

Minutes of 10-08-2009

Watters Assembly Meeting

The October meeting was held at St. Brigid. The meeting commenced at 7:34 PM. The ten officers present were Stryker, Webster, Kassis, Langheim, McKenzie, Klein, Klimshuk, Mix, Spencer, and Pierson. There were 24 present. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed due to the previous electronic transmission.

Faithful Navigator Report

FN spoke of a Hong Kong businessman Li Ka-shing worth 26 Billion dollars who was famous for his philanthropy. His philosophy was that the future lies in the minds and hearts of all men and one's dedication should be to unleash your passions toward God, your country, and all mankind.

Bills and Communications

Faithful Comptroller reported that we had 153 members. Two bills were presented—the dinner bill for \$141.15 and for printing and supplies of \$79.45.

Purser Report

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening September 1 checking balance was \$744 less expenses of \$122 plus income of \$191 yielding a month end balance of \$813. Of this, \$20 was left in the golf ball fund.

Patriotic Report

Greg Coletta stated that a good way to get everyone involved in Assembly activities is to hold cookouts at all the member councils for the first responders—EMT's, police, and firemen.

He also wants to have patriotic functions at the various elementary schools. He envisions youngsters drawing pictures of the flag, with 1st/2nd/3rd place prizes. He would like to have the color guard show up to present the awards. Coletta has already stated begging for funds at various organizations to fund such activities. This would not take the place of the VA hospital visits, the USO activities, and our participation in the memorial at Fort Benning next year. He asked for help from all members.

Communications Report

Scribe Hlad reported on the fact that the minutes will normally be delivered via email to save meeting time. He mentioned that one newsletter has been put out so far and he would start collecting articles for a second. He urged everyone to take pictures at every event held at the councils. No one seems to be doing this. Putting words around a picture is easy, but getting the picture seems to be difficult. He wants one article per council.

Social Committee Report

Dennis Klein would like to do some sort of a Christmas Social for the Assembly. He is also working on the Founder's Day Ball at St. Andrew.

Retention Committee Report

No report. FN then asked the Faithful Comptroller to read the names of the 18 new prospective 4th degree exemplification candidates.

Bob Webster reported on 18 candidates:

Anthony Coco	13204
John Delvac	13204
Jeffrey Durthaler	11402
Mark Foster	11402
Don Huizer	13204
John Jentz	13204
Jim Judson	13204
John A. Knight	11402
Bill Luckert	11402
Dave Mason	11402
Greg Moss	11402
Dan Pezotti	13204
Paul Reale	11402
Bill Schmitz	11402
Carl Stryker	11402
Edward Trainor	11402
Dimitri Tripodi	10632
Stan Wasowski	11402

They were all voted into the Assembly unanimously.

Dennis Klein posed the question as to whether we would have some sort of a reception for these candidates at the exemplification.

Al Garofalo suggested that we need to have a reception for them, but afterward and not at the hotel. Dick Holcomb suggested that we need to get people engaged. He suggested that we should join with Atlanta 660 who have maybe 17 people.

Bob Mitchell advised that most years there is a hospitality suite paid for by the host Assembly.

Dennis Klein asked if we could share a suite (the three councils, but not Atlanta 660). The idea of combining with 660 was not popular.

Greg Coletta opined that people are just abandoned during exemplifications and there is no fellowship during the day. Rick Langheim agreed and said that each person should have a sponsor. Maybe this is the job of the Grand Knights or some designee, because there is a gap. Who is the den mother. Wives are abandoned as well.

Bob Webster volunteered to look into the cost of renting an Assembly suite. It was moved and seconded that the Assembly would get a suite. Bob Mitchell wondered who would man it and plan it. It would be a suite with no structure. FN asked for the motion to be clarified. Greg Coletta clarified that a suite would be rented with some food. Rick Langheim asked if the three councils could help pay for it.

Dick Holcomb amended the motion to say if the suite is voted, each council should pay \$200 each. Rick Langheim noted that the Assembly can not commit the councils to pay for it.

Greg Coletta raised the issue that he didn't care if we had a suite or not. The Assembly had to do something even minimally to host the candidates. Klein suggested that Webster check out the cost and ask the councils to fund it. Greg Coletta agreed to give \$100, Mike Klimshuk agreed to fund \$100, Guy Stryker agreed to \$100, and Hlad did also,

Al Garofalo noted that the hotel will not allow food and drinks brought in. You must use their stuff. It could cost \$1800 when done.

Bob Webster will look into the cost. There was already \$400 pledging \$100. The meeting moved on to unfinished business.

Unfinished Business

FN moved on to the by-laws. Supreme is working on a standard set of by-laws that is the same for everyone. There is a template on line to use. Any changes must be approved by Supreme within 48 hours. Only the FN has access to that site with a password to the template.

FN has printed off the standard template with minor changes. The copy we had made with major changes will not be valid. Only three base committees need to be in there. The other special committees must be put into an amendment that are printed but not submitted. Raising the dues by \$5/year is the major change. A straw vote was taken and the majority was in favor of raising the dues. The true vote will be next month after everyone reads the new by-laws.

Bob Mitchell stated that the extra slight increase will not help. We need to spend less. FN agreed that spending would decrease while our revenue must increase.

By-laws must be emailed to those with email and post mailed to those that don't.

Report of Trustees

No report.

New Business

John Baker asked if we had money for a traveling chalice for the Young Adults Group to be held in inventory and used by visiting priests. He was reminded that the Knights program was designed to remember deceased "Sir Knights" and is to be donated to a specific priest for his personal use and the remembrance of up to three Knights listed on the cup. His request was therefore inappropriate per Faithful Comptroller.

Split-the-Pot

Mike Klimshuk announced there was \$65 in the pot. Al Garofalo won \$32.

Commander Report

Bob Mitchell reported that 19 Honor Guard were present for the funeral of George Maloof at St. Pius, all but 4 or 5 from Watters.

He mentioned that the Special Olympics Softball Kickoff will be held on September 24th at East Roswell Park. Honor Guard is needed.

November 7th is the Fourth Degree Exemplification.

A Veterans Day Recognition Mass at St. Andrew on Sunday November 8th. Dennis Klein will command. Veteran service will be noted in the program.

November 15th will have a flag retirement ceremony at All Saints at their Veterans Day Appreciation Cookout.

There are two confirmations at St. Brigid on Saturday November 21st.

Attendance Award

Al Garofalo won that \$25 award also.

Third Degree Reports

All Saints (Hlad) – Hosted a 3rd Degree exemplification on Sept 12th for 107 candidates from 24 councils. Holding 1st degree on Sept. 22th. Hosting an eight-part seminar for “Fathers for the Good”. Tootsie Roll drive next weekend. Hosting a Knight Memorial Mass for our 26 deceased members. Hosting a booth in the Dunwoody Fall Festival. First degree on Nov. 7th.

St. Andrew (Klein) – Holding a fund raiser with three different sizes of pecans.

St. Brigid (Dick Holcomb) – Held a Soccer Challenge that was successful last weekend. Working closely with Holy Redeemer and have a field. Starting a “Night on the Knights” Program that awards \$100 to someone who needs the money privately. Inviting new knights to his house for a welcoming cookout with the retention committee. Held a chili cookoff with St. Vincent de Paul. Other groups are challenging them now.

The meeting ended with the “Good of the Order” and closing.