

## **Minutes of 10-14-2010 Watters Assembly Meeting**

The October Assembly Meeting was held at St. Brigid. The meeting started promptly at 7:30 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 25. It was the fourth and last meeting at St. Brigid before the venue moves to All Saints.

The ten officers present were Crnkovich, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Langheim, Pierson, Zaryski, Klein, Stryker, and Webster. Only Msgr. Marren, Judson, and Langgood were excused.

FN asked if anyone had not received the September electronic minutes. None responded. He asked if there were any corrections. Langheim announced that he had been omitted from the list of officers present. Faithful Scribe will amend, along with two minor name misspellings. Sisko requested that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed due to the electronic transmission and noted amendments to same. Motion carried.

### **Bills and Communications**

Faithful Purser announced receipt of a bill for last month's dinner of \$180. This month's dinner was \$54.27. A bill for regalia repair for \$20 was reported. Tonight's dinner donation was \$58 and checks received for the 4th degree exemplification were \$1,450. A sum of \$26.10 was owed to Supreme for member transfer.

FN reported that Sir Knight Gray Plunkett has finished his religious comic book in the Foodo language of Benin and is assisting other missionaries in their proper translation of the Bible. He also reported that his dog had a litter of puppies and he has given away all but two. Plunkett will return about November 1st and plans to be in the Nov. 6th Honor Guard.

### **Comptroller Report**

Bob Webster reported our roster of members had stood at 174 from last month, but we expect a good number of candidates for the Nov. 6th fourth degree exemplification.

## **Purser Report**

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening September 1st checking balance was \$3,942. Receipts were \$166, expenses were \$460, and the September 30th ending balance was \$3,648.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Chalice Committee Report**

Ernie Spencer was not present, but Dennis Klein reported that the plan was still to purchase a second chalice. FN asked him to contact Spencer and make sure that the added purchase moved ahead.

### **Welfare Committee Report**

Urban Rump reported that he has sent out all appropriate cards. He has ordered new birthday cards and they are of a new design. He thanked those who had brought non-perishable food. He took the previous donations over to the Fulton County Community Center and it was appreciated.

He mentioned that he does not go to the Veterans Hospital on as regular basis as he used to, but will go there if he accumulates a good load. Books and magazines are especially desired. We may want to identify another member to make more regular deliveries.

### **Social Committee Report**

Langgood was not present, but FN asked if a welcome dinner for the new candidates would be appropriate. Dennis Klein will mention that idea to Langgood for consideration.

### **Patriotic Committee Report**

Wasowski announced that the Informed Electorate Project was completed under the guidance of Sir Knight BJ Van Gundy. A large 3' by 4' board was constructed to feature all the candidates and 5 amendments. Web sites, phone numbers, and contact information for governments are featured. Early voting forms are also featured in a pocket. Later that pocket will have absentee ballot forms. The board will appear in the narthex of All Saints Church. Other councils did not opt to participate. The pastor of Mary Our Queen would not allow it.

FN reminded the members that the council had agreed to split the cost of the project with participating councils. A vote was taken and the membership agreed to pay for half the cost of the All Saints project which is expected to amount to about \$85. There was one abstention.

### **Admissions Report**

Langheim reminded the members that the next meeting would fall on November 11th which is Veterans Day. A vote was taken and membership voted to go ahead and hold it on that day. Some discussion followed as to whether a special dinner to welcome new members would be attempted on that day. FN asked the Social Committee to consider any such circumstance.

Sisko reminded all that November 11th was scheduled for a 2nd degree at St. Brigid. Another vote was taken and the membership still voted to hold the next meeting on November 11th at All Saints.

Comptroller Webster presented the names of the candidates not previously read into the minutes. FN read the names from the Form 4's:

Deacon Bill McKenzie - MOQ  
Larry Heiman - DGK MOQ  
Bryan Kler - All Saints (Ceremonial Grand Knight)  
Damon Paolozzi - All Saints (our third Paolozzi kin)  
Joe Liebsack - All Saints  
Jim Kelly - St. Andrew  
Mike Bagnulo - St. Andrew  
Bill Dent - St. Brigid DGK  
John H. Baker - St. Brigid (Ceremonial Grand Knight)  
Matt Crawford - St. Brigid  
Jonathan Nwilo - St. Brigid

All candidates were approved after favorable member comments. Some paperwork was still missing and must be provided.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **Report of the Trustees**

No report.

## **New Business**

FN received from Supreme 12 copies of the new honor guard pin -- a combination flag and cross. This pin and the official KofC pin are the only two that may be worn during an honor guard event. Commander Bob Mitchell moved that we purchase an additional 38 pins to make an even 50 for Assembly use. The estimated cost would be \$150. The motion passed with two abstentions. Mitchell will keep a record of who gets one. Replacements are \$4 each.

## **Third Degree Reports**

**St. Andrew (Klein)** - Spirit Weekend produced several new members, and so they held a first degree including Father Vargas and a squire who turned 18 and became a first degree knight (applause). Worked the concessions and cleanup for the Parish Picnic. Selling Casino Night tickets after all Masses. Very nice prizes from Horseshoe Bend, Hilton, Doubletree, Marriott, and Chateau Elan. Tickets are \$25. Holding a soccer challenge this weekend.

**St. Brigid (McKenzie)** – thanked Don Huizer for the great evening meal (applause). Sept 9th and 23rd they served continental breakfasts. Served snacks at the St. Brigid Business Connection seminars held to foster job networking. Six brothers constructed an access way to a mobile home for the Cross International Alliance Hope for Haiti Housing. Nine brothers set up tables and acted as bartenders and servers at Brother Ed Foley's house and raised over \$125K to build 50 homes in Haiti. Cross International matched the funds with another \$125K. Seventeen brothers cooked and held a spaghetti dinner that benefited Habitat for Humanity raising \$3,000.

On October 3rd, eighteen knights participated in the Hour of Prayer outside the church to stop abortion. New member John H. Baker is the head of the Respect for Life Ministry. Other local churches participated in the prayer hour which stretched down Old Alabama Road for a large distance.

On October 11th, John Fucci of the council notified the parents of the first baby born on Columbus Day in a Johns Creek Hospital that Grand Knight Dick Kobylski will be awarding them a \$100 savings bond. Dick Kobylski will also be arranging a Christmas Letter to the Troops campaign with the parish PSR under Father David McGuire.

Brother Brian Moscoe, just back from a tour in Iraq will be heading up a program to get donations to the Veteran's Hospital. On October 17th, a first degree will be held.

**All Saints (Wasowski)** - held a successful baseball and tacos social meeting on October 20th to welcome new members. On Sept 25th they held a Habitat for Humanity work day for All Saints 17th house. Cooking by our own FN. The third Fathers for Good Series kicked off for an eight Sunday schedule. Six brothers took their 2nd degree at Mary Our Queen. The ceremonial team is proposed to be renamed the **Guy E. Stryker Team**. Two candidates became first degree last month.

The Informed Voter Poster was set up at All Saints and got good comments. A council from New Orleans will copy the idea next year. Held an annual Mass for Life with an honor guard. The council provided beverage service at the 25th Anniversary Gala for Monsignor Kieran's pastorate. An honor guard attended that as well. Held their annual Memorial Mass for council's 28 deceased knights with a candle lighting ceremony and an honor guard. Reception followed.

Will participate in the Sunday farewell Mass for Archbishop Donoghue who will leave All Saints for St. George Village at St. Peter Chanel. Large honor guard expected. Will hold annual council Oktoberfest at Rivermont Park on Sunday also. Will host a food tent at the upcoming Dunwoody Music Festival. Will sell Keep Christ in Christmas cards for a month at church doors and at Sunday coffee receptions.

**Mary Our Queen** - no report

### **Commander Report**

Bob Mitchell reported that the Master of the Fourth Degree, Tom Gissy, will start providing a monthly newsletter called **Georgia's Golden Plume** to detail news of the fourth degree. More than 25 percent of the text has come from Mitchell. The new Master is very communicative and is looking for input from the assemblies.

Last year our Assembly participated in 50 events. This year we already have 30 scheduled in the young fraternal year. This month alone, 43

honor guard members have taken part. This Sunday 34 honor guards from 5 assemblies have already signed to attend the Archbishop Donoghue Farewell Mass. On Saturday the 30th, the Special Olympics Softball Tournament honor guard at East Roswell Park will be held. Currently nine are signed. Three of our member councils will be providing \$250 checks to the Special Olympics.

November features 6 upcoming events:

Nov 4th Mass of Remembrance at St. Brigid - 5 signed

Nov 6th Fourth Degree Exemplification - 4 signed

Nov 7th St. Andrew Veterans Day Mass - 6 signed

Nov 20th St. Brigid Two Confirmation Events

Nov 30th Christmas Parade in Rome, GA

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Dec 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe in Rome GA

Sir Knight Dick Szyperski donated his unused set of regalia minus sword to the assembly. His gift was deeply appreciated and saved the assembly the cost of the planned purchase of those items.

A question was raised by Urban Rump as to how often we clean the shared regalia. Mitchell opined that it was two or three times per year. Regalia gets crumpled with use.

Wasowski offered that regalia makes a wonderful Christmas present for Sir Knights who have none. Ask for same and join the honor guard.

### **Faithful Navigator Comments**

FN wrote to new 4th degree Master Tom Gissy to request a change of the District Second Degree team name to the **Guy E. Stryker Team**.

FN praised the Assembly Honor Guard for the 50 events held last year. He noted that no other honor guard comes close to those figures. He especially praised Bob Mitchell for his hard work and coordination of those events.

Asked for assistance in performing ceremonial roles for first and second degree ceremonies for which he had committed but cannot fulfill due to travel. Rick Sisko and Mike Klimshuk very graciously will step up to assist.

FN noted that Atlanta Council 660 has promised to complete their acquisition of degree props and robes to relieve our district's teams of providing same for their degrees.

Mitchell noted that Master Gissy had expressed concern that we were holding too many events and that burnout was a possibility. Mitchell assured him that this active group had not yet reached that plateau.

### **Split the Pot**

Mike Klimshuk won \$47.

### **Attendance Award**

Rich McKenzie won the \$25 award.

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order and the usual ceremonies. It ended at 8:48 PM.