Minutes of December 5th, 2019 Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The December 5th Assembly Meeting was held at the St. Andrew Multi-Purpose Room. The date was a week earlier than normal due to holiday considerations.

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

All Saints	Jan.	<u>9th.</u>
Mary Our Queen	Feb.	13th.
St. Andrew	Mar.	12th.

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner of roasted chicken, pasta, green beans, bread, cookies, and beverage was graciously prepared by Shea Langgood.

There were 24 total Sir Knights attending. There were no first time attendees or Sir Knights from another Assembly.

The meeting started on time at 7:30 PM. Deacon Ken Melvin was on hand and led all prayers during the meeting.

Several SK's with birthdays in December were mentioned (Stinson, Snoddy, Walsh, Mancini, Luckert, Dore, Leach, Dali). None of these were present.

December wedding anniversaries of note were Ted Davis (57), Bob Swanson (46), Joe Mitchell (47), Andy Diaz (59), Joe Thibadeau (52).

Minor corrections to the transmitted minutes.

The American Heritage Girls at St. Andrew dropped in to serenade us with Christmas carols in thankfulness of our donation to their Wreath Across America campaign.

Here was the officer roll call.

-	Bob Mitchell	
I	Nick Mattera	
Faithful Pilot -	Jon Bird	
Faithful Admiral -	Ernie Spencer	
Faithful Scribe -	Lou Hlad	
Faithful Comptroller -	Dave Lemcoe	
Faithful Purser -	Rich Tomaszewski	
Inner Sentinel -	Terry Petrukovich	
Outer Sentinel -	Jon Biasini	
Trustee—three year -	Chuck Langgood	
Trustee —two year -	88	
Trustee —one year -		(excused)
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Faithful Friar—	Msgr. James Fennessy	(excused)
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Faithful Navigator Report— Bob Mitchell

His was the report from Bob, just days before our December 5th Assembly Meeting. It includes the items he mentioned in his FN speech during that December meeting.

Worthy Brother Sir Knights,

After returning from our last long trip just days beforehand, time got the best of me and I never expressed my hopes and best wishes that you and your families would have a very Happy Thanksgiving! My hope is that you each had the chance to spend quality time with family and friends over the past weekend!

Now that Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday are all behind us, we're already past the first Sunday of Advent, meaning that Christmas is just a few short weeks away. Please remember that Jesus Christ's birth is the reason we celebrate this season! With every retailer and website telling us something different, it's sometimes hard to keep the focus on Our Lord and the relationships he wants us to have with our own families and those who are close to us.

Regarding our December Assembly meeting, please remember that it is this Thursday, December 5th at St. Andrew in Roswell (rather than our normal second Thursday of the month), due to a conflict many of our members and officers have with activities taking place next week at All Saints. We will try to keep December's meeting as short as possible, since so many people have so many other commitments all month long. One important topic to be discussed is our annual donation for Wreaths across America. On a single day each year, volunteers lay hundreds of thousands of wreathes at the graves of US veterans in cemeteries, throughout the US and abroad.

This year, December 14th is the designated day, and for several years, our Assembly has donated money to support the efforts of these volunteers. Please come to the meeting prepared to vote on a funding request. If you so desire, you can also bring a personal check to make an individual donation (the proper addressee information will be available at the meeting that evening).

Note that we will return to our normal business meeting schedule of the second Thursday night in January, with our meeting at All Saints McGivney Hall on Thursday, January 9th.

In closing, I want to express my thanks to those Sir Knights who stepped forward to serve in the Honoring Guard for the funeral mass for Eileen Webster, wife of our Brother Sir Knight Dave Webster of the All Saints Council, for the Veterans Day mass at St. Andrew, and for the memorial mass for our Brother Sir Knight Mike Feeney, which occurred just last week. The last two events alone brought out nine and 19 Honoring Guard members, respectfully.

Finally, Anita and I wish each of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy 2020!

S.K. Bob Mitchell Faithful Navigator Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688

Faithful Purser Report—Rich Tomaszewski

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		PURSER REPORT		REPORT
			<u>12/1/2019</u>	
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 011/01/2019				\$ 14,671.35
RECEIPTS				
50/50		\$33.00		
Dues		\$30.00		
MEETING DINNER		\$95.00		
SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS				\$ <u>158.00</u>
EXPENSES				
Supplies Name Badges		\$22.20	Dave Lemco	e
Meeting Meals, Cost		\$69.35	Joe Inglima	
SUB TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ 91.55
BANK ACCOUNT BALAN	CE 12/0	1/2019		\$ 14,724.81
				\$ 14,724.81
	TOTAL O	UTSTANDING	CHECKS/DEP	\$77.34
CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12/0	1/2019			\$ 14,647.47

Faithful Comptroller Report—Dave Lemcoe

- 1) Checking account balance: \$14,724.81. There is one outstanding check for 55.14.
- 2) Membership: Currently, we have 200 members.
- 3) Exemplifications: The next Fourth Degree will be on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Marietta. No Form 4s for us so far.
- 4) Admin: Remember to use the new Reimbursement Check Request form if you are seeking reimbursement. It will need the signature of a Trustee: SKs Langgood, Mason, or Lindenau. There is a second form should the check be for a third party.
- 5) Dues: As of today, 27 have paid and 14 are exempt from paying dues, leaving 159 unpaid for next year. Use PayPal to send your payment to me at my cell number, 678-687-5707.
- 6) Cards: 2020 cards should be available at the end of the meeting.
- 7) Reports: The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due January 31, 2020.
- 8) Assembly Statement: Our latest Assembly Statement has a billing of \$0.00 to us.
- 9) Supplies: Two new jewels, Outside Sentinel and Trustee have arrived. The replacement part for the Faithful Scribe jewel has arrived. We all hope and pray that SK Lou will safeguard it this time.

Faithful Scribe/ Widow Report—Lou Hlad

Sent out November Meeting Minutes and web site registration info.

I continue to update items on our Assembly web site for photos, reports, and other information.

I send out health, death, and prayer intentions to the members as necessary.

I update our sick list in the minutes every month.

I update the Assembly deceased Sir Knight Plaque in McGicney Hall for Mike Feeney. He will get a candle next October. I requested 5 Masses for him from All Saints.

I continue keeping the Widow database current. Sent newsletter to all widows.

Got several "thank you's" from widows as normal.

Widows played Bingo.

Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson)

Three holiday deaths of Sir Knights has increased chalice backlog to four.

A Deacon William Gomez-Ruiz has been identified for a June 2020 ordination followed by a chalice (#2) presentation for Fr. Dan McCormick, who will be honored with a chalice although he was not a Fourth Degree. Ed identified a Deacon William Paul Porter as a another future recipient. We expect our next presentation probably in July 2020.

Richard Sisko was reviously approved and he will start another future chalice (#3). He is joined in memory by recently-deceased Sir Knight Mike Feeney.

- <u>Presented</u> 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)
- <u>Presented</u> 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)
- <u>Presented to Fr. John Klein, a chalice on April 22nd, 2018</u> 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)
- <u>Presented to Fr. Michael Bremer, a chalice on August 11th, 2018</u>
 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)
- Presented to Fr. Kevin Peek, a chalice on January 27th, 2019.
 Fr. Joseph M. Peek passed 3.14.2016 (All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest)
- <u>Presented to Fr. Mark White, a chalice on July 29th, 2019.</u> <u>Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan passed 1/09/2018 (All Saints)</u> (solitary chalice for a priest)

Future Chalices

Edward J. Trainor passed	12/23/2017	(All Saints)		chalice #	<i>‡</i> 1
Don L. Myers passed	2/17/2018	(All Saints)			
Richard T. Szyperski passed	4/27/2018	(All Saints)			
Fr. Daniel J. McCormick	4/19/2018	(All Saints)	Approved . So	olitary priest chalice #	ŧ2
Richard G. Sisko passed	9/24/2018	(All Saints)	Approved	chalice #	#3
Michael J. Feeney passed	11/21/2019	(All Saints)			
Mark E. Balmes, Sr. passed	12/13/2019	(All Saints)			
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Anthony W. Joyce passed	12/23/2019	(All Saints)		chalice #	4 <b>4</b>



**Father Mark White** 



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### **Charity Report—Bob Mitchell for Bob Santos**

Bob Santos was in Stockholm and sent his report to FN who stated that he will continue to talk about attendance at Gwinnett Stripers baseball games and an Assembly lake cruise when he returns

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Dennis Klein offered that the Georgia Ensemble Theater has a dress rehearsal party in Roswell with drinks, snacks, and play rehearsal on February 18 for \$10 instead of normal \$30 during the actual play. He is an actor in it. The play is called "Leading Ladies". Drinks and snacks are for a nominal fee. He can get 30 tickets for Sir Knights before they go back in the pool. There was interest in this event. Four tickets are already sold.

Bob Santos had previously found that the Norcross LionHeart Theater has a night for \$10 just like the Georgia Ensemble offering above. It is right near popular Dominick's Restaurant.

Lou Hlad rose to speak of the Day of Reflection being held at the All Saints social hall on Sat. Feb. 15th from noon until 7 PM with a dynamite speaker (Fr. William Brock). See flyer at rear of this report. All are invited. Cost including two meals is \$30/person.

Bob Santos previously stated that he thought that a quick and easy Assembly event would be to attend a BINGO night. For \$18 fee, you get fun, food, and maybe prizes. It is also very social, easy to plan, and money goes to charity. We should plan one after the new year. SK Dominic Palermo runs BINGO and thought it a good idea. Four Thursday every month

Santos is waiting for Gwinnett Striper 2020 schedule, so we can pick games.

### **Honoring Guard Report**

None currently scheduled.

# Fundraising Committee—

No report.

# Membership Committee—Wulf Lindenau

No change. Two prospects continue to be waiting to join. Al Bollet of All Saints has filled out a Form 4 and paid dues. We await his availability.

Mike Martell of All Saints is attending Deacon classes and we await his availability as well.

Wulf is working with Dave Lemcoe to get members to pay their dues. Four or five more have done so.

# **Color Corps Report—Bob Mitchell**

There were three Honoring Guards.

- Steve Strong stepped up to lead the guard for Eileen Webster's funeral.
- Dennis Klein commanded the St. Andrew Veterans Day Event. Nine people.
- Mike Feeney's funeral at All Saints had 19 people on short notice.

### **Trustee Report— Wulf Lindenau**

No new report.

### **Unfinished Business**

At the November meeting, Nick Mattera asked us to come up with ideas to aid Patriotism efforts.

Jon Bird suggested that we join him at the USO area at Atlanta Airport to greet the returning troops. Brother John Vail runs the thing. Jon Bird would like two new volunteers to attend. They provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Talk to Jon to fill a slot.

Wulf said he would help. There is nothing to stop us from wearing knight paraphernalia. Wulf suggested possible Bingo participation as a group.

## **New Business**

Ernie Spencer made a motion to donate \$300 to the Heritage Girls for Wreathes Across America on December 14th.

Jon Bird made a motion to donate \$300 to the All Saints Boy Scouts for Wreathes Across America on December 14th.

Both motions passed.

## **Reports of the Third Degree**

#### Mary Our Queen— Bob Mitchell for Bob Santos

- The second annual Monsignor Kiernan Golf Tournament is now scheduled for May 18th., 2020.
- Bob noted that the MOQ Council is in disarray now. The activities have dropped off.
- They held a membership drive with no results. The District Deputy must get involved.
- They sold barbeque, but Bob doesn't yet know results.
- They have an activity to photograph parishioners individually or by family to raise money for the council. They have a flyer.
- Their chaplain Fr. Griffith is a fourth degree.

#### St. Andrew— Ralph Trujillo

- They celebrated November 10th Veterans Day and held an honoring guard.
- Two foursomes of their golfers supported a charity tournament (Home Stretch). This charity helps the homeless get back into normal life.
- Finished their Pecan Drive with \$3800 profit.
- Two brothers spoke to the Heritage Girls about their foreign military service. This allowed the girls to earn merit badgers for their participation.
- This time of year is busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets starting. They had put out their bins for donations for their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. The completed Thanksgiving portion resulted in 3300 pounds of food collected resulting in 79 food baskets. Christmas portion to come.
- They are trying to put together a bocce tournament at the Senior Center in Roswell.
- St. Andrew now has about 176 member knights and are very active in the parish.
- Dennis Klein mentioned that he was the star performer at a play on Nov. 17th at the Roswell Senior Center. The play is "Dracula: The Twilight Years". It is a comedy with Dennis as Dracula. He is soliciting participation of the Assembly members to view future productions.

# All Saints – Lou Hlad

- On November 14th our monthly Bingo recorded 113 players. Up 10 from October.
- Our Monastery Fudge Sales are going well. We will do additional sales for a second weekend. We sell several fudge flavors, biscotti, fruit cake, coffee, and honey made by the monks. All proceeds go to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers.
- We lost Sir Knight Mike Feeney last month and his funeral Mass featured 19 "Honoring Guard" and 5 altar acolytes. He will receive 5 funeral Masses as well.
- Annual pumpkin sales were a record \$23,000 gross with \$14,000 net profit.
- Our parish raised \$125,000 in the raffle for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospice. Our brothers donated \$9,000 of that.
- The Council purchased and distributed Parish Religious calendars for 2020.
- The Council held a "Mulching Event" at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church. We decorated the grounds and planting beds. They are about to be spun off as a new council.
- The Council will set up and light the outdoor parish creche in mid-December.
- Our annual Desserts with Santa <u>Childrens</u> Party and our Council Christmas <u>Party</u> <u>are</u> both on Dec. 14th. Knight of Year and Family of Year will be awarded.
- Our brothers will tend bar for Monsignor Marren's Parish Christmas Party as well.
- Our Council donated several thousand dollars to various charities.
  - o \$1,000 for Missionaries of the Poor Jamaica trip.
  - o \$750 for Coats for Kids
  - \$ up to \$1,000 for any parish habitat house cost shortfall
  - o \$1,000 for downtown homeless shelter food and supplies
  - o \$250 for Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest
  - \$300 to Georgia Tech Council for bus fare to send 2 brothers to DC March for Life.
- We sent out a <u>21 page</u> newsletter to all brothers, widows, and select outsiders this month.
- We continue support for four seminarians via the RSVP Program.

# **Good of the Order**

Our old list of prayers had become outdated, so we are listing the new requests from the last few meetings as the start of a new list.

#### **Standing Prayer intentions are:**

- Jon Bird asked for prayers for Marilyn Menotti.
- Jon Bird asked prayers for Jackie Collins (defib).
- Jon Biasini asked prayers for Bernie Gorman.
- Bob Mitchell Asked prayers for Maralind Klapka and wife Anita.
- Lou Hlad asked prayers for Judy Herbig and Sir Knight Tony Joyce.
- Bob Santos asked prayers for a friend with a new assignment and his safe travels.
- Abe Kassis asked prayers for Ginny Boyle and SK Albert Mishu.
- Mike Bagnulo asked prayers for Tom Flynn, Dale Nelson, and Marci Bagnulo.
- Mike Walker has Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis.
- Abe Kassis for Albert Mishu cancer.
- Rich Tomaszewski for Agatha Tomaszewski (breast cancer).
- Deacon Ken Melvin for wife Linda recovery.

#### Recent prayer requests::

Terry Petrukovich asked prayers for Trey Richardson — death.

Dennis Klein Asked prayers for Debra Blair (MS), Mike Blair, and Rich Vessley (passed).

Jon Biasini asked prayers for Danie Biasini-stroke.

Jon Bird asked prayers for Kinwe Yamaga— death and Marilyn Menotti ( double mastectomy). Bob Santos asked prayers for daughter Brooke Santos, his own health , and his new job.

Bob Santos asked prayers for Sir Knight Walt Gauthier (pacemaker).

Joseph Prudy asked prayers for Harriet Prudy (stroke)

Wulf asked prayers for Linda Rasmussen (cancer), Geret Lindenau, Sarah McMunniman. Wulf asked prayers for Hilde Wassallech.

Lou Hlad asked for prayers for Eileen Webster (death).

Bob Mitchell asked prayers for Anita Mitchell for successful surgeries and Philip Stephens. Terry Petrukovich asked prayers for friend Tom Flynn in hospice and John Petrukovich. Terry Petrukovich asked prayers for Scott Petrukovich safe military deployment.

Lou Hlad asked prayers for Sir Knight Tony Joyce in hospital,

Sir Knight Walt Gauthier for pacemaker surgery,

Sir Knight Mike Walker ( back disc fusions),

Sir Knight Bob Webster's health issues.

Sir Knight Deacon Ed Krise's sister-in-law passed away.

Ed Pierson asked prayers for Sir Knight Deacon Ray Egan with kidney cancer.

Ed Pierson asked prayers for Gary De Coste.

Mike Bagnulo asked prayer for Ken Rich surgery.

Ernie Spencer asked prayers for Monica Lanier.

Vince Flynn asked for continued prayers for his miraculous COPD remission.

Dom Palermo asked for prayer for Martha Mikeal (3rd stage rectal cancer).

Steve Strong as for prayer for wife Christine complete recovery.

Abe Kassis asked for prayers for wife Julie.

### Split the Pot

Jon Bird won the \$40 split the pot award.

### **Meeting End**

Deacon Melvin led the closing prayers. The meeting ended at 8:56 PM.



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12pm to 7pm All Saints Social Hall

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# **Jeaturing** OUR RETREAT LEADER, FATHER WILLIAM BROCK

Father William Brock is currently Chaplain of Pinecrest Academy and has served in the priesthoodfor over 40 years around the globe.



# Sir Knight Mike Feeney Passed Nov. 21st



Michael (Mike) passed away on November 21, 2019 in Atlanta, Ga. He was 83. Born on June 6, 1936 in Kansas City, Mo., He attended the University of Notre Dame, where he earned a Business Management degree. He went on to spend a 26 year career with Hallmark Cards, during which he laid roots in cities across the Midwest before settling down and opening his own business in 1984 'Containers!', later changed to Addison Avenue in Atlanta. He was a dedicated proprietor of the business, until he retired and moved with his wife Ann to a cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains. After many peaceful years in Blue Ridge Mike and Ann returned to Atlanta to be closer to their six daughters and their grandchildren in 2008.

Mike was an involved member of local Catholic parishes throughout his life, most recently belonging to All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody and previously to St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Blue Ridge and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Atlanta.

He also served his community as a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus and of Rotary International, where planned many charity galas in Dunwoody and Blue Ridge in more than ten years of membership.

An avid fan and player of tennis, Mike enjoyed competing in Twin Lakes and ALTA tennis leagues late into his life. In his retirement, Mike was fond of carpentry and maintained a workshop in his home. He also loved to travel, often embarking on cross-country road trips in the United States. He was most comfortable behind the wheel of a car and saw much of the country through long drives over the course of his life.

Mike and Ann started a dog sitting business that provided much love for them and gave them so much emotionally. A lifelong salesman, Mike never met anyone he couldn't talk to.

Mike sustained long-distance friendships with old classmates and co-workers throughout the country. He loved family above all and was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, mentor, and friend to his final days. Endlessly giving, Mike put everyone else ahead of himself, except, occasionally, when a Notre Dame game was on. He will be dearly missed but leaves behind a great legacy for all to see.

Mike is survived by his wife Ann Feeney, daughter Kathy (Chris) Armistead, Molly (Jeff) Willis, Beth (Pete) Ori, Michele Feeney, Maggie (Rob) Eckard, and Patti (Bart) Mathews. He is also survived by his many grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The memorial service will be at All Saints Catholic Church (2443 Mt. Vernon Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338) on November 25, 2019 at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to:

St. Vincent de Paul's <u>https://www.svdpgeorgia.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate/</u>, Habitat for Humanity <u>https://www.atlantahabitat.org/programs/</u> or Missionary Charities Gift of Grace House (mail only) (995 Saint Charles Avenue, Atlanta Ga 30306 404-892-5111).

Services are to be held at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody, GA Monday, November 25, 2019 at 11am at 2443 Mt. Vernon Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338.

#### Sir Knight Mark E. Balmes, Sr., 95, Passes February 11, 1924 ~ December 13, 2019



Mark (Park or Parky to family) Bahnes died peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of the morning, December 13, 2019. He was kissed goodbye the night before by his daughter, Maureen as she left him at happy hour, surrounded by friends at St. Georges Retirement Community where he resided.

Mark was a WWII Veteran: First Sergeant of the Third Battalion, 310th Infantry Regiment, 78th "Lightning" Division, Bradley's First Army. He was honorably discharged October 25, 1945. His Battles and Campaigns included Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe where, as a Communications First Sergeant, he earned the Army Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, a Bronze Star for Valor on the Battlefield and a Purple Heart.

He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus for over 75 years. He was currently a member of the All Saints Council 11402.

He graduated Marquette University in 1949 with a BS Electrical Engineering Mark was raised on a series of farms in Wisconsin and northern Blinois, often with no heat or air conditioning, no indoor plumbing or bathroom. In several locations, the family shared a

house with another family to help make ends meet and in 1933 settled on a 10-acre farm in Wadsworth, IL, just north of Chicago for the next decade.

Mark was drafted into the United States Army in March of 1943. At 19 years of age, he was the youngest of six brothers serving in World War II. Park was assigned to the army's 78th Infantry Division where he fought on the front lines at the **Battle of the Bulge**, **World War II's fiercest and deadliest battle**. Park was tasked with running communications between the front lines and headquarters, sprinting through heavy gunfire to get messages delivered. On March 18, 1945, Park was sent to scout for the Third Battalion when he was shot multiple times and rescued hours later, after being presumed dead by the enemy.

He was an American Patriot, earning a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for Valor on the battlefield. He was a hero, but didn't consider himself to be one.

He was strong in his Catholic faith. His family fired the boiler in St Patrick's Church in Wadsworth when it was cold to heat the Church for Sunday Mass. He was an usher at St. Jude's Church in Dunwoody, Ga and was active at All Saints Church in Dunwoody, starting the Fish Fry on Friday's during Lent, building the cooker for the Church.

He was a tough old warhorse and also the most gentle and compassionate man you could ever meet. He was a "character". He loved life, starting at conception. He had a great sense of humor, a strong work ethic, he was an inventor, a builder, a self-made entrepreneur, a business owner, and a person of integrity.

He loved music and dancing, games, cooking for the masses and throwing festive gatherings. He smoked meats, mad fudge, cheese balls and was a master at making his own homebrewed beer.

His strong Catholic upbringing and nightmarish war experiences prepared him to face death without fear. He was ready to be taken into the Lord's loving embrace and is healthy and strong once again, enjoying everlasting peace.

Jaclyn (his son Mark's oldest daughter) posted this on Facebook, and it sums it up perfectly...

It's hard to say goodbyeto a hero. Thank you for teaching me faith and how yours kept you alive in WWII, how to love hard, how to swear in traffic using new and inventive words, how to use tools, how to be passionate, that family matters the most, to give people a chance (especially to those who need one), how to make a simple machine out of a pencil sharpener (sorry about that), that squirrels are the worst, that too much butter in potatoes can ruin leftovers, that China is definitely up to something, that our troops matter, that people matter and your door should always be open, how to play cards, and a million other things. Forever grateful for your incredible life and that you could be in mine for as long as you were. Love you forever. Now go dance with Grandma...she's been waiting for ya.

His Daughter Maureen thought that this motto was a perfect reflection of his philosophy in life:

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skild insideways, chocolate in one hand, Scotch in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and screaming, "WOO HOO, what a ride!"

A Funeral Mass was held December 28, 2019 at 11:30AM at All Saints Catholic Churchin Dunwoody Georgia. He had an honoring guard of 11 brothers with 5 more brother acolytes on the altar.

# Sir Knight Anthony "Tony" Joyce Passes



Sir Knight Anthony Walter "Tony" Joyce, 81, passed on December 23, 2019 after several bouts in the hospital over the last few months.

Tony was married to wife Carol for 58 years and was a member of the Knights for 55 continuous years as well. He and Carol were blessed with three children and six grandchildren.

Tony was a team captain stalwart at our Lenten Fish Frys for many years with his grandson, our brother Patrick, on his cooking team. He was a fixture in his tall Irish cap while directing over 1400 side dishes for customers in three hours.

Born on March 28, 1938 in Montclair, New Jersey, Tony worked for many years for the Georgia Pacific Corporation. He played both baseball and football for his high school team. He served in the US Army Reserves for six years as well.

After retiring in the Atlanta area, he was a

fixture at St. Pius and Marist games while following his children and grandchildren in high school events. As his youngsters progressed, he became a very intense Auburn University fan while following their continuing educational exploits.

This jovial man was a great father and grandfather and several photos of him in a Santa Claus outfit were exhibited at his final reception in the All Saints social hall.

His funeral on December 30th was celebrated by Monsignor Fennessy who knew him well. An honoring guard of 11 brother Knights plus 5 brother acolytes and two other clergy brothers on the altar were a fitting complement to many other of his brothers in the congregation. His cremains were then processed to the columbarium.

The All Saints Council and parish will surely miss this giant of a man.

# **Betty-Lee Egan Passes**



Our brother, Sir Knight Deacon Ray Egan, and wife Betty-Lee are shown at a recent Council Christmas Party. They were married 62 years. They were our Council Family of the Year in 2012.

Both were long time All Saints parishioners. Deacon Ray had served at All Saints for some years and now serves at St. Jude the Apostle.

Betty-Lee was a member of the All Saints Choir for decades.

EGAN (DEGARAPHE), Betty-Lee Betty-Lee Degaraphe Egan, age 81 of Dunwoody, passed away on Monday, Dec. 16, 2019. A native of Hartford, CT she has lived in Dunwoody for the past 44 years. She was a founding active member and communicant at All Saints Catholic Church. Surviving are her husband of 62 years, Rev. Mr. Ray Egan; children and their spouses, Debra-Jean Chesneau (Howard), Kathleen Schwarzer (Tom C.), Maureen Cooper (Jim), Raymond Egan, Jr. (Katrin); 10 grandchildren, Cody, Casandra, Tommy, Julia, Nicholas, Lennox, Amy, Katherine, James, Lauren; 5 great-grandchildren; and aunt, Lucille Degaraphe. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 1 PM, at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. A reception will follow. Interment Arlington Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Scottish Rite in Betty-Lee's memory. The family will receive friends Friday from 6 PM - 8 PM, at H.M. Patterson & Son Arlington Chapel, Sandy Springs. **15** 

# Combined American Legion/KofC Speaker Event- Oct 23



# **American Legion/KofC Joint Meeting Oct. 23**

It was a bit historic at our McGivney Hall when the very first American Legion/ Knights of Columbus joint speaker conference arranged by our Chancellor Wulf Lindenau was held. Wulf is a member of both organizations and conceived of the unusual event.

Officers of Council 11402, Legion Post 134, mayors, citizens, and retired military men mingled with our brothers over pork loin and potatoes prepared by our Joe Inglima and Greg Kane. Mike Mason, Mayor of the City of Peachtree Corners, was the main speaker with comments from our own brother, Dunwoody Mayor, Marine General Denis Shortal (ret).

We hope that these two patriotic local organizations can do a little fruitful cross-breeding.



Mayor Mike Mason, Chancellor Wulf Lindenau, and Mayor Denis Shortal enjoy the meal.



It wouldn't be a proper meeting without the presentation of a council certificate of appreciation to the main speaker, Mayor Mike Mason of Peachtree Corners.