

Minutes of March 8th, 2018

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

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

All Saints.....April 12th
TBAMay 10th (either St. Andrew or Mary Our Queen)

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. A very nice dinner/social of ham, chicken salad, green beans, bread, cookies, and beverage preceded the meeting and the cooks were thanked. There were 25 total Sir Knights attending.

The meeting began early at 7:25 PM with the usual ceremonies.

Albert Mishu was introduced as a visiting guest from another Assembly.

FN announced April birthdays for Jerry Churchill, Will Estes, Bob Fiscella, Joey Fuetes, Al Garofalo, Dave Hartman, Joe Inglima, Tom King, Dave Lemcoe, Charles Lynch, Mario Marin, Nick Mattera, Bob Mitchell, Joe Mitchell, Russell O'Malley, and BJ Van Gundy.

April wedding anniversaries were announced for Lou Hlad (45), Bernie Santa Maria (48), Ron Collins (60), Tony Joyce (57), Charles Lynch (48), and Rich Rowlands. Handshakes among all brothers were exchanged. Deacon Ken Melvin offered the opening prayer.

FN then called for a reading of the past minutes. A vote called for acceptance of the last minutes as transcribed.

A roll call of officers yielded these results:

Faithful Navigator-	Nick Mattera	
Faithful Captain –	Bob Mitchell	
Faithful Controller-	Rich Tomaszewski	
Faithful Admiral-	Ernie Spencer	(excused)
Faithful Purser-	Dave Lemcoe	
Faithful Pilot –	Jon Bird	
Faithful Scribe –	Lou Hlad	
Inner Sentinel-	Ray Grupinski	
Outer Sentinel	Gary Romanick	
1 Year Trustee –	Bob Webster	
2 Year Trustee –	Chuck Langgood	
3 Year Trustee –	Dave Mason	
Faithful Friar—	Fr. Dan Rogaczewski	(excused)

Faithful Navigator Report—Nick Mattera

FN mentioned that Joe Kane and Dan Anderson of All Saints became new Sir Knights on February 17th. He reminded us that a confirmation honor guard was held at St. Andrew celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Bernard Schlesinger.

FN asked if the brothers had seen the great article about the four chaplains that gave up their life vest when the USS Dorchester sank. He used the story to lead up to the need to bolster the Chaplains Fund in the coming year.

Faithful Comptroller Report—Rich Tomaszewski

Checking Account Balance: As of March 1st 2018, the balance is \$18,981.30. \$5,354.29 is earmarked for Patriotic Events (Funds from the Golf Tournament). \$250 will be contributed to Peachtree Corners Memorial Park by purchasing a brick paver and \$500 will be given to Rosaries for Vets (St. Faustina Rosary Guild).

Membership: Currently, we have 193 members in our Assembly.

Membership Dues 2018: 2nd notice reminders were sent out for Assembly Dues for 2018. If you have not paid your dues, please do so by March 15th. They are the life blood of the Assembly. Thanks again to the Sir Knights that have sent in their payment. Currently, 73% of the Assembly has paid their 2018 dues.

Exemplification: The next 4th Degree Exemplification is Saturday, April 7th at Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church located at 7020 Concord Road, Savannah, GA. We have no candidates for this event. The next scheduled Exemplification in Metro Atlanta is tentatively scheduled on May the 5th at Saint Monica's in Duluth. More to follow as we approach this date. As always, Form 4 must be completed by the candidate, the Assembly must vote on him, and we need a check from the candidate made payable to K of C #2688 for \$80.

Faithful Purser Report— Dave Lemcoe

			3/1/2018			
<u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 01/31/2018</u>				<u>\$ 18,547.38</u>		
<u>RECEIPTS</u>						
50/50		\$ 50.00				
EXEMPLIFICATION		\$ 80.00				
BANK CHARGE		\$.				
DUES		\$ 570.00				
FOOD/DRINK DONATIONS		\$ 123.00				
	RECEIPT			\$ 823.00		
				\$ 19,370.38	<u>GOLF FUND</u>	
<u>EXPENSES</u>					NET INCOME	\$ 15,899.00
<u>BANK CHARGE</u>					DONATIONS	
<u>CHARITY/WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA</u>					FISHER HOUSE	\$ (2,500.00)
MEET FOOD/BEV		\$ (35.00)			PHOENIX FOUNDA	\$ (2,000.00)
CHALICE FUND					WREATHS ACROSS	\$ (2,000.00)
REGALIA					ROSARY FOR VETS	\$ (250.00)
ATTENDANCE AWARD		\$ (20.00)			BATTLE CROSS	\$ (1,488.00)
CCC/ COMPTROLLER STIP					BATLE CROSS PEDI	\$ (800.00)
EXEMPLIFICATION		\$ (260.00)			BATTLE CROSS MIS	\$ (244.72)
SUPPLIES		\$ (74.08)			BATTLE CROSS FR.	\$ (100.00)
BATTLE CROSS					BATTLE CROSS SUP	\$ (161.99)
	SUB TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (389.08)		T. BURLEIGH--LOU	\$ (1,000.00)
<u>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 02/28/2018</u>				<u>\$ 18,981.30</u>		
					TOTAL DONATION	\$ (10,544.71)
	OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/(EXPENSES)				BALANCE OF FUND	<u>\$ 5,354.29</u>
	TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEPOSITS					
	CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 02.01.2018					
				<u>\$ 18,981.30</u>		

Patriotic Committee—Jon Bird

Jon mentioned that this was the weekend for wreathes being put on graves in Marietta by the Heritage Girls of St. Andrew. The weather was perfect as opposed to last year. He wanted to make sure that our \$500 donation has been received by them in time. Apparently the check was put in their group mail box. Jon wanted us to think of other patriotic events we could sponsor.

Jon talked a bit about the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association that he belongs to. It is a 501C(3) charitable association. He mentioned where their scholarship money goes . We just approved \$500 dollars to it.

Color Corps Commander Report—Bob Mitchell

- We have been busy and will soon get much more busy.
- We just did Don Myers funeral. We had 12 honor guard for that.
- The Hispanic Youth Mass at St. Andrew was just concluded.
- Confirmation at St. Andrew was held. Bob asked Chuck Langgood to comment on that. Chuck mentioned that we had 10 honor guards and Archbishop Gregory acknowledged our presence. He even stopped by as we were changing in the library and again thanked us.
- About half a dozen of our Assembly helped out at the 4th Degree Exemplification last month.

Future Honor Guards

Mar. 15th—Christ the King 10:30 AM Mass for St. Patrick Day.

Mar. 17th—St. Patrick Day Parade down Peachtree Street from the High Museum.

April 28th—All Saints First Communion 10:30 Mass. Steve Strong commanding.

May 5th— St. Monica 4th Degree Exemplification

May 6th— St. Andrew First Communion 12:45 Mass

June 3rd— St. Andrew Corpus Christi Celebration. 12:45 Mass

Use of the current regalia has been extended into mid 2019.

Web Site Report—Bob Mitchell

We now have 41 registered members on our web site KC2688.org out of 193 total members.

Anyone having trouble or those locked out, call Bob or Anita Mitchell. Lou Hlad has no admin access and can not help. Steve Strong also has admin access.

Trustee Report - Dave Mason

No report

Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson)

Father Bradley Starr has been out of the office this week and Ed is having trouble getting hold of him. He is very busy at St. Patrick Parish. He is interested in a travel chalice and we can move forward since he is a priest. Because he had met our deceased Fr. Joseph Peek, it would be appropriate for Fr. Starr to be awarded a Fr. Peek travel chalice. Sir Knight Mike Bolet mentioned that Fr. Starr is his nephew and would help Ed making contact with him.

Father John Klein who became a priest on December 16 in Rome is back in Atlanta. A tentative date of Sunday May 6th at All Saints after the 10:30 Mass is looking best.

Deacon Michael Metz who also needs a travel chalice because he will become a military chaplain. He will not be ordained until June 2018. He is the third recipient in line. Metz also named Deacon Mike Breamer as possibly needing a chalice.

We also have our RSVP candidate Jack Knight in line for a chalice next June when he is ordained. Ed has tried to contact him and received a call from his mother

Deacon Carlos Ortega has a chalice and would not need a travel chalice. He can drop off our list.

We will need additional chalices because of the sad backlog we now have. If we present a solitary chalice for a priest, we now have potential names for six additional chalices. If these become travel chalices which only contain two names each, we will need more chalices. The cost for these chalices will extend into the next budget cycle.

- **Presented** to Fr. Ceballos, a **travel chalice** with the names:
Anthony Allan Kosek passed 12.25.2014 (All Saints)
Charles J. Robinson passed 12.30.2014 (St. Andrew)
- **Presented** to Father Roberto Suarez, a **chalice** 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)
- **Presented** to Fr. Bryan Kuhr a **Travel Chalice** on July 16th
Dennis M. Crean passed 11.1.2015 (All Saints)
Thomas Templeton passed 5.1.2016 (All Saints)



- **Awaiting Future Chalices**

Fr. Joseph M. Peek	3.14.2016	(All Saints)	(solitary chalice for a priest)	#1
Guy E. Stryker	9.26.2016	(All Saints)	(travel chalice)	#2
William O'Shaughnessy	1.11.2017	(St. Brendan)		
Robert Heald	3.12.2017	(All Saints)	(travel chalice)	#3
Patrick J. Callahan	5.18.2017	(All Saints)		
PFN George P. Novac	5.31.2017	(All Saints)	(chalice)	#4
Michael J. Schultz	11.26.2017	(All Saints)		
Ed Trainor	12/23/2017	(All Saints)		
Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan	1/09/2018	(All Saints)	(solitary chalice for a priest)	#5
Don L. Myers	2/17/2018	(All Saints)	(chalice)	#6

Charity Committee—Nick Mattera/ Dave Mason

FN had a conference call with them. Dave Mason has volunteered to be the chairman of the committee and speak for them.

Dave Mason rose to introduce himself as chairman. He said it was fortuitous that the Assembly had some money. He recalled that the Golf Tournament at Bear's Best in Suwanee last year had put us in a good financial position. Of the \$16,000 profit, about \$10,500 has been given to patriotic causes thus far. We just donated \$250 to the Peachtree Corners Memorial Garden. That leaves \$5,104 to disperse.

Dave talked about the Faustina Rosary Guild that makes rosaries for vets out of their own pocket. He suggested \$250 for supplies. Dennis Klein suggested we double it to \$500. The amount was adjusted to \$500 and voted as such.

Dave moved to the Chaplains Fund. He recommended \$3,000 for the Chaplains Fund last month. Because it was a large amount. It was approved this month.

Jon Bird had a request last month for Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Assoc (AVVBA) for a \$500 scholarship. It was approved this month.

Tom Burleigh of All Saints volunteers his time and expense to Lourdes, France to help the veterans who seek the healing waters. An expense of \$1,000 was recommended last month. It was approved this month.

The total expenditures approved above was \$5,000.. That leaves \$104 left from the Golf Tournament funds. Jon Bird suggested that it be added to his fund, he would match it. This additional \$104 amount would have to be voted on next month.

Fund Raising Committee—Nick Mattera/Bob Santos

Bob Santos was not present, so the wheel chair issue awaits his return.

Santos brought up last meeting the possibility of funding a wheel chair or several for the veterans, because that is a knight Georgia State Program. Len Dorrien brought up that the VA has an abundance of wheelchairs already not given out. It was decided to see if wheelchairs were needed outside government programs.

FN cautioned that we need to be careful in fundraising as to not step on council toes.

Faithful Scribe Report—Lou Hlad

Other than some thanks from a couple of widows, we have not received any Assembly communications.

As I do every month, I sent out the Assembly minutes and also the registration instructions for web site membership.

I should advise that our Commander, Bob Mitchell, will be away on an extended trip to Australia on April 3rd and will not be back until May 14th. Steve Strong will take on his duties.

Ad Hoc Widows Committee—Lou Hlad

We received thanks from 2 widows that received our council newsletter and two others that played Bingo this month. Our widows also eat free at our fish fry events. I don't know how many take advantage of these meals since I only know a few by sight. I know that our new honorary Monsignor Kiernan widow, Joan McIvor, went often along with Ellie Pavlic.

Sadly, we have lately added three widows to our widow database.

Membership Committee—Wulf Lindenau

We have three new Assembly members, Dan Anderson and Joe Kane of All Saints, and Jack Porter of St. Andrew. They entered on February 17 at Holy Family on Lower Roswell Road in Marietta.

Gary Romanick has asked for three Form 4's to add prospective members.

Old Business—Deacon Ken Melvin

He stated that immigration is out of control and the government is doing all it can to deal with it. He serves at Corpus Christi Parish in Stone Mountain. He deals with immigrant who have health issues and are trying to get a deferment to stay in the country. He is working with Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul to allow them to stay because travel could mean instant death.

He asked if anyone knew of any agencies or avenues that could help him help sick immigrants from being deported.

FN mentioned that Bob Santos will be at the next meeting to address the veterans wheelchair program misunderstanding.

New Business — Nick Mattera

With the move of Stan Wasowski to Florida, we will need a new Faithful admiral. That position is third in position to the FN and Faithful Captain. It is generally a position that deals with membership retention, and prayer leadership at meetings.

(Stan is doing well in Florida. In fact he was just in town to attend to a legal matter and stayed overnight with Lou Hlad and worked at one of our fish fries to the surprise of all. He is looking for a new Council and Assembly in Florida.)



Bob Mitchell nominated Ernie Spencer and he accepted. Because Stan has not yet formally transferred, Ernie will be Acting Admiral until that Stan transfers and then he becomes Admiral (at least until elections in May or June.)

We thank Ernie for serving. He is a true gentleman.

Anyone interested in any office should make it known.

FN noted that he will attend a bi-annual meeting March 24th representing our Assembly this month. The Color Corps Commander will also attend.

The next State 4th Degree Master will be chosen at that meeting.

Reports of the Third Degree

Mary Our Queen — Mike Belot

- **Most everything is focused at MOQ on the new church building. It is still on schedule to open in November. Bad weather could push it back to January.**
- **The Worthy Chancellor of MOQ was ordained a deacon. Deacon Bill Boyd. He will be a new MOQ clergy member.**
- **One of the teens has taken up a project to clean up the Rosary Garden and making it a meditation garden. She has raised several thousand dollars. She will ask the council for help on Saturday work days.**
- **It is hoped that the assembly will be able to resume meeting at MOQ in May. Awaiting approval by the pastor.**

Saint Andrew—Mike Bagnulo

- **We had First Degree exemplification Feb 10th and received 2 new members to council.**
- **Had a Knights and Family Mass that was very well attended. Expected four rows filled and actually filled eight. They expect to do this every Quarter at a different Mass.**
- **Their RSVP Program now serves three seminarians for \$500 each.**
- **Lenten fish dinners are going well. They serve about 225 meals each event.**
- **Council hosted weekly Lenten Stations of the Cross. We will provide cross bearer and reader as well as welcoming.**
- **Donated \$250 to the Parish Welcoming Committee.**
- **Will hold a second degree next Saturday.**
- **Knight brothers will host parish dinners soon highlighting meal offerings from different countries of parish member origin.**
- **We will host an Open House on April 25th for their council.**

All Saints—Lou Hlad

- A 2nd degree was held at McGivney Hall on March 17th. Fourteen brothers graduated to 2nd degree. Twelve were from All Saints.
- Our annual Fish Fry wrapped up with about 8,000 meals served on 8 days. We were down about 600 meals from last year, but our \$1 increase in meal prices yielded our best profit ever. About \$16,000 net was cleared.
- Our parish Mens Club had our brother Chris Carr, the Attorney-General of Georgia, as speaker on March 12th. All the officers of the Mens Club are Knights.
- Our Sir Knight Monsignor Kiernan was interred in the All Saint Columbarium in a private ceremony on March 18th. Sir Knight Ed Konopka of Mary Our Queen supervises the All Saints columbarium operation and our Sir Knight Father Bryan Small performed the ceremony. Several brothers and spouses attended.
- Sir Knight Dave Mason was our Knight of the Month at our April 3rd meeting. He will be featured in our May newsletter.
- We awarded a Family of the Month Award to Brother John Barranco ,wife Susan, and son Sir Knight Paul Barranco for their Fish Fry management heroics..
- Brother Walter Banasik and wife Susan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and we awarded them a certificate.
- Our brother, Deacon Bill Garrett, was presented an Extraordinary Community Award certificate for bringing the Cristo Rey Jesuit Catholic High School into existence. They now have over 500 students and all four grade levels. Deacon Garrett is the school President and our brother Nick Gentile is the school COO. The council has helped them with work parties over the last few years as needed.
- Our Council Brother, Fr. William Rowland, took over his new duties as President of Marist High School.
- Our monthly Bingo event on March 22ND had 105 players including two widows which was another strong night.
- Sir Knight John Gannon continues to manage the All Saints Parish monthly Adoration in Our Lady Queen of the Knights Chapel. Many knights and parishioners participate in one-hour prayer shifts throughout the entire night to pray for an end to abortion. The event starts on the evening of the 21st of each month.
- We donated \$1,000 for a college scholarship to a Catholic athlete to the Atlanta Touchdown Club. Sir Knight Dennis Caniglia is President Emeritus of that organization.
- We donated \$500 to the Cancer Run for Life in downtown Atlanta.
- We donated \$500 for a jumpy tent for the Parish School of Religion summer event.
- We lost our 73rd brother Knight with the passing of Bill O'Brien, 87. He was a third degree.
- Our Knight acolyte teams participated in all funerals this month.
- We sent out a 26 page newsletter to all brothers, widows, and select outsiders on April 1st.

Good of the Order

This running list has been carried from previous meetings. Please send any spelling corrections, additions, or deletions to louhlad@comcast.net for update.

Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, Linda Sperick, Wiley Maloof, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smith's daughter Courtney Hertel, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, George Petrukovich, John Petrukovich, Tom Stump, Ron Collins' wife Jackie, Margaret Plunkett, Mike D'Errico, Tom D'Errico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco, Mary Jo Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Jean, Joy Fahey, Peter Leibowitz, Deborah Blair, Mary Cross, Gordon Stintz, Marty Dough, Danny Medina, Dennis Klein, Judy Klein, Don Hauser, Adrian Toolan, Randy Hines, Ted Throne, Olga Waltering, Kathy Harvey, Mary McCallen, Harvey Moskowitz, James Abrose, Danny Ross, Orfeo Trombetta Sr., Stephen Powell, Carolyn Lively, Bill Camden, Abe Kassis, Julie Kassis, Larry Aston, Loren Echols, Bill Driscoll, Fr. Dan McCormick, Tom Hoover, Debra Webster, Ernie Spencer's daughter Robin, Lou Hlad's brother Frank and sister Therese.

Please keep these wonderful Brother Sir Knights and their families and friends in your prayers. Please pray for our country's 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 for religious rights for all Christian refugees in the Mid-East.

Please pray for our clergy.

Special new prayer additions are:

- **Gray Plunkett asked prayers for a priest in Togo who has passed.**
- **Bob Santos requested recovery prayers for Walt Gauthier's successful hip surgery.**
- **Bob Santos requested prayers for himself as he volunteers in disaster recovery areas.**
- **Dennis Klein asked prayers for daughter Debra taking a new MS wonder drug.**
- **Stan Wasowski asked prayers for cousin Dan French.**
- **Bob Mitchell asked prayers for Sister Nancy Dill's brain surgery.**
- **Joanne Worrell, Erica Hyatt**

Pray for those Sir Knights recently passed:

- **Mike Schultz**
- **Bill O'Shaughnessy**
- **Joel Gray, former Assembly member in Florida**
- **Ed Trainor**
- **Monsignor Donald Kiernan**
- **Bill O'Brien**

Split the Pot

Deacon Ken Melvin won the \$48 prize.

Attendance Award

Visitor Albert Mishu was picked . He gave his prize to Deacon ken Melvin.

Meeting End

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM .

Sir Knight Al Alberghini's Close Call

Good Samaritans

To the Editor:

After a particularly frightening event, we spent a long week at Emory St. Joseph Hospital. We're now home and have many people we would like to thank and acknowledge for that.

A week ago while dining with friends at Carbonara Trattoria, my husband, Al, suffered two incidences of syncope, which presented like a major diabetic event and he passed out twice. Owner Rafik Cressaty and his staff never missed a beat, with the bartender immediately supplying us with orange juice – the usual quick low-sugar solution.

Fortunately for us, there were medical personnel dining there as well who immediately came to our assistance. "Dr. Steve" was the first to get to us and jumped right in to stabilize the situation, leaving his own table to remain with us throughout. A nurse also left her party to assist us. We apologize for not remembering

her name in the excitement, and hope she sees this letter and knows how grateful we are to her.

After efforts to get Al back on his feet failed, these angels called 911. DeKalb Fire Department arrived first and began emergency efforts. Shortly afterwards, DeKalb EMT's arrived and transferred him to the hospital.

The staff at Emory St. Joseph ER, efficiently and professionally assessed the situation and administered the proper cardiac treatment measures. It was decided that Dr. Anshul Patel would replace Al's pacemaker with one that also contains a defibrillator. He's now getting his legs under him again and has experienced only mild discomfort.

We are proud and grateful that we have the best services and people living and working in Dunwoody on behalf of all of us. While we hope never to face another such incident, we know that we will be in the best of hands.

Addie and Al Alberghini



The March 21, 2018 Dunwoody Crier relates the collapse of Sir Knight Albert Alberghini while dining with Addie at the Dunwoody Carbonara Trattoria restaurant a week before.

We are thankful that our brother survived the ordeal with quick care of the restaurant staff and other patrons.

Please pray for Al as he undergoes future treatment with a possible pacemaker update.

He suffered the episode on or about his 85th birthday. Not the best way to celebrate your birthday.



St. Vincent de Paul Golf Tournament



Scramble Style Tournament | Hole in One Contest | Par Three Poker | Putting Contest | Silent Auction | Raffle | Giveaways | Prizes

SVDP has asked for the help of brother Knights in staffing a giant cooker to serve food at this event. All Saints brothers will handle this.

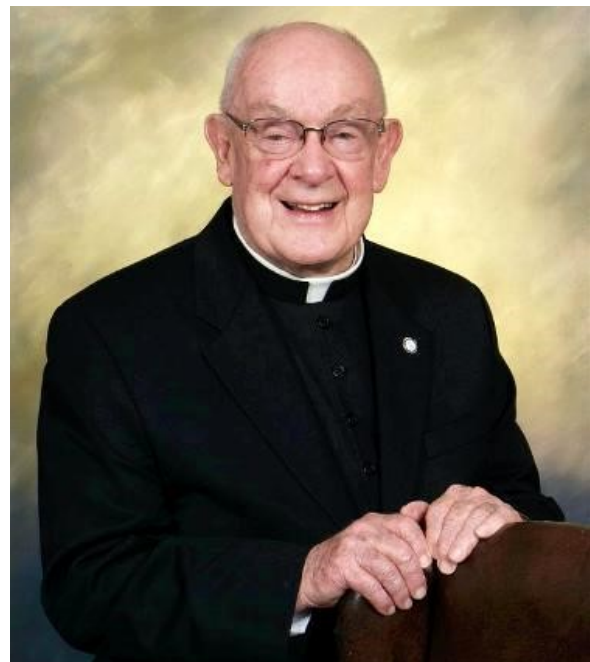
Sir Knight Joe Fuentes (skierjoey@hotmail.com) is the contact for this cooking request.

On the other hand, if you want to golf:
[Brent Morris is the contact associated with the actual golfing event \(\[bmorris@peachtreebg.com\]\(mailto:bmorris@peachtreebg.com\)\).](#)

Monsignor Kiernan, 93, Has Passed

KIERNAN, Msgr. R. Donald Georgian at heart with a Boston accent Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan, beloved and longtime priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, died Tuesday, Jan. 9. He was 93. He was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, on Dec. 28, 1924, the son of Thomas F. and Lena V. (Doherty) Kiernan. In March 1945, he entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 4, 1949, by Cardinal Richard Cushing, of Boston. Driving to Georgia for his first assignment, he pulled into a roadside cornfield to dress before reporting for duty as assistant rector of the Cathedral of John the Baptist in Savannah. At the time, the Diocese of Savannah included the entire state of Georgia. Msgr. Kiernan served the new Atlanta Diocese from the time it was established in 1956. His pastorates from 1956 to 1985 included St. Peter Church, LaGrange; St. Bernadette Church, Cedartown; St. Michael Church, Gainesville; St. Anthony of Padua Church, Atlanta; St. Jude Church, Sandy Springs; and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Atlanta. He brought his signature song "Butter Beans" and founded the annual Hoe Down as pastor of All Saints Church in Dunwoody beginning in 1985, retiring in 2011. Named a monsignor in 1969, Msgr. Kiernan also served in a variety of roles for the archdiocese, including education, the Metropolitan Tribunal, priest personnel and as vicar general from 2000-2005. He was especially active as an ambassador to community and statewide organizations as metro Atlanta grew. He was a colleague to Georgia governors and Atlanta mayors over the decades, in addition to chiefs of police and public servants. He combined his lifelong love of people and law enforcement founding the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and serving as its director and chaplain for over 20 years. He was also a chaplain to the DeKalb County police, Metropolitan Atlanta police, Georgia State Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigation and local division

of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Bringing his style and sense of humor to the table, Msgr. Kiernan served as an editor of The Georgia Bulletin for 13 years, beginning in 1966. He was a chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and active in Boy Scouts in metro Atlanta. He received several honorary doctorates, including from Providence College, his alma mater, and Georgia State University. His joy in the company of others continued into retirement. He "held court" at his weekly Monday dinner club, enjoyed evenings out at Alpine, and attended 5pm vigil Mass at All Saints. He faithfully heard confessions as OLPH for more than a quarter century until the very end. A vigil and rosary for Msgr. Kiernan will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at All Saints Church, 2443 Mt. Vernon Road, Dunwoody. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. at All Saints. The celebrant will be Bishop Bernard E. Shlesinger III. A reception will follow. Interment will follow at a later time at the parish's columbarium. In lieu of flowers, donations in Msgr. Kiernan's memory may be made to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home, 760 Pollard Blvd., SW, Atlanta, GA 30315, www.olphhome.com. He is survived by the children and grandchildren of his four siblings and the countless friends with whom he shared a red wine and Diet Coke.



Msgr. Kiernan Meets J. Edgar Hoover

While cleaning out Monsignor Donald Kiernan's room after his passing, a treasure trove of certificates, plaques, letters, photos, and memorabilia were found squirrelled away in nooks and crannies.

Never one for bragging about his many accomplishments and titles, this amazing man associated with dignitaries from all walks of life.

Discovered were personal well wishes from FBI director J. Edgar Hoover for his law enforcement activities in organizing the Georgia State Chief of Police Association.

In this photo a much younger Monsignor spends time with the FBI Chief. See a personal letter that Hoover wrote him on the next page.



*To Monsignor R. Donald Kiernan
Best wishes from
J. Edgar Hoover
1.11.71*

J. Edgar Hoover Letter to Msgr. Kiernan

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



*Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.*

September 10, 1969

PERSONAL

Right Reverend Monsignor R. Donald Kiernan
St. Jude's Catholic Church
7171 Glenridge Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Dear Monsignor:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your recent elevation by Pope Paul VI to the rank of Honorary Prelate. It must be a great source of satisfaction to know that your devotion to your Church has been recognized and you have been rewarded in this manner. Your friends in the FBI join me in extending best wishes as you assume your new duties.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "J. Edgar Hoover", is positioned below the typed name. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kiernan Medals Interred With His Ashes



On March 18, 2018, Monsignor Kiernan's ashes were finally interred (actually an inurnment) in the All Saints Columbarium. Fr. Bryan Small held the formal ceremony on a beautiful sunny day along with a few invited family and close friends of the Monsignor. A bagpiper played Irish dirges.

Joan McIvor, Kiernan's caretaker for many years, assembled this collection of some of his most important medallions and this collection was placed in the vault along with his ashes.

Sir Knight Ed Konopka sealed the door and Monsignor Kiernan sleeps for the ages at the parish that he loved and served for 26 years.

Monsignor Kiernan Comes Home



About 45 invited friends and family attended the inurnment of Monsignor Kiernan in the All Saints Columbarium on Sunday March 18th. Fr. Bryan Small had the honor of bringing his first pastor to his rest. It is fitting that Monsignor's vault is front row center on the main wall of the memorial garden. Sir Knight Ed Konopka sealed the vault. Visit him and pray for him always.