic was being considered along the St. Andrew riverfront. Possibly May 21st which is Armed Forces Day.

**Special New Business**

The meeting had a very special presentation of a check for \$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.



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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### Reports of the Third Degree

#### Mary Our Queen (Jim Knapp)

- Did a Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd. Good showing and well-appreciated.
- Regular monthly breakfast planned for this Sunday.
- Trying to attract new members via parish survey. Their monthly meetings just have 10% of members.
- The church itself has a capital campaign going on.

#### St. Andrew (Chuck Langgood)

- Held an Advent Party on Dec 4th—set up, bartend, clean up.
- A Breakfast with Santa on the second Saturday of December was very successful.
- Distributed 99 food baskets at holiday time to needy families.
- Held a blood drive on January 3rd.
- Will hold a 1st degree on Saturday. Jan 16th.
- Teams are forming for the Lenten fish dinners.

#### All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Held our 19th annual “Desserts with Santa” for 150 kids and their families. Donated unwrapped toys to the Dunwoody Police Department Program.
- Provided beverage services at Msgr. Marren’s Parish Christmas Party. Received our 16th Council Star Award from District Deputy at that event.
- Held our Annual Council Christmas Party about 120 people.
- Set up and took down the outdoor parish crèche as we always do.
- Held Bingo for 111 players. Donation to Sophia Academy.
- Sponsored monthly family movie in McGivney Hall. (“A Christmas Story”)
- Deeply involved with plans for our first Fish Fry on February 5th (practice fry). We do 8 of these fish frys every year including Ash Wednesday.
- We are sponsoring two nights at the homeless shelter at the Immaculate Conception Shrine. One of our members has donated 300 blankets to the shelter
- Provided altar acolytes at all parish funerals.
- Donations:
  - \$1,000 TO THE Shepherd Center for Military PTSD
  - \$500 to the Atlanta Food Bank
  - \$1,500 to the parish Jamaica Mission
  - \$500 to Friends of Disabled Adults and Children
  - \$500 for food to the homeless shelter we are sponsoring
- Free Bingo fees for our widows





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### 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
- Several others whose names could not be heard on tape.

The brothers rose to pray for the sick and deceased. Deacon Ken Melvin led the prayer.

### Split the Pot

Al Garofalo won \$80 in the split-the-pot raffle.

### Attendance Award

Dominic Palermo was chosen and he was present.

### Meeting End

The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

The heart-felt note of thanks from our Widow Marie Crean for the participation of the Assembly Honor Guard in the wake and funeral of husband Sir Knight Dennis Crean of All Saints.

Dear Brother Knights,  
Words cannot express  
our gratitude for your  
kindness shown to our  
family. Dennis truly  
loved being a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Knight and all the  
friendships he enjoyed.  
The guardians at the wake  
and the funeral were  
a blessing to us.  
I know that he is  
with his brother Knights  
in spirit.  
God bless you all,  
Marie