

Assembly 2688 Monthly Meeting at St. Brigid, May 9, 2013

At 8:15 PM the meeting started due to delays in sharing the St. Brigid Corbett Hall Room space.

Total headcount = 25

Officer attendance was taken.

Faithful Navigator: Lou Hlad-	present	
Faithful Captain: Bob Webster -	present	
Faithful Admiral: John Lewis -	present	
Faithful Pilot: Ed Pierson -	present	
Faithful Comptroller: Bill Zaryski –	present.	
Faithful Scribe: Tony Santoro –	present.	
Faithful Purser: Dave Mason -	present	
Inner Sentinel: Terry Petrukovich –	present.	
Faithful Friar: Monsignor Kiernen –		excused.
Outer Sentinel: Jim Knapp –	present.	
Trustee 3-year Dennis Klein –	present	
Trustee 2-year John Miles -		excused
Trustee 1-year: Rick Langheim –		excused
Color Corps Commander: Bob Mitchell –		excused - vacation
Faithful Musician – Mark Foster –	present.	

The chair officers read their duties. The Faithful Navigator then lead the assembly in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Opening Ode – waived.

The previous meeting minutes – corrections:

1 – No corrections were raised and accepted as transmitted electronically.

Faithful Navigator Report:

1 – Introduction of District Master of Georgia - Tom Frizzi

- Presides over the 33 Assemblies in Georgia.
- Making rounds of Assemblies to view proceedings

2– St. Brigid – thanks for preparing tonight's dinner.

3- Big event this Saturday. Three 1st Communion Masses will be held at St. Brigid due to the size of the class. Honor guards have volunteered for all three events. About 12 each Mass.

4 – Review of the WWII dinner event on April 27th:

- 150 people attended honoring 20 living heroes from our area, including two women veterans. Held very wonderfully at St. Andrew.

- Thank you cards and congratulatory notes still being received from attending veterans. Will hear more in the Report.
- Suggestion that all assemblies hold this type of event (Tom Frizz & Rick Sisko to follow up) and promote at the state level.
- Thanks to the committee for setting up the event including:
 - o Gifts(books – “Greatest Generation” by Tom Brokaw
 - o Dick Holcomb as M.C.
 - o Thirteen honor guards present.
 - o New experience for some non-Catholic veterans.
- Thirty meals were donated to help defray some of the cost.

4 – Color Corps Commander returns from vacation today.

5 – Tom Frizzi – Georgia District Master introduction:

A – Only here to monitor and listen

B – Sales pitch is to try and start the veterans committees at each assembly and council. Need to share the information to we can be recognized.

C – Veteran's day - Escort veterans at mass. Have collection after mass to collect cash. Most people don't have cash.

D – Civic award – he not is not receiving many recommendations for this award.

E - Only four councils have submitted.

F – Need funding for military Catholic chaplains.

- Approximately 200 chaplains
- Military diocese doesn't have funding.
- Surplus budget money can be donated to this fund.
- Open for all councils and assemblies.

G – Jon Bird – took pictures at the WWII event.

- Missed group pictures
- Missed opportunity to promote.
- Maybe next year.
- Should be able to improve event for next year. Learn by trying different things.
- Create publicity from pictures.

State Deputy Report (Rick Sisko) –

Discussion: Knight of the month. Need to hand in forms showing knight fo month.

- o 106 Councils
- o Very low referral rate of people doing a good job.
- o Need to recognize performers.

Friar report: Monsignor Kierman (Excused)

- Attended WWII dinner on April 27th.
- 64th anniversary as a priest, honor guard attended, May 4th.
- 88 years old.
- Enjoys attending our events.

Bills and Communication:

Purser: Dave Mason

April income: \$3,861.00

Comprised of:

- A - \$3,461.00 ticket sales for WWII dinner.
- B - \$ 240.00 Membership dues collected.
- C - \$ 7.00 Badges
- D - \$ 153.00 from 50/50 split and dinner donations (Assembly 2688)

April expenses: \$1,576.31

Comprised of:

- A - \$127.85 assembly dinner
- B - \$41.00 Badges
- C - \$166.93 Bar supplies for WWII Honoree Dinner
- D - \$46.00 regalia cleaning
- E - \$250.00 Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association Memorial
- F - \$850.00 Reissue Treasury Check
- G - \$48.00 Ticket printing WWII Honoree Dinner
- H - \$46.00 Admin / Postage for mailing membership cards

Checking balance: as of May 1, 2013 = \$13,432.02

Note: several bills are still outstanding for the WWII Honoree Dinner.

Communications regarding the World War II dinner::

A – letter of thanks from Brother Paul Reale – appreciated all of the effort.

B – Doc Malone – received letter from Polly Dodd- female veterasn honored.

- Thanks for the evening and commends the effort.
- Story – 300 friends recruited from Ohio. When they arrived in the South, they thought they were seeing snow, but ended up being in cotton fields.

C – John Lewis – referenced a letter of appreciation from Archbishop Gregory.

Comptroller Report: Bill Zaryski

A – WWII dinner event – some expenses still outstanding – pending receipts.

- We have money budgeted for this event, but even so it may be very close to breakeven of its own accord.
- We had ample funding raised for this event because of good planning.
- Current membership: 225
- 21 still unpaid
- Still trying to collect.
- Estimate 15 unpaid remaining after tonight's meeting.
- Fraternal Year is almost up.

New membership:

Membership – currently we have 225 members on the books.

- Exemption deadline for paperwork is May 17th.
- (8 candidates) – voted in and approved.(3 All Saints, 4 St. Andrew, 1 MOQ)

Note: \$144 collected for tonight's dinner (per Bill Zaryski)

4th Degree Report : Bob Mitchell (excused, returning from vacation)

Presented by Lou Hlad –

We had 71 events last year.

In April there was a special honor guard for Bishop Elect Talley – 34 Knights attended in Regalia.

Divine Mercy Mass at All Saints

Spanish 1st Communion on May 4th at St. Andrew

English 1st Communion at St. Andrew.

April – St. Brigid hosted 3 first communions.

Mary Our Queen – Confirmation- first honor guard there in a year.

June 1st – Eucharistic Congress, need 100 honor guards.

Honor Guard Schedule:

- **Saturday, June 8 - Fourth Degree Exemplification - St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Kennesaw - 11:00 AM – Deadline is May 17th for submission due to limited space. Applicants may be turned down.**
 - o **We have 8 candidates applying:**
 - o **3 from St. Andrews – Presented by Dennis Klein**
 - o **4 from All Saints – Presented by Lou Hlad**
 - o **1 from Mary Our Queen.**
 - o **Assembly voted unanimously for acceptance of these candidates.**

Upcoming schedule:

Note: We have 6 spare sets of regalia if someone wants to try.

- **1, 2, & 3. On Saturday, May 11th, there will be three First Communions at St. Brigid Catholic Church, 3400 Old Alabama Road, John's Creek at 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM, & 2:00 PM.**
- **Friday, May 17 - Special Olympics Spring Games Opening Ceremony - Emory University, Atlanta - 7:30 PM**
- **Saturday, May 18 - 150th Anniversary of the Marist Order - Our Lady of the Assumption, Atlanta - 5:30 PM**
- **Sunday, May 26 - First Mass for newly-ordained Deacon Brian Baker - St. Brigid Catholic Church, Johns Creek - 10:45 AM**
- **Saturday, June 1 - Eucharistic Congress - Georgia International Convention Center, College Park - 8:30 AM and 5 PM**
- **Sunday, June 9 - First Mass for newly-ordained Father Dennis Dorner, Jr. - St. Brigid Catholic Church, Johns Creek - 10:45 AM**
- **Sunday, June 9 - First Mass for newly-ordained Father Feiser Munoz - Holy Cross Catholic Church, Chamblee - 11:30 AM**
- **Sunday, June 23 - Groundbreaking for new Sanctuary and Chapel - St. Monica Catholic Church, Duluth - 12:30 PM**

Patriotism Committee: Jon Bird

- Thursday, May 23rd – Marist School Event – 11 AM.
- Honoring deceased 1958 graduate Major John Carroll. Killed in Laos during Vietnam War. Plaque will be laid. Assembly donated \$250. All Saints \$500.
- All students will be attending. Maybe a fly over or helicopter landing ?
- Donations received from many donors.
- Marist Web Site has details

Social Committee: (Chuck Langood)

WWII dinner – thanks to all who volunteered their time.

This was perhaps our signature patriotic achievement to date.

Chalice Committee: Ernie Spencer

- Three deceased brothers from our Assembly will have their names engraved on a chalice. All three are from All Saints—Mike Klimshuk, Ed Pavlik, Marcus Carroll. Will buy this chalice with next fraternal year's budget.
- We need to find a priest to accept the chalice.
- July 1st we can obtain one.

Old Business – none to report.

New Business: Elections at June Meeting

Offices up for elections:

Bob Webster will run for Faithful Navigator

Lou Hlad to step down and run for Faithful Admiral position.

Doc Malone – will run for Faithful Captain

Ed Pierson – will rerun for Faithful Pilot

Bill Zaryski will rerun for Faithful Comptroller

Dave Mason – will rerun for Faithful Purser.

Tony Santoro – will rerun for Faithful Scribe.

Mark Foster – will rerun for Faithful Minstrel.

Trustee 3 year is open. – John Lewis has agreed to serve

Dennis Klein goes to Trustee -2 Year

John Miles goes to Trustee – 1 year

Rick Langheim – completed trustee rotation and drops off..

Election will be held at the next meeting (St. Andrew)

- Anyone can run for these positions.
- Will send out e-mail notification.

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Faithful Friar – appointed by new Faithful Navigator

Color Corps Commander – appointed by new Faithful Navigator

Reports of the Third Degree

Mary Our Queen: Jim Knapp

- **Sunday, 4/21, MOQ Council served a pancake & sausage breakfast after the 8:30am Mass**
- **After all the 4/20-21 weekend Masses, Brother Knights collected donations for the Boston bombing victims, for a total of \$1,240. These donations are to be given to the Massachusetts State KofC Charitable Foundation, for distribution to the bombing victim needy.**
- **Council 14944 was involved in the multi-council Vidalia onion sale fundraiser, selling all 95 bags of Vidalia onions that we ordered.**
- **Mother's Day, 5/12, MOQ Council will be serving a pancake & sausage breakfasts after the 8:30am Mass, and a hot dog & fries lunch after the 11:00am Mass.**
- **Honor Guard will be held for the MOQ Confirmation**

St. Andrew: Mike Walsh

- **1 new member.**
- **Onion sales netted \$1,200**
- **Youth ministry – World day, Rio DeJanero**
- **April 20th, Pilgrimage to the Basilicas.**
- **Newly ordained priest, 1st mass on June 8th.**
- **Held first Wednesday night spaghetti dinner – May 15th**
- **June 1st. – Roswell music concerts, we will set up a barbecue cookout on church property for fund raising. Depending on concert traffic. Opportunity to evangelize.**
- **May 20 – social meeting.**
- **Living rosary**
- **Talk on fathers and the family.**
- **New priest in July – Fr. Dan Flemming**

St. Brigid: Bill Dent

- **Onion sales – 400 bags sold**
- **Honor Guard on May 11 for first communion(3 masses)**
- **Saturday – Tootsie Rolls for intellectual disabilities.**
- **Priest promoted to Auxillary Bishop(Talley)**
- **New priest assigned to St. Brigid.**
- **Held monthly visit to the abortion clinic to pray.**
- **June 22nd – 1st and 2nd degree exemplifications.**

All Saints: Doc Malone

- Added a 4th seminarian to our RSVP program. One of our seminarians, Brian Baker, becomes a deacon on May 25th. He lives at St. Brigid. We continue to support him another year.
- \$500 for All Saints Vacation Bible School.
- \$500 to the “Welcome Home Vets” program at St. Peter Chanel
- \$1,000 for a 6-child stroller for the All Saints Pre-school.
- We managed the onion sale for 11 councils. Bought 2,930 ten-pound bags of onions. Took them to Deacon Ed Krise’s warehouse. Subdivided the pallets and trucked them to 11 councils. St. Andrew, St. Benedict, St. Brenden, St. Brigid, St. Monica, Mary Our Queen, OLA, Prince of Peace, St. Thomas More, St. Joseph (Athens), and All Saints.
- Our Faithful Friar. Msgr. Kiernan was honored at All Saints in May 4th for his 64th anniversary as a priest. Thank you for the honor guard.
- Held a 3rd degree April 6th with 56 candidates(16 from All Saints)
- Held 1st degree on April 30th for our four new knights.
- Held Fish Fry Volunteer Appreciation party on April 28th for about 100 people.
- Built a large permanent fence around a food pantry garden at Peachtree Charter Middle School in Dunwoody as a community project.

Good of the order: Prayer were offered for the sick.

50/50 Raffle- \$45 payout Mark Foster

Attendance Award – won by Jon Bird who was present

Dick Holcomb – WWII dinner epilog:

- Honored to be the guest speaker.
- Great feedback from everyone.
- Knights looked great in black tie affair.
- Great committee.
- Final blessing came from Fr. Dan McCormick who was a WWII veteran.

- **Rich McKenzie – printed booklets. Very good quality.**
- **Wants to promote this event to other assemblies.**
- **Doc Malone suggested having a money raising event to fund next year's event.**

Closing ceremony - Meeting closed at 850 PM

- **Next meeting – St. Andrew. Thursday, June 13th.**