

# Minutes of March 12th, 2020

# Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

**The March 12th Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints McGivney Hall because of a room conflict at St. Andrew All-Purpose Room. Please note April meeting cancelation.**

**Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:**

**Canceled** **April 2nd** **(Canceled due to coronavirus situation)**

**Mary Our Queen.....May 14th.**

**St. Andrew.....June 11th.**

**The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner of spiral ham, potatoes au gratin, broccoli, cake, and beverage was prepared by All Saints Warden Joe Inglima.**

**There were 18 total Sir Knights attending. This amount was affected by virus considerations. There were no first time attendees or Sir Knights from another Assembly.**

**The meeting started early at 7:20 PM.**

**SK's with birthdays in March were mentioned —Langgood, Lindenau, Baylot, Fennesy, Vu, Melvin, Duncan, Eberly, Emery, Konopka.**

**February wedding anniversaries mentioned were Dennis Klein (60!) and Lou Hlad (47).**

**Minutes were approved as transmitted electronically.**

**Here was the officer roll call. Again, affected by virus pandemic considerations.**

## Faithful Navigator - Bob Mitchell

## Faithful Captain - Nick Mattera

## Faithful Pilot - Jon Bird

**Faithful Admiral - Ernie Spencer (excused)**

# Faithful Scribe - Lou Hlad

**Faithful Comptroller - Dave Lemcoe** (excused)

**Faithful Purser - Rich Tomaszewski (excused)**

**Inner Sentinel - Terry Petrukovich (excused)**

**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 had no formal Navigator Report, but these are selected pieces pieces of his comments during the meeting:**

**FN asked SK Euse Durah to tell us of his plans to relocate. He will be moving to Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly in Winder and St. Matthews Council. We wish him well and will miss him. He has been a member since 2005.**

**We have ten new members. They do not pay dues this year. FN contacted most of them. Some already have commitments for tonight. We need to get photos of all these new guys for our web site.**

**Someone turned in a cape to FN that must have been sitting in a closet for at least four years. This is not from the regalia that FN knows to be missing. We paid to have it cleaned.**

**FN passed around a form which needs to be signed by all members indicting their military service branch and dates or none if appropriate.**

**FN read a letter from the Archbishop for the Military Services of the U.S.A. :**

**“As we prepare for the Lenten season and prepare for Easter, I thank you for all your prayers and support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Your kindness and generosity allows the AMS to accompany service men and their families as they grow in discipleship. Lent allows each of us to grow closer to the Lord through prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Through these practices we renew our Faith in his promises and join in His endless mercy and love made evident by His sacrifice on the cross. Throughout His ministry, Jesus reminded us always to look to Him and the Father for comfort and aid in times of need, and to consume the bread of life that renews the spirit and gives meaning to our lives.**

**In 2019 with your faithful support, AMS priests celebrated the Eucharist with service members and their families over 42,000 times in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. St. John Paul II reminded us that celebration of the Eucharist on a humble altar, whether a chapel or the training fields, unites heaven and earth. I humbly ask you to consider in prayer making a one-time gift to the AMS. Your generosity makes it possible for service members and their families to continue to share in God’s comfort, love, and peace through the sacraments and especially the Eucharist.**

**We must never forget that we are charged to be our bearers of joy and hope to our military where there are so many concerns provoked by the lingering hardships of war and separation from loved ones. We must always remind them that our joy and hope comes not from external factors, but from Jesus Christ the Redeemer of humanity. As always, keep the members, their families, and the chaplains that accompany them in their fervent prayers.**

**Wishing you a blessed and most holy Lent, I remain sincerely in Christ,**

**Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio,  
Archbishop for the Military Services of the U.S.A.”**

**FN then called for a vote to donate \$500 to this military support request. A vote was taken and the \$500 donation was passed by the Assembly. This is not the same as the Military Chaplain Fund that we previously supported.**

# Faithful Comptroller Report—Nick Mattera for Dave Lemcoe

Dave Lemcoe is in Florida with his son to take in some minor league baseball Spring training games. That season has now been cancelled. Nick read his report.

1. **Checking account balance:** \$17,379.87.
2. **Membership:** Currently, we have 205 members on our roster dated 3-10-2020.
3. **Exemplifications:** Ten Candidates for this Assembly: one from St Andrew, one from All Saints, and eight from Mary Our Queen went through Exemplification on February 22. That date is the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Fourth Degree.
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, 144 have paid dues or are exempt. 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 may be incorrect. It should end with 5707.
6. **Cards:** 2020 cards are signed and available.
7. **Reports:** N/A
8. **Assembly Statement:** Our latest Assembly Statement has a billing of \$0.00 to us.

## FN Further Comments:

**We have ten new members. They do not pay dues this year. We have several who are honorary Life or Honorary who pay little of no dues.**

**We had last month about 100 members who had not paid dues. Through the efforts of trustees and other contacts, that list is now down to 53. Two of the people on that list are in the process of resigning and paperwork is not complete. Supreme has not acted yet. FN noted that the process of resigning from the Assembly is actually much less involved than from a Council and should be faster without question.**

**An effort is being made to cut the dead wood from our rosters regarding Sir Knights we have no seen for a great time. A few non-paid members are those who are surprising, since they have been active. We should make an effort to talk to Council brothers that you know are fourth degree to inquire if they have paid their Assembly dues.**

**Dennis Klein opined that he heard that several Sir Knights in Texas had resigned because of the change in regalia. Klein also mentioned to one how we were doing “Honoring Guards” in tuxedos. They knew nothing of this and were very surprised that this was an option, at least for the time being. This has not been mentioned widely.**

**Steve Strong mentioned that while asking if members have paid Assembly dues, we should ask if they have paid Council dues. FN Noted that anyone dropped from a Council is automatically dropped from the Fourth Degree as well.**

# Faithful Purser Report—Rich Tomaszewski

Rich and wife are in self-quarantine because of health issues that might make them more vulnerable to the virus. His report was transmitted.



FATHER CHARLES J. WATTERS ASSEMBLY 26188

## PURSER REPORT

3/1/2020

**BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 02/01/2020**

**\$ 16,013.37**

### **RECEIPTS**

50/50

\$33.00

Dues

\$651.00

Exemplification

\$720.00

MEETING DINNER

\$120.00

***SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS***

**\$1,524.00**

### **EXPENSES**

Meeting Meals, Cost

\$116.50

Mike Baylot

Two Chalices

\$940.00

Dave Lemcoe

Postage

\$55.00

Dave Lemcoe

Dry Cleaning

\$6.00

Bob Mitchell

Masters Fund Exemplification

\$750.00

***SUB TOTAL EXPENSES***

**\$ 1,867.50**

***BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 03/01/2020***

**\$ 16,419.87**

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**TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEPOSITS**

**-\$750.00**

***CHECKBOOK BALANCE 03/01/2020***

**\$ 15,699.87**

# **Faithful Scribe/ Widow Report—Lou Hlad**

**Sent out March Meeting Minutes and web site registration info.**

**I warned everyone of tonight's change of venue, and also warned all of the change of date to April 2nd for next month's meeting also at All Saints.**

**I continue to update items on our Assembly web site for photos, reports, and other information. I updated the Assembly email distribution for new members.**

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

**I update our sick list in the minutes every month.**

**I requested deceased tags for the Assembly Deceased Sir Knight Plaque in McGivney Hall. Sir Knights Mike Feeney, Mark Balmes, Tony Joyce, and Don Meyers are still missing from the plaque. They will each also need a candle next October. I had requested 5 Masses for them each from All Saints, since they all belong to that council and that is in the council bylaws.**

**I continue keeping the Widow database current.**

**Widows played Bingo last month free. We don't know if there will be an April Bingo because of the virus. They have been cautioned.**

**Sent newsletter to all widows. Got several "thank you's" from widows as normal.**

## **Social Committee Report— FN for Bob Santos**

**Santos could not be here tonight because his hot water heater burst.**

**Santos is working on a couple of discounted events for our group at the Gwinnett Stripers game. Normal cost is \$20/seat plus \$7 food voucher. Good seats behind first base. Bob is trying hard to get us some free group tickets to the Aug 22nd game. He might get us a general discount because they favor charitable organizations.**

**They also have a third base party deck with unlimited buffet food, but that is a more expensive \$44/per. He has been able to knock it down to \$20 per head. We may not have access to more than 15 to 20 tickets. Free parking is included.**

**Santos has the new Gwinnett Striper 2020 schedule and he has a new contact rep. He touted several possible games to attend—May 23 (Columbus), July 25 (Pawtucket), Aug 22 (Buffalo). July is best.**

**Bob is also looking into the Lion Heart Theater Group in Norcross with several productions upcoming as an Assembly group event.**

**An Assembly lake cruise is also a possibility in the Fall. He will develop a person price soon. It will be about a three hourcruise. Need 40 folks.**

**Nick Mattera chimed in about the wonderful time we all had at the Roswell Theater and thanked Dennis Klein for arranging the event. Sixteen people attended.**



# Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson) (No changes this Month)

Ed Pierson has identified another possible third chalice recipient, Deacon Cristian Cassio. He will be scheduling lunches with all three potential recipients.

A Deacon Miller 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)	(started) chalice #4

## **Charity Committee—Dave Mason**

No report.

## **Color Corps Report—Bob Mitchell**

Did an Honoring Guards for deceased All Saints Staff member for 34 years, Mary Meehan was honored on March 3rd. Special exception for a grand lady although no Knight connections, but a great friend of the Order. She taught Parish School of Religion and headed up the All Saints Eucharistic Ministers.

Honoring Guard due for All Saints First Communion on April 25th if not canceled by the virus concerns.

## **Fundraising Committee—Bob Santos**

Not present. No report.

## **Membership Committee—Lou Hlad**

All ten new brothers showed up on Feb. 22nd for the degree.

No change. Two prospects continue to be waiting to join. Al Bolet 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**

Jon Bird mentioned that Johns Creek has installed the “Wall That Heals” Viet Nam replica memorial. Still needs landscaping. We have a battlefield cross and boots memorial there. Jon recommended that anyone who has not been there for a while, should check it out.

## **Trustee Report—Dave Mason**

Elections are coming up in May. All positions are open. The Trustees will put together a nominating slate. About half the incumbents will stay. We would love to see new blood in there. Each job is fun and instructive. Only the Friar is appointed. Only the one Trustee is elected. The other two move up. Call Dave with questions.

## **Unfinished Business—FN**

1. Need a third delegate to the Biennial Meeting of the Fourth Degree on April 25th.

**(Note: Meeting was canceled due to virus concerns.)** Mattera and Lemcoe going.

No third delegate identified. Mitchell will have knee surgery then. Important to vote for a new Master who we prefer. Burkell, Burnett, and Langheim are running.

2. Delegates to Albany bi-annual Assembly meeting for \$300/person was voted to join Mattera and Lemcoe. No takers yet. May have to appoint someone. The vote for \$300/person = \$900 was passed. Wives can attend with husbands without extra money included.

## **New Business — FN**

FN read the letter from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stating that all Knight events are canceled and we should use online applications if feasible.

This is a list of the ten candidates were approved by the Assembly and become Sir Knights on February 22nd at Holy Family Parish in Roswell. The 11th is a transfer from last meeting.

Thomas W. Foley - MOQ - GK  
Michael T. Petrik - MOQ  
Scott Quarterman - MOQ  
Matthew J. Gries - MOQ  
James F. Gaffey - MOQ  
Erick J Haughn - MOQ  
Richard M. Lockert -MOQ  
Bertinson "Son" N. Vu - MOQ

Gabriel Orthous - St. Andrew

William Trent - All Saints

Brett Meister - Transfer from Arizona. New MOQ member

All these men were added to our Assembly email distribution list upon investigation of their email addresses. That item is not included on the official Form 4 presented for membership.

This is the largest infusion of new members we can recall in one group.

Finally under New Business, FN related that Army Chaplain Fr. Kevin Peek of All Saints had been assigned to the Middle East (location unknown), and has charitable needs for his troops. FN proposed that we await his list of troop needs to be relayed to our Assembly, so that we might make a useful donation to his ministry in the near future. The Assembly agreed to await his request before voting an amount, since we are not sure when our next meeting will be.

FN noted that Warden Joe Inglima provided us with a meal for \$62.50 and \$83.00 was collected during the meal (applause).



# Reports of the Third Degree

## Mary Our Queen— Mike Baylot

- **MOQ has fish frys, but are done by Mens Club there. Next two have been canceled because of virus by order of the pastor.**
- **The one year anniversary of our new church was supposed to be tomorrow, but like everything else, it is canceled.**
- **Pancake breakfasts were doing well. Lots of new parishioners were coming. They too are now canceled.**
- **Have two seminarians that we support.**
- **Need to find one more committee member for the Council.**
- **Got ten new fourth degree members and one transfer in February! Had trouble getting the new email addresses or some might have been here tonight.**
- **They are forming a combined degree ceremonial team. We are hoping for an April ceremony.**
- **They will not get a Star Council Award, but will get a Columbian Award.**
- **The second annual Monsignor Kiernan Golf Tournament is now scheduled for May 18th, 2020. Hope it is not canceled.**

## St. Andrew— Dennis Klein

- \* **Had fish dinners for over 300 people to start off Lenten Season. Meals vary each week. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$30 for families, and \$5 for kids. If All Saints cancels their fry, they can come to St. Andrew.**
- \* **Assisted Pregnancy Aid Center in holding a Baby Bottle Campaign. Council made \$250 contribution to the Center.**
- **Developing team for the new Exemplification ceremonies. Dennis Klein headed up auditions. Their first combined degree was a great success with 8 candidates. The Honoree of this degree was Chuck Langgood. Last year they were voted the best 2nd degree team in the state.**
- **Had speakers from Habitat for Humanity. One of their people in need spoke to the council.**
- \* **Providing funding for booklets of “Daily Reflections” during lent to be given out to parishioners.**
- \* **We have a new Field Agent (Richard Langton) who was introduced at our meeting recently.**

## All Saints Report for March 12th– Lou Hlad

- We held an Honoring Guard at All Saints for a parish staff member of 34 years.
- Our council was honored by the Georgia State Council for reaching our 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Sir Knight David Emery was our February Knight of the Month.
- Our fish fries were ramping up nicely with our latest event at over 1300 meals. We canceled the March 13<sup>th</sup> event due to the corona virus concern. Week by week decision.
- Our February Bingo had 163 players. The month before was 166. We are at a very nice plateau.
- We held a Day of Reflection on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> with 65 brothers attending in our social hall.
- Six of our brothers attended the first local combined degree at St. Benedict and advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. We are trying to form a combined team now.
- One new council member was added at the Holy Spirit degree event. He brought our St. Joseph Maronite parish council membership up to 20. They can split off soon.
- We held the District Free Throw Tournament in our gym. Then we held the state final in our gym February 29<sup>th</sup> rather than Georgia Tech like past years.
- Our Council donated several thousand dollars to various charities.
  - Donated \$100 to an eagle Scout project.
  - Fellowship of Christian Athletes got \$200.
  - \$1,000 for downtown homeless shelter food and supplies
- We continue support for four seminarians via the RSVP Program.\
- We put out a 22 page newsletter.

# Good of the Order Prayer Intentions

## Standing Prayer intentions are:

- Jon Bird asked for prayers for Erika Hiatt, (brain tumor) Bernie Gorman, Nick Nishakawa.
- Jon Bird asked prayers for Kinwe Yamaga— death and Marilyn Menotti ( double mastectomy).
- Bob Mitchell Asked prayers for Maralind Klapka, Philip Stephens, wife Anita recovery thanks.
- 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, safety of friend Olga.
- Bob Santos asked prayers for Sir Knight Walt Gauthier (pacemaker).
- Abe Kassis asked prayers for 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). his carpal tunnel injections.
- 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.
- 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 PFN Bill Camden.
- Ed Pierson asked prayers for Sir Knight Deacon Ray Egan with kidney cancer, Gary De Coste.
- Ernie Spencer asked prayers for Monica Lanier, daughter Ann (breast), eye surgery thanks.
- 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.
- Ernie Spencer for Anne Pilcher and Monica Lahler, both breast cancer., & two of his daughters
- Bob Mitchell for his third knee replacement surgery soon. Father Kevin Peek deployment.
- Bob Mitchell for E.J. Couvillion's mother who passed and SK Deacon Ray Egan.
- Mike Schaff lost his wife Becky.
- Bill Campbell for Clarice Hebinck and Richard Peters, both cancer.
- Gray Plunkett's cousin has passed.
- Tom Flynn of St. Andrew passed—both Dennis Klein and Vince Flynn request prayers.
- Wulf Lindenau's flu into pneumonia.
- Prayers for our military

## Split the Pot

Euse Durah won the \$25 split the pot award.

## Meeting End

Gray Plunkett led "God Bless America" .FN led the closing prayers. The meeting ended at 9:06 PM.

# Assembly Fun Night at Roswell Theater



**Thanks to Dennis Klein for the idea and the ticket reservation for this exciting comedy and a night of Assembly fun.**







# 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.**



# Goodbye Fry (Sniff)

All Saints Knights of Columbus Fish Fry for March 13, 2020 is CANCELLED

