Minutes of Jan. 8, 2015 Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The January Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints McGivney Hall. All Saints was the actual host and not St. Andrew, since both now use McGivney Hall.

Here is the future schedule:

Mary Our Queen...February 11th (Wednesday) then back to All Saints

All Saints March 12th (St. Andrew Council is host), then again

All SaintsApril 9th, then back to Mary Our Queen.

The pre-meeting rosary was recited at 6:25 PM.

The social dinner followed immediately afterward. The meeting started a bit early at 7:20 PM. There were 34 members present.

The opening ceremonials, Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer were conducted. Singing of the Opening Ode was waived.

The minutes of the last meeting were waived, since they were posted to members electronically.

The roll call of officers was conducted. All present, except as noted.

Faithful Navigator-Stan Wasowski (excused) Faithful Captain-**Doc Malone Faithful Pilot-Ed Pierson** Faithful Comptroller-**Dave Mason** Faithful Admiral-**Bob Webster Faithful Scribe-**Lou Hlad Faithful Purser-**Abe Kassis** Faithful Commander-**Bob Mitchell** Trustee 3 year term-Trustee 2 year term-**Ron Collins** Trustee 1 year term-**Dennis Klein Inner Sentinel-Terry Petrukovich Outer Sentinel-**James Knapp (excused) Faithful Friar-Fr. Dan Rogaczewski (excused) Faithful Friar Emeritus - Monsignor Donald Kiernan (excused)

Faithful Navigator's Report

Sir Knight Doc Malone filled in as FN, since Stan Wasowski was unable to attend.

FN thanked All Saints for hosting the meeting and for the fine chicken dinner. Jim Gonzales of All Saints did the meal.

He then cited two Sir Knights whose wedding anniversaries take place in January, Ed Krise (50th) and Rich Tomaszewski. Tomaszewski spoke to the brothers as a first time attendee.

FN brought to the attention of the brothers that it had been pointed out that not enough has been done by the Assembly and Councils to help our widows. He asked that a committee be appointed with ideas to be taken back to the councils for an improvement of the situation. The Faithful Scribe was to be the focal point.

FN pointed out that the next 4th Degree exemplification would occur in Macon on Saturday May 4th. It would be followed by another on Saturday June 20th in Duluth.

FN noted that Bob Mitchell, our Color Corps Commander, should give his report first, since he had to go to All Saints Choir practice shortly.

Color Corps Commander Report (Bob Mitchell)

- Bob related that in the recent past, the honor guard has been very busy. He thanked all for their participation. Of immediate note was the interment of Past State Deputy Tom Gissy in the Monastery's Honey Creek burial area. Walt Gautier was our representative there.
- A last minute call for honor guards at the Christmas Midnight Mass at the cathedral was gratifying.
- The unscheduled Mass for Monsignor Kiernan's 60th birthday yielded 15 participants at the last minute. The event made the Georgia Bulletin.
- The sudden death of Sir Knight Charlie Robinson of St. Andrew yielded another great turnout of 16 men for the wake in two-man shifts at the coffin.

For the first time, we used a special ceremony at the coffin which featured the honor guards in a semi-circle with the Commander calling a faux roll call for the deceased and a salute for the deceased from the group. The new Ceremony was suggested by Sir Knight John Lewis from a Florida Assembly. It will become a staple of our Assembly, since it was so well received by the mourners.

The next day at the funeral at St. Andrew, we had 24 honor guards.

Future Events:

- Jay Hoxie of the Mychal Judge Assembly has requested help in an honor guard for one of their members (a seminarian) who was killed in a plane crash right at the end of the year. A memorial Mass for him at St. Monica will be held at 11 AM Saturday.
- Next Saturday is the Annual Martin Luther King Memorial down at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Several honor guards will participate along with the Knights of Peter Claver. It is a colorful Mass with unique ethnic dancing and singing.
- The following day is a Pro-Life Mass Honor Guard at All Saints on Sunday January 18th at All Saints 10:30 Mass. This commemorates the Rowe v Wade decision allowing abortion near the Jan 22nd anniversary of that event.
- On the following Friday, the Special Olympics Winter Games Opening Ceremony over in Cobb County
- St. Andrew has a Confirmation on Sunday the 25th of January at the 12:45 PM Mass. No swords please. Mass is now in the Parish Center because of construction.
- The next fourth degree is May 2nd at St. Joseph in Macon, and then June 20th at St. Monica in Duluth.
- Note: Mike Bagnulo of St. Andrew thanked Bob Mitchell profusely for all he did for the funeral of Charlie Robinson (applause).

Color Corps Commander Bob Mitchell may be contacted for all questions regarding honor guard participation or regalia availability at: Home phone 770-804-8060

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Faithful Friar Report

Father Dan Rogaczewski was not in attendance.

Faithful Controller Report (Dave Mason)

Dave reported \$5,631 in our checking account.

We have 174 members. Twelve new knights were added at Supreme in December. Father Bill Hao transferred out to Atlanta Assembly 3313, All Saints' Gene Gannon transferred in, and we lost Charlie Robinson to death as reported.

The annual Assembly of Fraternal Activities is due to either the your council or the assembly by the 15th.

Member dues of \$30 are now needed. About 60 members have paid so far. Check payable to KofC Assembly 2688.

Please update any personal info to keep our records accurate.

Assembly BINGO is January 22nd at All Saints Social Hall. Please attend and please get certified so you can work it. Doc Malone has details. People win (don't they, Lou)? laughter.

Faithful Purser Report (Abe Kassis)

- Since the end of the month, bills of \$724 and a deposit of \$1,020.
- If any St. Andrew guys want to pay dues, see me at Mass or wherever and I will forward them to the Controller.

Faithful Scribe Report on Communications (Lou Hlad)

• FS read a letter from Dennis Klein thanking the membership for their prayers on behalf of his wife Judy, sisters Geraldine and Diana, and brother-in-law Steve and family, for his sister Joanne who passed away recently.

Report of Committees

Social Committee (Chuck Langgood)

Chuck had a short preliminary meeting with Dick Holcomb, the FN of the Father O'Callahan Assembly at St. Brigid. A starting point for our next patriotic dinner honoring Vietnam veterans would be to start assembling a list of brother knights who served during the Vietnam War. Father Neil Herlihy wants to have it sometime before the Easter Season. Doc Malone and Chuck will let everyone know when the committees will meet.

The honorees will be limited to only Knights who served in a military capacity during the Vietnam era, spouses, and priests. An attempt would be made to keep the tickets at about \$30 per person. St. Brigid will be in charge of setup, catering, and drinks. We will be in charge of decorations, speakers, gifts, and honor guards. The Vietnam era is considered to be 1961 to 1975.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

The Assembly is in possession of a chalice with three engraved names—Marcus Carroll, Edward Qualters, and Tom Mix. That is the chalice which will be presented to current Deacon Garcia when he is ordained a priest next May.

We are planning to purchase another chalice to hold the names of Jean-Paul Roy and Nicholas D'Annunzio, and now Charlie Robinson. We don't know whether the new purchase will be a chalice or a traveling Mass kit. It depends on the amount of travel the priest will be undergoing. Our latest gift was a traveling kit to Father Anthony Eshun in Ghana.

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

Bill Camden was not present, our Scribe Hlad reported that he has already signed up ten new prospective Sir Knights for June.

Patriotic Committee Report (Jon Bird)

Jon Bird reminded the brothers that Habitat for Humanity has never built or remodeled a home for a wounded veteran. He has discussed this with former Major General Denis Shortal of All Saints Council who is Mayor pro-tem of Dunwoody. We need to start building a groundswell for such a project among the projects and assemblies in Georgia.

Trustee Report (Dennis Klein)

No report.

Bingo Report (Lou Hlad and Doc Malone)

Hlad reported that the monthly Bingo at All Saints is steady with the number of players about or above 100. The net profit per month can be as high as \$1,000 depending upon the number of players.

Malone added that the October Bingo run by the Assembly netted \$800 with half going to Sophia Academy and half to the Assembly. The next Assembly Bingo is in late January. We need more Assembly members to be certified before they are allowed to manage the event and deal with gaming money.

To obtain the procedure for <u>Bingo Gaming Certification</u>, please email <u>louhlad@comcast.net</u> and request the email forwarded that contains the relevant links.

Unfinished Business

Bob Santos, Director of Columbian Charities, noted that there will be a state charity fund raiser on Saturday January 24th. It is at Gwinnett Gladiators Hockey Game at Gwinnett Center in Duluth. Most grand knights have emails on this. Tickets are \$35 each which includes a pre-game buffet meal with a center ice ticket.

Address label were sent out to 107 councils asking for a donation. We ask a prayerful donation to this cause when using the labels. He brought the All Saints labels with him tonight.

State Charity raffle tickets are also distributed. Checks go to the KofC Charities of Georgia. Also need the report form sent.

State Black Tie Charity Gala is on April 18th at Eagles Landing Country Club in Stockbridge Georgia, There is a golf tournament followed by a cocktail reception and silent auction at 6 PM. Dinner and the program starts at 7 PM. Theme is an evening of caring and sharing to support military heroes and Special Olympics. Guest speakers are Former Ambassador to the U.N., Andrew Young, and also Father Aiden Logan, Vocations Director of the Worldwide Archdiocese for the Military Services. The Stockbridge High ROTC Drill Team will also perform. Tickets are \$100/person and \$1,000 for a table of 10. Dress is formal, black tie optional.

Several new programs will be introduced.

New Business

None.

Reports of the Third Degree

All Saints—Lou Hlad

- Set up the parish outdoor crèche. Now it must be dismantled and stored.
- On Dec. 11th we moved the monthly Assembly meeting to All Saints to facilitate the construction progress at St. Andrew. The meeting was actually hosted by St. Andrew at McGivney Hall. We expect their construction to last 6-8 months and All Saints will be the venue for 2 of every three months going forward.
- On Dec. 13, we held our annual Council Christmas Party in the Social Hall. It was catered and well-attended.
- Attended the 2nd degree at Atlanta Council 660 on Dec. 17th and progressed 6 brothers.
- Sponsored Parish Bingo night on Dec. 18th. 97 players attended. The number was limited because of the holiday season.
- Sponsored a youth monthly parish movie on Dec. 19th in the social hall. The movie was "The Polar Express".
- Put together a last minute-honor guard with 15 members for Monsignor Kiernan's 90th birthday Mass on December 27th to surprise him.
- Donated \$500 to Atlanta Food Bank. Donated \$1000 to Friends of Disabled Children and Adults.
- Our acolyte teams continued serving every parish funeral.
- There are five events later in January planned:

The Rowe v Wade anniversary pro-life Mass on Sunday January 18th with honor guard requested.

Sponsoring a team to stay at the Atlanta Homeless Shelter the night of Jan. 18th.

Monthly Bingo on Thursday Jan. 22nd. Proceeds to Assembly.

KofC Free Throw Tournament on Sunday Jan. 25th in All Saints gym.

Monthly 1st degree exemplification on Tuesday Jan 27th.

Mary Our Queen—Bob Santos

- Held a Breakfast with Santa.
- Held a Coats for Kids event for St. Vincent de Paul
- Several members participated in a 40-hour Eucharistic adoration.

St. Andrew — Mike Bagnulo

- Held a blood drive collecting 52 pints of blood.
- Held a combined Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket drive with about 133 baskets distributed to needy families. Bill Campbell and his wife were in charge.
- **Breakfast with Santa** was held on Dec. 6th in limited quarters, but very successful. Terry Petrukovich was Santa. He liked it so much he has signed up for 5 more years (laughter and applause). Over 100 children and adults attended.
- Holding a 1st degree on December 13th and brought in three new knights.
- Members are busy with church renovations which will mean that future Assembly meetings must move to All Saints for 6-8 months. The family center will be the temporary church.
- Brother Jim Lamb is getting very weak with cancer. He has been moved to hospice. Prayers needed.

Good of the Order

FN took intentions from the floor and a group prayer was said. Charlie Robinson and Jim Lamb were especially remembered.

Split-the-Pot Award

Ralph Trujillo was present and won \$47.Bob Webster was chosen. He won \$57.50,

Attendance Award

Ernie Spencer of All Saints was chosen. He was in attendance.

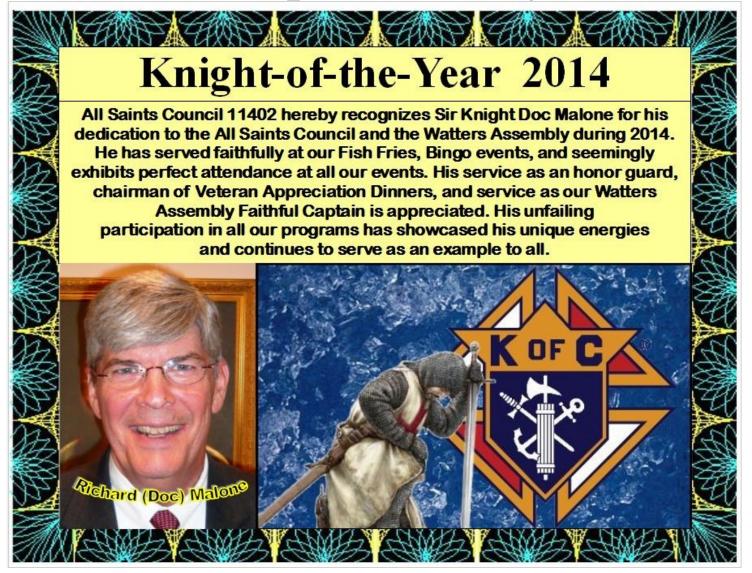
Closing Ode

A chorus of "America the Beautiful" was sung.

The meeting was closed with the usual ceremonials at 8:40..

(see the following pictures of interest to our Assembly)

All Saints Special Yearly Honor





Doc Malone travelled to Florida last month for a special Honor Guard.

Monsignor Kiernan's 90th Birthday

On December 27th, 2014, All Saints Parish celebrated Monsignor Donald Kiernan's 90th birthday which occurred the next day.

He con-celebrated the 5 PM Vigil Mass at All Saints with Monsignor Marren and the other parish clergy plus a very full congregation of well-wishers and a KofC honor guard of 15 brothers. After the Mass, a reception was held in the parish hall with a champagne toast. The honor guards gave him the arched sword tunnel treatment at both the Mass and reception. Sir Knight Deacon Ed Krise presented the toast.





Monsignor Kiernan's 90th Birthday (continued)

On December 28th, 2014, his closest friends treated him to a banquet at Sophia's Italian Restaurant in Woodstock. Special guests at the meal were the Dominican Sisters from Our Lady of Perpetual Hope Cancer Home in downtown Atlanta. He was very appreciative.

