

Minutes of 05-14-2009

Watters Assembly Meeting

The May meeting was held in St. Andrew General Purpose Room. The meeting commenced at 7:40 PM with usual ceremonials. Seven officers (Stryker, Heald, Hlad, McKenzie, Spencer, Klein, and Crnkovich) were present. Members present were 23. Abbreviated minutes were read by Scribe Hlad. Accepted as amended.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN spoke about his operation and future limited use of his right arm. Future operations are futile and dangerous at his age.

Bills and Communications

Dennis Klein read a very nice letter from St. Andrew praising our Honor Guard for its First Communion participation. It was the first time we have done a First Communion there. Faithful Comptroller Heald reported on two bills. The bill for the evening meal was \$127 from Charlie Robinson (round of applause) and a bill for a new chalice for \$374. Ernie Spencer displayed the chalice. Applause for his purchase of the item.

Bills for badges of \$51. Two members paid and there are 15 members who have not yet paid. We have 152 members plus one transfer plus 8 new members to give us 161. Thirteen members are about to be suspended for non-payment, but more time is being allowed.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening April 1 checking balance was \$4,373. The April 30th balance was \$2,914. That breaks down to \$248 in patriotic fund, \$63 in golf ball fund, and \$2,603 in general fund for total of \$2,914.

Welfare Report

Urban Rump reported that a perpetual Mass card was sent out from the monastery for Bill Lehman. Anniversary cards for the month of May went out that day. A tablet was sent around to record the wedding anniversary dates of those present. He asked if any were in need of a Eucharistic Minister. Urban is one and offered his services.

Patriotic Report

Dave Lemcoe announced that tonight would be the final \$100 drawing of the year., even though there was still \$248 in that fund.

He reported on a special veteran recognition event at the Saturday's Braves game. He also reported that the memorial to Fr. Watters' 173rd Brigade would not start construction until next summer after the military museum at Fort Benning is complete.

The goal to raise was \$850,000 and they have \$70,000 to \$80,000 to go. It will be an open sculpture with the names of 1642 of their members killed in action. Sixty nine additional members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan will be added as well. He advised that we could investigate a method to contribute.

Chalice Report

Was previously given by Ernie Spencer. The chalice was exhibited at the speaker podium for all to see. Hlad mentioned that a protocol for presentation at a wake was

Religious Report

Chuck Langgood called on Hlad to report on progress. Hlad reported that 10 single and 15 double rooms are currently reserved at Simpsonwood Retreat Center on Jones Bridge in Norcross for a target total of 40 attendees. Costs are \$129 for single and \$92 for double room including 5 meals and break snacks.

The retreat master will be the current executive director of Ignatius House, Bob Fitzgerald, an accomplished former retreat master. He will craft a special retreat for the Knights on the theme of the four principles of the Order in modern times. He will not accept a stipend, but wants a donation to Ignatius House.

A priest to be named later will perform a vigil Mass on Saturday night. Brother Frank Callan will be calling members for their participation. A signup sheet was passed around during the meeting.

Commander Report

Guy Spencer gave the report for Bob Mitchell who was excused. In the last sixty days there have been 12 Honor Guard events.—an exceptional record with very good turnout. Having said that, he asked why only 55 out of 160 Assembly members are Honor Guard. There are now five sets of available regalia for those without same.

Saturday June 13th—Brother Ken Winkler and wife Patsy have a 50th wedding Renewal Mass at 5 PM at All Saints followed by a Caribbean Steel Drum party/dinner/dance in the social hall. Honor Guard and all others are invited. Bring Caribbean island attire.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Election—Trustees have been named as nominating committee. Dennis Klein made the presentation nominating the existing officers except for a new Faithful Comptroller. There were no floor nomination, so the nominated slate was recognized. Brother Bob Webster later put his name in nomination for Faithful Comptroller and Tom Mix agreed to run for Trustee three-year term.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – thanked the Assembly for the participation of 18 Honor Guard at Monsignor Kiernan's 60 Anniversary Mass and Party. There were 1,000 attendees and many dignitaries. Both All Saints and the Assembly contributed to the \$25,000 bourse given to him. I've never seen him so moved and speechless.

Held a first degree for 9 new knights. Planning two race car entries in the Dunwoody Soap Box Derby. Holding race clinics at McGivney.

FN relayed the story behind the signing of the very first new knight in the inactive St. Jude the Apostle Council in at least five years.

St. Andrew (Langgood) – first degree May 4th. Selling tickets for Fr. Hu Lung's Play Isaiah. Held a successful Onion Sale. Will be going to State Convention.

St. Brigid (Rich McKenzie) – Held a triple First Communion event with Honor Guard at all three. First Degree on May 23rd. June 20th 2nd Degree. Planning a summer picnic.

Good of the Order

Dennis Caniglia is in Piedmont hospital with an infection that is very dangerous for a liver transplant patient. Al Garofalo was hospitalized with a suspected heart episode that turned out not to be a heart attack. Dennis Klein asked prayers for their PGK, Frank Hartman's wife, and Charlie Robinson.

Split-the-Pot

Bill Zaryski won \$23.

Attendance Award

Pat Fahey's name was picked. He was not in attendance.

Patriotic Drawing

Chuck Clemons won the \$100 prize. Urban Rump sold ticket.

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