

Minutes of January 9th, 2020
Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The January 9th Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints McGivney Hall. The date was a week earlier than normal due to holiday considerations.

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

Mary Our Queen.....Feb. 13th.

St. Andrew.....Mar. 12th.

All Saints.....April 2nd (moved earlier per Holy Week).

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner of subway sandwiches, chips, bread, cookies, and beverage was graciously procured by FN Mitchell with Setup help from All Saints Warden Joe Inglima.

There were 23 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 with a special ceremony of Renewal of Knight Vows Ceremony. (See photo in these minutes.)

Several SK's with birthdays in January were mentioned (Tomaszewski (present), Biacini, Tada, Seco de Lucena, Lemcoe, and Campbell (present)).

January wedding anniversaries of note were Rowlands, Krise, Mastrogiovanni, Vander Wiele, Richardson, and Emery.

Minutes had to be sent out twice. First transmission was the wrong type file.

Here was the officer roll call.

Faithful Navigator - Bob Mitchell

Faithful Captain - Nick Mattera

Faithful Pilot - Jon Bird

Faithful Admiral - Ernie Spencer

Faithful Scribe - Lou Hlad

Faithful Comptroller - Dave Lemcoe

Faithful Purser - Rich Tomaszewski (excused)

Inner Sentinel - Terry Petrukovich

Outer Sentinel - Jon Biasini (excused)

Trustee—three year - Chuck Langgood

Trustee —two year - Wulf Lindenau (excused)

Trustee —one year - Dave Mason

Faithful Friar— Msgr. James Fennessy (excused)

Faithful Navigator Report— Bob Mitchell

FN thanked all the officers for going through the Renewal of Vows Ceremony. He noted that it had not been done in some time. He said that with the intense changes being made in the Knight ceremonies, this might be the last time that these pledges are made, since secrecy and openness are changing things drastically. More changes coming. (Applause).

FN did not send out a formal report this month, so no approval is necessary.

FN discussed at some length later in the meeting regarding getting the reports of Assembly Service Hours into Dave Lemcoe, Only 4 or 5 were received.

Faithful Comptroller's Report—Dave Lemcoe

- 1. Checking account balance:** \$15,796.38. There is one outstanding check for 300.00. One voided check, No 2010.
- 2. Membership:** Currently, we have 196 members.
- 3. Exemplifications:** The next Fourth Degree will be on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Marietta. That date is the 120th Anniversary of the founding of the Fourth Degree. No Form 4s for us so far.
- 4. Admin:** Remember to use the Reimbursement Check Request form if you are seeking reimbursement. It will need the signature of a Trustee: SKs Langgood, Mason, or Lindenau. There is, *of course*, a second form should the check be for a third party.
- 5. Dues:** As of today, 70 have paid and 14 are exempt from paying dues, leaving 112 unpaid for this year. Use PayPal to send your payment to me at my cell number, 678-687-5707. The number is on the back of your Membership Card.
- 6. Cards:** 2020 cards are signed and available.
- 7. Reports:** The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due January 31, 2020. Very little input so far. Single digits.
- 8. Assembly Statement:** Our latest Assembly Statement has a billing of \$0.00 to us.
- 9. Supplies:** To date, SK Lou Hlad has reportedly *not* re-damaged his recently repaired jewel.

Faithful Purser Report—Rich Tomaszewski



FATHER CHARLES J. WATTERS ASSEMBLY 2688

PURSER REPORT

1/1/2020

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 012/01/2019

\$ 14,724.81

RECEIPTS

50/50

\$40.00

Dues

\$1,390.00

MEETING DINNER

\$115.00

SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$1,545.00

EXPENSES

American Heritage Girls

\$300.00

Wreaths Across America

Meeting Meals, Cost

\$99.29

Chuck Langgood

All Saints Boy Scouts Troop 434

\$300.00

Wreaths Across America

SUB TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 699.29

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 01/01/2020

\$ 15,795.38

\$15,795.38

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEPOSITS

\$300.00

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 01/01/2020

\$ 15,495.38

Faithful Scribe/ Widow Report—Lou Hlad

Sent out January 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 McGivney Hall for all Sir Knights. Mike Feeney, Mark Balmes, and Tony Joyce need to be added to the plaque. They will each get a candle next October. I requested 5 Masses for them each from All Saints.

Two All Saints wives died last month— Betty-Lee Egan and Mary Ann Ketter. One of our widows has passed— Ruth del Guercio. These three women will be mentioned as well in our October 2020 Mass of Remembrance.

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

Got several “thank you’s” from widows as normal.

Widows played Bingo.

Social Committee Report— Bob Santos/Dennis Klein

Bob Santos is waiting for Gwinnett Striper 2020 schedule, so we can pick games. He lost his Striper account contact who took another job with the Tennessee Titans. Bob will get to know his new rep well and take care of us.

An Assembly lake cruise is also a possibility around April, as is a summer picnic later. He will develop a person price soon. It will be about a three hours. Need 40 folks.

Bob Santos again repeated 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. Fourth Thursday every month.

Dennis Klein sold some tickets to the Georgia Ensemble Theater for a dress rehearsal party in Roswell with drinks, snacks, and play rehearsal held 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 sell for a nominal fee. Four or more tickets sold.

Lou Hlad spoke about the All Saints Day of Reflection Feb. 15th, for which a flyer was included in the minutes.

Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson)

Three holiday deaths of Sir Knights has increased chalice backlog into a fourth.

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(s) probably in July 2020.

Richard Sisko was reviously approved and he will start another future chalice (#3). **He is joined on this chalice in memory by recently-deceased Sir Knights Mike Feeney and Mark Balmes. SK Joyce starts yet another chalice. FN told Lemcoe to order another chalice.**

- **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)
- **Presented** 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)
- **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)
- **Presented** to Fr. Mark White, a **chalice** on July 29th, 2019.
Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan passed 1/09/2018 (All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest)



Father Mark White



Future Chalices

Edward J. Trainor passed	12/23/2017	(All Saints)		chalice #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 .	Solitary priest chalice #2
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)		
Anthony W. Joyce passed	12/23/2019	(All Saints)		chalice #4

Charity Committee—Dave Mason

No report.

Color Corps Report—Bob Mitchell

We did Honoring Guards for deceased Sir Knight Mark Balmes and Anthony Joyce. Both proceeded to the All Saints Columbarium.

There is a Pro-Life Mass at All Saint on Sunday January 19th at 10:30. We would like at least a dozen brothers to partake in this annual tradition.

On Saturday February 22nd, there is a Fourth Degree Exemplification at Holy Family Church on Lower Roswell Road in Marietta. They will allow Honoring Guard brothers to mix with those in new regalia to escort the candidates. This came as a surprise to Bob. This shows how few people have gotten the new regalia thus far.

Fundraising Committee—

No report.

Membership Committee—Lou Hlad

No change. Two prospects continue to be waiting to join. Al Bollet of All Saints has filled out a Form 4 and actually 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.

Patriotic Committee—Jon Bird

No report.

Unfinished Business

No report.

New Business

No report.

Reports of the Third Degree

Mary Our Queen— Mike Baylot

- Tensions have lightened and it appears that things will get moving again. They have three new members. And 70 members total. Most of the increase is from transfers. A first degree is scheduled.
- They will not get a Star Council Award, but will get a Columbian Award.
- They are short only one committee chair now.
- They have started up their monthly Pancake Breakfasts the last three months and have been fairly successful. They did not have Santa Claus this year due to his travel.
- The second annual Monsignor Kiernan Golf Tournament is now scheduled for May 18th, 2020.
- Their chaplain Fr. Griffith is a fourth degree.
- The next meeting will be held at MOQ.

St. Andrew— Bill Campbell

*Completed holiday food basket drive and helped with distribution of gifts from giving tree. We did a total of 167 baskets Thanksgiving and Christmas .Canned goods and non-perishables were collected from parishioners in bins at church entrances and council purchased 156 turkeys for the baskets.

*Received plaque from Supreme for participation in RSVP Program. We are supporting 4 seminarians.

*Made \$250 donation to Pregnancy Aid Center.

*Had Breakfast with Santa in the family center. It was well attended.

*Passed out magnet icons and Holy Family Prayer cards to parishioners after mass on 2 week ends in December.

*Served beverages for annual Advent Party for Parishioners.

*Provided Turkeys and helped with distribution of food and Christmas gifts in support of Fr. Lee's ministry at Austin Oaks Apartments Dec. 23. Gifts were provided from our parish giving tree collections.

*Will assist Pregnancy Aid Center with baby bottle fund raiser in January.

*Have applicants for 6 new members. Will have exemplification soon.

*Lost Brother Tom Flynn (death)

* 6 applications for new members.

All Saints—Lou Hlad

- We lost three Sir knights during the holidays: Mike Feeney, Mark Balmes, and Anthony Joyce. Also lost six wives this year, including SK Deacon Ray Egan's wife.
- Our Monastery Fudge Sales went well on two weekends.. All proceeds go to the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Monastery in Conyers. We usually make \$8K to \$10K. Don't have the figures yet.
- The Council purchased and distributed Parish Religious calendars for 2020.
- The Council set up and lit the outdoor parish creche in mid-December. It comes down this weekend.
- Our annual Desserts with Santa Childrens Party resulted in over 100 photos with Santa. The party was well attended.
- Our 13 teams are preparing for 8 fish frys starting Friday Feb. 21 with a practice Fry for Knights and families only.. Ash Wednesday and 6 Fridays are then planned .
- Our Council Christmas Party awarded our District Deputy SK John Knight as Knight of the Year.. Family of Year went to Sir Knight Dean Trantow family.
- Participated the the All Saints Pro-Life Mass with an Honoring Guard.
- We tended bar for bar for Monsignor Marren's Parish Christmas Party as well.
- Sponsoring a Day or Reflection at All Saints social hall on Feb, 15. Check out our minutes.
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- Our Council donated several thousand dollars to various charities.
 - Donated \$100 to an eagle Scout project.
 - Donated \$2000 to SK Fr. Anthony Eschun Church in Ghana.
 - \$1,000 for downtown homeless shelter food and supplies.
- We continue support for four seminarians via the RSVP Program.
- Our 5 acolyte teams rotated to serve all monthly parish funerals.
- We published a 24 page newsletter for January.

Good of the Order Prayer Intentions

Standing Prayer intentions are:

- Jon Bird asked for prayers for Marilyn Menotti and Bernie Gorman..
- Bob Mitchell Asked prayers for Maralind Klapkaand, Philip Stephens, wife Anita recovery.
- Bob Santos asked prayers for a friend with a new assignment and his safe travels.
- 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).
- Abe Kassis asked prayers for Ginny Boyle and SK Albert Mishu cancer and wife Julie.
- Mike Bagnulo asked prayers for Tom Flynn, Dale Nelson, Ken Rich, and Marci Bagnulo.
- Mike Walker has Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis.
- Rich Tomaszewski for Agatha Tomaszewski (breast cancer).
- Deacon Ken Melvin for wife Linda recovery from accident.
- 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).
- 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.
- Terry Petrukovich asked prayers for friend Tom Flynn in hospice and John Petrukovich.
- Terry Petrukovich asked prayers for Scott Petrukovich safe military deployment.
- Terry Petrukovich asked prayers for Trey Richardson — death.
- Lou Hlad asked prayers for 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, Gary De Coste.
- Ernie Spencer asked prayers for Monica Lanier and daughter Ann (breast).
- 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 asked for prayer for wife Christine complete recovery.

Recent prayer requests:

- Mike Baylot for son Eric’s grades.
- Bob Mitchell for his third knee replacement surgery soon.
- Mike Schaff lost his wife Becky.
- Father Kevin Peek deployment to Middle East and safety.
- Wulf Lindenau health considerations.
- Bob Santos trip to San Juan and safety of friend Olga in Ukraine.
- Tom Flynn of St. Andrew passed.
- Deacon Ray Egan’s wife Betty-Lee passed.
- Rich Tomaszewski injections for tunnel carpel.
- Wulf Lindenau’s flu into pneumonia.
- Prayers for our military

Split the Pot

Jim Masak won the \$30 split the pot award.

Meeting End

Bob Mitchell led the closing prayers. The meeting ended at 8:47 PM.

SAVE THE DATE **Saturday**
February 15th



Knights Council 11402

Come join us for a great day with fellow men of All Saints to put a "spark in your spirituality." This retreat starts with Noon Mass, followed by thoughtful talks and breakout sessions.

**A Day of
Reflection**

12pm to 7pm
All Saints Social Hall

Donation TBD
includes Cocktail & Steak Dinner

Reserve your spot by emailing
jdavidemery@gmail.com
or johnjgannon@comcast.net

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OUR RETREAT LEADER, FATHER WILLIAM BROCK

Father William Brock is currently Chaplain of Pinecrest Academy and has served in the priesthood for 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 <https://www.svdpgorgia.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate/>,
Habitat for Humanity <https://www.atlantahabitat.org/programs/> or Missionary Charities Gift of Grace House (mail only) (995 Saint Charles Avenue, Atlanta Ga 30306 404-892-5111).

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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 Parly to family) Balmes 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. George's 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 Illinois, 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.

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

It's hard to say goodbye to 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 slid in sideways, 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 Church in 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.

Renewal of Vows Ceremony



Assembly members lined up to renew their vows given in past exemplifications at the January 9th Assembly Meeting. It has been a few years since this ceremony has been held. With all the recent changes in ceremonies of the Order, we are not certain whether or not this wonderful formal tradition will continue.

Holy Mass Atop Mt. Surabachi



Father Charles Suver, SJ, was born in Ellensburg and educated at Seattle College, now Seattle University, he joined the Society of Jesus in 1924 and was ordained a priest in 1937. As a 39-year-old Navy Chaplain he was with the Marines on Iwo Jima, the bloodiest battle of the Pacific Theater, lasting from February 19, to March 26, 1945, with more than 22,000 Marines and Sailors killed or wounded.

War correspondent Joe Rosenthal's iconic photograph of the raising the flag on Mount Suribachi, February 23, 1945, by five United States Marines and a Navy Hospital Corpsmen was first published in newspapers the following Sunday and since then it has been a powerful symbol of all that it means to be a Marine. Father Suver was there and played a little known but profound part.

He had just finished supper and one of the Marine officers declared he was sure he could get an American flag to hoist on top of Mount Suribachi. Another officer said he was sure that his Marines could get the flag to the top.

To this Father Suver replied, "You get it up there and I'll say Mass under it." On the fifth day of the battle the Marines secured the mountain. Shortly after the historic flag-raising was captured on film Father Suver, true to his word, climbed to the top of Mount Suribachi and celebrated Mass with twenty exhausted Marines gathered around him.

In later life, Father Suver constantly discounted the celebrity status he achieved with his mountaintop Mass. For him the most extraordinary thing about Iwo Jima was being with his men, watching their heroism under fire and seeing their care for each another. To his parents, John and Josephine Suver in Seattle, he wrote: "Don't worry about me: I am where I want to be and doing the things that I want to do."

After the war, Father Suver returned to Washington State where he became well known as a preacher at parish missions and retreats and a leader in the Marriage Encounter Movement. A brother Jesuit described him as having an incredible wit and sense of humor combined with the crusty exterior of an old military man. "Chuck genuinely loved being a priest - caring for people, especially people who were hurt, who were in spiritual pain. He was this crusty old grandfather figure who at the first sign of pain would wrap his arms around you and comfort you."



FATHER CHARLES SUVER

Among the many remarkable images of Catholic Chaplains in World War II this photograph of Holy Mass on Mount Suribachi is particularly poignant. The utter devastation of the island, the exhaustion of the Marines kneeling in prayer and shielding the priest and altar from the wind, the juxtaposition of death and life in both the setting and the Holy Sacrifice tells us all there is to know about being priest chaplain in and with our Armed Forces

Perhaps God is calling you to follow in Father Suver's footsteps.

Go to www.milarch.org/vocations to learn more. ✝