

# **Minutes of September 8th, 2016**

## **Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting**

The September Assembly Meeting was held at St. Andrew. Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

All Saints.....October 13th (followed by)  
Mary Our Queen.... November 10th (followed by)  
St. Andrew .....December 8th (then back to All Saints)

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. An exceptional gourmet meal of lasagna, peas, corn, salad, cookies, bread, and adult beverages was prepared by St. Andrew brothers. There were 32 total Sir Knights in attendance. St. Andrew pastor, Father Dan Fleming popped in to say hello, but could not stay for the meeting.

The meeting began quite early at 7:10 PM with the usual ceremonies. First time attendee Richard Rollins (married 22 years) was present. Other Sept. wedding anniversaries were announced for Ralph Trujillo, Jim Gonzalez (5), Nick Mattera (40), Doug Baugh (50), and John Healy (47). Birthdays were also acknowledged for Dennis Klein, Ed Pierson, Doug Baugh, and Jerry Adkins.

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  
**Faithful Purser** – Abe Kassis  
**Faithful Scribe** – Lou Hlad  
**Inner Sentinel** – Dave Richardson (excused)  
**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  
**Faithful Friar** – Fr. Dan Rogaczewski (excused)  
**Faithful Friar Emeritus**— Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan (excused)

# **Faithful Navigator Report (Bill Camden)**

I hope all of you have had a great summer and hopefully we will get a break from the heat and the cooler weather will move in. We are in another very busy month with a lot going on.

At the August meeting, we approved the minutes for the July 2016 meeting.

In August we had (2) Honor Guards. I want to thank each of the Sir Knights for your participation in the Honor Guard for the month of August. We had a great turnout for all Honor Guards with (21) at the end of the month and (18) at Mary our Queen and (18) at St. Andrews. WOW!!! That was awesome. Thank you and God bless you all for your support.

- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – Mary Our Queen- Welcome Mass for Fr. Daraugh Griffith, new pastor of MOQ
- Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>- St Andrews –Rededication Mass

**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.**

Our new Mary Our Queen Sir Knight Frederic Alexandre did an excellent job preparing the food at our last meeting. The dinner was excellent. We thank you Frederic for all the hard work you gave to the Knights preparing a wonderful dinner and for the hospitality for our Assembly. Frederic also became a United States Citizen this past month. Congratulations, Frederic.

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month. Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, Guy Stryker, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Mary Malone, Sharon Culetta, Walt Wasowski, Bill May, Oscar Frizzi, William Osherski, Linda Sperick, Barbra Spenser, Wiley Maloof, Ray Grupinski, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smith's daughter Linda, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith, Matt Powell Sr., Kathleen, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, Patrice Gavin, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, and Ron Collins' wife Jackie. Jim Masak, Msgr. Kernan, Margret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Lori Echols, Robbie White and added last month was 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 .

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.

Assembly Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 4:00. If your name starts with A through M, please bring a side dish. If your name starts with N through Z, please bring a dessert. The Assembly will be serving hamburgers and brats. This will be a great time for some fun and camaraderie. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

**Items of Interest:**

**The Assembly Officers held their Installation dinner at Mambo Italiano restaurant with our District Master, Tom Frizzi and his wife, on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He was very complimentary to our Assembly and all of the activities we are involved with. He mentioned again about how impressed he was with numbers involved in our Honor Guard of (21) Sir Knights at the Installation Mass. He sends his THANKS TO ALL OF YOU for your support of our Assembly.**



**We had the Holy Family with us at our Assembly meeting courtesy of Sir Knight Dennis Klein. We said the Rosary in honor of the Holy Family and recited the prayer that travels with The Holy Family icon. We were very blessed and honored. Thank you Dennis.**



- I am pleased to announce our new District Master is Stan Rapciewicz. Stan is the current state Retention Chairman, District Marshall and he is a former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator. His term starts on September 1<sup>st</sup> and I am looking forward to helping him. Please give him your support.

It has been announced that there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree in November. We do not have a date at this time but I will announce it once it has been determined. (Now known as Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>).

- Our Assembly submitted for the Patriotic Award to our Supreme Council and the award is to be announced sometime after July.
- We have also submitted for the Civic Award to the Vice Supreme Master. This will also be announced sometime after July.
- We were chosen by the State K of C for the Program for “Knights Activity” for the year by our State Deputy Mark McMullen.
- We submitted for the Knights Activity in “Knightline” to Supreme and we were in April addition on Line and the May addition “Knightline Newsletter” from Supreme.
- We also submitted an article for “Columbia Magazine” for our Assembly which has not been printed yet.
- We signed up a record (41) new Sir Knights in 2015-2016

### **Golf Tournament:**

Sir Knights, we need about 5 more golfers for our Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at “Bear’s Best” in Suwannee. We have about 110 signed up. If you know someone that doesn’t have the entry fee, please consider sponsoring him or her or contact us..

If you are a golfer, then please consider being one of the fun groups. We will place you with a great group, and you will have a blast playing with Leo Mazzone and Rocky Snipes, the greatest long ball hitter in history (450 yards plus) who will hit your ball off the tee for you.

If you sponsor a golfer for \$150.00, you too have a free Lunch, beverages, and you can go to the awards ceremony and hear Leo Mazzone speak. (He will make you laugh). You will also be admitted to the silent action at no charge.

It will be a great time and remember that this is for a great cause “The Veterans” who need help. Please call David Emery at 770-395-7913 or email [jdavidemery@gmail.com](mailto:jdavidemery@gmail.com)

**Assembly Meeting This Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at All Saints, 6:15 PM Rosary followed with Dinner at 6:30 PM and meeting to start on or before 7:30.**

**We will have a film during dinner of our golf tournament on Oct. 13th. Come see what a great event it was.**

Our Charity Committee (Bob Webster, Dave Mason, Nick Mattera and I) met on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and we make the following recommendations to be paid to the below listed Veterans donation groups as discussed in our past (2) Assembly meetings and Faithful Navigator’s Report:

- Fisher House - \$2,500.00
- Phoenix Patriot Foundation - \$2,000.00
- Wreaths Across America –St. Andrews Girls Troop - \$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**

**I look forward to seeing all of you at the next Assembly meeting at All Saints.**

# Faithful Purser Report—Abe Kassis

10/13/2016

<b><u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 8.31.2016</u></b>		<b>\$ 29,427.60</b>
<b><u>RECIEPTS</u></b>		
DONATION	\$ -	
GOLF	\$ 10,783.32	
FOOD	\$ 209.00	
50/50	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
<b>SUB TOTAL RECIEPTS</b>		<b><u>\$ 11,042.32</u></b>
		<b>\$ 40,469.92</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
GOLF	\$(15,224.26)	
ATTENDANCE AWARD	\$ (20.00)	
MEET FOOD/BEV	\$ (154.97)	
OFFICER INSTALLATION	<u>\$ (175.07)</u>	
<b>SUB TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b><u>\$ (15,574.30)</u></b>
<b>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 9.30.2016</b>		<b><u>\$ 24,895.62</u></b>
<b>OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/(EXPENSES)</b>		
GOLF	\$ (205.19)	
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING</b>		<b><u>\$ (205.19)</u></b>
<b>CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 10.03.2016</b>		<b><u>\$ 24,690.43</u></b>

## Faithful Comptroller Report—Dave Mason

1. Confirming checking account balance as of September 8th at \$28,715.03.
2. Membership: We are at 210 Sir Knights. We did not add or lose any members. There was no exemplification in July or August. And no transfer in or out.
3. Golf Tournament September 10th at Bear's Best. We have raised approximately \$25,000. Less expenses with balance going to Veteran's and patriotic causes. As of this AM we had 28 Foursomes with 112 players.
4. Assembly Audit completed in August.
5. Assembly IRS forms completed and accepted.
6. Next 4th Degree Exemplification is November 12 in Marietta. I need NLT October 31st. Completed Form 4 and fees. Please don't wait until the last minute to submit. Be sure council Financial Secretary signs off ..confirming they are 3d degree. Also, add \$10.00 for badge. 5

## **Bills and Communications (Lou Hlad)**

Sir Knight Walt Gauthier wrote that he thanks brother knights that helped him after his auto accident, especially Bob Santos who stayed with him 24/7.

Since that time Walt writes that he has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. He can no longer drive or live alone. His niece in Massachusetts has offered to take him in. He will move up there in by October 1. He will put all his possessions up in an estate sale. He has an honor guard sword, baldric, gloves, and chapeau box that he would like to sell to raise a modest amount.

We will put together a team to help him move his possessions.

## **Widows Ad Hoc Committee Report (Lou Hlad)**

Four widows played Bingo at All Saints complements of the council. Both Rita Mix and Mary Ann Stojka thank us every month for newsletters that keep them in the loop.

We have received contact information from St. Andrew for the five deceased St. Andrew brothers. Their widows and kin will be invited to the Wednesday October 19th 7 PM Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Knights at All Saints. Sir Knight Ralph Stinson will coordinate the contacting of widows for the Mass. We hope to have a nice honor guard present. The All Saints acolytes will serve on the altar with Monsignor Marren.

## Social Committee Report (Langgood/Inglima)

Chuck discussed the Assembly picnic which was postponed earlier in the year. He said that it is fixed for Saturday October 15th from 12—4 PM. He has that day reserved by St. Andrew Parish at the riverside. Beverages and meats (brats and hamburgers) will be provided by the Assembly. The other foods will be pot luck and provided by those that attend. Last names A-M bring a side dish and others bring dessert. Chuck asked FN to send out a poster again with this info included.

There will be games like horse shoes and corn hole and others. There will be some simple team games that depend on the ticket color that you receive when you enter. Each color will designate a team you are on.

We hope some attendees will help clean up at the end.

David Emery reported we have over 100 players signed up for the golf tournament. Several non-players sponsored other players and sponsored holes. Another 25 players would put another \$3000 in our profits. He now expects to make \$5-\$10k profit on this tournament as of now.

So far there is not a single female signed up to play. Four priests, Msgr. Marren, Msgr. Fennesy, Father Jim Duffy the pastor of OLA, and potentially Fr. Griffith the pastor of MOQ. Lunch will be about 2 PM for those who don't play but can come and dine with us. Charge should be about \$15 charged by Bear's Best. Non-players can also just take part in the chipping and putting competition.

It was asked if any other Assemblies were invited, Emery noted that there is a foursome from OLA and one from St. Benedict playing. We have not advertised extensively to other Assemblies. Advertising as an insert in the All Saints church bulletin had a poor response.

The method of play will be a "scramble" meaning everyone plays the best ball of the foursome.

## Chalice Committee Report (Ed Pierson)

Our next candidate is Roberto Suarez, who was ordained on June 25th. We have \$1,000 in our budget for two chalices. He wants a regular chalice. **We had Mass dates to present him a chalice, but he has canceled twice. Looking to agree to a common time. We are giving him one last chance. We have funds for two more chalices. Ed will bring a chalice to show the brothers next meeting.**

- 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)

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- Currently awaiting Presentation to Father Suarez:  
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)

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- Awaiting another Chalice (or two):  
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 5.1.2006 (All Saints)  
Guy E. Stryker passed 9/26/2016 (All Saints)

## **Membership Committee Report (Bill Camden)**

No new applications were received this month.

## **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 mentioned the two honor guards at St. Andrew and MOQ which were noted in the FN section. Two future honor guards for the Brother Hal Eckard funeral and the Mass of Remembrance event on Oct. 19th were the only two scheduled.

## **Trustee Report (Bob Mitchell)**

Other than the audit completion, no report.

## **Unfinished Business**

Dennis Klein asked why the entire Assembly was not invited to the Officer Installation Dinner at Mambo Italiano. FN answered that there was not enough time to schedule a large dinner. The District Master was invited thinking that he would decline. He came in full tuxedo dress with his wife and we were committed to proceed. It was fast and furious and could not put a large event together.

## **New Business**

None



# Reports of the 3rd Degree

## All Saints (Lou Hlad)

- Exemplified 3 new 1<sup>st</sup> degree members for All Saints and 3 for other councils on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We ordered an 18-wheeler full of pumpkins from New Mexico. They will arrive Saturday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and we will have a great group of knights and family members to unload it.
- Awarded our Knight-of-the-Month to Brother Norbert Braza for a decade of Acolyte Team leadership.
- Sir Knight Bernie Marino will now take over that acolyte program.
- Awarded our Family-of-the-Month Award to Lou and Marty Hlad. (Apparently ran out of good candidates). (laughter)
- Sir Knight Bob Mitchell was presented a special certificate from the state for his certification to play the role of Warden in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplification.
- We held our Annual Altar Server Whitewater Outing on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We had 43 servers and 37 adults attend. Youth Chairman Sir Knight Bryan Kler managed it.
- We provided food services for the Dunwoody Butterfly Festival. Nearly 3,500 people participated. Great public relations for our council. Sir Knight Bob Fiscella managed that. Eighteen brothers worked it and served 560 hot dogs and 480 hamburgers.
- Our August 25th Bingo had 97 players including four widows. Half of proceeds went again to Sophia Academy.
- We will provide beverage services for the All Saints Parish Fall Festival Sept. 23/24.
- We are well into planning for the Wednesday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Habitat for Humanity House is scheduled for an all-knight work day on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We are planning an Oktoberfest picnic on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Council and Assembly Member Gray Plunkett is still in Benin, Africa to continue translation of the Bible into the local language
- We sponsored our monthly Family Movie Night on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> and showed Pinocchio to the kids in McGivney Hall.
- We published and sent out a 24 page Council newsletter.
- Our acolyte teams again served all parish funerals.
- We lost our 60<sup>th</sup> knight, Hal Eckard.

## Mary Our Queen (Larry Pelkowski)

- Their Installation of Officers Ceremony will be held in two weeks with District Deputy.
- They are planning a picnic and would like to borrow the Corn Hole Game if they can.
- They had two new 1st degree members and several 3rd degree.
- They are working with the American Heritage Girls Association mentioned at the meeting.
- Our new American citizen Sir Knight Frederic Alexandre will be doing a dinner at MOQ.

## St. Andrew (Chuck Langgood)

- Recent 1st degree yielded 5 new members.
- Knights are sponsoring a Voter Registration Drive at church.
- Making a donation to seminar at St. Peter and Paul to talk about violence in our city.
- Council is setting up a reverence for the relics of St. Teresa of Calcutta.
- Held a rosary at their parish grotto for the entire parish.

## **Good of the Order**

The Prayer List had several people on our list from last month.

Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, Guy Stryker, B J Camden, Cary Kean, Mary Malone, Sharon Culetta, Walt Wasowski, Bill May, Oscar Frizzi, William Osherski, Linda Sperick, Barbara Spencer, Wiley Maloof, Ray Grupinski, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smith's daughter Linda, Barbara Morrison, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith and Matt Powell Sr., Kathleen, Larry Orchard, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, Patrice Gavin, George Petrukovich, Tom Stump, and Ron Collins' wife Jackie. Jim Masak, Msgr. Kiernan, Margret Plunkett, Nancy Dill, Lori Echols, Robbie White and added last month was Mike Dorico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco, Mary Jo Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Gene, Joy Fahey and Peter Leibowitz.

Brother Jim Snoddy had a pacemaker installed and is doing well.

Walt Gauthier has congestive heart failure and his life will be changed forever.

Norma Pierson had a stent installed and will be removed soon. She is doing well.

Brother Hall Eckard died from All Saints. Abe's brother George has lung cancer.

Nick Mattera had some good friends injured in a boating accident and asked prayers.

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.

The brothers rose to pray for the sick and deceased. FN lead the prayers.

## **Split the Pot**

Chuck Langgood won the \$50 prize .

## **Attendance Award**

Ed Pierson was chosen. He was present

## **Meeting End**

Stan Wasowski offered free US Constitution booklets to those without.

The standard ending ceremonials were completed and the meeting ended at 8:25 PM .

Items of Interest:

On July 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm Mass, The Assembly presented a “Traveling Mass Kit to Fr. Gerardo Ceballos with the engraved names of our passed Sir Knight Anthony Allan Kosek and Sir Knight Charles J. Robinson.

The Assembly had a great turn out for the Mass and the presentation. I want to thank all of the Sir Knights for attending this wonderful occasion. Fr. Gerardo concelebrated the Mass with Monsignor Marren who gave a great Homily and had a lot of very nice things to say about the Sir Knights and thanked us for all we do for the church and our faith. We also thank Monsignor Marren and all of the Priests for all their support for us.



**The presentation was held at All Saints following the 7:00 PM Mass on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 From Left to Right Pictured are Sir Knights Fr. Kevin Peek, Mario Marin, Bill Camden, Fr. Gerardo Ceballos, Sir Knights Mike Bagnulo, Lou Hlad, Ed Pierson, Ted Tada, Bob Webster and Monsignor Hugh Marren.**



# Our Chalice Priests Ordained June 25th



PHOTO BY MICHAEL ALEXANDER

*Holding the flags of their native countries, (l-r) Father Valery Akoh, Father Carlos Cifuentes, Father Roberto Suarez Barbosa and Father Gerardo Ceballos are further testimony to the culturally diverse makeup of the new priests enhancing the vocational ranks within the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Father Akoh hails from Central Africa's Cameroon, Fathers Cifuentes and Suarez Barbosa are natives of Colombia, South America, and Mexico is Father Ceballos' country of origin. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory ordained them priests on June 25 at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta.*

**The two priests to the right are the two we will present chalices They were ordained June 25th. Fr. Suarez will be assigned to St. Jude. Father Ceballos has not yet been assigned.**