

Minutes of 05-13-2010 Watters Assembly Meeting

The May meeting was held at St. Andrew. The meeting commenced promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 24. The nine officers present were Stryker, Crnkovich, Hlad, McKenzie, Langheim, Mix, Klein, Spencer, and Klimshuk. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed due to the electronic transmission of same.

Faithful Navigator

FN started the meeting by asking into the condition of Sir Knight Benny Mastrogiovanni who had surgery. Ensured that he had attended a recent All Saints picnic and was last seen playing poker the night before, the members were ready to proceed.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie announced these bills--\$284 for Welfare Committee, \$103 for the night's dinner. There were deposits of \$94 from the Founder's Day Dinner and \$85 collected for the evening's dinner.

McKenzie announced the membership constant at 169. Hlad reminded him that David Moeller had just passed away bringing it to 168.

Faithful Scribe Hlad then read a nice "thank you" message from St. Andrew's Eileen D'Julio for the Assembly Honor Guard at their recent First Holy Communion.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening April 1st checking balance was \$5,197, receipts were \$4,843, expenses were \$4,562, and the April 30th ending balance was \$5,478. All but \$20 in the golf ball fund was in the general fund.

New Applications Report

The names of four new applicants were read-- John Miles, Michael McEwan, Michael Burillo, and Max Miller.

Trustee Report

Dennis Klein reported there was no report at this time.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The most important part of the meeting--nominations for office:
Dennis Klein presided over the nominations. (Before he started he thanked everyone who played a big part in success of the Founder's Day Dinner).
(applause).

He relayed that a meeting was held between the Trustees and the FN that resulted in this latest list of potential candidates. The election will be held in the June meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated then.

- Faithful Navigator -- Greg Crnkovich
(Ernie Spencer was nominated from the floor by Bob Mitchell, but he respectfully declined.)
- Faithful Captain -- Abe Kassis (note: Kassis was not at this meeting.
He later declined and Chuck Langgood was publicized by email as the new nominee)
- Faithful Pilot -- Ed Pierson
- Faithful Comptroller-- Bob Webster
- Faithful Admiral -- Guy Stryker
- Faithful Scribe -- Lou Hlad
- Faithful Purser -- Rich McKenzie
- Trustee - 3 year -- Rick Langheim
- Trustee - 2 year -- Tom Mix
- Trustee - 1 year -- Dennis Klein
- Inner Sentinel -- Bill Zaryski (lead)
-- Mike Klimshuk (associate)
- Outer Sentinel -- Jim Judson (lead)
-- no additional nomination (associate)

Social Committee

Dennis Klein began by thanking all the people who had given him and the Committee support for the Founder's Day Dinner. He singled out Lou Hlad, Dick Holcomb, Bob Webster, and Chuck Langgood for special thanks. He reminded all how tentative the support for the Dinner was originally and how it had grown through the efforts of the three councils, There were 156 or 158 tickets sold (applause). The disk jockey was great, the meal was fabulous, the Frank Sinatra-type singer was very good. He called on Holcomb to speak.

Holcomb stated that Dennis Klein was the actual hero and that is why the band played "Mission Impossible" when he came up to speak that night. He thanked him for his perseverance and putting the right team together (applause).

FN asked Faithful Scribe Hlad to say a few words. Hlad mentioned that he was amazed that we got 158 people to come. He was impressed by the number of state officers who participated -- Jim St. John, Herb Broughton, Mark McMullen, Rick Sisko, and a couple of other who could not come. Archbishop Donoghue, Monsignors Marren and Kieran, and other clergy made it a special evening.

Holcomb reminded the members how he came to get the special cherry wood putters to the four pastors. Monsignor Reynolds finally got his. Holcomb was thanked from the floor for his masterful job as Master of Ceremonies at the Founder's Day Dinner.

Patriotic Report

The cemetery in Canton GA will have a Memorial Mass on Memorial Day. The Assembly at St. Michael the Archangel will lead. They usually have about 75 Honor Guards. Archbishop Gregory will celebrate.

The dedication of the monument to Fr. Watters' 173rd Airborne Brigade at Fort Benning is problematic on June 1st (Tuesday) because of the distance, weekday scheduling, and numerous other commitments.

Welfare Report

Urban Rump announced that all birthday and anniversary cards have been mailed and also a Perpetual Mass card for Dave Moeller.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell reported that this is the busiest time of the year for Honor Guard activities. From April 10th through May 8th there were ten events -- nine scheduled and one not. The unscheduled one was the funeral for Past State Deputy Sal D'Ambrosio. For those ten events special thanks go to Rick Langheim for commanding four of them. Ernie Spencer and Dennis Klein also stepped up. For these ten events, 104 members took part.

The funeral for Dave Moeller is being planned next at All Saints this Saturday at 11:30. There are currently 15 men signed up.

We performed the very first Honor Guard at Mary Our Queen, Mitchell read a "thank you" for this event from Bob Santos, the Deputy Grand Knight of MOQ. He expressed the deep admiration of the parishioners and Pastor Father Dye for our performance. They are hoping that we can come back in August when a reception ceremony for the transported cross from St. Gerard Church in Buffalo arrives in Norcross. Ex-parishioners from St. Gerard will accompany the cross. It will be a national media event and our Assembly will receive great attention.

Other confirmed events this fraternal year are the Memorial Mass at the Canton Military Cemetery on Memorial Day, the 4th Degree Exemplification on June 19th at St. Catherine of Siena in Kennesaw, and the June 24th dedication of the new St. John Neumann in Lilburn. No details are yet known on the Special Olympics and the Eucharistic Congress.

A discussion of whether the honor guard can be enlisted to do a wedding ceremony for a third degree knight. Commander Mitchell should be contacted first. It is unusual but can be done if the local folks can arrange a number of volunteers and have permission. Ernie Spencer suggested that a written document outlining the events we favor honoring should be listed.

FN asked how many men in the room are Honor Guard. He offered his regalia until his 4th degree son becomes an honor guard.

Third Degree Reports

St. Andrew (Kassis) - They held a first degree a week ago. Bill Leech, the head of the Squires will be the new Grand Knight. Dave Lemcoe will be Deputy Grand Knight. They are up 12 or more new members, but may not have enough insurance members for Star Council this year.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcomb) – Fifteen brothers cleaned out an area with brush and used chain saws to clear an overgrown area. A large number of their brothers attended a second degree at Atlanta 660. On April 24/25, a large number of brothers turned out for the Tootsie Roll Drive. They raised \$1,300. Dick Kobylski will run for Grand Knight. Bill Dent will run for Deputy Grand Knight. Thirteen brothers got their 3rd degree at Holy Cross last weekend. He thanked everyone who attended the three Holy Communions at St. Brigid.

Holcomb said he would favor escorting the Cross for MOQ down from Buffalo on his Harley. He and other friends do those type of things.

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – mentioned that David Moeller was our 28th deceased brother. He thanked the fifteen Honor Guard members who have signed up for the funeral. He was the head of our 64 men acolyte group and will be sorely missed.

The Golf Tournament at St. Marlo Country Club together with the Men's Club was a huge success with 144 golfers participating. The two organizations have a great relationship. Officers of the men's club are knights.

They held a second degree with four new members for All Saints and two for St. Brigid. This assures All Saints of its fourth consecutive Double Star Award.

All Saints won the Family service State Award for their "Fathers for Good" seminar programs.

All Saints will receive 2,075 ten pound bags of onions to distribute to the eight other participating councils. They will sponsor the second Annual Dunwoody Soap Box Derby Race this year and build many of the cars in McGivney Hall.

Hlad will step down as Grand Knight after two years. Dennis Caniglia, Stan Wasowski, and Doug Birkbeck are running for the office.

Split the Pot

Thirty four dollars was in the pot. Mike Klimshuk won \$17.

Attendance Award

Bob Mitchell won the Attendance Award.

Conclusion

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order. FN asked for a special prayer for Abe Kassis' sister who has brain cancer. Tom Mix asked prayers for his deceased sister. Charlie Robinson thanked everyone for his prayers. Mark Foster asked prayers for his uncle's cancer. Bob Webster's sister passed away. Bennie Mastrogiovanni is currently in the hospital.

The meeting ended at 8:50 with the regular ceremonies.