

Minutes of 11-12-2009 Watters Assembly Meeting

The November meeting was held in All Saints. An interesting 30-minute presentation of Catholic History in America was given by Rick Langheim. The meeting commenced at 7:45 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 38. The twelve officers present were Stryker, Crnkovich, Kassis, Langheim, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Klein, Spencer, Klimshuk, Pierson, and Zaryski. Reading of the minutes of the previous were dispensed due to electronic transmission. Deacon Ray Egan read the invocation.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN opened the meeting by asking every member present who was a veteran to stand. Applause followed in honor of the recent Veteran's Day.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser McKenzie reported on two bills. One goes to Supreme for \$12.50 and one was for the night's dinner at \$105.12.

Comptroller Report

Faithful Comptroller Webster was not present, but FN reported that we currently had 178 members with 171 active. The others are out-of-state.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening October 1 checking balance was \$813. Receipts were \$2,012, expenses were \$2,371 and the October 31st ending balance was \$460. Of that, \$440 was in the general fund and \$20 was in the golf ball fund.

Welfare Report

Urban Rump asked if everyone had seen the anniversary list be passed to update name, wife name, and anniversary date for the Assembly records.

Commander Report

FN reported that an honor guard for the widow of Sal De Pace was needed the next day. Only two people had volunteered. Two more volunteered at the meeting.

The other event needing honor guard was the flag retirement Veteran's Day picnic at All Saints the following Sunday. Hlad iterated that those serving would get a free picnic meal (laughter). Several members said they would come. The event is in McGivney Hall and outside McGivney Hall.

FN was reminded that a double confirmation event at St. Brigid would require honor guards in two weeks.

New Member Introduction

FN asked all new members to step forward and introduce themselves.

Seven did. They were:

Jim Judson—St. Brigid
John Jentz— St. Brigid
Mark Foster—All Saints
Dave Mason—All Saints
Stan Wasowski—All Saints
Ed Trainor—All Saints
Bill Luckert—All Saints

Trustee Report

Dennis Klein reported on the Veteran's Day Mass at St. Andrew the previous Sunday. There was a fabulous turnout of 15 honor guard. Compliments were flowing and Monsignor Marren gave a stirring sermon preceding a lunch and there may be pictures in the Georgia Bulletin.

FN asked the new members how they liked the Fourth Degree Ceremony. One member stated that it was much better than the third Degree one (laughter.) Membership cards were distributed. FN was reminded that he had to sign them (laughter again.)

Unfinished Business

FN stated that the revised by-laws were the major unfinished business. Scribe Hlad stated that the copies of the new by-laws had been transmitted to those with known emails. The others would be mailed soon.

Crnkovich made a motion to accept the new by-laws as transmitted and soon to be mailed. The motion was seconded. He stated that the major change was raising dues from \$25 to \$30 and a few minor changes regarding standing committee language. The new changes would be approved within 48 hours. Supreme is standardizing the by-laws. Soon the only

changes would be the name of the Assembly, the dues, and the day the assembly meets. The vote was suspended until the next meeting.

New Business

Crnkovich reported that District 13 will charter a new Council called Mary Our Queen and the Master is intending to move it into the Watters Assembly as the fourth member. The new council is intended to be chartered on December 8th with 41 members with a Mass following.

He also reported that the District 13 second degree team would be helping Atlanta Council #660 in District 11 to hold a back-to-back first/second degree at Atlanta Council #660 on November 18th. He reported that the intention to hold another second degree at All Saint on Saturday September 12th was in planning.

Split the Pot

Deacon Ray called the name of Bill Zaryski who won \$62 with \$63 going to the Assembly.

Attendance Award

Tom Mix won the \$25 award and he was present.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Lou Hlad) – Held a tootsie roll drive and raised \$1550. Held an 8 week session in McGivney on Christian Fatherhood. Held a memorial Mass for their 26 deceased knights with a reception. Participated in the Dunwoody Fall Festival selling hot dogs, sausages, and corn on the cob. Held a pre-school cookout. Served a Veteran's Day Mass with six acolytes and one army soldier. Next Sunday will hold a Veteran's Appreciation cookout at McGivney with Boy Scout flag retirement. December 5th will hold a Desserts with Santa Party for 200 kids. Will man booths at the SEC Fan Fest before the Alabama/Florida Football Game. All Saints is deeply involved with starting Mary Our Queen council and will transfer 20 members to them. Christmas Party on Dec 12th. Secret Santa event in our Hall. Will sell monastery fudge. Will erect parish crèche, light it, and hold a reception. Council 11402 will get a double star even though paperwork went in late.

St. Andrew (Kassis) – Holding a first degree in a week. They are preparing 36 Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Will be holding a “Breakfast with Santa”. Held a pecan sale that was successful.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcomb) – Honored Tom Dorn for 50 years of Knight membership. Council is up to 245 members now. Dick Holcomb has formed a retention committee to keep members. Brothers are assigned to new members and a cookout at the Grand Knight’s house makes them feel welcome. They also had a successful Tootsie Roll Drive. They started a new program called “A Night on the Knights” which allows a brother in need to take his family out with the council paying. Merchants and people are donating free gift cards. They have won a double star award as well.

Closing Remarks About Fourth Degree

Ernie Spencer reiterated that we need at least six honor guard for the funeral of a widow of a Sir Knight. Deacon Ray Egan mentioned that our honor guard impresses non-Catholics and leads people to the Church.

Good of the Order

Dennis Klein asked prayers for his brother-in-law with cancer. Lou Hlad’s sister has bad recurring cancer. Frank Welter and Ed Pavlik of All Saints are in bad shape. Jim Rainsford and Frank Murphy of All Saints are having operations. BJ Van Gundy’s grandparents married 72 years are in ill health.

The meeting ended with the regular ceremonies.