

## **Minutes of July 9th, 2015**

### **Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting**

The previous Assembly Meeting was held on Thursday July 9th at All Saints McGivney Hall with St. Andrew being council host. Here is the upcoming schedule:

**Mary Our Queen....August 13th**

**All Saints ..... September 10th (St. Andrew Council is host)**

**All Saints.....October 8th (All Saints is host)**

The rosary was said at 6:20 PM for Doc Malone and others. The social dinner followed immediately afterward. The meeting started slightly early at 7:15. There were 46 members present. First time attendees numbered Jim Masak, John Shaffer, Doyle Cheatham, Raymond Grupinski, Ted Tada, Mike Schaaf, Bryan St. Romain, Woody Jones, Larry Pelkowski, Tom Templeton, Chuck Santa Maria, and Vince Annalora.

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

Reading minutes of the last meeting was waived, since they were posted to members electronically. No corrections.

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

<b>Faithful Navigator-</b>	<b>Stan Wasowski</b>	
<b>Faithful Captain-</b>	<b>Bill Camden</b>	
<b>Faithful Pilot-</b>	<b>Ed Pierson</b>	
<b>Faithful Comptroller-</b>	<b>Dave Mason</b>	
<b>Faithful Admiral-</b>	<b>Bob Webster</b>	
<b>Faithful Scribe-</b>	<b>Lou Hlad</b>	
<b>Faithful Purser-</b>	<b>Abe Kassis</b>	
<b>Faithful Commander-</b>	<b>Bob Mitchell</b>	
<b>Trustee 3 year term-</b>	<b>“ “</b>	
<b>Trustee 2 year term-</b>	<b>Ron Collins</b>	<b>(excused)</b>
<b>Trustee 1 year term-</b>	<b>Dennis Klein</b>	<b>(excused)</b>
<b>Inner Sentinel-</b>	<b>Terry Petrukovich</b>	
<b>Outer Sentinel-</b>	<b>Nick Mattera</b>	<b>(excused)</b>
<b>Faithful Friar-</b>	<b>Fr. Dan Rogaczewski</b>	<b>(excused)</b>
<b>Faithful Friar Emeritus -</b>	<b>Monsignor Donald Kiernan</b>	<b>(excused)</b>

## **Faithful Navigator Report (Stan Wasowski)**

**FN asked the first time attendees to introduce themselves. There were no visitors from other Assemblies. FN quipped that they missed a fabulous meal of ribs, brats, coleslaw, and potato salad. Kudos to Jim Gonzales of All Saints who prepared the food (applause).**

## **Faithful Friar Report**

**None. The Friar was not present.**

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

**1. Confirming Checking Account Balance of \$7,861.69.**

**2. Membership is at 189 Sir Knights. We lost Doc Malone due to death. We added nineteen New Sir Knights from the exemplification of June 20th. New Sir Knights, your 4th Degree Badge, Membership Card and certificate are available after this meeting.**

**There was a total 32 new Sir Knights added in fraternal year 2014-2015. Thanks to Bill Camden (applause).**

**3. Received a check from the Bingo Committee for \$250. from the proceeds of Bingo Night at All Saints. These funds help support the Patriotic events such as the Vietnam Era Honoree Dinner last month. Year to date income is \$900. Please help support Bingo.**

**4. July Activities: Annual Assembly Audit, Preparation of Annual Budget, IRS Form 990N and notification to Supreme and District and others of the NEW OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016**

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

**The Faithful Scribe reported that none had been received. There would be a bill for the meeting food received later.**

# Faithful Purser Report (Abe Kassis)

## BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 05.31.2015

\$ 11,336.05

### RECEIPTS

MEET FOOD	\$ 144.00
50/50	\$ 53.00
VET DINNER	\$ 1,774.00
BINGO	\$ 250.00
EXPEMPLICATION	\$ 80.00
DONATION	\$ 52.00
<u>DUES</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u>

SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS

\$ 2,413.00

\$ 13,749.05

### EXPENSES

COMPTROLLER STIPEN	\$ (345.00)
VET DINNER	\$ (3,203.74)
BADGES	\$ (193.34)
MEETING FOOD	\$ (205.73)
FOOD COST	\$ -
REGALIA CLEANING	\$ (19.55)
EXEMPLIFICATION	<u>\$ (1,920.00)</u>

SUB TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ (5,887.36)

**BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 06.30.2015**

**\$ 7,861.69**

### OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/ (CHECKS)

\$ -

\$ -

**CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 07.09.2015**

**\$ 7,861.69**

**A few minor expenses for the Vietnam Dinner are yet to be paid. As of this time, we expect a very minor loss from the dinner, but the event was a close wash.**

# **Report of Committees**

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

Several widows have thanked the Knights for the continuing contact we give them and are planning to attend our October Memorial Mass for their husbands. We hope to have a nice packed church this year as we approach 60 deceased brothers to be remembered.

We need contact information for their deceased Assembly members from our two other councils as well. Jim Knapp will be the widow contact for Mary Our Queen and Mike Bagnulo will furnish the St. Andrew widow contacts.

## **Social Committee (Chuck Langgood)**

Chuck Langgood reported that he was especially appreciative of the cooperation of Dominic Palermo and the Bingo Committee for continuing to funnel a quarterly donation to the Assembly. These funds have brought the Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Dinner into financial balance and even begin to fund next year's dinner.

We had about 120 attendees at the dinner and the cooperation was evident from the sign-in to the cleanup afterward. Special thanks went out to Commander Bob Mitchell for organizing the honor guard to individually accompany the thirty one veterans to the front of the hall for the group picture.

Steve Bales took dozens of fine photos, our bartenders and the cooks did a wonderful job. Our MC Tom Regan, a brother knight from St. Andrew and an anchor on WSB-TV, was the host. Chief chef Joe Trovato, the Grand Knight of St. Andrew, with his staff were singled out as excellent. Sir Knight Steve Strong provided technical assistance. We had a great slideshow during the meal. The main course was Virginia ham, roast turkey, prime rib, roasted hen, and assorted vegetables. Dessert was provided by John Buchholz.

Sir Knight Doc Malone procured the speakers shortly before his untimely death. His widow, Sharon, sent the DVD gifts that Doc had purchased. Father Dan Rogaczewski said a prayer after the colors are posted. Brigadier General Denis Shortal spoke, Alvin Towney, an author, spoke, as well as Rabbi Jeff Feinstein. Monsignor Marren then concluded the speaking program.

Chuck offered a prayer of remembrance for Doc Malone who did not get to see this fine event fulfilled (amen and applause).

## **Bingo Report**

**It was reported that the monthly Bingo at All Saints is steady with the number of players in June at 75. Profit was about \$700. Press your parishioners to attend the fun. Cost is \$15 for the Bingo cards used.**

**We need more Assembly members to be certified before they are allowed to manage the event and deal with gaming money.**

## **Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)**

**Our presentations to Fr. Gabriel Scasino and Father Michael Garcia have brought us up-to-date. We are engaged in finding another recipient for our next chalice which is not yet purchased.**

## **Patriotic Report (Jon Bird)**

**Jon Bird reminded all veterans of the Assembly that during the Pledge of Allegiance, they have the option to salute the flag rather than holding their hands over their hearts. It is perfectly legal.**

**Jon mentioned that he had a hand in providing the Rabbi speaker for the Vietnam Vet Dinner from his Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association. They are setting up a speakers group and he may be able to provide a speaker for next year's event. This event will invite Vietnam veterans who are not Knights. The year's event only considered brother Knights.**

## **Membership Committee Report (Dave Mason)**

**No report after the highly successful recruiting effort in June.**

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

**The trustees will be completing the audit required on August 15th. It will be signed and sent out to Supreme ahead of schedule. The trustees will also preside over the new special elections for Faithful Navigator at the July meeting.**

## **Color Corps Commander Report (Bob Mitchell)**

FN announced that his report will be done from a seating position due to his recent knee replacement. He was in a walker. Bob will be giving out awards after his report.

- Bob thanked all for the kind thoughts and prayers during his recent operation. He will very soon have his other knee replaced, so he will need even more kindnesses. He chided Guy Stryker for deflecting the vibes, since Guy was also in a walker (laughter).
- Bob recounted that there were 72 HG events in the fraternal year. He noted that 63 separate Sir Knights took part in at least one honor guard.
- He mentioned that the Vietnam Dinner plus the Mass just before were faithfully staffed by our members.
- When Doc Malone passed the night after being elected Faithful Navigator, 43 men took part in his funeral honor guard. This was only surpassed by the 44 taking part in the funeral Mass for Mike Klimshuk. Were it not for people on vacation, we would probably have had 50 for Doc.
- The fourth degree at St. Monica in Duluth on June 20th had a healthy contingent of HG for our 19 new members.
- Bob thanked those who took part in the installation of state officers at St. Thomas the Apostle in Smyrna.
- There was an HG for a Fr. Tim at St. Jude for his first Mass. It conflicted with our council retreat, but we had some attendees. We were supplemented by Sir Knights from Milledgeville and Warner Robbins where Fr. Tim previously served.
- One week from tonight, we are asked to help the Mychal Judge Assembly at St. Brendans in Cumming. It is the annual First Responder Mass for Police and Firemen.

### **Awards handed out.**

- 17 men did 10 or more events: Bill Campbell, Tom King, Nick Mattera, Ernie Spencer, Mike McEwen, Mike Bagnulo, Chuck Langgood, Dennis Klein, Dave Mason, Steve Strong, Doc Malone (16 plus committed to others).
- Lou Hlad gets a miniature desk sword and stand because he has all the other awards from the past for 17 events.
- Vince Flynn did 19 events and gets a set of cuff links.
- Stan Wasowski did 21 events and gets a miniature sword and stand because he has all the other awards as well.
- Bill Camden did 22 events. He got some wearable cuff links.
- Walt Gautier gets both cuff links and studs for his 23 events. (Gray Plunkett chided that Walt should get regalia for his actions.) (laughter)
- Bob awarded Doc Malone a posthumous award of a FN ribbon and an FN pin to be presented to his widow, Sharon.
- Stan Wasowski got a Past Faithful Navigator award as well.

**Color Corps Commander Bob Mitchell may be contacted for all questions regarding honor guard participation or regalia availability at:**

**Home phone        770-804-8060**

**Cell phone        770-310-1760    [bobmitchellga@yahoo.com](mailto:bobmitchellga@yahoo.com)**

# Special July Elections

The untimely death of Doc Malone necessitated a special election in which Bill Camden moved up to Faithful Navigator, and Chuck Langgood filed his open slot as Faithful Captain. Camdem won over Lou Hlad and Stan Wasowski. Langgood won over Jim Knapp.

In the previous June Election, Jon Bird had assumed the Faithful Pilot position and Nick Mattera had assumed the Outer Sentinel position. Thus four new officer positions are settled for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.

Faithful Navigator  
Faithful Captain  
Faithful Pilot  
Faithful Comptroller  
Faithful Admiral  
Faithful Scribe  
Faithful Purser  
Trustee 3 year  
Trustee 2 Year  
Trustee 1 Year  
Inner Sentinel  
Outer Sentinel

Bill Camden  
Chuck Langgood  
Jon Bird

Dave Mason  
Stan Wasowski  
Lou Hlad  
Abe Kassis  
Bob Webster  
Bob Mitchell  
Ron Collins  
Terry Petrukovich  
Nick Mattera

# **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

**Sir Knight Bob Santos** stated that this was the end of a fraternal year, and he will be starting visiting all 108 councils in Georgia regarding the GA State Charities. He intends to start with St. Peter Chanel and then visit the three councils of this Assembly.

He will talk to all about the new Military Chaplain's Scholarship and the Special Olympics programs in Georgia which will happen in September.

Tax deductions are available.

## **Reports of the 3rd Degree**

### **Mary Our Queen—Jim Knapp**

- They had their Father's Day Breakfast last month. It was well attended.
- It is intended that Mary Our Queen will start a new capital campaign to finally build a church.
- Larry Pelkowski went through the fourth degree from MOQ.
- They are talking to new parishioners to become new KofC members.

### **St. Andrew Council—Bill Campbell**

- Received enough new members and Insurance members, so have now completed all requirements to attain Star Council Status.
- Two council members, David Graffen and Alexander Leach received 4<sup>th</sup> degree in June.
- Election of officers essentially same slate as previous year.
- Officers working on budget and calendar for coming year. Present to members in August.
- Sponsored Baby Bottle Boomerang which raised \$4,200 for Hapeville Pregnancy Crisis Center.
- Moving to newly renovated sanctuary end of July.
- Formal dedication Thursday Aug 27 evening followed by celebration meal. Will likely ask for Honor Guard.



## All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Our Sir Knight Dick Marklein continues bicycling across the country from San Francisco to Portsmouth New Hampshire since May 31st. He plans to raise \$30,000 for Christo Rey High School using an internet funding web site [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com). He has crossed into Ohio midst bad rain showers. His 3,872 mile journey of 52 days is going well. He sends an update often. Say a prayer for his safety and please be generous.
- We had 75 Bingo players on June 25th. Profit was about \$700. Council awarded Knight-of-the-Month to Sir Knight Woody Jones (one of our Bingo staff) and Family-of-the-Month to the Brother Bill Driscoll Family.
- Our council brother, US Marine Brigadier General Retired, Denis Shortal, was one of the main speakers at our Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Dinner on June 13<sup>th</sup> held in the All Saints Gym. Thanks for all the support from our sister councils making this event a big success for the Assembly. We honored 31 vets at the dinner.
- General Denis Shortal announced his candidacy for Mayor of Dunwoody this Fall. He is running against the current mayor, Brother Mike Davis, also of our council.
- We had 5 members progress to 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and 7 progress to the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.
- We had 23 members signed up and pre-pay \$80 to take their fourth degree. Amazingly, only 16 showed up. We even had a car caravan scheduled from McGivney Hall.
- We sponsored our monthly family night movie in McGivney Hall featuring Star Wars Episode 5, The Empire Strikes Back.
- We held a council retreat at the St. Ignatius Retreat House for our members June 28/29. Our members were joined by 4 members of Holy Family Council and one from Mary Our Queen.
- Our Sir Knight, Deacon Ray Egan, had a private audience with Pope Francis on June 10<sup>th</sup>. He was in Rome for the Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains. He is the chaplain at the Atlanta Airport.
- Sir Knight Dennis Caniglia presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Cameron Nolan of Blessed Trinity High who is heading to Notre Dame. Caniglia is the President Emeritus of the Atlanta Touchdown Club.
- This weekend the council will be doing repairs to our brother Matt Dewhurst's home. He is a paraplegic.
- We completed and sent out a 26 page newsletter to our members.
- We donated monthly Bingo profits to Sophia Academy and this Assembly. We donated \$500 to the Dunwoody Soap Box Derby, \$500 to All Saints Summer Bible School, \$1000 to the Archdiocesan Respect Life Ministry, \$1,000 to the Interfaith Outreach Home, \$1,000 toward an ultrasound machine at Georgia KofC Charities, \$500 to Special Olympics Camp Inspire, \$500 for repairs to Brother Matt Dewhurst's home, \$500 to the L'Arche Community for the disabled.
- Our acolyte teams served all parish funerals for the month as usual. Sadly, one was for our beloved Sir Knight Doc Malone. We deeply thank all who participated in his honor guard of 43 Sir Knights. The family was deeply touched. He was our 54<sup>th</sup> deceased member.

## **Good of the Order**

Bob Mitchell asked for prayers for Sir Knights Guy Stryker (present), Jim Herbig, and Frank Paolozzi. He also asked for prayers for himself and wife Anita.

Prayers asked for Ann Campbell, sister of Bill Campbell.

Bob Santos has asked for prayers for his wife Christine suffering from infection and stage 4 breast cancer.

Hlad asked for prayers for Trustee Ron Collins who fell off his roof and was beat up pretty badly. For the sister, Jane, of Fr. Dan McCormick.

Wasowski asked for prayers for his aged parents 97 and 95. And also for his sister who is their primary care giver.

Also Father Peek, Andy Diaz, Dennis Crean, Mike Nassr, Dennis Klein, EJ Couvillion's brother, and other not heard on the recording were mentioned.

## **Split-the-Pot Award**

New Sir Knight Woody Jones won the \$95 split-the-pot award.

## **Attendance Award**

New Outer Sentinel Nick Mattera won the attendance award. He was not present.

The meeting was closed with the usual ceremonials at 8:38 PM.









