

Minutes of June 11, 2015

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The previous Assembly Meeting was held on Thursday June 11th at All saints McGivney Hall with St. Andrew being council host. Here is the upcoming schedule:

All Saints.....July 9th (All Saints is host)

Mary Our Queen....August 13th

All Saints September 10th (St. Andrew Council 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 7:20. There were 31 members present. Sir Knight Dominic Palermo was a first time attendee.

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. Sir Knight Edgar Pierson noted an error in the stating of the names engraved on the chalice presented to Father Garcia.

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

Faithful Navigator-	Stan Wasowski	
Faithful Captain-	Doc Malone	(excused)
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	(excused)
Trustee 1 year term-	Dennis Klein	
Inner Sentinel-	Terry Petrukovich	
Outer Sentinel-	James Knapp	
Faithful Friar-	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	(excused)
Faithful Friar Emeritus -	Monsignor Donald Kiernan	(excused)

Note: It was known that Doc Malone was in the hospital for tests for a lung condition, but it was thought that he would recover for the next meeting. We would go on to vote him as Faithful Navigator as he had agreed. He would pass away the following day to the utter shock of the entire Assembly following his successful election at this meeting.

Faithful Navigator Report (Stan Wasowski)

FN started the meeting acknowledging that we should start early since elections were to be held. He then acknowledged all brothers with special May events:

Wedding Anniversaries: Deacon Ray Egan, John Cahill, John Shaffer, Ken Winkler, Kirby Baden, Ray Eberly, Mike Will, Mike Haslach, Patrick J. Callahan.

Birthdays: Fernando Peguero, Deacon Ed Krise, John Francis (present), Abe Kassiss (present), Rhett DeBuys, Mike Paolozzi, William Hall, Ralph Trujillo, Stan Wasowski (present) Pat Fahey, John Vander Wiele, Richard Saunders, John Cahill, Dominic Palermo (present).

FN invoked the customary ceremonials. FN thanked Lou Hlad for standing in for Doc Malone as Faithful Captain and hoping that Doc was faring well in the hospital.

FN asked Dominic Palermo to say a few words as a new attendee. He stated that he served on the All Saints Bingo committee and FN thanked him and his council for the donations to the Assembly.

FN thanked the hosts of the meeting (St. Andrew) for the fine chicken dinner. He also encouraged all members to attend the Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Dinner on the following Saturday.

Sir Knight Dennis Klein stated that there would be leftover chicken to take home after the meeting.

Faithful Friar Report

None. The Friar was not present.

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 Comptroller Report (Dave Mason)

1. **Confirming Checking Balance of \$11,336 (with many bills left to pay).**
2. **Membership is 171 after adding SK Bill Leach.**
3. **146 members have paid. Only one pending and that one is anticipated.**
We have 8 Priests, 4 Deacons. 3 Life Members, 2 Disabilities, 2 waived for medical economic reasons, 5 pending suspension for non payment, 146 regular paid and 1 pending payment. For a total of 171. For those 146 who paid their dues, thank you. Membership dues is our main source of operating funds.
4. **A web site is available to let all officers know their prospective duties is available.**
5. **Assembly Bingo. Received a check for \$250 for our part of the proceeds from Assembly Bingo . This money helps fund our patriotic events, such as Veterans appreciation dinners.**
6. **This coming month will see a necessary audit and an IRS Form 990 to be filed.**

Faithful Purser Report (Abe Kassis)

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 04.30.2015

\$ 9,482.10

RECEIPTS

MEET FOOD	\$ 131.00
50/50	\$ 48.00
BINGO	\$ 250.00
EXPEMPLIFICATION	\$ 1,820.00
DONATION	\$ 47.00
BADGES	\$ 260.00
<u>DUES</u>	<u>\$ 120.00</u>

SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS

\$ 2,676.00

\$ 12,158.10

EXPENSES

CHALICES	\$ (505.40)
ATTENDANCE AWARD	\$ (20.00)
CHALICE ENGRAVING	\$ (138.03)
PURSER STIPEND	\$ (50.00)
FOOD COST	\$ (108.62)
EXEMPLIFICATION	<u>\$ -</u>

SUB TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ (822.05)

BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 05.31.2015

\$ 11,336.05

OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/ (CHECKS)

\$ -
\$ -

\$ -

CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 06.11.2015

\$ 11,336.05

Many expenses for the Vietnam Dinner are yet to be paid. As of this time, we do not have enough income from tickets to pay the expenses, so a loss for the dinner is currently expected. Some tickets will be paid at the door.

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.

Hlad requested a contact for St. Brigid widows of our former St. Brigid deceased. Bob Webster of St. Brigid stated that the St. Brigid folks now honors their dead in a separate Memorial Ceremony and we no longer have to include theirs.

Social Committee (Chuck Langgood)

Chuck Langgood reported that a lot of work was taking place behind the scenes and his co-chair Doc Malone was in the hospital and could not help. He asked for prayers for Doc.

We need people to show up about 2 PM to start arranging the All Saints Gym for the dinner. Bob Mitchell's team will provide primary support for this. The chief chef will be Joe Trovato, the Grand Knight of St. Andrew, with his staff. Preliminary dishes will be shrimp cocktail, cheese and fruit tray, some pastas. The main course will be Virginia ham, roast turkey, prime rib, roasted hen, and vegetables. Dessert will be provided by John Buchholz.

About 130 people will be attending, including about 31 veterans and spouses. Music will be provided with Steve Strong supporting the technical detail. Name badges are being furnished for veterans. Sharon Malone has the gift CD's for the veterans. Programs will be picked up tomorrow by Chuck. Tom Regan, a brother knight from St. Andrew and an anchor on WSB-TV, will be the host.

The Knights of Columbus honor guard will escort every veteran up to the front of the hall where a group photo will be taken. Father Dan Rogaczewski will say a prayer after the colors are posted. Brigadier General Denis Shortal will speak, Alvin Towney, an author, will speak, as well as Rabbi Jeff Feinstein will speak. Monsignor Marren will conclude the speakers.

It is looking like it will be a wonderful evening.

Bingo Report

It was reported that the monthly Bingo at All Saints is steady with the number of players in April 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)

The presentation for Fr. Gabriel Scasino was held on Saturday May 30th at the All Saints 5 PM Mass. Monsignor Marren concelebrated with him. Our comptroller had purchased a traveling Mass kit for him, since he is a Franciscan and will be moving around a lot. Father Bryan Small recommended him.

On Wednesday, May 22nd at the 7 PM Mass, we presented the larger chalice to Father Michael Garcia. He had just been ordained on May 9th. Deacon Rick Medina recommended him. Monsignor Fennessy did the honors at that Mass along with Father Garcia who later blessed many attendees individually by name.

We asked one of our All Saints RSVP candidates, Jorge Carranza, if he needed a chalice after his coming ordination. He did not. We are still looking for our next candidate.

Membership Committee Report (Dave Mason/Bill Camden)

Dave Mason related that we had read in 24 candidates last meeting for the 4th degree on June 20th. We read in two more now— Alexander Leach (Bill's son) from St. Andrew and Ted Tada from All Saints. This brings the total to 26 candidates.

The previous candidates are Jeff Berklich, Bryan St. Romain, Matthew Pike, Michael Schaff, James Masak, Paul McKee, Charles Santa Maria, Gregory Kane, Harwood Jones, Doyle Cheatham, Arthur Dolt, Scott Klinger, David Hartman, Edgar Davis, Vincent Annaloro, William Newlands, Douglas Newlands, Jason Dew, Brian Wilson, Raymond Grupinski, Tom Templeton, David Grayson Jr., Gregory Gillins, Noel Dore, Lawrence Kokoska, David Gratch.

FN thanked Bill Camden for his extraordinary recruiting efforts. Lou Hlad added that Camden had won a trophy from the GA State Convention called Contest of Champions for All Saints for besting the other 107 councils (applause).

Patriotic Report (Jon Bird, Bob Santos)

Jon Bird mentioned that all his attention was focused this Saturday on the Vietnam Veterans Dinner the Assembly is hosting. He was able to obtain Rabbi Jeff Feinstein to speak at the dinner. The Rabbi was a chaplain in during the Vietnam War. He is at the rabbiatlanta.com web site and is a delightful gentleman. He does the blessings at their business meetings. He will require a kosher meal for he and his wife —no barbeque pork, please (laughter).

Color Corps Commander Report (Bob Mitchell)

- He thanked the honor guard attendees for the Eucharistic Congress and the Fourth Degree held in Macon.
- There was a Confirmation at Mary Our Queen and two First Communions at St. Andrew Parish. Many thanks to all.
- We served a 50th Anniversary of priesthood at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish for Father Michael Sullivan.
- Tuesday after Memorial Day the new area in Arlington Cemetery for Priests and Deacons was held. Archbishop Gregory blessed the new Catholic area. Michael Alexander of the Georgia Bulletin provided Bob with a professional picture of that event which he will try to get out to those that participated.
- This Saturday, the Vietnam Dinner plus the Mass just before will require honor guards. Please help out if you can. Our numbers will be down, since several Vietnam veteran honorees at the dinner are also honor guards.
- The fourth degree at St. Monica in Duluth is coming up on June 20th. We should show our numerous new candidates our support by being there.
- Monsignor Corbett of St. Jude has requested an honor guard on Sunday June 28th for a priest's first Mass. The Monsignor called Bob personally to request this honor guard. We must come through for him.

FN asked Bob if he could provide a copy of the photo from Mike Alexander to send to the Columbian Magazine.

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

Comments on Doc Malone's Condition (Bob Mitchell)

Doc will have surgery in the morning to discover the reason that 95% of his airway is blocked. There seems to be a flap of some kind blocking his passageway and they see a mass of some sort behind it. He had cancer sixteen years ago and he had part of his lung and three ribs removed then. They will proceed to remove the flap and the mass. (Prayers were then said for Doc.)

Note: During the biopsy of the mass in his lungs, it exploded and filled his lungs. It was cancerous and yielded no hope of recovery. He was taken off life support that evening. Not knowing this would take place the next day, the Assembly proceeded with the election which would declare him to be the next Faithful Navigator.

June Elections

Trustee Report (Dennis Klein)

Klein presented the slate of prospective officers for the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year starting July 1st 2015, and lasting until June 30th, 2016. The first column were the names read at the May meeting. No additions were announced during the May meeting, but Bill Camden and Jon Bird announced their candidacies after the May Meeting. The two added outer sentinel candidates were nominated at the June meeting.

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

Doc Malone

James Knapp - Bill Camden

BJ Van Gundy - Jon Bird

Dave Mason

Stan Wasowski

Lou Hlad

Abe Kassis

Bob Webster

Bob Mitchell

Ron Collins

Terry Petrukovich

Dean Trantow - James Knapp
Nick Mattera

Results:

The circled names became the winners for their positions during the election in June. BJ Van Gundy deferred the position to Jon Bird before a vote was taken. Nick Mattera and James Knapp raised their voices to run for Outer Sentinel at the meeting. Mattera won. Most candidates shown were unopposed. The passing of Doc Malone the following day necessitates another July election.

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 councils of this Assembly.

Bob mention that the Grand Knight Meeting this year will be July 18th at Holy Family Church in Marietta. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Financial Secretary must attend. There will be training involved.

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

Sir Knight Dennis Crean rose to talk about the Knight Retreat scheduled June 28/29 at the Jesuit St. Ignatius Retreat House on Riverside Road. It starts with a Mass on Sunday and ends with a Mass on Monday. It will be a mostly silent retreat. The cost will be \$120. The retreat grounds are beautiful. There are spaces available and we have four Knights from Holy Family joining the All Saints members. Rooms and baths are private.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

Mary Our Queen—Jim Knapp

We had our Mother's Day Breakfast last month. It was well attended.

They have one knight who will become a 4th degree at St. Monica.

They are gearing up for their council elections.

Reports of the Third Degree

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. He has crossed the Sierra Nevada Mountains and recently passed Salt Lake City Utah. 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 held a Fish Fry Volunteer Appreciation Party for 120 volunteers and spouses on May 17th.
- We had 75 Bingo players on May 28th. Profit was about \$700.
- Our Council won the “Contest of Champions” Trophy for recruiting more new members than any other council in Georgia last year.
- Council awarded Knight-of-the-Month to Lou Hlad and Family-of-the-Month to the BJ Van Gundy Family.
- Our council brother, US Marine Brigadier General Retired, Denis Shortal, was the keynote speaker at Canton National Cemetery on Memorial Day.
- Council 11402 was a major sponsor of the Dunwoody Soap Box Derby on June 6th at the First Baptist Church. We had a racer car entry and provided the hamburgers and hot dogs for attendees via our large cooker grill.
- We sent 7 members to the combined 2nd/3rd degree at St. Benedict on May 28th.
- We are sending about 23 members to the fourth degree exemplification on June 20th.
- We sponsored our monthly family night movie in McGivney Hall featuring Harry Potter; The Sorcerer’s Stone.
- We are planning a council retreat at the St. Ignatius Retreat House for our members. There are 40 rooms available June 28/29.
- We presented 3 Shining Armor Awards this month.
- We presented the Elaine Clark Center for Exceptional Children a check for \$2,170 from our recent Tootsie Roll Campaign.
- We completed and sent out a 22 page newsletter to our members.
- We voted \$1,000 to Birthright of Atlanta, \$1,000 to the Cristo Rey bicycle marathon, \$500 to the Pre-School of All Saints, and \$1,000 to Pro-Life.
- Our acolyte teams served all parish funerals for the month as usual.
- We continue preparations for the Assembly Vietnam Veterans dinner at All Saints on Saturday. The gym will be set up on Saturday and feature a large screen slideshow. The 5 PM Mass will kick off the event and then move to the gym.

St. Andrew Report (Mike Bagnulo)

- Mike asked if observers at the Fourth Degree need to make a lunch reservation. Dave Mason said he needed to pass on that info.
- They held their election last month and it was not nearly as complicated as the Assembly election just held (laughter).
- They finished their baby bottle campaign. When all the dust was settled, they calculated that they raised over \$3,000 for the Pregnancy Crisis Center (applause).
- They have reached their goals for Star Council Award.
- Their officers went to the State Convention in May.
- They have two members going for their first degree in June.
- Their deceased brother, Jim Lamb, left an automobile in his estate to the council. You would think that was a good thing, until you tried to move a registration of a car from an estate to a council. Their grand knight is still trying to track that down. It should give them some extra funds.
- The church will be selling memorial bricks as part of the renovation. The council is thinking a dedicating a section for memorializing deceased knights in a garden.

Good of the Order

Bob Mitchell took the floor to announce that both Doc Malone and Sharon Malone requested that all Knights hoist a brew in remembrance of him. FN mentioned that this was now a solemn obligation.

Mitchell asked for prayers for his knee operation this month.

Bob Santos has asked for prayers for his wife Christine suffering from infection. Father Peek, Wasoswki's aged parents, Andy Diaz, Dennis Crean, Couvilion's brother, and other not heard were mentioned.

Split-the-Pot Award

Jim Knapp won the \$52 split-the-pot award.

Attendance Award

Ed Konopka won the attendance award. He was not present.

The meeting was closed with the usual ceremonials at 9:00 PM.



TWO CHALICES GIVEN AWAY LAST MONTH TO NEW PRIESTS.

Father Michael Garcia below.

Friar Gabriel Scasino to left and family photo at bottom.

Faithful Pilot Ed Pieron and Faithful Navigator Stan Wasowski did the honors.



Unfinished Business (Dick Marklein)

Sir Knight Dick Marklein of All Saints announced that he is embarking on May 31st on a coast to coast bike ride to raise money for the new Jesuit High School, *Cristo Rey-Atlanta*, in mid-town. His goal is \$30,000.

His cycling adventure begins May 31st in San Francisco and ends July 21st in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He will personally be funding all the expenses associated with the trip. All monies raised will benefit Cristo Rey science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs.

Other riders will accompany him, but he is the only one riding for Cristo Rey. Donations are tax deductible and are already streaming in. All Saints Council donated \$500 with another \$500 to follow.

The mechanism to donate to his efforts is to go to web site www.gofundme/CyclingForSTEM and make a donation with any credit card or by a PayPal account. The new tally will appear. Be generous.



He has crossed the Mississippi River, crossed Illinois, and may well be in Indiana now. He has raised \$10,992 and we need to up the ante if he is to raise \$30,000 before he completes his journey.



