Minutes of November 12th, 2015 Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The November Assembly Meeting was held at Mary Our Queen Parish Hall. Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

St. AndrewDecember 10th (followed by)

All Saints.....January 14th (followed by)

Mary Our Queen...February 11th (and then back to St. Andrew)

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner followed its completion.

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonies. FN called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed with no corrections. There were no first-time Sir Knight attendees nor any from other Assemblies. There were 28 Sir Knights in attendance.

Birthdays were acknowledged. Wedding anniversaries were acknowledged. Jon Bird and Dick Marklein were named. Handshakes were exchanged.

A roll call of officers yielded these results:

Faithful Navigator- Bill Camden

Faithful Captain- Chuck Langgood

Faithful Pilot- Jon Bird
Faithful Comptroller- Dave Mason
Faithful Admiral- Stan Wasowski

Faithful ScribeLou Hlad
Abe Kassis
Trustee 3 year termBob Webster

Trustee 2 year term- Bob Mitchell (excused)

Trustee 1 year term- Ron Collins

Inner Sentinel- Terry Petrukovich

Outer Sentinel- Nick Mattera

Friar Emeritus
Fr. Dan Rogaczewski (excused)

Msgr. Donald Kiernan (excused)

Faithful Navigator Report (Bill Camden)

I hope that you all had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. There is always too much food and the right amount of football. Watching the games is not considered exercise to get rid of the extra pounds from the abundance of food, as I quote from my wife.

At the last meeting, we approved the minutes from October 2015

November has been a very busy month as we have had (12) Honor Guards which is an average of (3) per week.

- 1. On Nov. 5, we had the wake at Patterson Funeral home for our Sir Knight Brother Dennis Crean
- 2. Nov. 6th we had the funeral for Dennis Crean at All Saints
- 3. Nov. 8th was the All Saints Veteran's Mass
- 4. Nov. 8th we had the Veteran's Mass at St. Andrews
- 5. Nov. 10th was the Veteran's Mass at St. Brigid's
- 6. Nov. 10th was the Veteran's Park
- 7. Nov. 13th was Brother Scott Early's son's funeral
- 8. Nov. 14th was the 4th degree at Holy Family
- Nov. 15th was the Chinese Mass for the 25th anniversary and becoming a mission
- 10. Nov 21st was a confirmation at St. Brigid's at 10:00 am
- 11. Nov. 21st was also a confirmation at St Brigid's at 2:00pm
- 12. Nov. 22 was a confirmation at All Saints

Our December schedule is also guite numerous with (13) Honor Guards events scheduled so far.

I ask that you please participate in as many Honor Guards that you can as we really need the help to make a nice showing for our Assembly. We also need to support all (3) of our Assemblies other parishes and not just the one that we attend. This makes for a real brotherhood and builds the morale for all Sir Knights.

We are also planning the fund drive to help support our Military Chaplains and Seminarians at all (3) of our Assembly Parishes starting on Dec. 6th at St. Andrew. Then we are doing All Saints on Dec. 12 & 13th followed by Mary Our Queen on Dec. 19th and 20th. We will be giving out American Flags for a donation at the doors of the churches. Please try to do at least (1) of the Masses or more that are back to back. By a show of hand at the last meeting you were in support so please volunteer your time of 15 minutes before and after Mass.

A new 4th Degree has been announced for Feb. 6th and it will be one of the large events. Sonesta Hotel has been selected for the event. This is on a Saturday and show up time is 10:00 am for Color Corps and candidates. There will be a luncheon for the ladies while the exemplification is taking place. We are sharing a suite with the Assembly from Christ the King which will includes drinks and hors d'oeuvre and it will give the ladies a place to change for the evening into formal attire for the dinner, drinks and dancing. This is a good way to meet your new brother Sir Knights and their wives and have an awesome time. If you have not attended a 4th degree that is set up as a large event, you should try to make this one. They are becoming a rarity. We have (12) new candidates interested in becoming a "Sir Knight". If you know of anyone interested in the 4th degree, please encourage them to become a member.

Our next monthly meeting will be at St. Andrews on Thursday, Dec. 10th. Rosary is at 6:15 followed by dinner and the meeting starts at 7:30. Please try to attend and meet our (16) new Sir Knights with a warm welcome.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is around the corner. We need to spread the word that it is all about Christ and the celebration of His birth. Keeping Christ in Christmas is so powerful. Greet everyone with Merry Christmas and not happy holidays.

If you are traveling during Christmas, please be safe and careful. I pray that each one of you has the most blessed Christmas and Advent ever.

I pray for Peace, Love and Joy with all of God's Blessings for each of you and your families.

Faithful Purser Report (Abe Kassis)

BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 9.31.2015

\$ 6,734.71

OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/ (CHECKS)

<u>Oct</u>

Doc Malone Widow receipts \$ (900)
Oct. Food Collection and 50/50 \$ 167.00

REGALIA

Cleaning _\$ (229.00)

Other \$ 116.00

CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 11.01.2015

\$ 5.888.54

We continue to try and resolve the unpaid bills incurred by Doc Malone for the last veterans dinner. He died during that period after purchasing many items needed and leaving little paper trail. We have currently reimbursed Sharon Malone our best estimates of the probable amounts spent by Doc and the total will come to about \$900. We expect our final checkbook balance to be about \$5,888. More detail will be provided next month.

Faithful Comptroller Report (Dave Mason)

- 1. Confirming Checking Account Balance of \$5,888.54.
- 2. We suspended 5 members for non-payment of dues. The process takes about 6 months and they have had several opportunities to pay. One member transferred out to St. Brigid's group. We had two deaths (Nassr and Crean) leaving us with 181 members. We hope to add 18 members on November 14 bringing our membership up to 199.
- 3. Next 4th Degree Exemplification is on November 14, 2015. The Degree will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Marietta, Georgia, Lower Roswell Road.

Candidate fee is \$70.00 plus \$10 for 4th Degree Badge (Total \$80.00)

Need completed Form 4 with payment NLT October 29th.

Make check payable to K of C Assembly # 2688. Give to myself or FN Camden.

Please add email address on Form 4 along the top.

Be sure candidate has a copy of dress requirements.

Lunch included for candidates.

Observers staying for lunch—cost is \$10.

4. Activity survey forms will be mailed out very soon. Look for them. Last year 71.5 million hours for the Order.

Committee Assignments for 2015-2016 (Bill Camden)

Ad Hoc Widow Committee—Lou Hlad and Stan Wasowski Social Committee—Chuck Langgood and Joe Inglima Religious Chalice Committee—Ed Pierson and Dave Mason Membership Committee—Bill Camden, E.J. Covillion, Jim Knapp, and Chuck Langgood Patriotism Committee—Jon Bird and Bob Webster Applications Committee—Dave Mason Color Corps Commander—Stan Wasowski

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

No communication to the Assembly, so no report.

Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

Hlad reported that there were two events during the month that widows attended. One was the Mass of Remembrance. We are not sure how many widows were there. The attendance was good and Hlad does not know many widows by sight. We honored 54 All Saints knights and four from other councils.

Four widows participated in our Bingo event and they played free due to the agreement of All Saints to pick up their \$15 fees.

Social Committee Report (Chuck Langgood)

Chuck and Joe Inglima have met informally to start laying plans for next year's veterans dinner. It is up to the Assembly to decide how to open it up to veterans. Of the parishes. Some Vietnam vets were not able to attend last year and will be invited this year. We need to start canvassing to see how many prospective vets can be found in the three parishes that were not already honored. If anybody wants to join the committee of Langgood, Inglima, and Palermo, please see them after the meeting. He wished the veterans in the room a happy Veterans Day. Veterans were asked to stand to applause.

FN mentioned that the Assembly could use some ideas for fund raising to cover next year's Veterans Dinner. He offered that handing out American flags in front of our three churches would get donations from parishioners. This is similar to the VFW handing out poppies once a year.

The discussion moved into the area of the Chaplains Fund that will be discussed in detail in January.

Color Corps Future Honor Guard Report (Stan Wasowski)

- Oct. 14, Mass of Remembrance at All Saints 7 PM Mass.
- Oct 17, Christine Santos Funeral at Mary Our Queen for 10:30 Mass
- Oct. 17, has 2 Confirmations at St. Monica 10 AM and 2 PM.
- Oct 31, Msgr. Corbett Confirmation honor guard at St. Jude for 10:30 Mass
- Nov. 5, Dennis Crean Casket Guard at visitation at Patterson Funeral Home.
- Nov. 6, Dennis Crean Funeral at 11 AM Mass at All Saints
- Nov. 14, Fourth Degree Exemplification at Holy Family, Marietta 11 AM ceremony
- Nov. 8, Veterans Day Mass at St. Andrew 11 AM Mass
- Nov. 8, Veterans Day Mass at All Saints 10:30 Mass
- Nov. 13, Scott Earley's Father funeral at All Saints 3 PM Mass
- Nov. 14, Fourth Degree Exemplification
- Nov. 15, Chinese Mission Mass with Archbishop at All Saints 3 PM.
- Nov. 22, Confirmation at All Saints 5 PM Mass
- Dec. 11, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Benedict, Duluth 7 PM.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

Ed Pierson has a candidate for a chalice. He is Gerardo Ceballos who is in need of a travel kit. He will be ordained on June 25th. Ed is working with Father Tim Hepburn at the Archdiocese on this.

Dave Mason has stated that we have funds for two chalices and we probably need one soon because June is a long way off. Ed is try to find another priest before June now that we know we have funds for two chalices. We have \$1,000 in our budget.

Our notes show that we had (4) SK's names available. They are:

Anthony Allan Kosek passed 12.25.2014.

Charles J. Robinson passed 12.30.2014.

James Edward Lamb passed 3.5.2015.

Richard (Doc) Malone passed 6.12.2015.

Now we have Mike Nassr and Dennis Crean added to that list.

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

Three candidates had to be read in prior to the November 14 Fourth Degree.

St. Andrew has candidate Richard Rowlands. He is very eager to become an honor guard.

All Saints had Robert Abney who transferred from Illinois and is already very active at the council.

Mary Our Queen had Frederic Alexandre and will be a good member for them.

The budget called for 10 new members. We have already exceeded that at the last exemplification and now we have these three additional candidates just read in and several others whose forms are filled out.

Patriotism Report (Jon Bird)

Jon Bird found a good article on American Flag Etiquette and asked that it be sent to the members. He also had handouts for the meeting. He mentioned that the U.S. flag always has priority with state and lesser flags. He mentioned that veterans can salute the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance..

A discussion of the Boy Scout ceremony for retiring old American flag by burning was discussed as a good idea for the near term. An honor guard participates in that scout event.

Trustee Report (Abe Kassis for Trustees)

No trustees present.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Bob Santos thanked the Assembly for the honor guard for his wife. It was a beautiful funeral at Mary Our Queen.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

Mary Our Queen (Jim Knapp)

- They have Frederic Alexandre going for his fourth degree.
- Pancake/sausage breakfasts have resumed at the church.
- There are several new parishioners who have transferred in and want to join. They have a couple of good prospects.

St. Andrew (Mike Bagnulo)

- They hosted the annual parish picnic. Rain forced them to move indoors. It turned out that parishioners preferred it indoors. The knights prepared food and services.
- Pecan sales are starting. This is their second-biggest money maker.
- Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets are being planned. They gave out about 100 baskets on each of those holidays last year.
- Breakfast With Santa is coming up on December 12th.
- Planning for Parish Advent Party on December 4th.
- Three new members have been installed this month. They are at 40% of quota and they should be in line for another council star award.
- They were involved in the "Forty Days for Life" activity. About 20 of their brothers are signed up to stand outside an abortion clinic.
- Keep Christ in Christmas is planned.
- Veterans Day Mass had good attendance
- Our Lady of Guadalupe activity planned.

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Concluded our Parish Pumpkin Patch. Constant rainy October weather kept sales down, but netted about 2/3 of profit from last year.
- Held annual Oktoberfest Council Picnic at Rivermont Park along the Chattahoochee. About 100 people attended. Great weather that day.
- Held parish-wide membership weekend drive followed by an Open House event. At our October 27th first degree, we added 9 new members plus two transfers in. Also added one new member to the Georgia Tech Council. All Saints now has about 507 members.
- On November 7th at St. Benedict, we added two more new brothers plus 9 brothers took their 2nd degree. They had a combined 1st/2nd ceremony. One brother took his 3rd degree on Oct. 10th at St. Catherine of Sienna. We try to use other councils to good advantage with car pools.
- Our Oct. 14th Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers was well-attended. We honored 54 All Saints brothers and 4 Assembly brothers. Sir Knight Monsignor Marren celebrated. Thanks to honor guard.
- Since that Memorial Mass, we lost two more brother to death—3rd degree Gregg Kantak and Sir Knight Dennis Crean.
- Our 3rd degree brother Retired Marine General Denis Shortal was elected Mayor of Dunwoody over our Brother Mike Davis who was running for reelection.
- October Parish Bingo had an excellent 124 players. Half of profits will go to the Assembly since it was the first month of a quarter.
- Our council brothers were strong participants in the parish construction of All Saint Habitat for Humanity House #22. Sir Knight Monsignor Marren dedicated it.
- The Council provided food and beverage services for the Annual Parish Fall Festival.
- We held our 3rd Parish Concert on October 24th featuring the award-winning band "Men in Blues". Featured good weather and a lovely evening under the stars. Profit goes to the struggling Christian communities in the Middle East.
- Our 3rd degree Canadian brother, Bruce Malinoff, became a naturalized American citizen, and he is now eligible to become a 4th degree.
- The Council sponsored the monthly Family movie "Wizard of Oz" in McGivney Hall.
- Had a Veterans Day Mass with honor guard and color corps last Sunday.
- Donations

Shepherd Center for military PSTD \$1,000 Atlanta Community Food Bank \$500 Missionaries of the Poor – Church Jamaica Mission \$1,500 Friends of Disabled Adults and Children - \$500

Good of the Order

The brothers offered numerous requests for their families and friends. Several brother knights were also included.

The brothers rose to pray for the sick and deceased.

Split the Pot

Abe Kassis won \$45 in the split-the-pot raffle.

Attendance Award from July Meeting

Stan Wasowski was chosen and he was present.

Meeting End

The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:37 PM.

Our Brother Goes **YouTube** Viral

Our Sir Knight Alfred Alberghini and wife Adelina were on a MARTA train when they noticed a young man was struggling to tie his tie. Adelina volunteered to have husband Al assist him. People started wanting to take a photo to post to the internet of a man so stupid he could not tie his own tie. The Alberghini's resisted, but photos were taken anyway. This episode of simple kindness went viral on the internet with over a million hits plus TV coverage.

The story is from the Atlanta Journal Constitution newspaper, November 18 on page B1.

Amidst all the stories of massacre, corruption, and other distressing news, it is refreshing to find a human interest story of simple kindness. Congratulations to our own Alfred and Adelina Alberghini. Go and do likewise.

Endearing MARTA moment goes viral

Couple pitched in to help man struggling to get his necktie tied.

By Jennifer Brett jbrett@ajc.com

A young man fiddles with his necktie, trying without success to knot it correctly.

His struggle catches a nice lady's eye.

"Do you know how to tie it properly?" she asks.

"No, ma'am," he responds. She gets her husband involved. After a little tutorial, one gentleman helps another to complete his outfit.

The tiny but powerful moment among three strangers happened as Redd Desmond Thomas walked through the Lindbergh MARTA station. Before he hopped onto his train, Thomas snapped a quick photo and posted the endearing image with a message on his publicly accessible Facebook page.

"I love this!" he posted.
Other people did, too. The
post had been liked, shared
or commented on more than
1 million times by Tuesday

MARTA continued on B3



A Facebook post with this image of one man helping another man with his tle had been liked, shared or commented on more than 1 million times three days after It was posted. **COURTESY OF** REDD DESMOND THOMAS

MARTA

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evening, three days after Thomas posted the item.

The sweet couple in the photo are Adelina and Al Alberghini of Dunwoody. They didn't get the young man's name but said he was very nice. They'd like to meet up again. And the story's even better than the viral photo telegraphs.

"In the picture, you'll notice Addie has her back to me," her husband said. "Two other people came up with their cameras and said, 'Oh, this is a YouTube thing. We're going to splash this all over the Internet (titled) 'Some fool doesn't know how to

tie a tie."

Adelina Alberghini was having none of that.

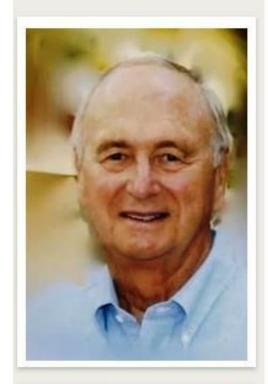
"My wife used to be a teacher," said Al Alberghini, a retired engineer. "She put her teacher face on and said, 'You are not going to put this on the Internet. You are not going to embarrass this young man."

While she was busy fending off the shutter-bugs, they inadvertently became Internet stars. They've heard from friends all over the world.

"I'm not famous," Al Alberghini demurred with a chuckle. "My goodness. We were just trying to help a young man out and never gave it a thought beyond that."



Sir Knight Dennis Crean Passes



Service Information

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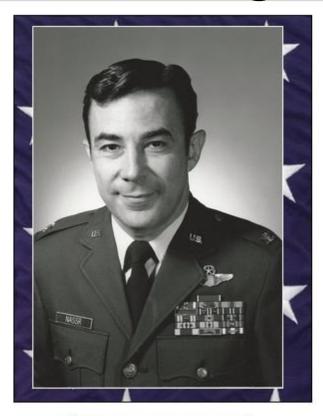
In Memory of Dennis Michael Crean

April 2, 1940 - November 1, 2015

Obituary

Dennis Michael Crean, 75, a resident of Dunwoody, GA, passed away on Sunday, November 1, at Emory University Hospital in the loving arms of his wife of 53 years, Marie Beaton Crean. Born on April 2, 1940, in Chicago, IL, Dennis was the son of Chester L. Crean MD and Norma Gaulke Crean. He is a 1958 graduate of Loyola Academy and 1962 graduate of Loyola University of Chicago. Dennis and Marie were married in 1962 at St. Gertrude's Catholic Church. Dennis joined the founders in bringing the former HBO & Company to Atlanta in 1979 and was a pioneer in the hospital information systems field as a sales and marketing executive. His early retirement afforded him the opportunity to expand his church, charitable, educational, environmental, and community service work. He volunteered on numerous boards and generously supported dozens of causes with his time, talent, and treasure. He established an endowment at Advocate Healthcare of Chicago. He developed his beloved north Georgia property into what is now Buck Shoals State Park. He was active in the Dunwoody community with the Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, All Saints Catholic Church, and City of Dunwoody. Dennis was a decades-long fan and season ticket holder for both the Chicago Bears and Atlanta Falcons. He was an avid golfer at Dunwoody Country Club, and his love of travel with his wife and family took him all across the country and around the world. Dennis was the loving father of four children: Dennis M. Crean Jr. and wife Heidi Grosskamp Crean of Redwood Valley, CA; David B. Crean of Dunwoody, GA; Brian P. Crean of Greensboro, NC; and Alison Crean Rosch and husband Richard H. Rosch of Athens, GA. He was the caring grandfather "Papa" to Owen D. Crean, Erin M. Crean, Aidan M. Crean, Evan R. Rosch, and Michael D. Rosch. He is also survived by siblings Martha Ann (Crean) Wyatt and husband James Wyatt of Rolling Meadows, IL, and C. Lee Crean and wife Lynn Sarpy Crean of New Orleans, LA. In all he did, his Catholic faith guided and gave meaning to his life. The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 5, from 6 to 8 p.m., with a rosary service at 8 p.m. at H. M. Patterson & Son Arlington Chapel, 173 Allen Rd. NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, November 6, at 11 a.m., at All Saints Catholic Church, 2443 Mt. Vernon Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338, with reception following. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in the memory of Dennis Crean to Mercy Care Foundation, 1100 Johnson Ferry Rd. NE, Suite LL80, Atlanta 30342, www.mercyatlanta.org/donate

Our Sir Knight Mike Nassr Passes







Facts

Born: December 2, 1931 Death: October 31, 2015

Mike Nassr was a member of the Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly from St. Andrew Council.

Memento Mori

Colonel Michael Anthony Nassr USAF (Ret.)

December 2, 1931 - October 31, 2015

Colonel Michael A. Nassr, USAF (Ret.), passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 31, 2015. He was 83 years old.

Michael (Mike) was born on December 2, 1931, and raised in Toledo, Ohio. Upon graduation from Central Catholic High School (Toledo, Ohio), he attended one year at St. Joseph's College in Indiana. He then enrolled in the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1954.

Mike served 27 years in the US Air Force. He was the first person to solo a jet without having piloted a propeller plane and compiled over 10,000 military flying hours. He served in Berlin when the Berlin Wall went up and flew airlift missions in support of the Hungarian Revolution, the Congo Crisis, and the Cuban Missile Crisis. For four years he flew missions in Vietnam while stationed in Japan, the Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand.

Returning from Vietnam in 1970, Mike served at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as engine program manager for the Air Force's Air Launched Cruise Missile and as Director of System Engineering for Aeronautical Systems Division. In 1975 he became the Air Force's Director of Manufacturing in Washington DC. At the time of his retirement in 1981 he was Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Electronic Systems Division in Massachusetts. He received graduate degrees at the University of Southern California and at Western New England College. Military awards include three Legions of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and eight Air Medals.

Mike's post-military career with Digital Equipment Corporation was to manage the company's first laser printer program, in a joint development with Ricoh Corporation of Japan. For five years he lived in France as Digital's Video Manufacturing Manager for Europe. Mike re-retired in 1992 from Digital and entered into his third career as a Historian, freelance writer, editor, and management consultant. He quickly set to work writing Cold War Warriors, the most complete and detailed history of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1954.

In 1999, Mike produced a Fiftieth Anniversary History Book on the Central Catholic High School (CCHS) Class of 1949 and established the Class of 1949 CCHS Endowed Scholarship Fund. He belonged to St. Andrew's Parish in Roswell, Georgia, where he was a lector, usher, Eucharistic Administrator, and membership director of the St. Andrew Council Knights of Columbus. He was also on the Communications Committee of the Atlanta St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Bobbie; their three children, Michael A. Nassr Jr., Bonnie Lundy, Shelly and her husband Chuck Santos; eight grandchildren, Nathaniel, Alexandra, Juliana, Morgan, Michael, Audrey, Tyler and Austin; his sister, Melanie Noe, and his brother, Father Martin Nassr. He was preceded in death by his loving parents Nap & Florence Nassr, and his sisters Miriam Kurek and Molly Leonard.

Mike will be missed by the many who loved him.

Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery, date to be determined.





Keith Kieffer James Langford

Mario Marin

New 4th Degree Brothers (continued)



No photo available

Doug Newlands

Will Newlands

Dave Piper

The preceding 14 All Saints brothers became Sir Knights at Holy Family Parish in Marietta.

The class featured the father/son Newlands pair plus Fr. Anthony Eshun who progressed on September 16th, but whose paperwork went in with this group.

Fredric Alexandre of Mary Our Queen and Richard Rowlands of St. Andrew Councils joined our 14 new brothers into the Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 on that day as well.



Frank Seco de Lucena

William Torresala



Richard Rowlands of St. Andrew also attended the exemplification. We were unable to obtain a photo of Frederic Alexandre of Mary Our Queen.

Chik-Fil-A Honors Our Troops!!



By Bill Callen

Top Right News

Chick-fil-A, the same fast-food outlet has once again proved a positive to the world. This time it did so by unveiling an amazing Veterans Day tribute that left Georgia resident Eric Comfort in complete shock.

According to a Facebook post he published on Monday, when he walked into a local Chick-fil-A, Comfort discovered a "Missing Man Table" that contained a single rose, a Bible and a folded American flag, as well as a plaque within which was the following explanation: "This table is reserved to honor our missing comrades in arms. The tablecloth is white — symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call of duty. The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing and their loved ones and friends of these Americans who keep the faith, awaiting answers. The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God. The glass is inverted — to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast. The chair is empty — they are missing."

After the story went viral, the store manager, Alex Korchan, explained to WSB that his team members had set up the table because they "wanted to honor veterans." Furthermore, he revealed that he planned to offer free meals to all veterans and their family members this Veterans Day between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Korchan also put up a poster so that customers could write in the names of loved ones who they have lost. "We've had a lot of people who have come in and seen it and been touched by it," Korchan continued. "It's been special to see."



Szyperski's Celebrate 60 years of Marriage



Sir Knight Rich Szyperski and wife Jan of All Saints Council celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 12th. They were honored by a certificate signed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson congratulating them on this achievement.

After Rich left the US Army after the Korean War, he met Jan at a CYO dance in Chicago. They were married three years later in Ames, Iowa where Jan had grown up. Rich worked for Corn Products, Inc. and was relocated several times throughout their marriage.

They have 6 children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. God bless this wonderful couple.