

Minutes of November 7th, 2019

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The November 7th Assembly Meeting was held at All Saints McGivney Hall because the Mary Our Queen parish hall was not available.

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

St. Andrew.....Dec 5th (date change),

All Saints.....Jan. 9th.

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

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner of ham, sweet potato souffle, broccoli, bread, salad, and beverage was graciously provided by Sir Knight Joe Inglima (applause).

There were 19 total Sir Knights attending. Nick Mattera took over for Bob Mitchell. There were no first time attendees.

The meeting was held at All Saints because the necessary original date conflict (Bingo night committee attendance required on the 14th) moved the date to the 7th and Mary Our Queen could not get their hall this night. We thank All Saints for flexibility.

The meeting commenced slightly late at 7:35 PM . Several SK's with birthdays in November were mentioned to applause. Noted November wedding anniversaries were Vince Flynn (55) and Jon Bird (48).

Minor corrections to the transmitted minutes.

Here was the officer roll call.

Faithful Navigator - Bob Mitchell (excused)

Faithful Captain - Nick Mattera

Faithful Pilot - Jon Bird

Faithful Admiral - Ernie Spencer (excused)

Faithful Scribe - Lou Hlad

Faithful Comptroller - Dave Lemcoe

Faithful Purser - Rich Tomaszewski

Inner Sentinel - Terry Petrukovich

Outer Sentinel - Jon Biasini (excused)

Trustee—three year - Chuck Langgood (excused)

Trustee —two year - Wulf Lindenau

Trustee —one year - Dave Mason (excused)

Faithful Friar— Msgr. James Fennessy (excused)

Faithful Navigator Report— Nick Matera for Bob Mitchell

Worthy Sir Knights,

FN-substitute Nick started his comments by voicing his concern that as an Assembly we were not doing enough patriotic initiatives. He noted that our loss of old regalia is a huge loss of “presence”, but our chalice presentations are a great positive. He expressed concern that the Assembly must not become merely a monthly “dinner club”. He noted that third degree members will not join the Assembly if there is no visible reason to join. The aggregate age of members is also a problem without new younger Sir Knights. Nick did commend Bob Santos for some forward-looking ideas not yet implemented.

Scribe Lou Hlad pointed out that a very patriotic event took place in McGivney a month ago. It was the combined KofC/American Legion Meeting for the first time ever. Several Sir Knights were there. Dave Lemcoe mentioned that there were two young men at that event that were interested in joining. Wulf mentioned that one attendee joined the American Legion that night. He also mentioned that he is becoming involved with the Johns Creek Veteran Association to get speakers for the Legion. Wulf gets speakers for the Legion meetings and Lou makes certificates for speakers.

Bob Santos mentioned that he noted that most third degree councils do not even have a fourth degree reports at their monthly business meeting. He said that St. Benedict and St. Peter Chanel have no reports for sure. The councils must provide more “push” for Assembly membership.

Rich Tomaszewski opined that we need to continue our “honoring guard” presence at Confirmations, First Communions, and whatever.

Nick reported that at his old Assembly in New Jersey, the members went down to the old age homes and wheeled veterans around and did small jobs. He said that money is not the only benefit for vets. Lemcoe noted that donating books and magazines to the VA is a good idea.

Len Dorrien opined that if we find out who the VA chaplain is, we could help him out.

All and all, it was a good discussion.

Holdover ideas from previous FN reports:

Please remember to always donate at least \$5 to help offset the cost of the dinner on each meeting night. If you’re drinking something besides water or soda with your meal, please make an additional donation to the host Council’s separate kitty for the libations they’ve provided.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch. If anyone in your Council is interested in taking the degree that day, please contact Faithful Comptroller Dave Lemcoe (dlemcoe78@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

If you are one of the many who has not yet paid your assembly dues of \$30, please bring them with you to a meeting or send them to our Faithful Comptroller. Remember, council dues and assembly dues are different and separate, and both must be paid. At last count, roughly 30 Sir Knights are delinquent in paying dues this year, adversely impacting the financial well-being of the assembly.

We have asked every assembly member to inform us as to whether or not you have served in the military. To date, nearly 30 of 200 have responded. A list will be available at each Assembly meeting for you to add your personal details, or you can email (bobmitchellga@yahoo.com) to tell him that you did not serve or in which branch(es) you served and during which months and years.

We do not need additional details such as where you were deployed or for how long each deployment was...just the basics. Since the Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Order of the Knights, we’d like to compile a list of those who served so proudly!

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

Faithful Purser Report—Rich Tomaszewski



FATHER CHARLES J. WATTERS ASSEMBLY 2688

PURSER REPORT

11/1/2019

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 010/01/2019

\$ 14,883.87

RECEIPTS

50/50

\$42.00

Dues

\$30.00

MEETING DINNER

\$115.00

SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$187.00

EXPENSES

Supplies Knights Gear

\$133.76

Dave Lemcoe

Meeting Meals, Cost

\$55.14

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Meeting Meals Cost

\$65.76

Joe Inglima

SUB TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 254.66

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 11/01/2019

\$ 14,658.36

\$ 14,658.36

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEPOSITS

\$77.34

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 11/01/2019

\$ 14,581.02

Faithful Comptroller Report—Dave Lemcoe

- 1) **Checking account balance:** \$14,658.36 . There are two outstanding checks for 22.20 and 55.14. The 22.20 check, no 2010 written on 9-12, is apparently lost in the mail.
- 2) **Membership:** Currently, we have 201 members.
- 3) **Exemplifications:** The next Fourth Degree will be on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch. After that, the next 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, 177 have paid or are exempt from paying dues, leaving 25 unpaid. Use PayPal to send your payment to me at my cell number, 678-687-5707.
- 6) **Cards:** Cards have been mailed out to all those who have paid.
- 7) **Reports:** Taxes were filed on October 17. No audits so far.
- 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 been ordered. A part for the Faithful Scribe jewel has also been ordered due to SK Hlad damaging it while trying to use it to open a bottle of Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer. As per Brenda at Supreme yesterday, the part and jewels are on the way.

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 continue keeping the Widow database current. Several widows attended the October Mass of Remembrance and widows brought up the gifts.

Sent newsletter to all widows. Got several “thank you’s” as normal.

Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson)

We have identified a backlog of three more chalices for our Assembly as detailed below.

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.**

- **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 Feeney passed	11/21/2019	(All Saints)	

Charity Report—Bob Santos

Bob Santos stated that he thought that a quick and easy Assembly event would be to attend a BINGO night. For \$15 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. Palermo runs BINGO and thought it a good idea. Next one is Jan. 24th.

Dennis Klein offered that the Georgia Ensemble Theater has a dress rehearsal party in Roswell with drinks, snacks, and play rehearsal for \$10 instead of normal \$30 during the actual play. He is an actor in it.

Santos checked into possible attendance at a concert by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra as an outing at the Infinite Energy Center. Tickets start at \$65 and this was out of our price range.

Bob found that the Norcross LionHeart Theater has a night for \$10 just like the Georgia Ensemble offering above. It is right near Dominick's Restaurant with all you can eat.

Santos switched gears to Assembly uniforms. He suggests heavy Port Authority shirts for \$35. He will bring samples next meeting. Colors available.

Bob is waiting for Gwinnett Striper 2020 schedule, so we can pick games to go to. (Applause for all his efforts).

Honoring Guard Report

Two events upcoming are Eileen Webster funeral tomorrow and Veterans Day at St. Andrew. Tuxedo, social baldric, and white gloves required.

Fundraising Committee—

Jon Bird and Bob Santos had 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. Wulf mentioned that the distance to travel to fourth degree ceremonies is a problem.

Patriotism Report—Jon Bird

Jon mentioned that he is a member of the Atlanta Vietnam Veteran Business Association and they held a symposium at the Atlanta History Center last Saturday. Over 440 people from as far as Australia attended. They wanted to hear the plusses and minuses of the Vietnam War. They had professors and PHD's . They got financing from Synovus Bank and free food from Chick-fil-a. The Atlanta History Center donated their auditorium.

Wulf cited these things as opportunities to get guest speakers for us. Jon noted that we should go down to the Atlanta Airport every month to help the USO 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 suggested that inviting and paying for vets to our monthly BINGO is a good idea. We should have a contingent of Sir Knight BINGO players there as well to support charities.

Trustee Report— Wulf Lindenau

No new report.

Unfinished Business

Vince Flynn asked why we don't just ask the various pastors what Knight regalia they preferred and dress that way, since we are already violating Supreme policy by doing "Honoring Guards". Steve Strong answered that the "Honoring Guards" are allowed by the District Master and are not in violation. Wearing old regalia would be a violation.

New Business

Santos mentioned that one of the players for the Atlanta Gladiators Hockey Team has offered to come to a meeting and address the Assembly to elicit future attendance at their games. The offer is open for the new year.

Reports of the Third Degree

Mary Our Queen— Bob Santos

- 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 know results.
- They are cosponsoring a video with the parish pro-life group.
- Their new grand knight is not a fourth degree and has no interest in becoming one.
- The parish itself is having large turnover. Many people leaving.
- Their chaplain Fr. Griffith is a fourth degree.
- The second annual Monsignor Kiernan Golf Tournament scheduled for Oct 28th was canceled.

St. Andrew— Abe Kassis

- This time of year is busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets starting. They will be putting out their bins for donations for their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Last year they provided food for about 130 holiday meals.
- The first and second week of November is our annual Pecan Sale.
- They had a death of a first degree member.
- They are planning a first degree.
- The Council will help the Pregnancy Aid Clinic by attending its dinner.
- Sir Knight Joe Moody was elected to head the parish Pastoral Council.
- They held a spaghetti dinner on Oct. 25th and hope that something like that on a monthly basis becomes popular like their Fish Fry Dinners.
- On October 29th they participated in a golf tournament for the homeless at Atlanta National. We need one more to fill up two foursomes.
- They are trying to put together a bocce tournament at the Senior Center in Roswell.
- November 10th will be their Veterans Day Mass at 11 AM. Need an "Honoring Guard".
- St. Andrew now has about 176 member knights and are very active in the parish.
- Dennis Klein mentioned that he will be 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.

All Saints—Lou Hlad

- On October 24th our monthly Bingo recorded 103 players with great continuing results. Widows played for free.
- Our October Pumpkin Patch sold \$23,000 worth of pumpkins yielding a net profit of \$14,000.
- On October 5th the All Saints brothers had a council work day at the parish's 26th Habitat house.
- On October 8th the annual Mass of Remembrance for deceased brothers was held at All Saints with a following reception. Twelve Sir Knights in tuxedos formed the "honoring guard" with 5 brother acolytes serving with Sir Knight Msgr. Marren.
- On October 23rd, the council hosted a joint noon luncheon with American Legion Post 134 to honor some legionnaires and get the two groups to better know one another.
- We co-sponsored a parish Halloween costume party with the Ladies Guild.
- Sir Knight Gray Plunkett is back in Benin on an annual missionary tour. Meanwhile, our only Ghana Sir Knight, Fr. Anthony Eshun, is visiting and he was our Knight of the Month.
- We will man the downtown homeless shelter two nights this Fall.
- Our 5 Knight acolyte teams again participated in all parish funerals during September, including our Deceased Knight Mass.
- Our Council Christmas Party and Desserts with Santa are both on Dec. 14th.
- Our Council donated several thousand dollars to various charities.
 - \$1,000 for parish religious calendars
 - \$750 for Coats for Kids
 - \$ up to \$1,000 for any parish habitat house cost shortfall
 - \$1,000 for downtown homeless shelter food and supplies
 - \$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 28 page 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 (hospice).

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 in hospice.

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

Rich Tomaszewski won the \$30 split the pot.

Meeting End

The meeting ended at 8:25 PM.

Lemcoe —Military Order of Foreign Wars



Dave Lemcoe

Wulf Lindenau



**Military Order of Foreign Wars
Of the United States
Georgia Commandery**

**BE IT KNOWN THAT
COMPANIONSHIP WAS DULY CONFERRED UPON**

Captain David M. Lemcoe, U.S. Army

The Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States was instituted on 27 December 1894 to honor and perpetuate the names of brave and loyal men; to keep in the mind the memory of their martial deeds and the victories which they helped to gain; to strengthen the ties of fellowship among the Companions of the Order; to foster the cultivation of Military and Naval Science; to bear true allegiance to the United States of America; and, to aid in maintaining National Honor, Union and independence.

26 JUL 2019

Date:

W. Lindenau
W. LINDENAU, Cdr General



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. I

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.

Deceased Brother Mass of Remembrance– Oct 8



Tuesday October 8th, 7 PM Mass

It was not the same without our traditional honor guard, but we celebrated our deceased brothers and spouses with the same bit of reverence as always. We reinvented the ceremony to ensure it was just as meaningful. It was nice to see a lot of brothers dressed in their honor guard tuxes and baldrics and their acolyte outfits. A reception followed in McGivney Hall as always with several widows in attendance.

Combined American Legion/KofC Speaker Event– Oct 23



**How Two Great American Institutions
Can Strengthen One Another**

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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.