Minutes of October 9th, 2014 Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly Meeting

The October Assembly Meeting was held in All Saints McGivney Hall. Our normal future rotations are shown below:

Mary Our Queen....November. then moving to St. Andrew......December _ then moving to All Saints.....January... then moving back to MOQ

The pre-meeting rosary was recited at 6:20 PM. It was dedicated Jack Klapka.

The social dinner followed immediately afterward. The meeting started a bit early at 7:15 PM. There were 28 members present.

The opening ceremonials, Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer were conducted.

Singing of the Opening Ode was waived.

The minutes of the last meeting were waived, since they were posted to members electronically with one transmitted correction also sent out.

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

Faithful Navigator-	Stan Wasowski	
Faithful Captain-	Doc Malone	
Faithful Pilot-	Ed Pierson	
Faithful Comptroller-	Dave Mason	
Faithful Admiral-	Bob Webster	
Faithful Scribe-	Lou Hlad	
Faithful Purser-	Abe Kassis	
Trustee 3 year term-	Bob Mitchell	
Trustee 2 year term-	Ron Collins	(excused)
Trustee 1 year term-	Dennis Klein	
Inner Sentinel-	Terry Petrukovich	(excused)
Outer Sentinel-	James Knapp	
Faithful Commander-	Bob Mitchell	
Faithful Friar-	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	(excused)
Faithful Friar Emeritus - Monsignor Donald Kiernan (excused)		

Faithful Navigator's Report

FN thanked the members of All Saints for a wonderful dinner as always. All Saints Warden Jim Gonzales prepared it with help from his wife.

There were no members attending for the first time.

FN noted that not much was going on last month, but October would be very busy with a Columbus Day Assembly Dinner highlighting the events to be discussed in a few moments.

The Assembly-run Bingo event at All Saints will be held on Thursday Oct 23rd. Half the proceeds would revert to the Assembly. He asked members to encourage friends to attend.

FN noted that several Honor Guard opportunities will be available after a quiet month of September.

Faithful Comptroller Report (Dave Mason)

- Our checking account balance is \$6,323.
- Membership at 164 members. Up 3 for transfers from the Outlaw family (Tony and sons Mike and Chris). Mike Outlaw is currently serving in the US Marines. These three were voted in during the last meeting.
- Paperwork being completed for 4th Degree Exemplification. All Saints has paperwork from 12 future Sir Knights signed up for November 8th. He cautioned that \$10 for the Assembly badge and \$35 for the ladies luncheon must be included.
- There will be a hospitality suite for the first time in cooperation with the Archbishop Donoghue Assembly. Cost for the suite will be split. It will Provide a place to eat and rest between exemplification events.
- Mason mentioned the Assembly Dinner at Altobeli Italian Restaurant at 7 PM on October 13th. Currently 43 people at confirmed including some of the new candidates to be added.
- Mary Our Queen and St. Andrew will add news about the Bingo event at All Saints on the 23rd to boost attendance. Every three months the Assembly will receive the Bingo proceeds provided they run the event.
- We received \$450 from the St. Brigid Fr. O'Callahan Assembly to cover their attendees' dinners at the Korean War Veterans Social.

Purser Report on Bills (Abe Kassis)

One bill of \$19.17 from Supreme to pay for new transfers. The bill for the evening's dinner will be submitted later.

Scribe Report on Communications (Lou Hlad)

No communications received.

Report of Committees

Social Committee (Chuck Langgood)

He had nothing to add about the Altobeli Social Dinner on the 13th and thanked Bob Webster for his help in setting it up. Lou Hlad added that about 20 copies of the proposed menus were available to those not aware of the proposed fare.

FN asked if Doc Malone had anything to add regarding the next Bingo event. Doc added that he had been helping his wife who had been in the hospital and Dave Mason had stepped up to help with the event. He urged St. Andrew and Mary Our Queen to step up with bringing patrons to the event.

Dennis Klein asked what the costs for Bingo were. Doc answered that each player pays \$15 for eight large scoring sheets with nine Bingo cards printed on each sheet. The eight sheets allow ten bingo games to be called with two sheets being used for two games (a simple Bingo followed by a continue to cover all remaining squares). Colored markers are sold for one dollar to cover called numbers. The marker may be used for several weeks. Nearly \$1,000 in prizes are awarded each month. Players number over 110 typically.

Lou Hlad added that he had won twice the previous month and that the potential winnings are well worth the price for an evening of fun. The record attendance has been 149 and the hall holds about 180. Split-the-pot is also available as it is at all Knights events.

Chalice Committee (Ed Pierson)

Ed Pierson reported there were no additional comments to the detailed report given the previous month.

As these minutes were being finalized, we learned that Sir Knight Nicholas D'Annunzio of our Watters Assembly and St. Brigid Council had just passed away on the evening of November 10, 2014. His name will be remembered on a chalice. Funeral arrangements will be following. He will be memorialized on our next chalice.

Membership Committee (Bill Camden)

In addition to the 11 new candidates and three transfers we voted in last month, We had one additional candidate :

John Shaffer — All Saints

Bill Camden spoke on his behalf and he was voted in unanimously.

Patriotic Committee (Jon Bird)

Jon related that he has one project that he is pursuing and anyone interested may contact him at <u>bird2002@bellsouth.net</u>.

The Atlanta History Center has funding from the Library of Congress. They are videotaping comments from veterans in a special studio about experiences of their service for posterity. He gave the directions to the Center on West Paces Ferry Road. Contact Jon if you would like to record your veteran service experiences for the Library of Congress.

Trustee Report (Dennis Klein)

In a roundabout way, he stated there was no report in about 50 words (laughter followed).

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Bob Santos (State Charities Chairman) rose to announce some changes since the state charities newsletter went out. The new newsletter will be sent out quarterly and he asks that it be widely shared among the councils. Next one comes out in December. Submissions go to Jack Callahan or Bob himself.

Changes in the Charity Committee structure — new Director of Council Relations is Brad Burnett. Bob will be working with Brad to schedule council visits. The other change is a Director of Corporate Relations, Chris Werner. His job is to go out and get corporate donations for our Knight charities.

The big change on the state level is that Camp Inspire is no longer sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. They abruptly told our State Deputy a week ago. It will no longer appear on any web sites or brochures. The state gala for Special Olympics will still be held. The golf tournament will still be a focus. The reason for dropping Camp Inspire has not yet been announced.

There will be a social that all councils will be invited to. The details will come out during the January Grand Knight Meeting. We are asking the Grand Knights to push the charities on the council level.

Bob Mitchell reminded all that a group purchase of regalia is in the works and he can get members a 20% discount.

Color Corps Commander Report (Bob Mitchell)

- Bob has sent out an email requesting help not only for our Assembly, but for other Assemblies needing help. He related that communication between Assemblies is very bad and a simple email well before events are lightly-filled would really help. Bob asked for help learning about events in parishes other than our three member parishes. The Georgia State Council is also quite bad in notifying people in advance regarding statewide events.
- The single most important honor guard is the annual one to commemorate our deceased brothers of All Saints and the Watters Assembly. In total, 55 deceased knights will be honored this year—49 from All Saints and 6 from the Assembly who are not from All Saints. There is a large overlap. The Mass is 7 PM on Oct. 15th. Candles are lit for each deceased and a gong is rung. Remember that Each of us will be eventually honored in this fashion.
- St. Monica is having two Confirmations on the following Saturday and has asked our help. October 18th is the date. Bob Webster noted that their Assembly is not robust in their honor guards.
- The November 8th 4th degree exemplification is in need of honor guard volunteers. Well over 100 men will become 4th degree on that date. We will have a hospitality suite available.
- Sunday Nov 9th at All Saints and also at St. Andrew there will be Veterans Day Mass honor guards. Volunteers were added for both those events by show of hands.
- On Tuesday Nov. 11th (actual Veterans Day) an honor Guard has been added for All Saints 9 AM Mass.
- On Saturday Nov 22nd, there is a Confirmation at All Saints at the 10 AM Mass.

Reports of the Third Degree

All Saints—Dean Trantow

- The council employed its giant cooker at an EDGE/Teen Life cookout on September 7th for hundreds of youngsters.
- Our Faithful Friar and All Saints Sir Knight, Fr. Dan Rogaczewski, gave a seminar on Sept. 8th to a large parish crowd on general topics of Mary that were unknown to many.
- All Saints had a weekend membership drive (Sept 13/14) that garnered about 20 new candidates. Eleven of them have already become first degree knight. Also, Msgr. James Fennessy, retired pastor of St. Jude Parish who now resides at All Saints, transferred into All Saints Council. We now have over 470 members.
- Our council Insurance field Agent, John Knight, gave a seminar on KofC insurance topics at McGivney Hall on Sept 16th to members and candidates.
- All Saints hosted the weekend Habitat for Humanity build on Sept. 20th for the 21st All Saints Habitat home. Nearly 20 members participated and Sir Knight Greg Crnkovich provided food services.
- The council was a major player in hosting the monthly All Saints Bingo Night on Sept. 25th. The Bingo equipment is now paid off.

The council hosted an outdoor concert outside McGivney Hall on Sept. 27th featuring "The Buggs", a Beatles tribute band that had over 300 attendees.

- A first degree was held on Sept. 30 with 11 new members and a 12th transfer.
- Our pumpkin truck arrived on Oct. 4th with 3,000 gourds. These were unloaded and distributed around the campus by knights and families.
- Our October 5 our annual Oktoberfest Picnic was held at Rivermont Park hosted by Past State Deputy and All Saints Charter Member and Past Grand Knight, Rick Sisko. Georgia's current State Deputy, Sandy Hillsman, was on hand to deliver our Council Star Award, and an award to Bill Camden as top state recruiter.

We catered another work day at the new Christo Rey High school in Midtown.

We lost our 49th member, John Foley, on September 12th. Funeral arrangements at All Saints were pending. He will have a Knight team of acolytes.

Mary Our Queen—(Jim Knapp)

- They held a breakfast for the benefit of the RSVP.
- They helped out with the parish picnic after the vigil Mass Sept 27th.
- Jim Knapp passed the GK title to Pete Farrell. He is getting used to the office and is thinking of ways to increase membership.

<u>St. Andrew</u> — (Bill Campbell)

- Doug Baugh was awarded Honorary Life Membership. He has been a member for 42 continuous years.
- Parish Fall Festival was supported with "tons of food". Event was very successful.
- Will hold a 1st degree on Oct. 18th or 19th. Have two new applications.
- They are planning for "A Taste of St. Andrew" event.
- Have their Veterans Mass with honor guard planned for Nov. 9th.
- They are planning for their annual pecan sales event this Fall at end of October.
- They are making plans for the Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day baskets that they pass out every year. This has been a very successful event. Gave out 170 baskets last year.
- They are planning for their "Christmas with Santa" event.

Good of the Order

FN took intentions from the floor and a group prayer was said.

Split-the-Pot Award

Vince Flynn won the pot of \$150 and received half.

Attendance Award

Doc Malone of All Saints' name was picked, and he was in attendance.

The meeting was closed with the usual ceremonials at 8:15 PM for a meeting of one hour.

(see the following pictures of our Assembly Dinner Social at Altobeli Restaurant.)

Altobeli Restaurant Assembly Social Dinner October 13, 2014

















We had yet another delightful Assembly social at Altobeli's Italian Restaurant on October 13, 2014.

We were blessed to have both our Faithful Friar, Fr. Dan Rogaczewski, and our Faithful Friar Emeritus, Monsignor R. Donald Kiernan, in attendance.

These events are always popular. If you missed it, make sure you attend the next one with your spouse. We will certainly have more.

Assembly Bingo Night at All Saints on October 23, 2014



Ralph O'Connor





Terry Petrukovich



Bob Webster



Joe DeVita

Doc Malone