

Minutes of 07-08-2010 Watters Assembly Meeting

The July meeting was held at St. Brigid. The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM sharp with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 41. It was the first Assembly meeting under new Faithful Navigator, Greg Crnkovich.

The new FN reminded the Assembly that the Opening Ode had not been invoked for a long time and asked that we vote on one that could be sung in the future. "God Bless America" was the popular choice and was sung by those present. The Faithful Scribe was ordered to have 500 prayer cards printed with the Mary Our Queen prayer and the newly-voted ode on the reverse.

The twelve officers present were Crnkovich,, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Stryker, Langgood, Klein, Pierson, Zaryski, Klimshuk, Judson, and Kobylski. Only Msgr. Marren, Langheim, and Webster were excused. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were again dispensed due to the electronic transmission of same.

Faithful Navigator

FN dismissed all previous committee heads from the previous administration. He reappointed Bob Mitchell as Color Corps Commander (applause) . He reappointed Urban Rump as Welfare Chairman with his agreement (applause).

There was some discussion as to the appointment of a Patriotic Chairman. Stan Wasowski asked for a description of the duties which was given by FN. Urban Rump expressed some interest in the position if no one else would. No formal selection was announced.

Dennis Klein declined to be the Social Chairman, but agreed to help another appointee. Chuck Langgood agreed to serve as chairman.

Ernie Spencer was reappointed to the Chalice Committee. The trustees and the Admiral are also de facto members of that committee (applause).

Urban Rump was reappointed to the Welfare and Bereavement Committee (applause).

FN read a letter from the Supreme Master Lawrence DeSantos outlining what items the honor guard participants could and could not wear while serving.

The only left lapel item to be worn is the 4th degree KofC pin. American flag pins of same size as that pin may be worn at the discretion of the Commander if all members are consistent with same. A motion was made and passed to purchase a set of American pins not to exceed \$75 to hand out and then retrieve by the Commander at events to achieve uniformity.

On the left pocket, the jewels of former office are always allowed. These jewels are usually Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, and Former District Deputy. The council provides the first, the Assembly will purchase the second (about \$20 each). Dennis Klein will establish the number needed for the next meeting and a vote will be taken to purchase. The District councils would combine to purchase the latter jewel.

Bills and Communications

Rich McKenzie announced the membership at 177, up 11 due to the recent 4th degree ceremony. He announced no bills or communications. The bill for the evening dinner was not yet received. Applause was given to St. Brigid council for the wonderful dinner.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening July 1st checking balance was \$5,920. Receipts were \$1,209, expenses were \$2,558, and the July 31st ending balance was \$4,591. Expenses were composed of payments to the priest retirement fund (\$830), annual 8% salary (\$383) of the Faithful Comptroller, and the expenses for the 4th degree ceremony.

FN asked that the Scribe to request of the Comptroller that 5 copies of the Color Corps Drill Manual #808 dated 6/2008 be purchased. One for the FN, three for the Commander, and one for assembly records.

Commander Bob Mitchell suggested that all active members of the Color Corps be given one if the price were reasonable. That is to be researched as price permits. Brother Zaryski noted that a copy was now already avail-

able online and might be printed as necessary. All options are under research. FN wants at least five hard copies nonetheless.

Committee Reports

Since all committees were in process of restructuring, there were no reports.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell asked the most active members of the honor guard to stand. He recognized Dorn, Hlad, Judson, Klein, Lehrer, Kobylski, Langgood, Langheim, Rump, Lemcoe, Roy, Spencer, Winkler, and Webster. Each served at least 10 times with Rick Langheim leading the way with 22 events served.

We had 50 requests for honor guards in the past fraternal year. Not all were able to be accommodated. There were 434 members participating, an increase of 60% over last year. The new fraternal year has just started and there are already ten known requests. Mitchell took volunteers for the next few events. There are two spare sets of regalia plus Mitchell's when he is unavailable.

Unfinished Business

Dennis Klein made a motion that we add \$170 to the \$830 we have available for the gift to the priest's retirement fund to make the gift an even \$1,000. The motion was passed unanimously.

Trustee Report

None

New Business

Bob Mitchell raised the possibility of holding a hospitality suite for the Fall 4th degree. Klimshuk reminded the members that last year Greg Colletta raised the issue that it was disgraceful that we had none.

A question was raised as to potential cost. Mitchell stated that the price would vary greatly according to the accommodations and services.

Bob Holcomb reminded the members that last year the councils would not pay for a combined suite and the idea failed. He noted that Atlanta Council 660 and St. Brigid held their own and cross-pollinated nicely. A

straw poll indicated that the suites would be passed back to the councils and not the Assembly.

Scribe Hlad indicated that pictures for the Assembly officers Judson, Zaryski, Kobylski, and McKenzie were missing from the web site and should be taken after the meeting. There was no objection.

Brother Garofalo made a motion to purchase two plaques-- one listing past Faithful Navigators and one listing deceased members. He suggested that they be hung in the All Saints McGivney Hall foyer next to the Assembly Charter until such time as a more permanent meeting place was available. Lemcoe noted that the web site should display such lists as well. The motion passed unanimously.

Third Degree Reports

Mary Our Queen (Bob Santos) - Was received with applause as Grand Knight of a new council in the Assembly. He reported that their council was totally involved in the monumental project of moving the St. Gerard Church from Buffalo to Norcross. It will take three years and \$16 million. He travelled to New Haven to attempt to get Supreme to sponsor the effort as the first "green" church recycling in history. One statue has already been moved and more artifacts will be moved by Buffalo parishioners in August. The Discovery Channel has offered to document and film the entire effort. They will hold a 2st degree on July 22nd.

St. Andrew (Langgood) - An installation dinner will be held in July 17th and a dinner for their new parochial vicar Fr. Carlos Vargas. Parish picnic is August 22nd. An honor guard event is also scheduled at a 5:00 PM Mass.

St. Brigid (Kobylski) – Introduced a new member (Max Mileur) to the council. Bob is taking the opportunity to invite all his fourth degree members who are not active in the Assembly to partake in the meeting, since they are being held at St. Brigid for four months. June 22 was the last meeting for Dick Holcomb as Grand Knight. His son is now in the council. Had an adopt-a-road program on June 26th. He thanked FN Crnkovich for doing their council officer installation in his other capacity as District Deputy.

All Saints (Lou Hlad, Stan Wasowski) – Hlad announced that All Saints had been selected by the KofC Supreme Council as the winner of the International Award for Family Service. The award includes an all-expenses-paid trip for Hlad and wife Marty plus a \$450 expense check at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel for the 128th KofC Supreme Convention. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson will present the award. Hlad outlined the project that was done as requested.

Grand Knight Wasowski reported that All Saints participated June 5th in the Dunwoody Soap Box Derby. McGivney Hall was again “pit row” with about 15 cars being built there and tested in the back parking lot. Their car came in fifth out of 18 in that class. They also represented All Saints with a banner at the Eucharistic Congress event.

June 9th featured a cookout for high school graduates. They participated in a first degree and a fourth degree in June. Thirteen brothers became second degree at McGivney on June 22nd. They held a “Low Country Boil” Parish Dinner on June 26th with 343 meals served. An installation of officers was held on June 27th with a reception and Jim St. John in attendance. They had a float in the Dunwoody 4th of July Parade and sold sausages afterward. Monsignor Kiernan transferred to our council from Atlanta 660.

Brother Gray Plunkett who is a lay missionary to Benin, Africa will be asking for financial support from All Saints and the Assembly to continue his work in that country.

Split the Pot

Thirty-five dollars was given to the winner. Name not heard on tape.

Attendance Award

Chuck Langgood won the Attendance Award.

Conclusion

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order and the normal closing ceremonies. The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.