

Minutes of 03-10-2011 Watters Assembly Meeting

The March Assembly Meeting was the first of four meetings to be scheduled at St. Andrew The meeting started a bit early at 7:28 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 39.

The twelve officers present were Crnkovich, Langgood, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Pierson, Zaryski, Klein, Stryker, Langheim, Klimshuk and Webster. Only Faithful Friar Msgr. Marren was excused.

The Faithful Minstrel, Mark Foster, lead the group in "God Bless America". FN noted once more that no other council that he knows of has an official Faithful Minstrel.

This will be the last meeting that membership cards of the previous year will be accepted for entry.

Because the minutes of the last meeting were transmitted by electronic means, a motion from the floor to accept them as transmitted by Dennis Klein was made. Dick Holcomb offered a correction that Dick Kobylski gave the previous St. Brigid report and not he as stated. The minutes were then accepted with that correction.

FN noted with tongue in cheek that Monsignor Marren had told him that he is better fed and much happier at All Saints than he was at St. Andrew (laughter). Dennis Klein of St. Andrew challenged that assertion. His objection was noted. An unknown comment from the floor about serving time in purgatory was heard on the tape (laughter).

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie announced that the evening's dinner bill was \$190.67, \$270 was spent on making KofC hats, a badge was engraved for \$6, dues received were \$360, selling hats brought in \$285, and dinner receipts were \$158.

FN mentioned a communication from our Missionary brother, Gray Plunkett, reporting that he was back in Benin, Africa and doing well. Plunkett asked for our prayers and reminded us that he could still use the continued monetary support of all since the need was great.

Comptroller Report

Bob Webster reported our roster of members previously stood at 189. With 11 new members last month, our Assembly now has 200. Twenty members have not paid.

Our cash balance stood at \$5,790 on February 1st. Our present balance has increased to \$6,453.57.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported a starting Balance of \$5,790 at the beginning of February. Expenses of \$2,191 and revenue of \$2,555 resulted in a February 28th balance of \$6,154.

Committee Reports

Welfare Committee Report

Urban Rump was not present, but reported to FN that he had sent out all the birthday and bereavement cards as required for the month.

Chalice Committee Report

Ernie Spencer reported that he has possession of both chalices. One is engraved with two names thanks to Brother Al Garofalo. Brother Ed Krise has gone down to the Archdiocese to speak to the Director of Vocations to find a worthy recipient. We have been given the name of Deacon Charles Okeke. Spencer has emailed him in the last week and has not yet gotten a response. We will continue to contact him. The second chalice is being held in reserve.

Patriotic Committee Report

Stan Wasowski had no report, but turned over the floor to Jon Bird who wanted to speak on a patriotic project.

Jon advised that he is a member of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA) that raises money every year for a certain project. Each year they raise money for a fallen serviceman or servicewoman of the Vietnam War from the Atlanta area to provide a memorial plaque. This year they are honoring their 25th deceased veteran.

PFC Ted D. Britt from Decatur was killed in 1968 in the battle of Khe Sanh and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Some of his

family still lives in the area. His memorial plaque will be in Black Shoals Park in Rockdale County in an area called the Walk of Heroes within the Georgia Memorial Area.

There will be a ceremony with a “missing man” jet formation flyover with a Huey helicopter flyover and a C-130 as well. A marine corps band will perform and a lieutenant from his outfit will speak. A medal of honor speaker will also attend. They need about \$16,000 for a proper memorial and have about \$10,000. Bird will be making a request for a \$250 donation later in the meeting.

Social Committee Report

Chuck Langgood announced that he is the chairman of the event to honor our Parochial Vicars. The date chosen is Saturday May 21st at St. Andrew Family Center. That date is a month after Easter and the week after the Georgia State Convention. Dick Holcomb will again serve as Master of Ceremonies and there will again be a DJ for music. The St. Andrew Ladies Guild will help with the decorations.

Langgood would like to form committees (two from each council) to help with the planning. He envisions the Grand Knights helping to facilitate the selling of tickets at the council level. Rich McKenzie will be in charge of printing the tickets. The price will probably be increased to \$35/person this year. Posters will be printed for local posting and for the Georgia Bulletin Newspaper and Golden Plume newsletter.

Chuck was thinking of having plaques made for the vicars, but he is open to suggestions. We may need to form a gift committee. The chief chef will be future Sir Knight Tom D’Errico with his crew of assistants. The invitees will be pastors, PV’s, Sir Knights, all brothers of every level, and the parishioners of the member councils.

There is a 5 PM Mass at St. Andrew. It is thought that the event will start immediately at 6 PM with appetizers and then the meal at 6:30 PM. Guests will be encouraged to attend the 5 PM Mass at St. Andrew.

Dennis Klein encouraged the Grand Knights to give the PV’s an immediate “heads-up” about the event. The councils will pick up the cost of

the meals for their Parochial Vicars. It was pointed out the May 21st is also Armed Forces Day.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell gave the Color Corps Report.

- There was a First Mass Homily for Deacon Gary Schantz at St. Andrew. There were 17 honor guard in attendance.
- Three of our members participated in the Fourth Degree in Marietta.
- There was a funeral for Sir Knight Chuck Mahony at All Saints under the command of Greg Crnkovich with 13 honor guard.
- Monsignor Kiernan of All Saints was honored by the Georgia Assembly and Senate at the state capitol for his lifetime of service to the state and especially for being chaplain of the police chief organization. Four honor guard (Mitchell, Stryker, Mix, and Hlad) accompanied him to meet with those bodies and Governor Nathan Deal. The Georgia Association of Police chiefs posed for a picture with Monsignor Kiernan. Monsignor Marren also attended along with Dunwoody councilmen, state assemblymen, and state senators. The members in regalia created a huge stir of admiration among the legislators. Special permission was granted to bring swords into the capital and in the presence of legislators and the governor. Great PR for the Knights of Columbus!!

Four events follow this month.

- St. Patrick's Day Parade from the Marta Civic Center Station
- St. Patrick's Hibernian Society Mass on March 17th.
- Unusual evening Confirmation at All Saints (12 guys signed).
- Wedding of Sir Knight John Satterfield's daughter at St. Brigid (7 signed).

There is a large gap in scheduled honor guard events until the end of April when the schedule gets intense.

Mitchell recognized GK Dick Kobylski of St. Brigid for his wonderful idea of bundling the purchase of regalia in one large order to obtain discounts. No one had ever thought of this before. He got 20% off and free shipping. (applause) Mitchell's email distribution list is getting so large that it must be segmented before sending.

Unfinished Business

Tom Mix raised a motion in February that the Assembly amend their by-laws to waive all dues paid by permanent ordained deacons. Both All Saints and St. Brigid rose to state that they had already done this at their council level. A second to the motion was given. FN announced that because it was an amendment to the by-laws, it would have to be suspended, published, and voted on in March.

The motion was revisited in March. The Faithful Captain and Pilot both counted the number of members in the room as 39. To amend the by-laws requires a two-thirds plus one positive vote or 27. The vote taken was 38 positive and one abstention. The by-law change passed.

FN Report

FN passed out a group of index cards and asked the members present to write down ideas regarding useful projects the Assembly could engage in other than honor guard opportunities. Members had raised issues that the Assembly was not engaged in enough other activities. The Faithful Minstrel strummed a gentle tune during deliberations.

After the cards were collected and suggestions listed, these stood out:

- Group blood donations
- Speaker series on topics of general interest
- Involve councils in our Veteran Support programs
- Provide flags to widows of deceased Sir Knights
- Do more social activities including families
- More Pro-life activities (including maybe honor guards)
- Provide parishes with info re revised Mass language
- Fund raising barbeque
- Fourth of July parade in regalia
- Spaghetti dinners for the USO at individual councils
- Assembly participation in Memorial Day/Veterans Day services
- Support VA by collecting toiletries, etc.

After further discussion Dick Holcomb was asked to investigate possible speakers, Bob Mitchell was asked to investigate minimum requirement to hold a blood drive, and Dick Kobylski was asked to investigate possible pro-life initiatives.

New Applications

The Faithful Comptroller advised that there were two new applications for Assembly membership, one transfer., and one readmission It was thought that the first two had gone through the 4th degree ceremony, but had never been read in at the Assembly level because of late applications.

- Gerald Honeycutt - St. Brigid- actually had been read in previously according to previous minutes. No need for any action.
- Charles Lynch - All Saints- was a last-minute participant in the recent exemplification. Approved.
- Monsignor Donald Kiernan- All Saints -Transfer from Assembly 172. Needed only to be acknowledged and not voted upon.
- Deacon Ken Melvin - All Saints- had been suspended on both the council and assembly level for non-payment of dues. Now readmitted to both.

Trustee Report

Dennis Klein brought up the issue of impending Assembly officer elections. He noted that the trustees will accept nominations from any member seeking a position. Anyone declining re-election to their current position should make that known to the trustees. A slate of officers should be publicized in May with the election in June. Dennis Klein, Tom Mix, and Rick Langheim are the current trustees.

Trustee Rick Langheim advised the members that our by-laws call for officer elections in May, not June.

New Business

Jon Bird returned to raise the motion for a \$250 donation to the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association. That is the Assembly maximum without waiting a month. The motion carried unanimously.

Color Corps Commander Bob Mitchell rose to ask for an additional amount of \$150 for corps budget to increase the budget from \$750 to \$900. Additional regalia components are required to make full sets where donations of partial sets were given. The motion carried with 3 abstentions.

All Saints (Wasowski)

- Six members went on the parish mission trip to Jamaica and now returned.
- Held a 1st degree exemplification at McGivney Hall as they do every month.
- Held a funeral Mass for council and assembly member Chuck Mahony. An honor guard of 13 knights were present. After the Mass, Mahony was interred in the new All Saints Columbarium as one of the first. A new columbarium ceremony was initiated by temporary commander Greg Crnkovich.
- Three council members became fourth degree members, raising the council total to 100 Sir Knights (applause).
- Hosted the District Free Throw contest.
- Helped sell raffle tickets to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home.
- Continuing the “Father for Good” seminar series taking place every Sunday morning at McGivney Hall. Four sessions remain.
- Presented a check for \$677 to Birthright Atlanta. This was our returned portion of the State Raffle money.
- Began the Fish Fry season with a Knights-only fry and then held the first public fry on Ash Wednesday. The first two events totaled 913 meals and puts them over last year by nearly 100 meals.
- Will hold a St. Patricks Day Party on March 17th in McGivney Hall and watch the NCAA tournament on large screen as part of a “March Madness” event.
- Continuing to hold 1st degrees on the last Tuesday of every month.
- Annual 3rd degree at All Saints will be April 16th..
- Will attempt to hold a 2nd degree before our 3rd to make more eligible.
- All Saints Men’s Club and Knights are co-hosting their annual charity golf tournament at St. Marlo Country Club on Monday, May 9th.

Mary Our Queen (Santos)

- On March 13th they partnered with the “Catholics Come Home” program to sponsor Welcome Home breakfasts for the parish.
- They do a monthly brunch for the parish.
- On March 26th they will sponsor a Lenten cooking demonstration by one of their three resident chefs. Will partner with a parishioner that owns a fish company. Fish dishes will be sampled. Proceeds go to the Knight-sponsored School of Religion.
- On April 10th will sponsor a breakfast the is part of a display of all available ministries at MOQ demonstrated at different tables.
- On April 30th they will host an International Night wherein all the different ethnic groups at MOQ will bring dishes to sample ethnic foods.
- Their “Coloring Books for Kids” program is going well. They can’t keep the books on their racks.
- Their “Invitations to Fathers” program is doing well and resulted in 16 new members.
- FN reminded the members that MOQ is headed for a Double Star Award in its first year as a council (applause).

St. Andrew (Lemcoe)

- Lemcoe stated tongue-in-cheek that Monsignor Marren had confided in him that his first mission as All Saints Parish Pastor was to restart the council there (laughter).
- Monsignor will attend their March St. Patrick's Day Party to make his famous Irish Coffee. The proceeds of this party will defray some of the cost of the parish World Youth Day mission trip. Eight children of knights will be going.
- Lemcoe attended a recent All Saints Fish Fry to observe the proceedings. They have begun their own fish frys. He will not reveal the number of meals served because they do not wish to brag (laughter).
- Held goodby receptions for Monsignor Marren at the first three Masses on Sunday. Meals prepared by St. Andrew chefs.
- Hung a portrait of Sir Knight Tom D'Errico in the St. Andrew hall of fame.
- Their field agent held a session regarding the new insurance products.

St. Brigid (Kobylski)

- On February 12 held their annual St. Valentine Marriage Renewal ceremony and dinner. Support from the Married Couples Group and the Marriage Encounter Group and 36 couples attended. About 100 people total attended. Excess food was donated to the ministry that feeds the homeless.
- On February 19th they hosted the Free Throw Basketball competition at Holy Redeemer Gym. Three other councils were invited. Eight of their kids qualified at the local level and six qualified for the district level.
- On February 26th seven brothers became 4th degree Sir Knights bringing their total to 79.
- Fish Frys will start for the next six weeks. "In addition to serving in Corbett Hall, we will now be offering drive thru serving each Friday. We had a practice evening on March 4th and everyone partaking in the drive thru was pleased with this opportunity. Dinners served inside or by drive thru are \$8 and includes 3 sides. Seniors receive a \$1 discount and immediate families of three or more (mom, dad, and kids) is a maximum of \$30.00."
- On March 12th held their annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance which was sold out in three weeks. (\$12,000 revenue). Food is traditional Irish fare or chicken for those who can not be Irish for one night. Banks and Shane will entertain 8 PM to 11PM. Irish dancers will entertain at breaks and St. Brigid Three Tenors as well. Irish beverages and raffle prizes will be featured.
- Council is selling raffle tickets (two-four day passes) for the August PGA Championship in Johns Creek. Have sold enough raffle tickets to buy 35 wheelchairs for the Atlanta VA Hospital. Four parishioners donated \$150 for a wheelchair and one donated an almost new wheelchair.

Good of the Order

- Mike Klimshuk reported that his tumor markers are up and he needs our prayers.
- Chuck Langgood asked prayer for his newly-born grandson who has a heart arrhythmia.
- Bob Santos' wife needed a blood transfusion because of her high marker count. Results of a CAT scan are due soon. She has bone, liver, and breast cancer.
- Ernie Spencer asked for prayers for his newly-born grandson with vision problems. Also his brother-in-law, Gene Larkin, recently passed away.
- Mark Foster request continued prayers for his uncle who has regressed.
- Dennis Klein Asked for continued prayers for St. Andrew Sir Knight Charlie Robinson.
- Paul Buettner of our Assembly needs our prayers.
- Chuck Mahoney of our Assembly recently passed.
- Stan Wasowski uncle is suffering from Alzheimer's.
- An unknown knight asked for prayers for his 88-year-old mother with congestive heart failure.

FN offered a prayer for these afflicted.

Attendance and Split-the-Pot Awards

Mike Capizzi won the attendance award. He was present.
Chuck Langgood won the split-the-pot.

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM with the usual ceremonies.