# Minutes of 09-09-2010 Watters Assembly Meeting

The September meeting was held at St. Brigid The meeting commenced early at 7:25 PM with the usual ceremonials. Members present were 38. It was the third Assembly meeting under new Faithful Navigator, Greg Crnkovich. Our new Faithful Minstrel, Mark Foster, again provided guitar accompaniment for the newly-adopted ode "God Bless America" printed on newly-printed colorful prayer and song cards.

The ten officers present were Crnkovich, Hlad, McKenzie, Mix, Langgood, Pierson, Zaryski, Mix, Judson, and Webster. Only Msgr. Marren, Stryker, and Klein were excused. Wasowski requested that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed due to the electronic transmission of same.

Hlad confirmed that there had been some amendments offered due to some indistinguishable comments on the tape. Four small bills were reported-one \$14.98 fee to Supreme for member transfer out, one \$17.98 cost for graphic engraving of name badges, one \$20 attendance award, and an \$89.96 cost to FedEx for printing of our color prayer and song cards. Amendment were accepted and minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **Bills and Communications**

There was a minor expense to Supreme for a transfer out of the assembly. An engraving cost for two plaques for \$428 and receipts for membership badges of \$27.40.

## Plaque Report

The FN asked Al Garofalo to report on the manufacture of the Faithful Navigator Succession Plaque and the Assembly Deceased Member Plaque that he had manufactured. He displayed the two plaques to applause and admiration. They will be hung in the lobby of McGivney Hall next to the Assembly Charter.

## **Communications Report**

Scribe Lou Hlad read a letter to the Assembly from our missionary Gray Plunkett of All Saints Council currently in Benin, Africa. He is translating the Bible in the Foodo language and expresses his thanks for the financial

support afforded him by the brothers. He is praying for us from that distant location and wishes he could be with us.

## **Purser Report**

Rich McKenzie reported that the opening August 1st checking balance was \$4,364. Receipts were \$196, expenses were \$638, and the August 31st ending balance was \$3,922.

## **Comptroller Report**

Webster reported our roster of members has increased since by one since the last meeting to 174 due to a transfer. He also reported our current cash balance to be \$4,194.79.

## **Admissions Report**

Five new candidates presented on Form 4's were voted in as new members. The first four were from St. Brigid and the last one was from St. Andrew. The spellings as vocalized may be subject to revision: Bill Curran, Franklin Dickson, Marty Wilson, Jon Satterfield, and James Kelly. All Saints and Mary Our Queen will announce theirs at the October meeting.

A new member from St. Brigid, John Lewis, was present. He was voted in unanimously as a new member at the meeting as well. He is from Fort Lauderdale and has served as a Faithful Navigator and Grand Knight.

## **Committee Reports**

## **Chalice Committee Report**

Ernie Spencer reported that one had been ordered. FN reminded him that the decision was to purchase two. Spencer will order another chalice.

## **Welfare Committee Report**

Brother Rump reported that a perpetual adoration card went out for Jackie Fahey. All other birthday cards were sent out as well.

Rump thanked all for the donations of food for the St. Thomas Aquinas charity. He asked that these donation continue at future meetings. He outlined the scope of the largesse of the Fulton County Community Center on Elkins Drive off Alpharetta highway. In 2009 they provided food for 23,623 people, clothes for 2,000 families, and 1.2 million in donations.

He requested help on September 11th to read the names of the deceased at the Centennial Olympic Park. He does this every year.

## **Social Committee Report**

Langgood read a letter addressed to Dennis Klein that thanked the Assembly for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund from Reverend Msgr. Steven Kirkwell, Vicar for Senior Priests.

## **Commander Report**

Ernie Spencer gave the Commander's Report for Bob Mitchell who was excused. Two events were scheduled. The Archdiocesan 50/60 Wedding Anniversary Mass at St, Brigid will be held at noon on October 2nd.

The Annual Right-to-Life Mass will be held on October 6th at All Saints at 7 PM. FN mentioned that Stan Wasowski has made additional white crosses that are carried in representing each year since Roe V. Wade with the number of babies aborted. A Living Rosary beforehand is said and about 60 people are required.

## **Patriotic Committee Report**

FN called on Brother Wasowski who reminded all that pocket versions of the Constitution were passed out at the last meeting with instructions to study one Article each meeting for discussion. Several members discussed the Article One that featured the legislative branch. Article two will feature the Executive Branch for discussion next meeting.

He also announced the beginning of an Informed Electorate Project to be presented to the councils for consideration. A large 3' by 4' board will be constructed to feature all the candidates and 5 amendments. Web sites, phone numbers, and contact information for governments will be featured. Early voting forms will be featured in a pocket. Later that pocket will have absentee ballot forms.

**Voter Guide for Serious Catholic** pamphlets are also available. All the councils may participate with All Saints if they wish and share the cost. Each will cost about \$200 per council or \$800 for four councils. It was motioned that the Assembly would share the cost up to \$400 if four councils participated. The motion passed with 5 nays.

#### **Unfinished Business**

FN reminded the members that the passing of the budget is the most important unfinished business from last meeting. The Faithful Comptroller mentioned that the main change from the proposed budget was an increase in regalia purchase to \$750 budgeted. The budget has \$15,770 in and \$15,770 out. The revised budget passed unanimously.

## **Report of the Trustees**

Tom Mix reported that the trustees had nothing new to report.

#### **New Business**

No new business

## **Third Degree Reports**

<u>St. Andrew</u> (Lemcoe) - held an installation dinner and voted Knight McKewan as Knight of the Year. Their yearly picnic is moved from an August date to September 26th. They will participate in a Soccer Challenge and also an Essay Contest using Knight material. They purchased a new monstrance for new priest Fr. Vargas. A casino night fund raiser is planned. A nut sale is planned. They made \$1,600 dollars profit last year and ran out of nuts.

St. Brigid (Langheim) – August 14 featured 4 new 3rd degree brothers. Fifteen brothers have signed up for the fourth degree. August 22nd featured a council picnic with 108 members attended with their family. Council served breakfast for the St. Brigid Business Connection to help people find jobs. Thirty brothers showed up in knight shirts to help Msgr. Reynolds guard against unauthorized solicitations. Sept 9-12 they will feature a sample home on a trailer that could be built in Haiti by parishioner donations. A Matthew Kelly Seminar is featured in a week. They will also be purchasing a set of regalia for any new 4th degree brother who needs one.

All Saints (Wasowski) - hosted a Youth cookout for parish high-schoolers. Hosted the parish Altar Servers at a White Water Outing. Provided our cooker and a team to support Fr. Bryan Small at the Emory Catholic Center Welcome Back to College Cookout. Have revived our monthly Social meeting on the Third Tuesday of the month in McGivney. This month is a welcome to new members during a televised sport event. Hosted a first degree for twelve new

brothers. Hosted the Assembly Officer Installation with a reception. They are scheduling a day at our parish Habitat for Humanity house number 17 built by All Saints. They will be participating in the Informed Electorate project. Their Oktoberfest picnic is October 17th. They will be participating in the Dunwoody Music Festival with a food tent on October 23/24. The third session of Fathers for Good Seminar is starting next week. They will host a first degree at Mary Our Queen.

<u>Mary Our Queen (Bob Santos)</u> - They will hold a first degree on the 16th and a second degree on the 30th. Fathers Lyness and Dye will be taking part.

There was a special ceremony held there for the second group of relics that came from St. Gerard of Buffalo. Father Dye will be interviewed on major networks about the basilica move.

## **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 Stryker Team**.

## **Split-the-Pot**

Won by Max Miluer in the amount of \$67.

#### Attendance Award

Won by Rich McKenzie.

The meeting ended with the Good of the Order and the usual closing ceremonies.