



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688



Faithful Navigator Report
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- a. First Off.. To our Brother Knights who filled in at our July 28th Installation ceremony for our missing Officers... a most gracious THANK YOU!!!. We did have some odd turn of events at the ceremony such as:
1. Our illustrious District Master going off script.. I had copies of all the scripts for all the participants and he wanted to use the copy he brought.. which by the way... the wording was the same, a little different layout so all the participants had to share the single copy... I felt it was like a Play rehearsal
 2. Fr. Dan Had no prior knowledge he was to perform the ceremony, a basic lack of communication Between Msgr Marren & Fr. Dan, But as luck would have it.. Fr. Dan being our previous Faithful Friar filled in the role perfectly. After the ceremony he said to me jokingly .. ‘ I never attended any of our meetings, so this is my just rewards” but he did say he was happy to do it for us.
- b. Once again another great THANK YOU to Greg Kane and Dave Richardson who prepared the food and set up the social hall so that we could have a small reception. Gary stepped up to prepare the food for us at the last minute when the original plans had to be altered. Dave Richardson and his ‘magic’ touch of “Feng shui” turned the social hall into a most elegant dining area ... oh yes Dave is a 4th Degree Knight (in my haste to find fills-in for the Officer installation. I mistakenly thought Dave was a 3rd Degree knight)
I also have to Thank Our Almighty Lord for having the guy come out and fix the AC in time for the reception... who knew the problem was upstairs in the Choir room..
- c. Ok let’s address and talk about the elephant in the room again... This is about the rumor that St. Andrew’s is being taken out of our assembly. Yes, it’s true. Our Worthy District Master made that decision. SK Dennis Klein, SK Bob Mitchell and myself discussed this with Stan Rapciewicz after the installation ceremony. His idea is to have all the ‘NEW’ 4th Degree members of St. Andrew’s to be assigned to St. Ann’s Assembly. Dennis, Bob and myself challenged his decision by mentioning the following obvious facts:
- 1) Long established relationship between St. Andrew's and the Assembly
 - 2) Most all of the members of St. Andrew's would like to remain in Assembly 2688
 - 3) Splitting up of the council members .. not a good idea and having the newer 4th Degree members of St. Andrew's going to St. Ann's while other St. Andrew 4th Degree attend Assembly 2688
 - 4) The amount of paper work that will be generated with transfer requests that St. Andrew members will file. Knowing that a 4th Degree Knight can transfer into **ANY** Assembly he chooses...
 - 5) The remaining members of Assembly 2688 would be comprised of mostly men from Council 11402
MOQ.....7 All Saints ... 139 St. Andrew's 30 15 from other councils

Anyway the up-shot of the whole conversation was that if he (Stan) see's there are transfer requests made from St. Andrew's new 4th Degree members to 2688 he will consider changing his order.

I have relayed this message to the Worthy Grand Knight Gary Romanick, at St. Andrew’s stating I cannot tell you to have the new 4th degree members of St. Andrew’s request transfers. You have to do what is good for your council.

The question arose would St. Andrew be dropped from the Meeting rotation? Worthy Grand Knight Gary Romanick stated: “St Andrew is part of Assembly 2688 and therefore should be included into the rotation. If any third degree member desires to become a fourth degree member we will address that when the occasion so arises.” Thank you Gary....

d. On the topic of Assembly meetings and Hospitality, yet another to deal with.. The Warden at All Saints has indicated that he feels that the 4th Degree should take care of their own hospitality. I believe he feels there is a lot of undo pressure on the warden to have to do all the setting up and the food preparation. The main concern was made that it's getting harder to find members who want to take on the position of Warden because of all the work involved.. not only speaking of the 4th degree hosting. His suggestion was that our Faithful Pilot is a Warden counter-part and a thought was to have this person take care of hospitality. In my response to him I stated these points:

1. The Assembly (2688) is comprised of multiple K of C Councils, the 'Pilot' may be someone who is not an All Saints parishioner, the whereabouts of basic supplies might not be knowledgeable to that individual.
2. Maybe a possibility would be to have Multiple Wardens or for that matter a Warden Assistant appointed By The GK
3. The normal Assembly attendance at our Monthly meetings is less than 1/2 of our Council attendance and Occurs 4x a year
4. The other Councils have not raised any objection .

I stand ready to support the wishes of my Council. I did not bring up this item at my Council meeting Tuesday evening. I didn't feel it right to burden the All Saints Grand Knight. I think this is something that can be resolved without a major incident but I bring it to your attention.. ...just in case

e. Next on the Hit parade.. please note that ANY Honor Guard call-outs will be made and coordinated by our Honor Guard Commander SK Bob Mitchell or any SK he delegates that responsibility to. If the request does not come From Bob .. please question it and call Bob or myself. Case in point... there was an email blast for an Honor Guard to support an event at St. Jude's

f. I would like to congratulate SK Ted Tada for stepping up and assuming the office of Faithful Purser. I know I speak for all of us here in this room in saying that we know you will do an outstanding job and a sincere thank you.

g. I know our Honor Guard call-out have been light over the summer but it will surely pick up. I ask that you step up and participate in any of the upcoming Honor guards. Let's show off and wear proudly our Regalia

h. Finally I need to mention that believe it or not, as of our past July meeting there were still some Sir Knights that have not paid their 2018 membership dues. If you are in that 'elusive' group I am asking you to please fulfill your 4th degree duty and pay your dues..