

Minutes of 03-11-2010 Watters Assembly Meeting

The March meeting was held at St. Andrew. The meeting commenced promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 28. The twelve officers present were Stryker, Kassis, Hlad, McKenzie, Langheim, Mix, Klein, Webster, Spencer, and Pierson. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed due to the electronic transmission of same.

Faithful Navigator

FN announced that he had seven certificates of the Fourth Degree in his possession for Cahill, Ducote, Durah, Trantow, Fiscella, Malone, and Fleck. None were present.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie noted that there was one bill for the evening meal for \$193.06. There were no other bills or communications.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening February 1st checking balance was \$2,884, receipts were \$1,210, expenses were \$529, and the February 28th ending balance was \$3,565. All but \$20 in the golf ball fund was in the general fund.

Comptroller Report

The Assembly had 169 members last month with one transfer out who was an exempt priest. There was one reinstatement that will bring the total back to 169 when recorded. Presently it is 168.

Social Committee

Dennis Klein reported that the initial reception for the Saturday, April 10th Founder's Day Dinner Dance was cool, but is picking up steam. It will go forward. The cost of each dinner will be \$20/person and we will charge \$30/person. Out of the profit will come a charge of \$425 for the disc jockey playing between the hours of 7 - 11 PM.

Klein yielded the floor to GK Dick Holcomb to talk about additional costs associated with awards being presented. Holcomb announced that the awards will be special golf putters made of persimmon wood from the Louisville Golf Company making them from such trees on Valhalla Golf Course. They had only a small supply of persimmon clubs left.

The special Ryder Cup club has a faceplate that can be engraved with the owner name. Each will be purchased at a special rate under \$100 each. Originally it was intended to award them only to the three monsignors. Klein suggested that father David Dye of Mary Our Queen should also get one. The feeling was strong and Holcomb agreed to get four.

Recipients of these clubs cherish them, keep them in their office, and rarely use them to play an actual round of golf. (Applause for Holcomb.)

Klein went on to announce that Archbishop John Donoghue will also be present and he will receive an attractive plaque from Lynch and Kelly Co. outlining his lifelong career of service to the Church and the Knights. The intent of the dinner is a breakeven situation.

Klein asked Hlad how ticket sales were coming. Hlad responded that the spreadsheet designed by Pat Fahey showed about 70 sales with a few more occurring before the meeting. With a month left, it would appear that the goal of 100 attendees was certainly within reach. This represented an approximate breakeven situation.

Hlad suggested that he would be trying an electronic "eVite" transmission that went out to a large email distribution, explained the event, and then required a yes/no/maybe response with comments. This was a popular new social contact method among internet party givers.

Klein reported that St. Andrew's Rich McKenzie had created a very nice large poster for the event that he would copy for the other councils. Klein suggested selling tickets after the Masses and said he had sold six so far, and had some promises.

Holcomb reported that each council should be able to bring 100 people to the dinner. He stated that talking to the women's group was the key and was happy to confirm that the general public was invited. Klein reported that an Honor Guard was added to the event.

The dinner fare will be sliced prime rib. (applause for Klein report).

Welfare Report

Urban Rump announced that he had sent out the birthday and anniversary cards. He stated that a special one went out to Dennis and Judy Klein for their 50th Wedding Anniversary (applause for Klein again).

Patriotic Report

Urban reported that a nice group was at the airport on Feb 6th and then on March 2nd to greet troops. That was a light day with only about 125 troops passing through. The earlier date featured about 700. The next one scheduled is July 6th.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell reported that there were four events coming up in the next ten days--St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday noon downtown at the Marta Civic Center Station. Three other assemblies are involved. The parade is slow and not strenuous. It concludes at Underground Atlanta. At least five will attend from our Assembly.

The following Wednesday is the annual St. Patrick's Day 10:30 Mass at the Cathedral. Nine people are signed so far.

He next event is Saturday March 20 at All Saints at 10 AM for Confirmation. Only eight are signed up. Others then raised hands to serve.

That same evening is the Mass celebrating the Klein's anniversary. Already 13 are signed. Please reply to all the emails.

New Applications

None

Unfinished Business

An American flag set was purchased for Mary Our Queen Council but has not yet been presented. FN cannot get hold of the Grand Knight.

Trustee Report

FN appointed Dennis Klein, Ernie Spencer, and Dick Holcomb to assist him as a Nominating Committee.

New Business

None

Third Degree Reports

St. Andrew (Langgood) - Their Fish Dinners are going well. Some of the workers are going to become Knights as well. A lady who had volunteered at their event for some time passed away and will be remembered at a Mass. Their St. Patrick's Day party is coming up tomorrow. They had six members at the recent 2nd degree. They have an upcoming 1st degree and are participating in the Vidalia Onion Sale with all the other councils. They will move their April golf tournament to a later time. They have added a rosary before each meeting and added a monthly adoration service.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcomb) – They cracked the 500 mark on fish dinners (applause). They had to buy a new freezer which will add to growth next year. They also added an hour to the fish fry length. They have set up an electronic system to order meals to go on St.Brigid.org. About 12 men asked to join their council having seen the fun they were having.

They held a combination 1st/2nd degree on Saturday with 11 new brothers. He expects many to go on to their 3rd degree. He fully expects to reach 300 members this year.

They held an Adopt-a-Road Program along Old Alabama Road with nine brothers participating. They had 15 brothers move heavy refrigerators and freezers for South America, They held a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance and sold out. They had a professional singer. Having sold that dinner out, they can move on the Founder's Day Dinner strongly.

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – mentioned that he was impressed by the St. Brigid Fish Fry results of 500. It had taken all Saints many years to get to that level. He had thought that All Saints had leveled out at about a thousand now because of the size of our hall.

The Georgia Bulletin will be doing a feature this week on our Fish Fry and should help sales.

All Saints will order 2,000 ten pound bags of onions to distribute to the eight other participating councils.

They will hold a first degree this month

Split the Pot

Fifty dollars was in the pot. Urban Rump won \$25.

Attendance Award

Rich McKenzie won the \$25 attendance award.

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order. Charlie Robinson has back problems. Bennie Mastrogiovanni's daughter-in-law, Holley, needs prayers. Bob Webster added himself to the list. Jerry Cicero of All Saints was just diagnosed with bone cancer. Rich Mullin's wife will have a serious operation. Mary Stinson needs continuing prayers. Abe Kassis has a brother-in-law in hospice and a sister with breast cancer. Bill O'Shaughnessy needs constant prayer. FN asked prayers for the troops.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies.