

Minutes of October 13th, 2016

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The October Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints. Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

Mary Our Queen.... November 10th (followed by)
St. Andrew December 8th (followed by)
All Saints.....January 12th (then back to MOQ)

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. An exceptional gourmet meal of pork loin, potatoes, sauerkraut, bread, cake, and adult beverages was prepared by Sir Knight Bill Driscoll. There were 35 total Sir Knights in attendance.

The meeting began early at 7:15 PM with the usual ceremonies. First time attendee Steve Berrigan of All Saints was present. An October wedding anniversary was announced for Al Garofalo (59 years). Birthdays were also acknowledged for Bob Webster and Terry Petrukovich.

No Sir Knights from other Assemblies were in attendance. Handshakes among all brothers were exchanged.

FN called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed with no corrections.

A roll call of officers yielded these results:

Faithful Navigator	– William Camden	
Faithful Controller	– Dave Mason	
Faithful Captain	– Nick Mattera	
Faithful Pilot	— Jon Bird	
Faithful Admiral	– Stan Wasowski	(excused)
Faithful Purser	– Abe Kassis	
Faithful Scribe	– Lou Hlad	
Inner Sentinel	– Dave Richardson	
Outer Sentinel	- Joe Inglima	
One Year Trustee	– Bob Mitchell	(excused)
Two Year Trustee	– Bob Webster	
Three Year Trustee	– Chuck Langgood	
Color Corps Commander	– Stan Wasowski	(excused)
Faithful Friar	– Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	(excused)
Faithful Friar Emeritus	— Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan	(excused)

Faithful Navigator Report (Bill Camden)

At the October Assembly Meeting we approved the meeting minutes and the Faithful Navigator's Report for September.

Our Charity Committee Bob Webster, Dave Mason, Nick Mattera and I made the following recommendations to be pay the below listed Veterans donation groups as discussed in our past (2) Assembly meetings and Faithful Navigator's Report. All of the listed groups were voted on and approved by the Assembly in October meeting.

Fisher House - \$2,500.00

Phoenix Patriot Foundation - \$2,000.00

Wreaths Across America –St. Andrews-associated Heritage Society - \$1,500.00

Fallen Solder Memorial Battlefield Cross - \$2,400.00

Total Amount to distribute from Golf Tournament at this time is \$8,400.00.

In October we had (4) Honor Guards.

Oct. 1st – St. Brigid's 50/60 years Anniversary Mass.

Oct. 14th – Wake for Barbara Spencer.

Oct. 15th – All Saints – Funeral for Barbara Spencer.

Oct. 19th – All Saints – Mass of Remembrance.

I ask once again that you please participate in as many Honor Guards as you can as we need each of you so we can make a spiritual showing for our Faith, Priests and our Assembly. Please remember to support the other parishes and not just the one that you attend.

All Saints served the food at our last meeting. We thank you Sir Knights for the work you gave to the Knights preparing dinner and for the hospitality for our Assembly.

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month. Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Mary Malone, Sharon Culetta, Walt Wasowski, Bill May, Oscar Frizzi, William Osherski, Linda Sperick, Ernie and Barbra Spencer & family, Wiley Maloof, Ray Grupinski, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smith's daughter Linda, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, and Ron Collins' wife Jackie, Msgr. Kiernan, Margret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Lori Echols, Robbie White, Mike Dorico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco, Mary Jo Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Jean, Joy Fahey and Peter Leibowitz, Deborah Blair, Jerry Lively, Bob Mitchell's sister Nancy Dill, Norma Pierson, and Mary Ross, Gordon Stintz, Marty Dough, Danny Medina, Mary Ann Osha, Bill Keen, Encarta and Jessica.

Please keep these wonderful Brother Sir Knights and their family and friends in your prayers.

Please pray for our countries new leaders that they will lead us in the direction that our Lord asks of us. Please pray for the men and women in the military that are fighting for our freedom and religious rights and for all the Christian refugees in the Mid-East. Please pray for our Clergy of our faith.

Items of Interest:

Al Garofalo was a real hit at our last meeting giving us a history lesson of our Assembly. Al is a charter member and has been a very involved Sir Knight in the Council and the Assembly. Everyone enjoyed Al's stories from how the Assembly started to present times. Thank you Al for all you do for us and always being there when the Assembly or someone has a need. You're the Best.

David Emery was given an award for chairing a most successful golf tournament, spending countless hours of hard work in providing us with such a great success in raising funds and on top of that, providing a great time for all. Thank you David.

Assembly Family Picnic was held on October 15th on the river at St. Andrews with over 60 people and the weather was perfect. We played a lot of games with teams and had a blast. Thanks to the committee of Chuck Langgood, Terry Petrukovich, Jim Gonzales, Joe Inglima and Nick Mattera and all their wives, they did an outstanding job on organizing a great time for us all. If you missed this picnic you really missed a great time. People did not want to leave as it was about 7:00 when we all left. (See photos at end of this report.)

Fourth Degree will be Saturday, Nov. 12 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Marietta, GA. We have (3) Candidates attending and there will be an Honor Guard for anyone wanting to attend. Show up time is 10:00 AM.

Chalice Presentation It is with great honor that our Knights of Columbus Assembly 2688 honors one of our new Priests, **Fr. Roberto Suarez** on Thursday, Nov. 3rd at 7:00 PM at All Saints. I invite you to attend as we celebrate and also honor our passed Sir Knight Brothers whose names are engraved on the Chalice, Sir Knights **Richard (Doc) Malone**, **James Edward Lamb** and **Michael Nassr**. (See photos at end of this report).

Solders Battle Cross Memorial will be discussed in a meeting with the City Council, Parks Dept. and Veterans Association on Wed. Nov. 2nd for placement of our memorial in the Johns Creek Veterans Memorial Walk Park. This is the 4th largest Veterans Park in the United States. We have received approval from The Veterans Association, The Parks Dept. and the City Council of John's Creek. We will meet to discuss and be given the location for our memorial. This is a great honor for our Assembly. Our Assembly placed a bench at this park 3 years ago. (See photo of the plaque at the end of this report).

Military Chaplains Fund Drive starts this weekend. This is our only fund drive and we need help with volunteers in collecting donations at the door 15 minutes before and after Mass. Please call or email me if you can volunteer. You will get credit for an Honor Guard for each Mass you work to collect. I encourage you to **please help make this a very successful charity event.**

Mary Our Queen starts on Saturday, Nov. 5th and 6th at all Masses
St. Andrews the following weekend on Saturday, Nov. 12th and Sunday, Nov. 14th
All Saints fund drive is on Saturday, Nov. 19th and Sunday, Nov. 20th.

Faithful Purser Report—Abe Kassis

11/10/2016 Report							
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 9.30.2016				\$ 24,895.62			
<u>RECIEPTS</u>							
GOLF		\$	400.00				
FOOD		\$	150.00				
50/50		\$	58.00				
SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS				\$ 608.00	<u>GOLF FUND</u>		
				\$ 25,503.62	NET INCOME	\$ 15,899	
<u>EXPENSES</u>							
GOLF		\$	(1,523.50)		DONATIONS		
ATTENDANCE AWARD		\$	(20.00)		FISHER HOUSE	\$ (2,500)	
MEET FOOD/BEV					PHOENIX FOUNDAT	\$ (2,000)	
SOCIALS PICNIC		\$	(190.72)		WREATHS ACROSS	\$ (1,500)	
CHAPLIN FUND					BATTLE CROSS	\$ (720)	
					TOTAL DONATIONS	\$ (6,720)	
SUB TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ (1,734.22)			
					BALANCE OF FUND	\$ 9,179	
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 10.31.2016				\$ 23,769.40			
<u>OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/(EXPENSES)</u>							
DONATIONS		\$	(6,000.00)				
GOLF		\$	(912.87)				
CHAPLIN FUND		\$	(486.85)				
SOCIALS PICNIC		\$	(18.48)				
MEET FOOD/BEV		\$	(83.27)				
EXEMPLIFICATION		\$	240.00				
EXEMPLIFICATION		\$	(230.00)				
TOTAL OUTSTANDING				\$ (7,491.47)			
CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 11.10.2016				\$ 16,277.93			

Faithful Comptroller Report—Dave Mason

- 1. Confirm checking account balance as of October 3, 2016 at \$24,690.43 (with \$15,968.37 earmarked for "Golf - Veterans Charities")**
 - 2. Membership: We have 209 Sir Knights in our Assembly. We lost SK Guy Stryker in September. There were no transfers in or out.**
 - 3. 4th Degree Exemplification: Next 4th Degree Exemplification is November 12 in Marietta, Georgia. I will need candidates Form 4 completed along with a check for \$80.00 made out to K of C # 2688. Badge included in fee.
I will need above NLT October 31st.
Please don't wait until the last minute to submit.
Be sure Council Financial Secretary signs off that candidate has completed the 3d Degree.**
 - 4. Golf Tournament at Bear's Best was very successful. Net proceeds are over \$16,000 for Our Veterans Charities**
 - 5. Veterans Charities: We will be looking at several Veterans Charities this evening that we plan to donate to from proceeds of Veterans Golf Tournament.**
 - A. Fisher House- \$2,500.**
 - B. Phoenix Patriot Foundation \$2,000.**
 - C. Wreaths Across America- St Andrews Girls Troop \$1,500**
 - D. Fallen Soldier Memorial Battlefield Cross \$2,400.**
- Total Amount to distribute from Golf Tournament at this time \$8,400.**

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

We received two “thank you” letters from widows for forwarding our council newsletter this month.

Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

We will be welcoming a record number of widows to our Deceased Brother Remembrance Mass on October 19th. Ralph Stinson is doing a wonderful job of contacting the widows to ensure that they attend with their families. We hope to get some photos of the widows at that event.

Two widows played Bingo free of charge.

Social Committee Report (Langgood/Mattera)

Chuck Langgood sttod to announce that the Assembly picnic is indeed scheduled for Saturday October 15th at St. Andrew Parish along the river. Jim Gonzales and others will be in charge of the cooking. Nick Mattera and his wife Pat will be in charge of the games.

Nick mentioned that the games will include Corn Hole, horseshoes, a wiffle basketball shoot, and a wiffle ball pitching accuracy game. As soon as a guest arrives, he or she will be assigned to a team represented by a certain color. Teams will compete against each other for a group recognition. There will also be a trivia contest with questions from the sixties. (Jon Bird opined that many of us can not remember back that far). (laughter)

We expect about 50 people at the picnic. Side dishes and desserts are important to bring. The Assembly pays for meats and beverages and condiments.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

Our next candidate is Fr. Roberto Suarez, who was ordained on June 25th. He wants a regular chalice. We have \$1,000 in our budget for two more chalices. We had Mass dates to present him a chalice, but he has canceled twice. Ed checked back with Monsignor Corbett and he advised that Fr. Suarez was still a go. We are now rescheduled for November 3rd at All Saints 7 PM Mass.

Ed checked with Fr. Tim Hepburn regarding future seminarians to be ordained. He has the names of two who will be ordained next summer. Ed will try and get a recipient before that date.

Ed brought a travel kit to show the brothers.

We have funds for two more chalices. Ed will bring a chalice to show the brothers next meeting. [\(See photos at the end of this report.\)](#) Thanks to Dave Mason for his engraving help.

- Presented to Fr. Ceballos, a chalice with the names:
 - Anthony Allan Kosek passed 12.25.2014 (All Saints)
 - Charles J. Robinson passed 12.30.2014 (St. Andrew)

- Currently awaiting Presentation to Father Roberto Suarez on Nov. 3rd.
 - James Edward Lamb passed 3.5.2015 (St. Andrew)
 - Richard (Doc) Malone passed 6.12.2015 (All Saints)
 - Michael A. Nassr passed 10.31.2015 (St. Andrew)

- Awaiting two more Chalices. (next budget cycle)
 - Dennis M. Crean passed 11.1.2015 (All Saints)
 - Fr. Joseph M. Peek passed 3.14.2016 (All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest)
 - Thomas Templeton passed 5.1.2016 (All Saints)
 - Guy E. Stryker passed 9/26/2016 (All Saints)

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

No new applications were received this month. Several people are signed up for the next fourth degree on November 12th. Scott Panyi of All Saints was read in as a candidate.

Patriotism Report (Jon Bird)

Jon Bird floated the idea of helping the Atlanta Veterans Business Association (AVBA). He advised that originally this organization was building memorials for fallen Vietnam veterans from the Atlanta area. As time passed and these heroes were honored, they are shifting gears and setting up a 501 (C3) foundation to foster a scholarship program. He noted that this organization gives scholarships to families of veterans and 100% of the money goes to this. They would like to build a large “war chest” so that they can live off the interest earned will giving out scholarships. One wealthy member already donated \$10-\$15 thousand dollars. The recipients will not be associated with Vietnam. An essay will be required to illustrate what they hope to accomplish in later life. Letters of recommendation will also be required. There is zero overhead to the fund. He gave a brochure to the FN. Bird hopes for about \$2500 from the Assembly.

Terry Petrukovich suggested a possible donation to a group at St. Andrew called Heritage Girls. They lay wreaths on the graves of veterans in military cemeteries. Their costs are 5 wreaths for \$75 to do this.

Jim Gonzales suggested a bench memorializing Fr. Charles Watters in Brook Run Park which has a Veterans Memorial Section.

Color Corps Report (Stan Wasowski)

Stan Wasowski was not present. FN mentioned that the October 19th Deceased Brother Mass was the prime event coming up. Ralph Stinson added that four widows thanked him for past events and were looking forward to this one. They said they were brought to tears last year.

Trustee Report (Bob Mitchell)

No report.

Unfinished Business

John Knight, a District Deputy, stepped forward to surprise Lou Hlad with a special District Warden badge. (applause). Lou had been helping John in his official capacity of conferring council officer installation ceremonies at his assigned councils. The District Warden also officiates at these ceremonies as an aide to ensure everybody participates properly in the script and movements of the recipients.

New Business

FN cited David Emory for his extraordinary work on managing the Golf Tournament and raising over \$35,000. David gave an inspirational and entertaining speech about how he got hole sponsors (one from an undertaker at Arlington Cemetery who said he was in the “hole business”). (Laughter)) All the volunteers on the golf committee stood up and were recognized with applause.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Exemplified 5 members to the 3rd^t degree on September 10th at St. Monica in Duluth
- Exemplified 4 members to the 2nd degree on September 28th at St. Benedict in Johns Creek.
- On September 22nd we sponsored a Bingo night with 91 players. Half the profit went to Sophia Academy on Dresden Road.
- We held a 1st degree at McGivney Hall for 3 candidates, all from other councils.
- Yesterday our All Saints Brother, Christopher Carr, was appointed Attorney General of the State of Georgia by Governor Nathan Deal.
- On September 23/24 we provided beverage services to the All Saints Fall Festival.
- We received an 18-wheeler full of 3,000 pumpkins from New Mexico. It arrived Saturday Sept. 24th and we organized a large group of knights and family members to unload it. The entire Dunwoody football team was also on hand to help unload it. They earn service points for doing things like that.
- Our members decorated the resulting All Saints Pumpkin Patch and are selling the pumpkins in daylight shifts until Halloween.
- We put together a 5-person team to help Sir Knight Walt Gauthier pack his possessions in order to move to Massachusetts to assisted living.
- We held a recruiting weekend at all the church doors on October 8/9. Signed up several candidates.
- On October 11th we held an open house for 6 candidates and 1 transfer who signed up and attended.
- We are well into planning for the Wednesday Oct. 19th Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Knights at All Saints. Our Assembly deceased will also be honored. We hope for a nice honor guard.
- Our parish's 23rd Habitat for Humanity House is nearly complete. We held an all-knight work day on October 1st. Many brothers also volunteered on the six other weekends during the build.
- Many of our brothers helped manage the Watters Golf Tournament on October 1st and played in it.
- The council sponsored a Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage in the church on October 2nd. Awarded special engraved mugs to Bob Mitchell and John Gannon for each recruiting a new member.
- We are planning a Council Oktoberfest picnic on Sunday October 30th.
- Our Council and Assembly Member Gray Plunkett is still in Benin, Africa to continue translation of the Bible into the local language.
- We published and sent out a 25 page Council newsletter.
- Our acolyte teams again served all parish funerals.
- We lost our 60th knight, Hal Eckard, and our 61st knight, Guy Stryker, this month.
- Donations:
 - \$1000 to the parish Habitat for Humanity House fund.
 - Donated \$2,000 to the I-Care driving ministry for indigent trips to medical appointments.
 - Donated \$500 to the Gold Shield Foundation.
 - Donated \$450 to the All Saints Legion of Mary Ministry for food.
 - Donated \$500 to the Special Olympics.

Mary Our Queen (Larry Pelkowski)

- Held their very first Installation of Officers Ceremony with District Deputy.
- Our new American citizen Sir Knight Frederic Alexandre held a dinner at MOQ and raised funds for the council which had been fully depleted. First fund raiser.
- Planning a barbeque which is their second fundraiser.
- Will plan weekends for the Military Chaplain's Fund with the pastor.

St. Andrew (Gary Romanick)

- Had 5 new first and second member progressions
- An anonymous donation of \$80 to the council on behalf of Dennis Klein's 80th B'Day.
- David Grattage was "Knight of the Month" for recruiting efforts.
- Jose Luis and Graciela Becerra were the "Family of the Month".
- On 10/2 the council managed food services at the Parish Picnic.
- Paster Father Lee thanked the council for support of recent "Summit on Violence".
- Ordered \$4,000 worth of pecans for upcoming sale.
- Will support the Coffee and Donuts for parish on Oct. 16th.
- Holy Family Icon was displayed at St. Andrew last month.
- Spaghetti Dinner planned for October 14th.
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets Drive planned for November.
- Veterans Day Mass planned for Nov. 6th.
- Baby Bottle Drive for Pregancy Aid Center planned for Oct. 30th.
- Assembly Picnic planned for Oct. 15th at St. Andrew.

Good of the Order

The Good of the Order was included in the FN Report earlier. Several additions were added at this time.

Special prayers are asked for Barbara Spencer, wife, of our former Faithful Navigator and Assembly Officer. She passed away in October due to a serious infection and several other illnesses. The Assembly paid her tribute with an honor guard at both her wake and funeral. An acolyte team from All Saints also served on the altar. May God show her perpetual light and may God bless Ernie and the family in this difficult time.

Split the Pot

Ralph Stinson won the \$57 prize .

Attendance Award

Ed Pierson was chosen. He was present and he was a second time in a row winner.

Meeting End

Deacon Mckenzie led the closing prayers.

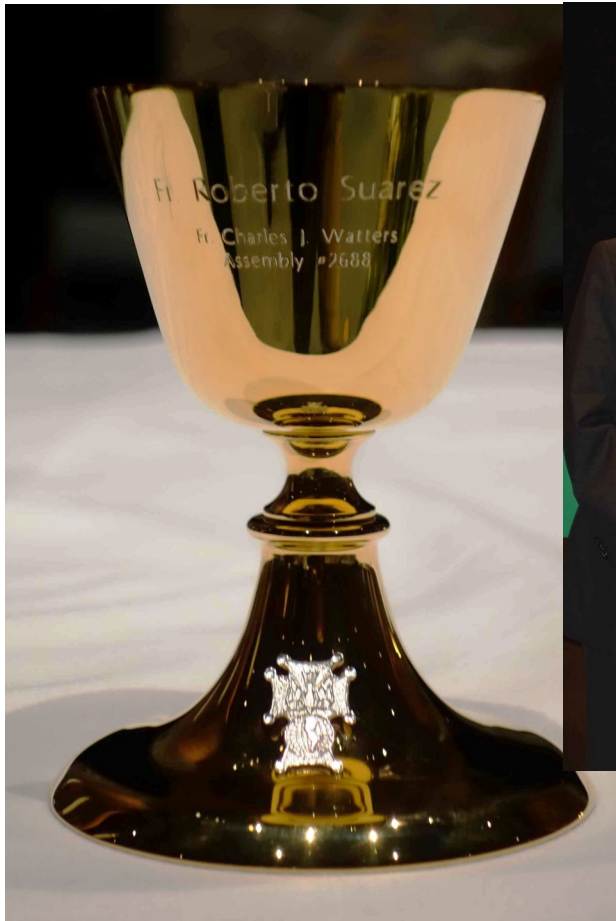
FN told a couple of jokes as usual.

The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:35 PM .

Fr. Roberto Suarez Gets Assembly Chalice



On November 3rd, Fr. Roberto Suarez was presented an Assembly chalice at the All Saints 7 PM Mass. Shown are Msgr. Hugh Marren, FN Bill Camden, Fr. Suarez, Ed Pierson, and Dave Mason.



Watters Assembly Wins First-Ever Star Award

Worthy Sir Knights:

Great News, Our Assembly 2688 has been awarded by the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations to the Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly who is recognized as winners of the first ever Star Assembly Award for the 2015-2016 fraternal year. This assembly led the way by excelling in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, reporting to the Supreme Council office and keeping their members and others informed of assembly activities.

This Star Assembly award plaque is being engraved and will be forwarded to the Vice Supreme Master for presentation at the appropriate ceremony.

Supreme Office

Knights of Columbus

“Thank You” to all Sir Knights of Assembly 2688 who helped in all our endeavors to make this possible and please continue to support our great assembly whenever you can. If you have not supported the assembly like you should then think about what you are missing and what you can do to help us move forward. You know the feeling in your heart when you have helped others, when they have a need. There is nothing like it.

Certificate Honoring Our War Vet Efforts



All Saints Grand Knight Pat Fahey and Faithful Navigator Bill Camden hold a certificate presented to the two organizations for their help in honoring the Veterans of Mid-East Wars.

Knight Remembrance Mass October 19th



On Wednesday October 19th, the Council held its annual Mass of Remembrance at All Saints for all our deceased brothers. We honored 61 deceased council members, and we also honored 5 deceased brothers of our Watters Assembly. This is the most solemn event that we hold each year. An honor guard and a council acolyte team provided reverence. Candles were lit for passed



More and more widows participate in this Memorial Mass every year. The Father Joe Peek family was also very evident this year. We have begun a special outreach to widows at all our events.



Watters Assembly Picnic at St. Andrew

On October 15th, our 4th degree Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly Sir Knights and families got together at the St. Andrew Parish grounds for their annual picnic. The Weather was great and the games and fellowship was great too. We encourage all council members to progress to the fourth degree, so that they can partake in all the great Assembly events as well.



Let the games begin! Attendees divided into four teams for the Olympic? events. The horseshoes were by far the most strenuous, but the athletes took time between events to rest and refresh with beer and brats.