

# Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly

Meeting Minutes of March 13th, 2014

Held at St. Andrews

Assembly Web Site: [www.kc2688.com](http://www.kc2688.com)

**Total attendance: 20**

The opening ceremonials, Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer were conducted. Singing of the Opening Ode was waived. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was bypassed in lieu of the transmitted minutes which were accepted without further correction.

The roll call of officers was conducted.

**Faithful Navigator- Bob Webster**

**Faithful Captain- Stan Wasowski**

**Faithful Pilot- Ed Pierson**

**Faithful Comptroller- Dave Mason Excused(vacation)**

**Faithful Admiral- Lou Hlad**

**Faithful Scribe- Tony Santoro**

**Faithful Purser- Abe Kassis**

**Trustee 3 year term- John Lewis Excused**

**Trustee 2 year term- Dennis Klein Excused**

**Trustee 1 year term- John Miles**

**Inner Sentinel- Terry Petrokovich**

**Outer Sentinel- Jim Knapp**

**Faithful Friar- Monsignor Kiernan Excused**

**Faithful Commander- Bob Mitchell Excused**

The prescribed ceremonials to open the meeting were performed. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were corrected and approved.

**Opening ode – waived.**

**Faithful Navigator Report:**

A – Previous meeting minutes were accepted and approved by members.

B – Recognized the St. Andrew cooks for preparing meal.

C – First time attendance recognition – none to report.

D – Exemplification - we added 4 new members with a target recruitment of 10 candidates in April for the Macon 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification. Navigator recommends holding a promotional event at All Saints, McGivney Hall on Sunday, March 30th, at 3 PM.

E - Tom Frizzi confirmed an exemplification event in the fall in the Atlanta area. Details to follow.

**Faithful friar report:** Lou Hlad:

Msgr. Kierman – Still attends and holds mass at All Saints.



D – John requested a membership vote. The vote was approved by members, however, **the purser** advised there is not budget money available to cover the donation.(not budgeted based on membership dues.)

E – Film “Raw War” – discussion about showing the movie at the assembly meetings.

**Social Committee Report:** Chuck Langgood

1 - Founders day(Armed Forces Day) May 31 at All Saints. There are still a lot of logistics that have to be planned for this event:

A - We need all brothers to start recruiting Korean War veterans. The councils should pick up the dinner costs for the veterans and their spouses and local priests.

B – Several committees still need to be created such as for setup, decoration and tickets. Also use Squires to assist in cleanup and setup.

C – The caterer is still in the negotiation phase(Chuck investigating).

D – Lou Hlad – proposes a slide show. Also requests the attendance of Msgr. Kierman.

E – Suggestion to have George Yourick set up a booth to promote the John’s Creek Veteran’s Memorial at Newtown Park.

F - Bob Mitchell to provide the honor guard.

G – Speculation on the attendance could well exceed 200 people.

H – Doc Malone – suggest that veterans send pictures to Lou Hlad for slide presentation. Also, he investigated a fund raiser by selling corsages. Found little interest in the product(maybe outdated concept and too expensive). Further discussion around using a bingo event to raise money quarterly. A state bingo license has been secured, however, the expense of setting up the resources still needs to be recouped. Also, operators are required to have a background check (cost \$36) and passport photo. This is separate from the Archdiocese background check.

**Discussion:**

Mike: we would run once a quarter.

Doc: takes 4 people to operate plus volunteers for refreshments, etc. total approximately 12 people.

Navigator: show of hands for volunteers for Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at all Saints. Lots of interest.

Lou: need to recoup expenses first(\$3,000).

Abe: who pays the \$36 cost. Supported at the council level.

Doc: needs funding and doesn’t recommend council support. Maybe borrow from the assembly.

Lou: need to pick up cost of Founders Day event for veterans and spouses at council level.

Stan: we need to make this an annual event and needs to be communicated to councils for budgeting purposes.

Tony: a D.J. maybe too much as older people maybe not be able to hear any conversation over the music.

**Chalice Committee:** Ed Pierson:

----- **no data** -----

**Applications for Membership:** Lou Hlad – no news to report.

## **New Business**

**A - John's Creek - Newtown Park Veterans Memorial:** George Yourick is promoting donations to a memorial that will be constructed at the Johns Creek Newton Park

**Web Site - [www.JohnsCreekGA.gov/ICVA](http://www.JohnsCreekGA.gov/ICVA)**

1 - Can purchase a \$50 or \$100 brick and have a name engraved to remember someone.

2 - Larger options available. Example: \$2,000 benches.

B - May 17 Armed Forces Day committee (Chuck Langgood).

**Trustee Report:** No reports.

**Commander Report: Bob Mitchell**

No report.

## **Unfinished business:**

1 – **Memorial funding - Fr. Watters bench at Newtown Park** – funding incomplete as assembly members have not contributed as expected. Navigator advises to take balance out of the treasury. 36 members still have dues outstanding. \$1,000 from treasury but still expecting voluntary donations.

Discussion:

Navigator: discussion on how to pick up donations. Received \$200 from two members. Still need an additional \$200.

Abe: our budget is currently on track today, but excludes the \$400 shortfall.

Mike: pledges \$100.

Chuck: we need to try and make up the difference. Maybe pass the hat at the next meeting.

2 – **MP3 player program for soldiers.** \$24 per unit. We received a donation of \$240 to pay for ten players. Noted and approved by members.

**Previous events: none**

**Upcoming events:**

**none to report.**

## **Trustee Report**

All trustee business is current. No report.

**Old Business: none to report.**

## **New Business:**

Stan – mentioned Hillsdale.Edu is offering complementary training “Constitution 101”.

Not only is it free, but there are ten, 40 minute sessions.

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

### **All Saints: Lou Hlad**

- We had six new brothers join our council at the February 25 ceremony. We also had one reactivation as well. Jim Knapp brought a candidate for Mary Our Queen in addition for an eighth candidate. All Saints has about 450 members now.
- One of our members became a third degree at St. Michael the Archangel ceremony.
- Our Lenten Fish Fry is off to a great start. We served 337 meals to our Knights-only test meal, 653 on Ash Wednesday, and we jumped to 1,207 meals on the first Friday meal. We are already 404 meals over last year for three events. We are taking credit cards this year for the first time. We have not raised prices since last year. Our cod and shrimp meals are \$8, salmon is \$9. Kid meals are \$4.
- We finally received our Bingo gaming license from the State of Georgia. We held a Knights-only test bingo with money prizes. About 60 knights, spouses, and friends played. Profit was about \$300 which will start to pay off the \$3,000 equipment charge. We will hold public Bingo on the last Thursday of every month in our social hall.
- Our fifth year of Fathers for Good weekly seminars wrapped up in McGivney in March. We assume that we will continue into a sixth year.
- We presented a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary certificates to Brother Jim McGill, Sir Knight Benny Mastrogiovanni, and Sir Knight Harvey Moskowitz this month. We expect to send about ten couples to the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary dinner with Archbishop Gregory at St. Brigid this October. We sent 10 couples last year as well.
- We initiated a PayPal link on our web site to allow members to pay their dues electronically. Dues are normally \$40, but online they are \$42. Members are using it.
- We hosted our Annual KofC District Free Throw Tournament in our gym. We teamed with the Georgia Tech Council to host the State Tournament held at Georgia Tech on March 2<sup>nd</sup> before the Georgia Tech/Boston College game. Our Sir Knight Stan Wasowski serves as the District Deputy of both councils and at All Saints is acting as the mentor of the Tech council.
- Five members and two knight wives went to Jamaica on our annual parish mission.
- We strongly supported the March Men's Club Meeting featuring our member, Mayor Mike Davis of Dunwoody, who gave the State of the City speech.
- We will hold our monthly first degree exemplification on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We hosted a homeless shelter event last Sunday. Other will occur March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- We voted \$500 to the Senior Connection Association in Chamblee.
- We Voted \$1000 to the National Football Foundation for a scholarship.
- We voted \$1,000 for a Wounded Warrior mechanical track chair toward the parish effort to buy one costing \$15,000.

- We voted \$100 to the National Association of Deacons meeting. The Georgia Council requested \$100 from each council to defray the cost.

### **Mary Our Queen: Jim Knapp**

We have a new 1<sup>st</sup> Degree B.K., Kevin McLaughlin, who attended the Exemplification hosted by All Saints Council near the end of February. Also this past month, we had a transfer, B.K. Richard Puddy, join our council. Membership director, P.G.K. Bob Santos, is planning a membership blitz weekend for April, with the intent of getting as many council officers as are available, to man the membership table. There is also a post-Mass lunch that will be tied in with the blitz.

- A number of our council B.K.'s have signed up to be guardians during the 40-hour Eucharistic Adoration being sponsored by the MOQ Adoration ministry this weekend, Mar 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.
- Starting with the first weekend of March, council Brothers are present after all the weekend Masses, to take pre-orders for bags of Vidalia Onions. This is in conjunction with the fundraiser effort coordinated by Brother John Buchholz of All Saints council. Last year we got 95 bags, and hope to exceed that this year.
- Sunday, Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll again host our pancake & sausage breakfast, after the 8:30am Mass, with the usual fare of pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs.

### **St. Andrew: Mike**

- Held our first fish fry this year with record results. Also held during the Women's Guild Event. Impresses with the number of people attending, this is where they go for a Friday night evening dinner.
- First degree exemplification to be held in April.
- Three Knights interested in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. One other member wants to hold off until he can attend a full day event.
- Church renovation project – due to construction, the masses are held in the auditorium. The Knights have been tasked with painting the multipurpose room, which will be used as the chapel. Also, there will be last minute planning to find an available room due to construction.
- At the fish dinners we are selling raffle tickets, which are doing well to help support the council.
- Sending 4 people to the convention.

### **Good of the Order**

FN called for names to be remembered in our Good of the Order prayers. The names were given and FN led the Assembly with a special prayer for health, and Our Father.

50/50 split – Chuck Langgood - \$40

Attendance award – Walt Patier – absent.

Next Meeting – April 10<sup>th</sup> at All Saints.

Meeting ended: 840 PM.