

Minutes of September 10, 2015
Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The September Assembly Meeting was held at St. Andrews for the first time in many months. The renovations at St. Andrew Church were completed and the new sanctuary officially dedicated. This means that St. Andrew is again available for scheduled Assembly Meetings.

Current schedule:

All Saints.....October 8th (followed by)
Mary Our Queen....November 12th (followed by)
St. AndrewDecember 10th (and then back to All Saints)

The meeting began at 7:20 PM with the usual ceremonies. FN called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed with no corrections. There were no first-time Sir Knight attendees nor any from other Assemblies.

A roll call of officers yielded these results:

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| Faithful Navigator- | Bill Camden | |
| Faithful Captain- | Chuck Langgood | |
| Faithful Pilot- | Jon Bird | |
| Faithful Comptroller- | Dave Mason | (excused) |
| Faithful Admiral- | Stan Wasowski | |
| Faithful Scribe- | Lou Hlad | |
| Faithful Purser- | Abe Kassis | |
| Trustee 3 year term- | Bob Webster | |
| Trustee 2 year term- | Bob Mitchell | (excused) |
| Trustee 1 year term- | Ron Collins | (excused) |
| Inner Sentinel- | Terry Petrukovich | |
| Outer Sentinel- | Nick Mattera | |
| Faithful Friar- | Fr. Dan Rogaczewski | (excused) |
| Friar Emeritus- | Msgr. Donald Kiernan | (excused) |

Faithful Navigator Report (Bill Camden)

This month has flown by and the weather has changed to cooler days and nights and a lot of events have taken place. It has been a busy month.

The August Installation Meeting at Mary Our Queen. We had about 80 knights and spouses attend this joyous event which was not a normal Assembly meeting. The hospitality and the dinner at MOQ was outstanding! Both Kroger and Publix made generous contributions to the food. Diane Watson, a parishioner, donated photography for cost. Pictures are available for order. Pat Camden donated flowers. Joe Inglema donated beverages at cost. The cost per person was thus only between \$10-\$11 person! (Stan Wasowski elicited a round of applause for the FN.)

The September meeting was held at St. Andrews adjacent to their beautifully newly-renovated church and dinner was excellent. Thank you Sir Knights for your hospitality. We had a good turnout of 28 members and we approved the meeting minutes from August.

The membership approved the budget for the year. Thanks to Abe Kassis and Dave Mason who worked hard to get the budget completed on time and with a lot of thought put into it.

The Committee Appointments were completed at September meeting and are as follows:

- 1. Ad Hoc - Widows Committee – Lou Hlad and Stan Wasowski**
- 2. Social Committee – Chuck Langgood and Joe Inglema**
- 3. Religious/Chalice Committee: - Edgar Pierson and Dave Mason**
- 4. Membership Committee (one from each parish) – Bill Camden, EJ Couvillion, Jim Knapp and Chuck Langgood**
- 5. Patriotism Committee - Bob Webster and Jon Bird**
- 6. Report of Applications: Dave Mason**
- 7. Report of the Color Corps – Stan Wasowski**

Honor Guards :

**St. Andrews ceremony to march the Eucharist from the social hall to the new church.
First mass in the new St. Andrews.**

St. Andrews blessed and dedicated their newly renovated church by Archbishop Gregory.

All Saints honored the Archbishop from India and a special evening Mass was held at All Saints with many Atlanta Catholics from India present.

A private Fourth Degree Exemplification was held at All Saints to induct Father Anthony Eshun from Ghana into the 4th degree. Fr. Anthony received his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree on his last visit to the U.S and wanted his 4th degree. Stan Wasowski looked into 4 or 5 states around us to see if we could take him but to no avail. District Master Tom Frizzi offered to do a private 4th degree, so we made it happen. (Pictures later in this report).

An Honor Guard was held at the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting of the Pregnancy Aid Clinic with Knights of Columbus. State Officers, the Mayor of Roswell and a lot of priests and Deacons and the Chancellor of the Archdiocese. The Knights of Columbus donated the “Ultrasound Machine” to the Pregnancy Center. The State Deputy, Mark McMullen thanked us for being there to represent the Knights and he was very appreciative of us taking part in this event for saving the lives of babies.

Faithful Comptroller Report (Abe Kassis for Dave Mason)

1. Confirm Checking Account balance \$8,096.46.
2. Membership 189.
3. No formal date set for next 4th degree exemplification. (It was later learned that the date will be November 14th at St. Anne's Parish).
3. All should have received electronically-proposed budget for fraternal year (2015 - 2016).
 (Our fraternal year is from July 1 to June 30th).
 Membership to vote on Budget tonight. Immediately following.

Faithful Purser Report (Abe Kassis)

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| <u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 8-13-2015</u> | | \$ 8,241.29 |
| <u>RECIEPTS</u> | | |
| Misc | \$ 90.00 | |
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| SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS | | <u>\$ 90.00</u> |
| | | \$ 8,331.29 |
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| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | |
| Misc | \$ (234.83) | |
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| SUB TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u>\$ (234.83)</u> |
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| BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 08-30-2015 | | <u>\$ 8096.46</u> |
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| <u>OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/ (CHECKS)</u> | | |
| | \$ - | More checks to clear |
| | <u>\$ -</u> | |
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| CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE final 08-30-2015 | | <u>\$ 7,212.72</u> |

The Faithful Purser noted that the budget transmitted to the members showed \$13,000 coming in and \$13,000 going out. Individual questions submitted had been answered and he was available for other. He asked that the budgeted be approved and it was so voted.

Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)

No communication to the Assembly, so no report.

FN thanked Hlad for the ad hoc newsletter put out last month, since there was no official meeting and no minutes per se. (applause)

Widows Committee Report (Lou Hlad)

All Saints Council now has 54 deceased Knights and about 40 widows still alive and living in the area. That council is working hard to keep their widows in the loop with activities like picnics, parties, fish fries, etc. We continue to send them newsletters.

They have recently voted to pay the fee for widows playing in the monthly Bingo events. The council voted \$250 for repayment of the \$15 fee that widows would pay to play, so there is no loss of Bingo revenue. When and if those monies are exhausted, they will vote more. We hope that the other councils will alert their widows to this benefit. We know that the other councils have very few widows and we are not aware if they partake.

E.J. Couvillion asked to be notified if widows from other councils are interested. They need to be identified.

Of special note is the October Remembrance Mass for deceased Knights on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7 PM at All Saints. That council will work to invite widows and extended families to the service. We remind the Assembly that an honor guard is requested and we will include deceased knights from St. Andrew and Mary Our Queen in the remembrance. St. Brigid deceased from our Assembly have their own remembrance ceremony.

Social Committee Report (Chuck Langgood)

Regarding the next veterans dinner, Chuck proposed that we hold one about the same time of year in 2016. Some of our KofC Vietnam vets were not able to make it. They will be invited next year. We hope to open it up to non-Knight next year from our three council parishes. The number of such vets is unknown.

Hlad mentioned that we lost a modest amount of money (\$900) this year on the dinner, but quarterly Bingo income continues to remedy that. The Bingo receipts are increasing because Dominic Palermo has gotten local merchants to donate large prizes every Bingo. Seventy players have increased to well over 100 players recently. (applause) We need more paying guests to offset the free meals to vets and spouses next year.

Chuck also would like to plan another social dinner with spouses perhaps during the holidays this year. FN mentioned that Joe Inghima has volunteered to help Chuck this year to replace the deceased Doc Malone who worked so hard in the past.

Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

My notes show that we have (4) SK's names available. They are:

Anthony Allan Kosek passed 12.25.2014.

Charles J. Robinson passed 12.30.2014.

James Edward Lamb passed 3.5.2015.

Richard (Doc) Malone passed 6.12.2015.

I am starting again to look for a priest and I do not want to order a chalice until I know what the priest needs.

I will get an up to date list of the chalices we have presented with the SK's names. (FN noted that Dave Mason will help on the Chalice Committee this year as well.)

Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)

We have 7 or 8 candidates ready for their 4th degree. Many of these did not make the last one for which they were scheduled. There will be a fourth degree on November 14th.

Stan Wasowski mentioned a new situation that has arisen for a new member. Fr. Anthony Eshun of Ghana, a third degree member of All Saints who comes there once a year, wants to become a Sir Knight, but is never here at the proper time. Stan has searched around for a 4th degree ceremony in a surrounding state, but could find none. Fr. Anthony is about to return to Ghana in Mid-October.

Stan asked Master Tom Frizzi if a special ceremony could be set up for one person. Frizzi agreed and it was scheduled for All Saints. It will be scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 16th. (It actually happened and pictures are included.) We will note one new member at the next meeting. No other candidates will be exemplified during this special private event.

Patriotism Report (Jon Bird)

No report. We have copies of the Constitution for all those who wish. They were distributed. Bob Webster will aid Jon on the Patriotic Committee.

Color Corps Commander Report (FN for Bob Mitchell)

- Three events at St. Andrew. (communions and church dedication).
- All Saints event to welcome an archbishop from India and the local Indian congregation.
- St. Benedict has asked for help. The details are in an email from Bob Mitchell.
- St. Andrew has Confirmation scheduled soon.
- All Saints has the Mass of Remembrance for deceased Knights on Wednesday October 14th.

Trustee Report (Abe Kassis for Trustees)

The quarterly audit was recently submitted.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Reports of the 3rd Degree

Mary Our Queen (Jim Knapp)

- The council has a couple of new transferees.
- There are several new parishioners who have expressed interest.
- Their Sunday breakfasts will resume soon.

St. Andrew (Victor– the DGK)

- Eight months of renovation at St. Andrew are over. All are invited to look around at the many changes and upgrades to the facilities.
- The council is becoming more active and their membership is increasing. They were a Star Award Council this year.

All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Provided food services for the Dunwoody Butterfly Festival on August 15th.
- Sponsored annual Altar Server Outing at White Water Park on August 22nd.
- Supported Parish Bingo on August 27th. Our council widows now play free with the council picking up the fee. Large crowds provided \$1,060 for Sophia Academy School.
- Sponsored monthly parish Family Night Movie night (Mary Poppins) on August 28th.
- Participated in September 9th honor guard for Diocesan Indian Community at All Saints.
- Next two All Saints Mens Club Meetings will feature two council brothers vying for election as Dunwoody mayor. Most club officers are knights, many speakers are knights, half the attendees are knights. Retired General Denis Shortal is contesting with incumbent Mac Davis.
- Donated another \$500 to Sir Knight Dick Marklein's bicycle marathon. He was also awarded our August Knight-of-the-Month for his 57 day event.
- Donated \$150 for Habitat for Humanity T-shirts for our 22nd house build. We will also provide food services for our KofC build day.
- Donated \$1,000 to the actual parish fund to build the parish Habitat House.
- Donated \$1,000 for Sir Knight Gray Plunkett's next missionary trip to Benin, Africa.
- Donated \$2,000 to I-Care (the medical driver program in DeKalb County).

Upcoming in October

- Pumpkins arrive October 3rd. Volunteers will unload 18-wheeler and set up campus.
- 9 All Saints Knights are eligible to attend 50/60 wedding anniversary event at St. Brigid on October 3rd. Ernie Spencer is celebrating 60th wedding anniversary Mass as we speak.
- Knight membership Drive at church doors October 3/4.
- Annual Oktoberfest Picnic October 11th.
- Knight Memorial Mass at All Saints on October 14th.
- Outdoor concert series with band called "Men in Blues" October 24th.

Special Prayer

Dennis Klein rose to suggest that we say an Our Father and Hail Mary for Ernie and Barbara Spencer who were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at that exact moment at an All Saints Church Mass. All stood to say the prayer.

Good of the Order

- Christine Santos was remembered.
- E.J Covillion's mother
- Sir Knight Mike Nassr
- Stan Wasowski's uncle, Walter Wasowski, 97, Past Grand Knight and District Deputy
- Stan Wasowski's friend Brad Williams recovering from cancer surgery
- Jim Knapp's mother, Lillian, who just passed away
- Dennis Klein's daughter
- Ron Colins' son who passed away
- Father Joseph Peek
- Andy Diaz
- Al Garofalo
- John Barranco
- Bob Mitchell with two knee surgeries
- Other persons not heard on the recording

Prayer was said for all these folks. A special prayer handout was recited for Fr. Peek. Stan Wasowski explained the meaning of the special prayer used by the parishioners of All Saints.

Split the Pot

Jon Bird won \$40 of the \$80 pot.

Attendance Award from July Meeting

Ray Grupinski was not present.

Meeting End

Gray Pluckett led the group in God Bless America. FN praised Gray for his trips to Africa and Gray explained what he does in Benin, Africa by translating the Bible into the Foodo language.

The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:08 PM.

Father Anthony Eshun Becomes a Sir Knight



Bill Camden

Lou Hlad

Fr. Anthony

Stan Wasowski

The first Knight from Ghana became the first Sir Knight from Ghana during a special fourth degree ceremony held at McGivney Hall on Sept 16. It was the first of its kind ever held at McGivney.



The Master of the Fourth Degree, Tom Frizzi, granted All Saints special permission to hold this unscheduled and very private degree, since Fr. Anthony is in the U.S. only for short periods in which there are no such degrees available. Frizzi was the ceremonial team leader. Only current Sir Knights were eligible to attend as observers.

Fr. Anthony was ecstatic (he always looks that way anyway) upon his elevation to this level and the very special accommodation made for him.

Monsignor Hugh Marren, who Fr. Anthony calls “the boss”, was in attendance along with a dozen other Sir Knights. Such unscheduled fourth degree ceremonies are very rare. Stan Wasowski prevailed upon Master Frizzi and he was most gracious to give of his time to come to Atlanta with all the various ceremonial scripts, slide show, and props required.

We are very proud to welcome Father Eshun to our rolls as the 141st Sir Knight from All Saints.