

Faithful Navigator's Report – May 2020

Worthy Sir Knights,

First and foremost, I hope that each of you, your family, and friends remain safe and healthy during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. This is a stressful time for us all. Some are coping with work-at-home conditions, a few with becoming a teacher overnight, while others have either lost or are indefinitely laid off from their jobs. My thoughts and prayers go with you. Please know that I am available, if you feel there is any way in which I might be able to help or if you simply need to talk!

This Thursday, May 14th, our Assembly business meeting will be conducted on-line. We will start with the rosary at 7:15 PM, led by our Faithful Scribe Lou Hlad, followed immediately by the business portion at 7:30 PM. All attempts to streamline and shorten the meeting will be attempted, especially since **Assembly elections will take place**. Even if you don't usually attend Assembly meetings, PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY NIGHT. A QUORUM WILL BE REQUIRED, and since it should not consist of just the Assembly officers, your participation is encouraged. I also ask you to think of this as a "dinner meeting". Feel free to bring your dinner plate and non-alcoholic beverage of choice with you as we eat and drink during the call!

For those with computer access (hopefully, with camera and microphone capabilities), Steve Strong sent instructions on how to access the meeting. PLEASE JOIN US FIVE TO TEN MINUTES EARLY, in case you run into any difficulties (it's a very straightforward and simple process to gain access). Using the link Steve provided: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/824-015-476>, you will be directed to a screen asking for your name and your email address. This will allow us to verify that you are an Assembly member and permitted to be on the call. You will be asked if you want to set-up your own freeconferencecall.com account – feel free to say 'No'. You do not need to verbally state your name when requested, as long as you have typed in the information. You incur no cost to join this call via the link provided.

This process has been used very successfully for several All Saints Council and committee meetings, and while voting presented a challenge during the most recent Council meeting, Steve has been diligently improving this element, in anticipation of our Assembly officer elections on Thursday. Thank you, Steve, for configuring this system, and allowing us to use it for our meeting!

For those without computer access, a long-distance call-in numbers was provided in Steve's email. Your cellphone provider may make it a free call, but your landline probably won't. Please use the phone number access method only as a last resort. If joining the meeting by phone is your only option, when instructed, please state your name, since we have no other way of identifying you.

I know you have received the updated list of candidates provided by our Nominating Committee, which was composed of our Trustees, Dave Mason, Chuck Langgood, and Wulf Lindenau. I thank them for their hard work vetting candidates and making recommendations for all of the open positions. Additional nominations may be made from "the floor" during our virtual meeting on Thursday.

The current Three-Year and Two-Year Trustees, as well as the appointed Faithful Friar, do not stand for election. All other positions, whether occupied by an incumbent seeking re-election or slots unoccupied due to the retirement of its current occupant, are considered open and must be voted on annually.

As a reminder, the Nominating Committee has assembled the following list of positions and candidates (incumbents are indicated by an (I) following their names):

Recommended Candidates for Officer Positions of the
Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year

Faithful Navigator - Bob Mitchell (I)
Faithful Captain - Nick Mattera (I)
Faithful Pilot - Jon Bird (I)
Faithful Admiral - Ernie Spencer (I)
Faithful Scribe - Lou Hlad (I)
Faithful Comptroller - Dave Lemcoe (I)
Faithful Purser - Joe Thibadeau
Inner Sentinel - Robert Svoboda
Outer Sentinel - Jon Biasini (I)
Trustee - Three year - Ed Pierson

Trustee - Two year - Chuck Langgood (automatically advances)
Trustee - One year - Wulf Lindenau (automatically advances)
Faithful Friar - Not elected, rather appointed on an annual basis by FN

It was unfortunate that we were unable to actively participate in Holy Week events. Fortunately, many churches are broadcasting live masses on-line or on YouTube. I hope you have availed yourselves of the many opportunities to participate in on-line masses.

I had the pleasure of watching the 5 PM vigil mass from Prince of Peace parish in Flowery Branch last weekend. The principal con-celebrant was Archbishop Gregory Hartmeyer, who was just installed last Wednesday, May 6th as the seventh Archbishop of Atlanta. My hope is that we will have the opportunity to welcome our new Archbishop to our parishes soon, and that Honoring Guards will be permitted.

This brings me to the sad news of the passing of Sir Knight Benedetto (Benny) Mastrogiovanni, 80, of the All Saints Council 11402, who passed away on April 30th. He battled many health issues over the past few years, with his health steadily declining. Benny served for many years as an Honor Guard member in this Assembly as well as a member of the Third Degree Team throughout the northern part of Georgia, and it is very disappointing that we were unable to post at his coffin during his wake last week or at his funeral on May 8th.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday night.

Vivat Jesus,

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