

## **Minutes of March 12th, 2015**

### **Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting**

The March Assembly Meeting was held on Thursday April 12th at All Saints McGivney Hall. St. Andrew was actually the host due to the unavailability of their own facilities due to construction.

Here is the upcoming schedule:

**All Saints.....April 9th,** (All Saints is host), then to  
**Mary Our Queen....May 14th** then back to All Saints  
**All Saints ..... June 11th** (St. Andrew Council is host)

The pre-meeting rosary was recited at 6:25 PM.

The social dinner followed immediately afterward. The meeting started early at 7:02 PM. There were 30 members present. No first time members or visitors noted.

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. No changes were noted.

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

<b>Faithful Navigator-</b>	<b>Stan Wasowski</b>	
<b>Faithful Captain-</b>	<b>Doc Malone</b>	
<b>Faithful Pilot-</b>	<b>Ed Pierson</b>	
<b>Faithful Comptroller-</b>	<b>Dave Mason</b>	
<b>Faithful Admiral-</b>	<b>Bob Webster</b>	
<b>Faithful Scribe-</b>	<b>Lou Hlad</b>	
<b>Faithful Purser-</b>	<b>Abe Kassis</b>	(excused)
<b>Faithful Commander-</b>	<b>Bob Mitchell</b>	
<b>Trustee 3 year term-</b>	<b>“ “</b>	
<b>Trustee 2 year term-</b>	<b>Ron Collins</b>	
<b>Trustee 1 year term-</b>	<b>Dennis Klein</b>	
<b>Inner Sentinel-</b>	<b>Terry Petrukovich</b>	
<b>Outer Sentinel-</b>	<b>James Knapp</b>	
<b>Faithful Friar-</b>	<b>Fr. Dan Rogaczewski</b>	
<b>Faithful Friar Emeritus -</b>	<b>Monsignor Donald Kiernan</b>	(excused)

## **Faithful Navigator's Report (Stan Wasowski)**

FN thanked the St. Andrew council for providing the chicken dinner which was enjoyed by all and thanked the All Saints Council for providing the Hall (applause). Our Faithful Friar, Fr. Dan Rogaczewski, gave the opening prayer.

FN noted that the Color Corps Commander (Bob Mitchell) had to leave directly for choir practice and had asked to give his report first. FN noted that he had that permission if he promised to keep it short (laughter). There was a comment from the audience to break out the egg timer.

## **Color Corps Commander Report (Bob Mitchell)**

Bob Mitchell started by thanking the 17 Sir Knights that stepped forward to honor deceased Sir Knight Jim Lamb of St. Andrew earlier in the day. Many of the honor guard were still dressed in full tuxedo.

He noted that since the funeral was held at All Saints, the member from St. Andrew got to use their swords. He thanked Mike Bagnulo for training the new St. Andrew honor guard members who had never used a sword before. He thanked them for traveling, since they often only frequent St. Andrew events.

Bob noted that we are entering the busy timeframe for honor guards events.

- This Saturday is the St. Patrick Day Parade in Mid-town rain or shine.
- Next Tuesday March 17th at 10:30 at the Cathedral is the actual St. Patrick Day Mass requiring an honor guard. The Hibernian Society will host the event with Archbishop Gregory and Auxiliary Bishop Zarama presiding.
- On Saturday March 21st at 2 PM, Pastor Monsignor Joe Corbett of St. Jude has asked us to do their Confirmation. We have never done an honor guard over there before. We already have a dozen guys signed up and would like more. Monsignor would like to re-establish a council over there and this would be a very visible help to let parishioners see us in action. FN echoed his support and requested our active participation. Dennis Klein opined that the resistance to a new council there is the opposition of their Mens Club.
- The next big event is on April 25th at 10 AM Mass, First Communion at All Saints. Bob will be gone on vacation until that event and needs help with leading that event. He would like early commitments. Needs 18 to 24 guys.
- On Saturday May 2nd, St. Andrew has two First Communions (one the next day) and there is a Fourth Degree in Macon. Would like guys for all those.
- Sunday May 3rd, Confirmation at Mary Our Queen at 11 AM.

**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](mailto:bobmitchellga@yahoo.com)**

## Faithful Friar's Report

Our Faithful Friar, Fr. Dan Rogaczewski was present and was asked by FN to speak about Reconciliation. As he stood to speak, everyone stood at attention and Father Dan was bewildered by the sudden attention (laughter). FN noted that we were not leaving, but giving him respect. FF asked everyone to please sit and then spoke as follows.

Lent had two original intentions. First was to prepare those being initiated in the Church. In the early Church, everyone was baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Only later did the existing members begin private penance and prayers for themselves on behalf of the new members. The Old Testament Feast (The Day of Atonement) was a pre-cursor of our present Lent. The Sacrament of Penance has its root in the Old Testament practice of Atonement and forgiveness of sin by sacrifice. Group confession was the norm for centuries.

Individual confession comes much later out of the Irish Monastic Orders. Monks stood in cold streams and knelt on gravel and such. Father Dan had the opportunity to go to an island retreat in Ireland frequented by monks including St. Patrick to see where these penitential practices began. A typical retreat there is three very intense days including an all-nighter of prayer.

When Mass was later banned in Ireland under pain of death, the practice of saying Hail Mary's and Our Father's secretly came into common practice.

Today, it is strange that Catholics resist Reconciliation because they have the advantage of knowing that upon completion, their sins are forgiven. This is not stressed enough in our narcissist and morally self-reliant society. ("I'm not a doctor, but I looked it up on Web MD and that's just as good". Not Really. Avoiding confession is a way of avoiding our own self-weakness. Success is intoxicating and failure is humiliating. Thus works the capital sin of Pride. The fall of Adam and Eve is essentially a sin of Pride.

Most people think that they are not really sinful because they have not committed major crimes or mortal sins. Yet they have gossiped, yelled at others, thought ill of others, shirked duties, and done dozens of smaller faults that are sins. Hence the need for self examination and confession.

The more often you go to Confession, the easier it is to concentrate on the small frailties that we have.

Father Dan had to leave after his report.

## Faithful Comptroller Report (Dave Mason)

1. Confirming Checking account balance of \$7,726.84.
2. Membership is 172. One death (James Lamb). Life Time Member.
3. Assembly Membership dues. We still have 34 Members with outstanding dues.

Included are several who will be waived for health reasons, disabilities or economic reasons.

We have three members which we will start the suspension process.

For those who haven't paid...dues are still \$30.00 for 2015

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[davelmason46@gmail.com](mailto:davelmason46@gmail.com)

4. The Fourth Degree Exemplification schedule:  
May 2nd at St. Joseph Church in Macon, GA on June 20th at St. Monica in Duluth, GA  
(Bill Camden has approx. 25 scheduled for this event).

If you have a candidate ready for the Fourth Degree... get him signed up along with \$70.00 fee and \$10.00 for badge. District Master is requesting payment three weeks before event.

Remind candidate to get Tux in plenty of time before date.

5. Assembly Bingo...Next is Thursday April 23 at All Saints. Starts at 7:30 pm. Our Assembly receives a portion of the proceeds. Our recent check (below) was for \$400. This money helps fund our patriotic events, such as veteran appreciation dinners.



## **Faithful Purser Report (Dave Mason)**

- Out of 172 members, only 32 have not yet paid their dues of \$30.
- April 23rd is our next Assembly Bingo. Every fourth Bingo, the Assembly gets half the proceeds. The other half always goes to Sophia Academy

## **Faithful Scribe Report on Communications (Lou Hlad)**

- No communications this month.

# **Report of Committees**

## **Ad Hoc Widows Committee (Lou Hlad)**

At the previous Assembly meeting, it had been discussed that neither the Assembly nor our Councils do much for widows as Fr. McGivney wished. It was asked that we take this concern back to the councils for more discussion and action.

All Saints took this to heart and decided to form a Widows Committee to bring our widows back into participation with the brothers. When a brother died, the widow was often forgotten and/or neglected. All Saints has 50 deceased brothers and over 40 of their widows are still alive and live in the immediate area.

The first step was to locate the over 40 widows to build a spreadsheet of their current addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. All Saints located 36 widows and many of their family members. This was an intense phone and internet search effort. Some had left the area and one died. Not all use email.

With the spreadsheet in hand, attention turned to the coming fish fries. Each widow was mailed a free ID card to attend our 8 fish fries free of charge with a letter welcoming them back to active council participation.

The newly-discovered information will be used to send them newsletters and all other communications sent to the brothers about upcoming events. They and all relatives will be welcomed to our October deceased brother Memorial Mass as honored guests. They will be encouraged to attend other family events like Oktoberfest, Christmas parties, dinners, Desserts with Santa, etc. We have offered to help them at home with unforeseen chores. We hope that other councils use this as a template for further interaction with their own widows.

## **Social Committee (Chuck Langgood)**

It was decided to hold two separate Vietnam Veteran Appreciation Dinners between the two Assemblies. Ours will be held on June 13th at All Saints gym rather than St. Brigid's Corbett Hall. We will ask all to attend the 5 PM Mass at All Saints and then retire to the gym. There will be an honor guard at the Mass.

The honorees will be limited to only Knights who served in any military capacity during the Vietnam era, their spouses, and priests. An attempt would be made to keep the tickets at about \$30 per person. Bar drinks are extra.

Each Assembly will handle all decorations, speakers, gifts, and honor guards for its own events. We hope to be able to share some entities between events.

Chuck met with a representative of the Fr. O'Callahan Assembly to get a feel for the number of Vietnam vets to be honored. Apparently St. Brigid assumed it would be open to all parish member vets, not only Knight vets. They were inviting all. Because St. Brigid's Corbett Hall would not be big enough, it necessitated two separate dinners. Our Assembly has a committee that will meet very soon to plan our dinner. We already have 35 veterans identified. The years of service covered are 1961-1975 in either Vietnam or anywhere.

### **Bingo Report (Doc Malone)**

Doc Malone reported that the monthly Bingo at All Saints is steady with the number of players just under 100. The net profit per month can be as high as \$1,000 depending upon the number of players. Press your parishioners to attend the fun.

February Bingo netted about \$800.. The next Bingo is on March 26th. The next Assembly Bingo is on April 23rd. **We need more Assembly members to be certified before they are allowed to manage the event and deal with gaming money.**

To obtain the procedure for *Bingo Gaming Certification*, please email [docmalone@bellsouth.net](mailto:docmalone@bellsouth.net) and request the email forwarded that contains the relevant links.

### **Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)**

Sir Knight Jim Lamb's name will be added to the next chalice. Father Bryan Small has offered the name of a recipient for our next chalice. He offered Fr. Gabriel Scasino as a new priest that needs one. He is the Chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy School and was just ordained last Valentine's Day. Ed will meet with him to see when a presentation could be arranged. We could give the chalice we have to him first, and await the ordination of Father Garcia for the next one we order.

### **Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)**

Bill Camden relayed that he is talking to 29 brothers about attending the June 20th event. He expects at least 4 to not be able to attend on that date due to conflicts.



## **Patriotic Committee Report (Jon Bird)**

Governor Deal is planning to present a certificate of appreciation to Vietnam veterans across Georgia on March 30th.

Jon Bird announced that *The Vietnam Moving Wall* will be on display at the Walk of Heroes Memorial on May 6-12, 2015. [See the flyer at the back of this report.](#) The moving wall is a copy of the Vietnam memorial wall in Washington DC. It honors the 40th anniversary of the ending of that war. Parking and admission are free. The wall will be in our area from May 6-12th. Hopefully many will see it before our Vietnam dinner on June 13th.

Jon passed out a flyer of government programs for the veterans coming back from service. (see back of this report)

## **Trustee Report (Dennis Klein)**

No report.

## **Unfinished Business (Bob Santos)**

Address labels were sent out to 107 councils asking for a donation. We ask a prayerful donation to this cause when using the labels. A newsletter was sent out to all Grand Knights to be shared with the members.

State Charity raffle tickets are also distributed. Checks go to the KofC Charities of Georgia. Also need the report form sent. Deadline to send in the donations is upon us.

State Black Tie Charity Gala is on April 18th at Eagles Landing Country Club in Stockbridge Georgia. There is a golf tournament followed by a cocktail reception and silent auction at 6 PM. The golf tournament is \$100/person. Includes, cart, box lunch, and club house drink. Starts at noon with shotgun start. Winning team wins the Farnell Cup. With team member names engraved on it.

Dinner and the program starts at 7 PM. Theme is an evening of caring and sharing to support military heroes and Special Olympics. Guest speakers are Former Ambassador to the U.N., David A. Scott is keynote speaker, and also Father Aiden Logan, Vocations Director of the Worldwide Archdiocese for the Military Services. The Stockbridge High ROTC Drill Team will also perform. Tickets are \$100/person and \$1,000 for a table of 10. Dress is formal, black tie optional. Silent auction has many prizes.

March 15th is deadline for tickets. Going on line saves 10%.

Buying a table of 10 people also gives a 10% discount. That would be \$900.

Some councils gave donations. A council in North Carolina gave \$10,000 for the Religious Vocation Program.

## **New Business**

A presentation was made from the Bingo Committee of a check for \$400 to the Assembly by Dave Mason and Doc Malone to Stan Wasowski. The picture is earlier in this report. The funds will be used to help ease the costs of the Vietnam Veteran Appreciation Dinner on June 13th.



## **The Rosary said at McGivney Hall**



# Reports of the Third Degree

## All Saints—Lou Hlad

On February 15<sup>th</sup> All Saints sponsored a night at the Homeless shelter down at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The team of Knights spent the night with the 100 homeless men.

We started our 19<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry season on February 13 with a test fish fry for council members and their family and guests only. We served 389 meals to that limited group.

On Ash Wednesday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, we served 620 meals. On subsequent three Lenten Fridays after, we started ramping up by serving 885 meals, then 1,352 meals, and then 1,338 meals. We hope to break our record of 1,422 meals tomorrow.

Our council is a primary supporter of the Parish's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) program. Most of the attendees and speakers are brothers.

We have been sending work parties to the Elaine Clark Center for Exceptional Children on successive Saturdays to do the tasks requested by the Center including heavy chain sawing and ground clearing.

Our February Bingo evening featured 97 players and earned a net profit about \$900 dollars. Income tax of 7% and cost of supplies will have to be deducted from net profits.

We hosted the District Basketball Free Throw Tourney at our gym on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Winners moved on to the State Tourney at McCamish Pavillion at Georgia Tech on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our Sir Knight Doc Malone was awarded the All Saints Knight-of-the-Year award for 2014 and was an easy choice.

Sir Knight Bryan Kler was awarded Knight-of-the-Month for January.

The Council began a Widow Outreach Program to bring our 40 widows back into participation with our brothers. Free VIP passes were award to them for free fish fry meals.

We will be closely communicating with them in the future to ensure they still feel part of the council and are invited to all our family events.

Our officers have decided to require the wearing of blue blazers and dress shirts at all our council meeting to bring a look of formality to the proceeding. Our February meeting was the start of this new tradition.

We are selling tickets to our Rock 'n Roll concert by the band NoZtalgia on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. They are \$15/person or \$25/couple. Proceeds go to purchase Frontline Faith MP3 players for the troops.

We had 3 new first degree brothers, 3 second, 9 third, and have signed up 25 men for 4<sup>th</sup> degree. We also gave out two Shining Armor Awards.

We donated \$1500 to our parish Jamaica Mission, \$1500 to our missionary Gray Plunkett going to Benin Africa, \$750 to our Deacon Ray Egan to pay for a crypt for bodies of stillborn babies at Arlington Cemetery, \$400 for bandage supplies for our Father Joseph Peek, another \$500 to the Conyers Monastery for unsold fudge, and another \$165 dollars to that monastery from our **Pennies For Heaven** bucket at council meetings.

Our Acolyte teams served all parish funerals again this month.

## **Mary Our Queen—(Jim Knapp)**

- Held its monthly pancake, sausage, egg breakfast after the 8:30 AM Mass on the Sundays of February. Had an average attendance. Something special will be done for St. Patrick Day.
- Our Mens Club does the Fish Fry, but most workers are Knights.
- Preparing for Vidalia Onion Drive. Will do at least 100 bags.

## **St. Andrew— (Mike Bagnulo)**

- Preparing for Vidalia Onion Drive.
- Deacon John Harvey had his first Mass and the council set up the reception. An honor guard was provided and well received by the parish. There was a reception downtown.
- Fish fry logistics are very difficult in the limited space necessitated by the parish construction. Fish Frys will end at 7:30 PM so that stations of the cross can take place. Doing the best we can. Need to restructure the parish center very quickly. St. Andrew Squire Circle is very crucial to these work details. They have 15 squires and three of them became knights in the last year.
- Members are busy with church renovations which will mean that future Assembly meetings must move to All Saints for 6-8 months. The Family Center will be the temporary church.
- They are engaged in the Rice Bowl Program.
- They are engaged in the Baby Bottle Program as well for Pro-Life.
- Brother Jim Lamb passed away and St. Andrew thanks the honor guard and All Saints Church for their handling of his funeral with such great dignity.
- Brother Mike Nassr is in hospice. During the last year they have lost four knights after having lost just one over several years.

## **Good of the Order**

FN took intentions from the floor and a group prayer was said. Fr. Joseph Peek and Jim Lamb were especially remembered.

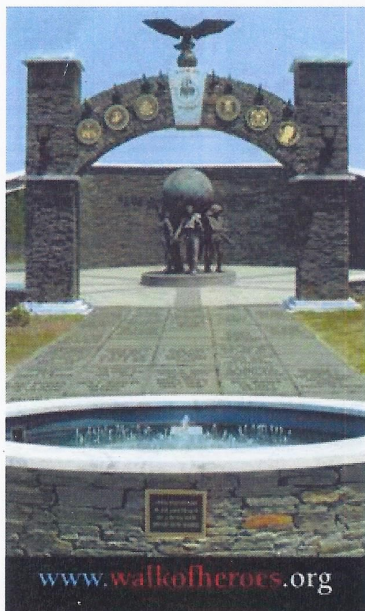
## **Split-the-Pot Award**

ChuTerry Petrukovich was selected. He won \$45.

## **Attendance Award**

Dick Marklein of All Saints was chosen. He was in attendance.

The meeting was closed with the usual ceremonies at 8:31.  
(see the following pictures of interest to our Assembly)



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# **The Vietnam Moving Wall**

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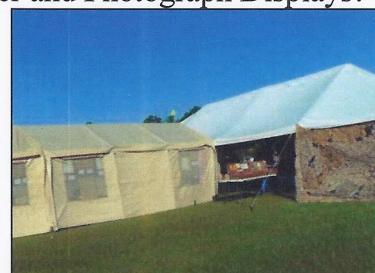
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## Government Executive



INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

# A CALL TO SERVE

SIX AGENCIES CAME TOGETHER TO HELP VETERANS TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE.

BY CHARLES S. CLARK

In 2011, Lauren Augustine was an Army specialist operating RQ-7B Shadow unmanned aerial vehicles from Camp Taji in Iraq. She knew that at the end of her deployment, her skills wouldn't translate directly to civilian employment.

Enter the revamped Transition Assistance Program, designed to ease service members' transition from structured uniformed duty to life as working civilians. It included

a course on resume writing that Augustine, a Virginia Tech graduate raised in Woodbridge, Virginia, says "instilled some confidence in how to look for jobs and the need to tailor my resume for the jobs I was applying for."

She realized that during her military service, "I did manage soldiers and oversee the mission on a daily basis. So there were some secondary or tertiary skills I was able to capitalize on." She ended up as a legislative associate at Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, which represents those who have served in America's recent wars.

The same year Augustine was deployed in Iraq, President

BRAD HOWELL



Obama directed the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to design a “reverse boot camp.” At the time the unemployment rate for recently separated younger veterans was 12.4 percent, or three points higher than that for all vets, and would in some months reach as high as 20 percent for those recently separated.

Obama promised DOD and VA would help veterans learn about everything from benefits to how to translate their military training into industry-accepted credentials. The goal was to expand the voluntary orientation program for new vets; to standardize financial, psychological and career counseling programs; and to “transform the military’s approach to education, training and credentialing for service members.”

A six-agency task force, led by a steering committee of eight senior executives and flag officers, began meeting twice weekly, and working sub-groups met daily. Fifteen months later, the administration launched the revitalized Transition Assistance Program—now mandatory—to serve 250,000 departing service members annually in up to 6,000 classes at 206 military installations worldwide.

“It was clear Obama wanted something different for the young men and women putting their lives on the line for their country,” says Pat Tamburrino, former deputy assistant defense secretary for civilian personnel policy, who co-led the Veterans Employment Initiative Task Force that overhauled the TAP with VA executive John Gingrich (now retired). “Many veterans can’t translate their military experience to the civilian environment and fall through the cracks because they don’t know how to use their benefits.”

The new curriculum for creating what task force members call “a warm handover” for departing service members also tapped expertise in the departments of Labor and Education, as well as the Small Business Administration and the Office of Personnel Management.

“For an interagency group to function, everyone has to set aside their own agendas and work together for the veterans,” says Teresa Gerton, the Labor Department’s deputy assistant secretary for policy at the Veterans’ Employment and Training Service.

The task force created a five-day training regimen. “VA teaches two separate blocks on benefits, DOD teaches a period on resilience and family adjustments. The Labor Department teaches a three-day workshop for civilian employment, during which the veteran will have created an individual transition plan, written a cover letter and resume, and done Web-based research on local labor markets and careers. The veteran will have a strategy for how to proceed,” Gerton says.

For years, veterans orientation “was voluntary, and there was little fidelity to capture who attended the programs, no governance on the ideal measure of success,” says Rosye Cloud, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity at the Veterans Benefits Administration, who was in charge of veterans policy at the White House when the task force revved up.

Today’s separating service members, some with disabilities, face pressure to make quick pivotal decisions on relocating, returning to school or obtaining licenses. But before the launch of the overhauled Transition Assistance Program, the orientation program for new veterans included information that hadn’t been updated in 20 years, Cloud says.

Efforts to upgrade the transition program gained momentum from the fact that “a veteran’s situation is a tangible problem,” says Tamburrino, now director of the defense sector at government consultancy LMI.

### A COMMON MISSION

The key to multiagency management, says Tamburrino, is to align around a common mission. While DOD and VA led the effort, Labor and Education played significant roles. The five-day orientation, taught mostly in person by certified master counselors, is a partnership between VA and Labor. VA determines whether participants “have a medically related disability or challenge, so they qualify for training funds to overcome the employment barrier,” Gerton says. Labor offers training and placement help, “sharing information on local labor markets and hot industries so that VA counselors can direct them where to go.”

The Education Department “helped model the classroom instruction in terms of platform delivery and techniques, such as virtual delivery,” Tamburrino says. Education officials also created a seminar on how to behave on a campus. “Many veterans may have never been to an institution of higher learning,” he says.

Other agencies played key roles, too. SBA helped with studies on veterans’ behavior and with programs on how to launch a business. OPM applied its expertise in preparing training materials. Its officials have long noted a lack of understanding among veterans of the federal hiring process, including laws on certification for veterans’ preference.

The collaboration continued with the creation in April 2014 of the first online Veterans Employment Center, at [ebenefits.va.gov](http://ebenefits.va.gov). The interagency website allows transitioning veterans and their families to connect with prospective employers in the public and private sectors. [E](#)