

Minutes of 07-09-2009

Watters Assembly Meeting

The July meeting was held in St. Brigid. The meeting commenced at 7:35 PM with usual ceremonials. Twelve officers (Stryker, Webster, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Klein, Langheim, Pierson, Kassis, Zaryski, Klimshuk, and Crnkovich) were present. Members present were 38. Abbreviated minutes were read by Scribe Hlad. Accepted as amended.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN opened the meeting with an inspiring prose poem called "I am your Flag." He announced that he will visit every council in our Assembly to promote the 4th degree. Next ceremony on November 7th at the Atlanta Airport Westin Hotel.

Recruitment is the province of the Faithful Pilot Abe Kassis. Tom Mix is the chairman of the Trustee Retention Committee. Bob Heald suggested a revision of the by-laws which are badly needed.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie reported on the bill for evening food—\$147.49. Scribe Lou Hlad received a "thank you" note from Elaine DiJulio of St. Andrew for the First Communion Honor Guard.

Comptroller Report

Webster reported cash collections of \$40 with donated hats on sale in the rear of the chamber. The budget report was delayed until later in the meeting.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening June 1 checking balance was \$2,479. Receipts were \$109, expenses were \$1,563 and the June 30th ending balance was \$1,026.

Welfare Report

Urban Rump sent out a 50th wedding anniversary card to Ken and Patsy Winkler and birthday cards to the members due this month. He asked all present to sign the anniversary ledger sheet to complete the Assembly's database of same.

Patriotic Report

Greg Coletta was introduced as the new Patriotic Committee Chairman. Applause founded. Lemcoe announced that the golf balls were received. The date of the dedication of the memorial to the 173 Airborne Brigade is 1 June 2010 at 10 AM.

Chalice Report

FN spoke for Ernie Spencer on vacation. He asked for the reflections of all Honor Guard members present who served at the Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Mission chalice presentation in Norcross.

Urban Rump said it was very interesting. Dave Lemcoe said it seemed more like a community center with a packed room and very good food. Another opined that it was an unexpected pleasure with total community devotion to Father Tran. The food table set out for the knights was a total multi-course feast. Bob Mitchell expected a small gathering, but he walked into a room the size of Corbett Hall that was jammed. The Honor Guard were treated as honored guests. The large youth group served the people and were extremely enthusiastic. A very great experience for us and they were amazed at our regalia.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell summarized the Honor Guard activities for past fraternal year. It was an amazing record.

<u>35 Events</u>	<u>57 of our 60 Honor Guards participated</u>
7 - confirmations	14 - Lemcoe
7 - funerals (4 for brothers)	11 - Spencer, Zaryski
5 - wedding anniversaries	9 - Klein, Hlad, Langgood
2 - 4th Degree	8 - W. Maloof, Mastrogiovanni
2 - Special Olympics	7 - Baker, Robinson, Rump, JP Roy
2 - First Communions	6 - Holcomb, Knapp, Mix
2 - Special Masses	
1 - Eucharistic Congress	
1 - flag retirement	279 personal appearances
1 - chalice presentation	New member - Alex Williams
1 - new other priest Mass	
1 - parade	<u>Future Events</u>
1 - Veterans Day event	Aug 9 - St. Andrew 50th Anniversary
1 -wake	Aug. 29 - Special Olympics
1 - St. Patrick's Day	

Religious Report

Lou Hlad reported that half of the slots were filled for the August 22/23 Summer Retreat with a month to go. He reiterated that we had an excellent retreat master focusing on Knight topics and Father Bryan Small is slated to say the Saturday evening Mass. Rooms are \$92 for a double and \$129 for a single. Simpsonwood is conveniently located on Jones Bridge Road in Norcross near all three council churches. The retreat would end about noon on Sunday to allow some family weekend time.

Unfinished Business

FN appointed Dennis Klein as new Social Chairman. Klein announced that the next Founder's Day Ball will be held at St. Andrew either in April or May.

New Business

New application was read for Dmitri Tripodi of St. Andrew. Accepted unanimously.

Bob Heald suggested a new chairman for newsletters, one for communications, and one for a web site webmaster. Hlad pleaded for one article from St. Andrew and one from St. Brigid to put in a newsletter which was already started.

Host Grand Knight Dick Holcomb introduced Dick Kobylski who prepared the meal (applause).

Budget for 2009-2010

Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to all present.

Expenses were \$7700 and expenses were \$10,700+ or a \$3,000 shortfall. Big loss was the Founder's Day Ball. Expect 20 new members this year. Raised the 50-50 ticket to \$5 each. Voting will be in the next meeting. Must put it in the next newsletter. Discussion postponed until August meeting.

Split the Pot

Chef Dick Kobylski won \$80. Picked by Rick Sisko.

Attendance Award

Ed Pierson won \$25.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – Large participation in the Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade. Council member Rich Ducote was Grand Marshall with his 8 sons--all Eagle Scouts.

Will hold a 1st Degree and help build out the Sister Sullivan Center.

St. Andrew (Langgood) – Held a Statue of Mary dedication. Officer's meeting and appreciation dinner for three priests. Installation of officers at Mass. St. Andrew will support Special Olympics and ask the other two councils to do likewise.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcomb) – Held a big sendoff party for past grand knight George Yourick. Will host the Assembly for next few months. Hosting officer's breakfast in Holcomb's home. Hosting the state grand knight convention. Installation of officers. August Council picnic planned.

Faithful Navigator Closing Report

Stryker introduced Greg Crnkovich as the new District 13 th Deputy. Holy Cross Council has been added to this district. He then introduced Crnkovich as Faithful Captain to read an inspiring poem entitled "I am the Nation".

Good of the Order

Urban Rump has a 46 year old nephew with colon and liver cancer. Hlad sister has pancreatic cancer. Larry Cullen and Chuck Mahony are seriously ill for All Saints. Heald's wife has Parkinson's. Tom Mix needs our prayers. Several other unidentified voices had seriously ill relatives. FN asked a prayer for the troops.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies at 8:55 PM.