Minutes of October 11th 2018 Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The October 11th Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints. Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

Mary Our Queen	Nov. 8th
St. Andrew	Dec. 13th
All Saints	Jan. 10th

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner was delayed due to a kitchen gas leak, but was served a little late nonetheless. Greg Kane did his usual amazing job and was thanked. There were 24 total Sir Knights attending.

The meeting commenced slightly on time at 7:05 PM. There were no first time attendees or members of another Assembly. Vacations took a toll of officers assembled.

Faithful Captain -	Nick Mattera Bob Mitchell Jon Bird	(excused)
	Ernie Spencer	(excused)
Faithful Scribe -	Lou Hlad	
Faithful Comptroller -	Dave Lemcoe	
Faithful Purser -	Ted Tada	(excused)
Inner Sentinel -	Ray Grupinski	(excused)
Outer Sentinel -	Euse Durah	(excused)
Trustee—one year - Trustee —two year -	Chuck Langgood Dave Mason	
Trustee —three year -	Wulf Lindenau	
Faithful Friar—	Msgr. James Fennessy	(excused)

Current birthdays and wedding anniversaries were acknowledged. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as transcribed.

Faithful Navigator Report

This will consist of my Report of the Faithful Navigator, as well as a date reminder for some of the items listed below. Our Web master is currently out of the country and I cannot post it on to our web site.

First, I would like to reiterate the fact of the dismal numbers we have had in our Honor Guard participation. As mention before when our Bishop(s) are going to be at our parishes and a 4th Degree Honor Guard is requested, we should and must make every attempt to support him. In that same breath I would like to thank those Sir Knights that stepped up and supported the Honor Guard at All Saints Confirmation last Saturday. Our upcoming Honor Guard schedule is as follows:

November 10 2018 (This Saturday) ... 4th Degree Exemplification. Holy

Family Catholic Church, 3401 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. An optional mass precedes the ceremony beginning at 9:00 AM. Report time for the Honor Guard, fully dressed for rehearsal, is immediately after the mass, no later than 10:00 AM. We will be inducting two 4th Degree Knights in to our Assembly: Vince Massi and Christopher Lekan. There were 3 additional candidates that had to postpone. Please extend a warm welcome to our new Brother Sir Knights. (Note; due to a conflict with work, I will unavoidably miss this function)

November 11, 2018 VETERANS DAY MASS

All Saints Church: Honor guard report time is 9:30 am St. Andrew's Church Honor Guard report time is 10:15 am .. Please contact SK Dennis Klein if participating at St. Andrew's Veterans Day Mass

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT ONE OF THESE EVENTS

SK Bob Santos has arranged The Fr. Charles J Watters Assembly Christmas Party. It will be held on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 PM at Mary Our Queens Kiernan Hall. Wives are invited. Price is \$25.00 per person. Our Host Grand Knight Chef Mike, promises a delicious Roast Beef Dinner. Please make checks payable to : Knights of Columbus Council 14944. Mary Our Queens Knights are committed to hosting an enjoyable evening for all.

Speaking about our Christmas party, I realize there may be some conflict in scheduling and supportive resources with our SK Knights from All Saints. All Saints has 2 events scheduled for December 8 and will be in need of men to help setup for these events. If anyone from All Saints has this conflict, please let me know, so I can inform the GK (Woody).

There was a Knights Day of Reflection that was hosted at All Saints on October 27. Our retreat leader was Father Roy Lee. Those who know Fr. Lee know he is an energetic and great speaker. A lot is issues that our Church is currently facing was openly discussed. For me, I left that day with a feeling of calmness knowing that as Catholics, we are not alone in our thoughts and feelings of current day events that our faces our Church. Supported by our Clergy, we stand united in our Catholic faith to face these and all events that test our Faith.

Special Thank You to SK David Emery and the men that helped put this retreat together.

I hope to see you Thursday November 8, at Mary Our Queen... November Assembly meeting.

Nick Mattera, Faithful Navigator

Faithful Comptroller Report—Dave Lemcoe

Checking account balance: \$12,645.70.

Membership: Currently, we have 195 members. (Includes 3 members from Council 12000) Emailed FS of Council 12000 again seeking guidance. No response.

Exemplification November 10. Just Vincent Masi so far. I have his new Form 4 and check. I expect same for Jack Porter of St Andrew.

Councils: get me your Form 4s! Let me know if you are going to observe. I need to pay for your lunch.

Faithful Purser Report—Dave Lemcoe

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Faithful Scribe Report—Lou Hlad

As I do every month, I sent out the Assembly Minutes and also the registration instructions for web site membership. Last known, only 41 members are registered.

I updated our Widow Database used for the Mass of Remembrance ceremony. Several widows attended.

Sent out a death prayer request for Richard Sisko.

We got a good response for the All Saints Council Day of Reflection on the morning of Saturday Oct. 27th. Father Roy Lee, the Chaplain of St. Andrew Council, was a dynamite speaker. Several St. Andrew members participated, and some members of St. James Council were there. About 70 men attended.

Ordered tags for our deceased members on the plaque for our Assembly in McGivney Hall.

We believe that we will have 56candidates for the Fourth Degree Ceremony of November 10th.

St. Andrew 5 All Saints 1 (maybe two)

Ad Hoc Widows Committee—Lou Hlad

- We continue updating the Widow Distribution list. The Peek family contacts were added. They can bring several people to our Knight Mass of Remembrance.
- We continue teaming with Sir Knight Ralph Stinson with ongoing preparations for our Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday, October 16th, at All Saints 7 PM Mass. Widows will be contacted.
- Ralph Stinson gave some details regarding the celebrant, the singers, and the fact that up to 20 widows may attend.
- We tracked down widow Therese Novak in Florida. She is widow of PFN George Novak who was remembered on our last chalice.
- One widow played Bingo free last month.
- Two widows thanked us by email for sending them the council newsletter.

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Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson)

Father Bradley Starr is very busy at St. Patrick Parish. He has consistently been unable to meet with Ed Pierson to schedule a date for a chalice. He has been removed from the list of recipients. Mark White, a deacon who will be ordained a priest on 6/1/2019 has been added as a later target recipient in his stead.

Three chalices are allocated for next fraternal year. Already 5 needed. The cost for these chalices will extend into the next budget cycle. Ed believes a regular chalice with engraving costs about \$600.

A vote was held, and Fr. Dan McCormick will be honored with a chalice although he was not a Fourth Degree. Richard Sisko passed and we will start another chalice (#5).

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 Presented to Fr. Ceballos, a travel chalice on July 21st, 2016 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, 2016 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)
• <u>Presented</u> to Fr. Bryan Kuhr, a travel chalice on July 16th, 2017 Dennis M. Crean passed 11.1.2015 (All Saints) Thomas Templeton passed 5.1.2016 (All Saints)
 Presented to Fr. John Klein, a chalice on April 22nd, 2018 Guy E. Stryker passed 9.26.2016 (All Saints) William O'Shaughnessy passed 1.11.2017 (St. Brendan) Robert Heald passed 3.12.2017 (All Saints)
 Presented to Fr. Michael Bremer, a chalice on August 11th, 2018 Patrick J. Callahan passed 5.18.2017 (All Saints) PFN George P. Novac passed 5.31.2017 (All Saints) Michael J. Schultz passed 11.26.2017 (All Saints)
• <u>To Be Presented</u> to unknown recipient, a chalice in late 2018 or early 2019. Fr. Joseph M. Peek passed 3.14.2016 (All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest) #1
 <u>Awaiting Future Chalices</u> Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan passed 1/09/2018 (All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest) #2
Edward J. Trainor passed12/23/2017(All Saints)chalice #3Don L. Myers passed2/17/2018(All Saints)Richard Szyperski passed4/27/2018(All Saints)
Fr. Daniel McCormick 4/19/2018 (All Saints) Approved . Solitary priest chalice #4
Richard G. Siskopassed 9/24/2018(All Saints)chalice #5

Charity Committee—Dave Mason

There was only one request this month. The Girls Heritage Group from St..Andrew asked for \$500 for their Wreathes across America Program that place wreathes on Veteran graves on Veterans Day.

The motion was made and voted successfully. Bob Santos opined that this is a State Committee approved by the State Council. A discussion was opened on which group should get the check.

Social Committee—Bob Santos

Bob stated that he had received a fundraising kit he hadn't opened yet. He stated that all the projects mentioned were high profit programs yielding half of profits to the host group. Bob will bring some samples of money raising programs that are suggested along with details of how to do them to the next meeting. He stated that Mary Our Queen had profited \$900 from one of the ideas.

Bob has put together an Assembly Christmas Party at Mary Our Queen for Friday December 7th at Mary Our Queen. It is Pearl Harbor Day and the next day is the eighth anniversary of Mary Our Queen Council. He asked for a show of hands of interest. In their Kiernan Hall. Capacity is 100 people. Spouses are invited.

Saturday January 26th is also reserved for a game at the Atlanta Gladiators at the Gwinnett Infinite Energy Area. For \$27 you can get an ice level ticket and a meal included and free parking. Orlando is the opponent. It is Star Wars Night and some people will be dressed up.

Bob is a preferred buyer for Gwinnett Striper baseball games. He has selected Saturday May 11th, 2019 at 6 PM for another group game at CoolRay field in Lawrenceville behind the visitor's dugout. The opponent will be the Pawtucket Red Sox, a farm team of Boston. Same Section 7 as before and food at the Home Plate Club for \$40/person as before.

Wulf bragged about how much fun we had at the last game.

Mattera mention a local play with some of our brothers in it called "No Body to Murder" on Nov. 2/3/4 at the Roswell Adult Recreation Center. Tickets at \$20/person. Flyers were handed out.

Patriotic Report—Jon Bird

Jon had no report, but he called on Bob Santos to talk about a patriotic event.

Peachtree Corners is building a new Veterans Memorial. The Peachtree Corners Veterans Monument Association made arrangements with a company to create a video of recording from veterans to be incrporated into the monuments as an interactive feature of the monuments. Ground will be broken on the project next month. The director wants the Assembly to be present at the event in the Spring. We will be featured on the video that plays at the monuments. The date is not yet known.

Trustee Report - Chuck Langgood

Required forms have been submitted. No report.

Honor Guard Report—Bob Mitchell

Bob Mitchell will be on vacation from October 7th through November 17th. He will need commanders to take his place. He sent a list of known events that will take place.

- MOQ Confirmation Sunday October 14 at 11 AM Mass. Only three people so far. (We ended up with only 5 at this event with the Archbishop in attendance).
- Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Knights—Tuesday October 16th. All Saints 7 PM Mass with Honor Guard for 83 brothers. Need at least 10 guys.
- Confirmation at All Saints, Saturday November 3rd, 10 AM Mass.
- Fourth Degree at Holy Family in Marietta.on Saturday Nov 10th at 11 AM. Report at 10 AM. Holy Family Church in Marietta. Dave Lemcoe will be an observer.
- Veterans Day Mass at St. Andrew Sunday Nov. 11 at 11 AM Mass.
- Veterans Day Mass at All Saints Sunday Nov. 11 at 10:30 Mass.

Unfinished Business—Nick Mattera None.

Unfinished Business—Bob Santos

Bob mentioned he had been up in North and South Carolina for hurricane relief events. They still have a lot of damage. Bob helped a fellow JC whose home was completely destroyed. He is flying to florida which has extensive damage there as well. Both Supreme and the Georgia Council have relief funds set up. He suggests that next month we pass the hat and send whatever funds we get to send to the relief fund in South Georgia. No motion is needed. We'll just do it.

Membership Committee

Names were read in. Most could not be heard. Jack Porter was heard. Cervantes Family—a father and two sons Diego and Pablo. Getting checks in on time is a prime driver for Dave Lemcoe.

Third Degree Reports

Mary Our Queen—Mike Baylot

- Mike thanked everyone who went to the golf tournament last week. It was very successful for a first annual event. More are anticipated. There were 68 golfers and that was a good amount. Prizes were given, a good time for all, and weather was perfect after a threat of rain.
- Bob Santos has been attending their meetings because as their past grand knight and giving them direction. He speaks about the fourth degree at their meetings.
- Bob arranged to have the Assembly Christmas party at MOQ.
- They held a rosary with a poor turnout, but they will keep trying.
- The church is coming up like gangbusters. Drywall, plumbing, electrical, and air conditioning. Dedication in early January. They hope to have a Christmas Mass in the church which will not yet be dedicated.

St. Andrew—Chuck Langgood

- Gary Romanick is new Grand Knight.
- Their council meeting was not held due to problems, so they have an abbreviated report.
- Second Degree coming up. A spirited practice was held. Bryan Kler of All Saints will play a role to help us. Conversely, Victor Ojeda and Mike Bagnulo will help out the 2nd degree team at the combined 2nd/3rd ceremony at St. Jude. It was a very successful event. Some All Saints folks combined with St. Andrew folks to pull it off.
- The Cervantes brothers took their third degree in preparation for taking their fourth degree in November as discussed.
- They are ramping up for their pecan sales and their food basket Thanksgiving and Christmas events.

All Saints—Lou Hlad

- All Saints held 1st degree. Three candidates, one from All Saints.
- several of our members attended both the Gwinnett Braves baseball game and the Assembly Dinner at Altobeli Restaurant.
- We had a foursome play in the MOQ Golf Tournament and our Sir Knight Keith Kieffer purchased a hole sponsorship for that event.
- Our council sponsored a Fifth Sunday Rosary on September 30th.
- Our September monthly BINGO featured 98 players including 1 widow who played gratis.
- We lost our 4th All Saints Grand Knight and charter member Richard Sisko to cancer. He was also a Watters FN, the State Deputy of Georgia, and also a charter member of St. Brigid.
- Our Knight-of-the-Month was Denis Shortal, the Mayor of Dunwoody, for his continuous community service.
- Our brother Christopher Carr, the Attorney General of Georgia, is constantly in the news and running for reelection in November.
- SK Kirby Baden and wife were honored for 60 years of marriage. Brother Tom Simon and wife were honored for 50 years of marriage.
- SK Dean Trantow arranged a Rock Concert by the band Kustom Vinyl in the lower parking lot for 250 attendees. The Pregancy Aid Clinic received about \$3,000 from the proceeds.
- Our Knight's Day at the parish's 25th Habitat for Humanity House featured 40 council workers.
- Our Parish Pumpkin Patch is in full swing with 2500 gourds delivered and now being sold.
- Sir Knight John Gannon continues to manage the All Saints Parish monthly Adoration in Our Lady Queen of the Knights Chapel, featuring one-hour prayer shifts throughout the entire night to end abortion.
- Our council holds Fathers for Good seminars on the first and third Sundays of each month in the parish library.
- We donated \$300 to St. Joseph Research Hospital Gala at Georgia Tech Hotel September 29th.
- We donated \$2,000 to a Sri Lanka orphanage fund request by Sir Knight Monsignor Marren.
- Sir Knight Gray Plunkett is on his way to Benin, Africa. We donated \$1,000 to his expenses.
- We donated up to \$1,400 to the parish for annual 2019 religious calendars
- Our 5 Knight acolyte teams participated in all funerals this month.
- We sent out a 23 page newsletter to all brothers, widows, and select outsiders this month.
- Upcoming:
 - The annual Mass of Remembrance for deceased brothers is being planned for Tuesday October 16th at the 7 PM Mass at All Saints. Honor Guard requested.
 - We voted \$1,000 for the homeless shelter at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Good of the Order

This running list has been carried from previous meetings. <u>Please send any spelling</u> <u>corrections</u>, additions, or deletions to <u>louhlad(a) comcast.net</u> 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 and 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 Heiser, Adrian Toolan, Randy Hines, Ted Throne, Olga Waltering, Kathy Harvey, Mary McCallen, Harvey Moskowitz, James Abrose, Danny Ross, Ortfeo Trombetta Sr., Stephen Powell, Carolyn Lively, Bill Camden, Abe Kassis, Julie Kassis, Larry Aston, Loren Echols, Bill Driscoll, Tom Hoover, Ernie Spencer's daughter Robin, Lou Hlad's brother Frank, sister Therese, daughter Amanda.

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 Mitchell asked prayers for Sister Nancy Dill's brain surgery.
- Joanne Worrell, Erica Hyatt
- Sir Knight Joe Mitchell lost his granddaughter.
- Benny Mastrogiovanni not doing well
- Jerry Cross lost his brother-in-law.
- Ron Collins' surgery
- Kevin Mason
- Joe Cavallaro
- Mike Walker's wife Kathy
- SK John Shaffer is having open heart surgery.

Pray for those brothers recently passed:

- Monsignor Donald Kiernan
- Mark Nucera
- James W. "Bill" O'Brien
- Rich Szyperski
- Fr. Dan McCormick
- James McGill.
- James Stockelman of MOQ—stage four cancer passed.

Split the Pot

Gray Plunkett won the pot.

Meeting End

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

Richard G. Sisko 1946-2018

On Monday, September 24, 2018, Richard George Sisko, beloved father, brother, and friend, passed away at the age of 71. Visitation will be at 1 p.m., with services held at 3 p.m., on Friday, September 28, 2018, at Legacy Chapel in Madison, Alabama. He will be laid to rest at the T.J. Hall Family Cemetery in Autryville, North Carolina at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2018. Rick was born on December 14, 1946, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to George and Janina (Ratajczak) Sisko. In 1964, Rick joined the United States Army to see the world and served until 1967. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, Rick began his career in the banking industry as a teller in North Carolina. While working full time and raising a family, Rick earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) in 1979. After a long and successful career working for several major banks, Rick retired in 2015, and moved to Madison, Alabama. However, retirement did not slow Rick down. A devout Catholic and former State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, Rick remained active with the Knights and his new church, Most Merciful Jesus Catholic Church. He was also a member of and served on the Board of Directors of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Rick is survived by sister Christine Sisko of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, daughter Kimberly Sisko Ward of Tallahassee, Florida, son Richard Bryan Sisko of Harvest, Alabama, former wife and caregiver Gloria Dean Autry of Stedman, North Carolina, cousin Beverly Kazamski, and countless friends. He was deeply loved and will be sorely missed.



- Charter member of All Saints
 Council
- Fourth Grand Knight of All Saints
 Council
- International Award winner for All Saints Chapel
- Charter member of St. Brigid Council
- Past Grand Knight of St. Brigid Council
- Faithful Navigator of Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly
- Georgia State Deputy for two
 years
- Veteran U.S. Army

Assembly Supports Indian Seminary



My Worthy Brother Sir Knights,

I met with Fr. Selvaraj Saturday evening at Mary Our Queen to give him the collection of funds we graciously donated to him. As you know I made the Faithful Navigator decision to give him \$200 from our Assembly fund and combined along with your generous donations totaled \$500.

I had some time to sit and talk with him and learned he is a very warm and sincere man and Patty and I enjoyed speaking with him.

Attached is a photo of me presenting Fr. Selvaraj with our donation. Pardon my 'goofy' laugh, but Fr. took out some cash from his pocket and insisted the cash be in the photo as to show what was being presented to him... I said to him... 'I see you have been doing this for a while....'

Guys, thank you for your support and generosity

God Bless you and your families...

Nick Mattera

Monsignor Kiernan Golf Tournament

On Monday, September 24th, our intrepid All Saints foursome featuring Lou Hlad, Steve Berrigan, Dominic Palermo, and Grand Knight Woody Jones participated in the first annual Mary Our Queen Golf Tournament. Our group finished with a two under par in a best ball format. Dominic Palermo won the Closest Putt Event and Lou won a \$50 gift certificate to the New York Prime Restaurant in Buckhead.

The memorial tournament honored Monsignor R. Donald Kiernan who was very instrumental in starting Mary Our Queen Catholic Mission, which has since become a full parish. It was played at the beautiful *Olde Atlanta Golf Club* course in Suwanee, GA. Rain was threatened, but happily not a drop was seen on a cloudy day.

Both All Saints and MOQ have a Kiernan Hall on their campus. The tournament proceeds will be used to convert the existing temporary church sanctuary area into a much larger Kiernan Hall with a professional kitchen. The new church building is well under construction.

We also mention that Sir Knight Keith Kieffer's Family sponsored a golf hole.



Knight Retreats are Back !!





Knights Council 11402

Come join your fellow Knights for a day of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Spend time reflecting on how we can better live the Knight's principles (Charity, Fraternity, Unity, Patriotism) in serving the Lord and our Parish/Communities.

A Knights Day of Reflection

our faith in action

7:45 AM TO 2PM SOCIAL HALL S20 DONATION Includes meals cash/check at doord

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Fr. Roy is well known to many in the Altanta Archdiocese for being a great priest, a dynamic homilist, and an engaging retreat leader. He celebrates Mass throughout the Diocese and has many outreach missions with the poor, homeless, and imprisoned men and women of Atlanta. He has authored a book called "Our Story, A JOURNEY OF HUMAN & SPIRITUAL LOVE." Find more on frroylee.com. It's been a few years since the knights held a retreat for our brothers. Actually, way too long.

The Order has now started a new *Faith in Action* initiative that is described earlier in this issue.

Religious events and close parish integration is now being stressed for the future.

Actually, a Day of Reflection is not a full retreat, but a day set aside for some religious time for contemplation and renewal.

We had 70 attending this devotion and spending some quality time with our brothers.

Braves Minor League Game Night

On August 18th, a contingent of All Saints and St. Andrew Council members and wives attended a Gwinnett Striper (formerly Gwinnett Braves) game at Coolray Park in Lawrenceville. Sitting in rows 1, 2,3 behind home plate and having a buffett meal featured easily ensured a fun evening at the old ball yard.

The low ticket and parking cost teamed with easy park access and close-in seating makes this evening activity a must for future council outing consideration. We'll do it again on May 11, 2019. Don't miss it. Our thanks to Sir Knight Bob Santos who plans these whole things.



Mary Our Queen Church



Shown is a model of the new Mary Our Queen currently under construction. It is hoped it will be completed by the end of 2018 if weather permits.

"Mass of Remembrance" October 16th

Pictures of October 16th annual "Mass of Remembrance"

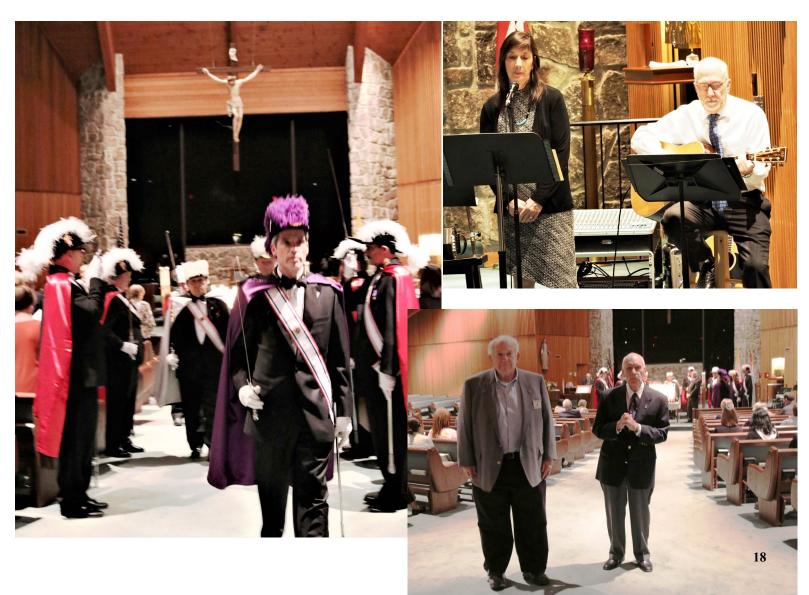
for deceased Council and Assembly brothers held at the 7 PM Mass at All Saints. This is our most beautiful and solemn occasion of the year. The decedents were remembered by name with a bell tolling, a candle lit, an honor guard salute, and an audience of brothers, widows, and family members. A reception followed. Widows were contacted and several attended. Deceased wives were also remembered starting two years ago.



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"Mass of Remembrance" (continued)





New!! Online KofC Membership

Capitalizing on the new online electronic gizmo generation, the Knights of Columbus has instituted a new online membership class of brother at the Supreme website portal <u>*KofC.Org/onlinemembership*</u>. No Form 100's.

Catholic men who are interested in becoming Knights, but feel they have only limited time or don't know what the extent of membership entails can sign up online in 5 minutes. After strict registration and annual payment of \$30 dues, they are actual full members of the Order with a membership degree of <u>zero.</u> They are not members of any council, but join a state division of membership providing them with our literature and full admittance to our insurance program. They are not provisional or partial members, but actual Knights without a council.

When a prospective member begins the Online Membership application process, the first step is for them to declare that they are: (1) a baptized Catholic male, (2) 18 years of age or older, and (3) a practical Catholic.

Once they check those boxes, and agree to abide by the laws and rules of the Knights of Columbus, they click "Proceed to Join" and proceed to the next page. They cannot continue if any of the boxes have not been checked.

Additionally, before they hit the "proceed to join" button, they are presented with the following message: "Failure to answer truthfully to any of these declarations, or failure to remain a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See, renders void your membership in the Knights of Columbus."

During the application process, applicants will need to provide the name of the parish they attend. There is a field to indicate if they would like to join a local council, and the opportunity to indicate their preferred council number if they have one. Both of these tools will generate reports and emails to facilitate the transition towards local council membership. (They will still need to be interviewed, vetted, and take a first degree to join a council.)

Once they have completed their registration, men who join the Order online will be given access to a web-based Online Membership portal and will begin receiving regular electronic communication from the Supreme Council. While they will receive a number of other benefits, the digital experience will form the core of their Knights of Columbus experience.

Content distributed to the member through the portal and direct communication will revolve around the four themes of: <u>Lead with Faith, Protect Your Family, Serve Others and Defend Your Values</u>.

Through these four themes, these men will not only grow as individuals, but will become acclimated with the good work and rich history of the Knights of Columbus, thereby strengthening their affinity with the Knights of Columbus brand, and setting the stage for lifelong, active membership. They will also receive regular news updates from the Supreme Council, as well as news and event information from their State Council.

State division members who have joined online can transition to local council membership, just as members from other local councils do today. When a State Division member finds a local council he likes, he may deepen his involvement in the Knights of Columbus by converting his membership from his State Division into that local council to take his degrees. Since these members will not have taken the first degree, that ceremonial will be part of their transition to a local council.

A transition would be initiated by the local council's Financial Secretary. The receiving council would complete a Form 100 for "Transfer" after the First Degree and submit to the Supreme Council. After transitioning to a local council, the member would retain his online access to the Knights of Columbus membership experience, but cease paying his membership dues online, and instead begin to pay his local council's membership dues. The receiving council would receive the member's dues adjustment for the fraternal year.

This new fraternal program seeks to help the Order maintain sustainable long-term membership growth by providing the opportunity for membership throughout the modern man's life cycle. This streamlined alternative helps acclimate men to the Order. Once a man has joined online, we will then work to incorporate him into a council and get him fully integrated with its activities.

Spread the word about online registration! ¹⁹