

Minutes of November 10th, 2011 Watters Assembly Meeting

The November Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints. It had been scheduled for St. Brigid, but a trade was made with All Saints. The subsequent December meeting at St. Brigid was cancelled because of extreme travel schedules and will not be replaced in the rotation. We resume our normal future rotations as shown below:

**Mary Our Queen...January...then moving to
St. Andrew.....February...then moving to
St. Brigid.....March...then moving to
All Saints.....April...then moving back to Mary Our Queen**

The pre-meeting rosary started at 6:15 PM. The social dinner followed immediately afterward. There were 35 members present.

The meeting started early at 7:25 PM with the usual ceremonials. The minutes of the last meeting were bypassed in lieu of the transmitted minutes.

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

Faithful Navigator-	Dick Kobylski	
Faithful Captain-	Chuck Langgood	
Faithful Pilot-	Ed Pierson	
Faithful Comptroller-	Bob Webster	
Faithful Admiral-	John Lewis	
Faithful Scribe-	Lou Hlad	(excused)
Faithful Purser-	Rich McKenzie	
Trustee 3 year term-	John Miles	
Trustee 2 year term-	Rick Langheim	(excused)
Trustee 1 year term-	Tom Mix	
Inner Sentinel-	Mike Klimshuk	
Outer Sentinel-	Bob Santos	(excused)
Faithful Friar-	Monsignor David Talley	(excused)
Faithful Commander-	Bob Mitchell	(excused)

Faithful Navigator's Report

FN commenced the meeting by reading a memo from Sir Knight Bob Santos about Mary Our Queen's *Commemorative Brick Program*. To fill in background, MOQ is moving an entire church building (St. Gerard of Buffalo NY) to the MOQ grounds. The brick program is an aid in covering the cost.

A commemorative walk will be built to the future church entrance and labeled *The Knights Commemorative Walk*. A web site is being set up this week to sell bricks and the special kick-off price is \$35 per brick. Each brick will have up to 18 characters per line and 3 lines per brick. All proceeds go to their **Moved By Grace Program**. FN recommended that all our Assembly councils support this program.

On another subject, FN then made a comment that our Faithful Commander, Bob Mitchell, (who is traveling abroad with his newly-retired wife Anita) had called him all the way from Spain to inquire how things were going with the Honor Guard. FN was taking over for him.

FN went into a long statement praising the Assembly Honor Guard members and our Commander Bob Mitchell for their devotion, performance, and rising quantity of events. He mentioned that the last-minute responses from Honor Guard members made it difficult to plan properly. He wondered if the Grand Knights should take charge of ensuring that events had proper representation from his members. While some events are successful with 9 guards, an event with an archbishop should possibly have 35 (like we had at Msgr. Reynolds' funeral). People who see such an event for the first time are always amazed.

Dennis Klein opined that up north, one does not become an Assembly member until they have regalia and commit to serving. Each potential member is interviewed in his home. We should have a greater percentage of guards from our membership. He thought we shouldn't have an event with less than 10 or 12 guards. At St. Andrew, every new fourth degree member gets a stipend of \$125 toward the purchase of regalia. Other council should consider this as well.

State Deputy, Rick Sisko, was present and thanked everyone for the wonderful guard turnout for his inauguration ceremony. He was impressed.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Purser Rich McKenzie reported receipt of a “thank you” card from Rose and Tom Begley for the turnout of Sir Knights at their 50th wedding anniversary Mass.

He then reported these expenditures:

\$189 for flag pins

\$134 for the evening dinner

\$ 75 for name badges

\$109 revenue for tonight’s dinner

The recent successful wine tasting Assembly social event was nearly breakeven with:

\$819 expenses

\$760 revenue

Faithful Comptroller Report

Bob Webster reported a balance on hand of \$5,371. Our membership is now 200 due to two suspensions, but the upcoming fourth degree exemption is expected to add 10 new members bringing us back to 210.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Patriotic Committee Report

FN noted that Dave Lemcoe has agreed to be the point man for all our endeavors with the VA hospital. He mentioned that Jon Bird could not be here tonight, but he and wife Yoshii volunteered at the recent quarterly “stand-down” at the hospital. This entailed free medical treatments for homeless GI’s, haircuts, food, clothes, dentistry, etc. They reported that they were part of 300 volunteers.

FN noted that St. Brigid had recently raised \$5,000 from the raffle of 4 donated PGA golf event tickets to allow them to purchase 50 wheelchairs for the hospital. They will attempt to get some TV exposure from newsman Russ Spencer of their council.

On Dec. 29th we will participate with the USO in welcoming back

Pat Callahan started a discussion about sending CARE packages to the troops in conjunction with the VFW to which he belongs. FN opined that if there were not enough time before Christmas to gather needed items, the councils could donate money toward the effort instead.

Right-to-Life Committee Report

Bill Dent was not present, but FN noted that the state raffle tickets received by all councils are being marketed at St. Brigid as an opportunity to save an unborn baby. They will be ordering posters showing a fetus being held by the hands of God for distribution. They will be displaying these at their Monastery Fudge Sale as well. All these efforts go toward getting more sonogram machines through Columbian Charities of Georgia (CCG).

Applications for Assembly Membership

Bob Webster read in these 10 names. Some had been read in at the last meeting. They will be exemplified on Nov. 12th:

Al Alberghini - All Saints
Gerald Churchill - All Saints
Dennis Crean - All Saints
Timothy Krulia - All Saints
Joseph Matassino - All Saints
Dominic Palermo - All Saints
Robert Swanson - All Saints
Bob Niemoeller - St. Brigid
Rhett De Buys - St. Andrew
Michael Walsh - St. Andrew

FN noted that at the special 4th degree for priests held the night before, 12 priests became 4th degree, including the Vicar General Monsignor Joseph Corbett. The Monsignor is active in persuading pastors to become 4th degree members. This is important because some priests are stand-offish to the Knights.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bob Webster brought up the fact that the new budget had to be approved. It was transmitted to the membership and a motion to accept it as submitted was made. The budget was approved by voice vote.

FN turned the floor over to Tony Santoro to speak about the new Assembly web site he was coding. It is KC2688.com. He demonstrated the various pages on the TV screen in McGivney Hall. It features calendars of coming events, slideshows of past events, and a collection of pictures and facts about our namesake, Fr. Charles J. Watters.

It is a work in progress, but is now ready for viewing without a password. He asked to be advised of anything else that needs to be added. The Assembly gave him a large round of applause for his fine work.

Trustee Report

None

Social Committee Report

Chuck Langgood spoke about the recent wine tasting party hosted by the Assembly. He noted that about a dozen people in the room were there with their wives and had a good time.

The two objectives accomplished by the event were to bring us together socially offsite and to include the wives. We were successful on both accounts. There were 37 people in attendance at a nice private room venue. The State Deputy, Rick Sisko, and wife Kathy were in attendance.

Langgood asked for suggestions as to our next social event. (Applause).

FN complimented him on a job well done.

Commander's Report

Bob Mitchell was on vacation, but submitted his report to FN for reading.

On 10/21 we had 13 knights participate in a vigil Mass for John Paul II. Monsignor Talley was quite pleased.

On 11/2 we had 17 knights at the Mass of Remembrance at St. Brigid. There was a special salute to the four deceased brothers of the council at the end. People walked away with tears in their eyes.

On 11/5 we had 15 brothers at the All Saints Confirmation Mass.

On 11/5 we had 9 brothers at the Wedding Mass at All Saints for SK Greg Moss, the grandson of past FN Guy Stryker. Because no altar servers were scheduled for that Mass. Two brothers pulled off their regalia and served as acolytes instead of honor guards.

On 11/6 we had 11 brothers at the All Saints Veterans Day Mass.

On 11/6 we had 11 brothers at the St. Andrew Veterans Day Mass.

FN gave special thanks to Stan Wasowski and the other grand knights that stepped up with short notice to flesh out all these concurrent events.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

Mary Our Queen (FN)

Bob Santos supplied a report, but was not in attendance.

- MOQ received a Double Star from State Deputy Rick Sisko at Mass. His words to the congregation were instructive for a new council's congregation and well received. They hope to repeat the award since it seems the District 13 norm. They are feeling the pressure (laughter).

St. Andrew (Langgood)

- Held a 1st degree Monday night for 3 new brothers.
- A 2nd degree is scheduled for November 28th.
- A 3rd degree is scheduled December 7th.
- Two member became 4th degree.
- Held an Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive
- Held their Soccer Challenge last weekend
- Held their pecan sale last weekend. Proceeds will go to the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets they give out.
- Breakfast with Santa is set up for December 10th..

St. Brigid (John Lewis)

- On Oct. 20th, 15 sir Knight served at the Blessed John Paul II Mass
- On Oct 25th, 9 brothers joined our council.
- On Oct. 29th, 8 brothers participated in a church work project
- On Oct 29/30, 42 brothers participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive and collected over \$2,100. This will fund 8 children going to Special Olympics Camp Inspire.
- On Nov 2nd, 15 Sir Knights participated in the Mass of Remembrance at St. Brigid and saluted the 4 deceased council brothers.
- On Nov 4th, 35 supported Habitat for Humanity, fixed dinner and beverages, and raised \$3,000.
- On Nov 5/6 the council kicked off an *adoption of a family* holiday project. They signed up 355 supporters and 425 looking for assistance this year.
- On Nov 8, 8 brothers signed up more families not yet participating.
- On Nov 12, 18 Sir Knights will be serving in two confirmations supporting the archbishop.
- One council brother will attend the 4th degree.
- On Nov 19/20 and Dec 10/11, the council will be selling monastery fudge.
- On Dec 10 the council continues its annual Breakfast with Santa event for the parish children.
- On Dec 10 they will hold their annual council holiday social.

All Saints (Wasowski)

- In October our acolytes served on the altar for all parish funerals.
- On October 10th they held their annual Oktoberfest. State Deputy Rick Sisko presented our fifth consecutive Double Star Award and our 3rd International Award.
- On October 18th, they held their annual Mass of Remembrance for 34 deceased council members. An honor guard was present. Candles were lit and names were announced. A large crowd was present.
- On Oct 25th they held a 1st degree for 3 new brothers.
- During October the council held its first annual pumpkin patch on the church grounds. Two semi trucks containing 3,500 pumpkins were unloaded. Pumpkin sales exceeded \$18,000 and yielded a profit over \$6,000. The event was a three-week parish happening. Monsignor Marren was most supportive. The event is on YouTube. They will share their documented plan to other council who wish to host such an event.
- On Nov 5th, they participated in the Youth Soccer Challenge at St. Brigid. One of our group is going to the state championship.
- On Nov 5th, 21 brothers participated in Dunwoody Cleanup Day. Their task was the cleanup of a Dunwoody intersection on I-285.
- On Nov 5th they participated in the honor guard for confirmation.
- On Nov 5 they held an honor guard for SK Greg Moss' wedding.
- On Nov 6 they had honor guard a color posting for veterans Mass. Wasowski thanked St. Brigid for their participation.
- On Nov 6 Six Sir Knights provided an honor guard at All Saints for a scout flag retirement ceremony followed by a reception in McGivney.
- On Nov 12th, 7 brothers are scheduled to become Sir knights.
- Held our annual *Keep Christ in Christmas* card sale on two weekends outside the doors of the church and later in the social hall. Also available for purchase on council web site.
- On Nov. 29th, 1st degree will be held.
- On Dec 3rd will hold their annual *Desserts With Santa Party* for over 100 families in the social hall.
- On Dec 10th will hold their annual Council Christmas Party in the social hall.

Good of the Order

- State Deputy Rick Sisko for a successful term.
- Prayers for all Brother Knights looking for assistance in finding jobs
- S K Brother Bob Webster ongoing medical treatments for his lungs
- S K Brother Nick D' Annunzio ongoing medical treatments for his lungs
- S K Brother Paul Buettner cancer treatment
- S K Brother Matt Cooper's wife treatment for breast cancer
- S K Brother Marty Wilson's wife Michele recuperating from surgery
- S K Brother Charles Robinson spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spinal cord causing pressure on the spinal cord)
- SK Brother Mike Nassr suffering from dementia.
- SK Bob Santos and wife Christine both undergoing treatment.
- SK Brother Mike Klimshuk recovering from cancer treatments
- SK Brother Joe Cavallaro heart problems
- SK Brother Mark Foster's two uncles
- SK Dennis Klein's sister has complicated health issues
- Rick Sisko noted that former state membership chairman Chris King has pancreatic and liver cancer
- SK Brother Charlie Robinson and his wife
- S K Bob Shoemaker recovering from heart surgery

Split-the-Pot

\$50 to winner. \$50 to Assembly. Name of winner not heard on tape.

Attendance Award

none

The meeting ended with the usual ceremonies at 8:45 PM.