

Minutes of 03-12-2009

Watters Assembly Meeting

The March meeting was held at All Saints. The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM with usual ceremonials. Eight officers (Stryker, Crnkovich, Heald, Langheim, Hlad, McKenzie, Klein, and Pierson) were present. Members present were 28.

SK Dennis Klein moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed, since they were transmitted to all members electronically. The motion carried.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN dispensed with his report in the interest of making it a short meeting. He spoke of the Founder's Day Ball near the end of the meeting

Bills and Communications

Faithful Comptroller Heald reported that the bill of the evening meatloaf meal was \$120 and a round of applause for chef Joe Fuentes was given. Fuentes announced that there was plenty left to take home to those interested.

Heald added that the assembly had paid the Faithful Commander the budgeted \$250 for his transportation expenses and \$5 for the cleaning of his cape. He also reported that Mat Filla had won last month's \$25 attendance award and two \$100 raffles were held with Ed Pierson winning one and Merv and Mary Burns (friends of Urban Rump winning the other.)

Money coming in was \$325 in dues with 25 unpaid members still outstanding. He thanked the trustees for making the necessary telephone calls to those members.

Comptroller Report

Bob Heald reported that the current membership was 160. Five transferred to the new assembly and five more are still making a decision about transferring. One new member will be transferring in tonight from 13204 at the proper time. So the membership is 156 currently.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening February 1 checking balance was \$4,339. The February 28th balance was \$4,946.

Patriotic Report

Dave Lemcoe made a request for magazines and appropriate articles for the VA Hospital that he could deliver. He also reported that the next date for greeting the troops at the airport with the USO would be April 15th and he requested a nice contingent. He mentioned that Urban Rump, Sean O'Neil, and he had been out there. It would last from 7:30 AM until 1 or 2 PM.

A motion in unfinished business was made to ship 100 Fulton J. Sheen prayer books to the troops at the last meeting. It will be voted on later.

Lemcoe noted that he was still trying to locate a new contact to receive golf ball shipments in Iraq. You can not just deliver things to a site without a recipient name.

Welfare/Bereavement Report

Urban Rump announced that he had ordered a Mass enrollment card for recently deceased member Dick Bledsoe. He was in contact with his widow who expressed disappointment that no one from St. Monica had contacted her. Rump mentioned that it was probably related to the creation of a new Assembly.

Rump has been in touch by phone with Brother Bill O'Shaughnessy who continues to have good and bad days in his fight with M.S.

On another topic, Rump announced that he was in favor of the Assembly sending out birthday cards to the members. He obtained a catalog from Supreme showing the cards available. The cost would be about 25 cents plus postage. He noted that the Assembly at St. Thomas Aquinas does this. The cost would be about \$50/year. Get Well cards and Sympathy cards are available with the KofC logo printed on them. He would take it upon himself to see that it was done.

Applications for Membership

One transfer member, Thomas E. Dorn, on Morning Mist Drive in Johns Creek has applied. Age will be 70 in April. He was voted in unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Lemcoe brought up the motion that had been made last meeting to order 100 Fulton J. Sheen prayer books for the troops at \$3.50 each or \$350 total. The motion was called, voted, and passed unanimously. Heald asked who the check would be made out to, and it was

noted that it should be made to the Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation and the money would come from the Patriotic Fund.

Deacon Egan asked if they could be directed to Father Kevin Peek of Atlanta now in Iraq. Deacon will investigate if this is possible. FN suggested that Deacon get in contact with State Deputy Dan Baker who knows the head of chaplains personally.

Commander Report

Commander Bob Mitchell reported on upcoming engagements. He expressed hope that 5 Assembly members plus one other would be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade (weather permitting.) He also has only 5 people signed up for the St. Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral.

He had just sent out an email for Confirmation at All Saints on March 21st at 1:30 PM. He asked that everyone respond either yes or no. Only 35% of people respond.

Future events—April 25th has both a 1st Communion at All Saints and a 4th Degree at St. Francis de Sales. He will be on vacation and needs commanders for both.

May 2nd also has two Honor Guards—First Communion at St. Andrew and Monsignor Kiernan's 60th Anniversary at All Saints.

May 9th—St. Brigid has three 1st Communions back to back at 9 AM, 11:30 AM, and 2 PM.

June 13th—Ken Winkler and Patsy have a 50th wedding Mass at 5 PM and then a party at All Saints. Steel Drum party —dinner and dance.

Trustee Report

Dennis Klein reported that the trustees are busy calling delinquent members for their dues payments.

Chalice Report

Dennis Klein asked if we had a name of a new priest to receive a chalice. Deacon Egan reiterated that Dominic Tran was his choice.

Religious Report

Chuck Langgood reported that he was working with All Saints to try and orchestrate a combined retreat. Hlad added that the Aug. 22/23rd

retreat was booked and room for 40 people is reserved. The facility is first class with excellent cafeteria, hotel-like rooms, and wooded area for meditation. They were trying to attract a good speaker. All Saints would change the name to the Fr. Watters Retreat if Assembly members could be recruited.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – has held 4 Lenten Fish Frys with each a new record. Bad economy helps sales because of extreme value. Served 1,004 sales at last Fry.

Reported that Acolyte Program now has 60 members and is doing very well. They will served at a Badge Recognition Mass on March 22nd. A different mass is served every month as a Knight Recognition.

St. Andrew (Langgood) – reported they were also seeing improved Fish Fry numbers. Dennis Klein reported (to some laughter) that they also had served over 1,000 meals. Held a 3rd degree. Crowd was small, but well-received. State officers were there. They are hosting a St. Patrick's day party. They have established a scholarship at southern Catholic College in the name of their deceased knight Tim Russell.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcombe) – Also having successful fish dinners featuring tilapia, salmon, and fried and broiled cod. He thanked All Saints for their help with suggestions. They are serving well over 400 dinners and looking toward 500. They are now planning their St. Patrick's Day Party.

Rick Langheim added that GK George Yourick has done a fantastic effort in enlarging the Council and adding many 4th degree members. They are approaching 200 members.

Faithful Navigator Comments

FN reminded all that the Founder's Day Ball will be held on March 28th in the All Saints Social Hall. Tickets are not going well although all councils and assemblies have been notified. He had 22 tickets sold at this point.

Someone asked what the cost breakeven point was. FN related that he was paying for any loss that would occur.

Dennis Klein admonished the assembly for not supporting such events and stated that he firmly disagrees with FN's decision to pay for any

losses. He stated that he had attended the first one with 44 attendees and everyone had a wonderful time.

Split-the-Pot

Won by Chuck Langgood.

Patriotic Raffle

St. Brendan's Council won the \$100 raffle. Rich Nielson's email address was on the ticket.

Attendance Award

Urban Rump won the \$25 prize.

Good of the Order

After the names were mentioned, Deacon Ray ended the meeting with prayers.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies. Length was just over an hour.