

## **Minutes of July 14th 2011 Watters Assembly Meeting**

The July Assembly Meeting at St. Brigid was the first meeting to be scheduled using the new monthly rotation schedule voted to start with the new fraternal year. The meeting venue now changes to a one-month rotation as shown:

**St. Brigid...July...then moving to**  
**All Saints...August...then moving to**  
**Mary Our Queen...September...then moving to**  
**St. Andrew...October...then repeating the rotation.**

The July meeting was the first for our newly-elected Faithful Navigator, Dick Kobylski, and he had asked that this fraternal year kickoff event at his venue be very different and special. He requested that all Sir Knights wear their tuxedos and baldrics and attend the Officer Induction Ceremony, followed by a special "Blessing of the Swords" ceremony, followed by dinner, followed by a very abbreviated meeting.

Duly inducted for this Fraternal Year were:

<b>Faithful Navigator-</b>	<b>Dick Kobylski</b>
<b>Faithful Captain-</b>	<b>Chuck Langgood</b>
<b>Faithful Pilot-</b>	<b>Ed Pierson</b>
<b>Faithful Comptroller-</b>	<b>Bob Webster</b>
<b>Faithful Admiral-</b>	<b>John Lewis</b>
<b>Faithful Scribe-</b>	<b>Lou Hlad</b>
<b>Faithful Purser-</b>	<b>Rich McKenzie</b>
<b>Trustee 3 year term-</b>	<b>John Miles</b>
<b>Trustee 2 year term-</b>	<b>Rick Langheim</b>
<b>Trustee 1 year term-</b>	<b>Tom Mix</b>
<b>Inner Sentinel-</b>	<b>Mike Klimshuk</b>
<b>Outer Sentinel-</b>	<b>Bob Santos</b>
<b>Faithful Friar-</b>	<b>Monsignor David Talley</b>

Because the Assembly's new Faithful Friar, Monsignor David Talley, was out of town that night, Father Michael Kingery, a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brother from

Saint Andrew, officiated along with the District Master, Tom Gissy, and performed the Blessing of the Sword Ceremony in the St. Brigid Sanctuary. This ceremony seems to have originated in Canada and has seldom been seen before in the U.S.A.

After dinner, the general meeting started at 8:05 PM and lasted only 17 minutes until 8:21 PM. The Faithful Scribe, Lou Hlad, was out of town and the voice recorder duties were handled by others. Only a Faithful Navigator's Report and a Report by the Color Corps Commander were on the agenda.

### **Faithful Navigator's Report**

Dick Kobylski reminded the brothers about the need to "serve those who served" by volunteering to greet returning troops at the airport and serving the ongoing need of the veterans in the VA Hospital.

He had previously sent out a document (enclosed) that outlines some of the duties that were outlined by membership suggestions. It lists some of the brothers who have agreed to fill those needs. Looking in on veterans, giving them rides as required, bringing them reading material and toiletries, etc. are some of the ministries for which he is asking support. He would like more suggestions at the August meeting at All Saints.

Before introducing the Commander, he mentioned how proud he was of the 70 honor guard ceremonies completed in the last fraternal year. He opined that the beauty of the ceremonies has been spurring other third degree members to ask how they could gain entry to these Color Corps events. He would like to see an outstanding number of brothers as candidates for the next 4th degree exemplification on November 12th at St. John Neumann Church in Lilburn.

### **Commander's Report**

Bob Mitchell began his report by asking those whose names he called to stand. These were apparently the members who had participated in

ten or more honor guard activities. He called off the names of those participating in the lower levels and asked them to sit. Those remaining standing were members with twenty or more events.

- 22 Doc Malone
- 24 Bob Lehrer, Urban Rump, Bob Webster  
(received gifts of 4th degree cuff links)
- 25 Rick Langheim  
(received gifts of cuff links and stud covers)
- 32 Dick Kobylski  
(no gift because of high status)

## **Statistics**

82 of our 105 honor guard members participated.

43 of 48 contacted members of other assemblies participated.

There were 70 events this fraternal year.

697 of 807 participants were from our assembly.

Average was 11.5 members per event.

This fraternal year already 3 events (in fourteen days)

42 members participated (average of 14 per event).

There are no events on schedule currently until 9/11 event at the Cathedral of Christ the King in support of the new Atlanta Assembly. Everyone was encouraged to participate in this meaningful event.

The meeting ended with a rousing applause for Bob Mitchell and his leadership of the Color Corps at 8:21 PM.