

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

The July 9th meeting was again held online streaming because of virus concerns. Obviously, there was no meal provided. The event worked well.

Please note the August 13th meeting will likewise be held online.

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

Mary Our Queen.....August 13th (meeting online again)

St. Andrew.....September 10th.

All Saints.....October 8th.

July 9th meeting started at promptly 7:15 with rosary. Business started at 7:31 PM.

Online Attendees were slated at least 25. Usual intermittent technical difficulties.

The July 9th online meeting was well-attended as an online video meeting. Known to be tuned in were (at least): Hlad, Klein, Strong, Lynch, Kassis, Pierson, Langgood, Mitchell, Bird, Lemcoe, Thibadeau, Tomaszewski, Campbell, Jones, Simpson, Spencer, Santos, Plunkett, Mattera, There were undoubtedly others who did not speak on camera. This was closely in line with an attended meeting.

About two dozen birthdays and wedding anniversaries were mentioned. Congrats to all celebrating.

The minutes from the past meeting were approved as submitted electronically.

Officers Attending

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 - Joe Thibadeau

Inner Sentinel - Robert Svoboda (excused)
Outer Sentinel - Jon Biasini (excused—trouble connecting)

Trustee —three year - Ed Pierson
Trustee— two year - Chuck Langgood
Trustee —one year - Wulf Lindenau (excused)

Faithful Friar— Msgr. James Fennessy (excused)

Officer Elections for 2020-2021 Fraternal Year

Our three current trustees, Chuck Langgood, Wulf Lindenau, and Dave Mason had contacted the current Assembly officers to determine their willingness to continue in their positions for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. Here was a finding of their discussions. The elections followed their prospective list exactly.

Trustees Langgood and Lindenau slid down one yearly position and were not up for election this year. Only the three-year trustee position was able to be contested with Pierson elected.

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Faithful Captain	-	Nick Mattera	
Faithful Pilot	-	Jon Bird	
Faithful Admiral	-	Ernie Spencer	
Faithful Scribe	-	Lou Hlad	
Faithful Comptroller	-	Dave Lemcoe	
Faithful Purser	-	Joe Thibadeau	(new election)
Inner Sentinel	-	Robert Svoboda	(new election)
Outer Sentinel	-	Jon Biasini	
Trustee—three year	-	Ed Pierson	(new election)
Trustee —two year	-	Chuck Langgood	(not contested)
Trustee —one year	-	Wulf Lindenau	(not contested)
Faithful Friar—		Msgr. Fennessy continues	



Thibadeau



Svoboda



Pierson

Faithful Navigator Report— Bob Mitchell

FN sent out a detailed report for August which was emailed to all members under separate cover. Please read same carefully.

During Meeting

FN noted that not many had sent him any “Good of the Order” prayer requests.

FN mentioned that all but 26 Assembly members have paid their dues if not exempt. He thanked Lemcoe and Lindenau.

FN mentioned that the trustees have completed their audit a month early.

Faithful Comptroller’s Report July 2020

SK Dave Lemcoe

- 1) **Membership:** Currently, we have 201 members on our roster dated 07-07-2020. Frank Murphy Jr has transferred to Assembly 3856 in Sandy Springs.
- 2) **Exemplifications:** There are currently no Exemplifications scheduled on the State Website.
- 3) **Admin:** Remember to use the Reimbursement Check Request form if you are seeking reimbursement. It will need the signature of a Trustee: SKs Langgood, Pierson, or Lindenau. There is, *of course*, a second form should the check be for a third party.
- 4) **Dues:** As of today, 175 members have paid dues or are exempt. Use PayPal to send your payment to me at my cell number, 678-687-5707. Thus, 26 members are unpaid. Disclosure, Past Faithful Purse Rich Tomaszewski received a stipend of 50.00. *He was well worth it!*
- 5) **Cards:** 2020 cards are signed and available.
- 6) **Reports:** The Annual Audit has been prepared and signed by all Trustees. It awaits the FN’s signature.
- 7) **Assembly Statement:** Our latest Assembly Statement has a billing of \$11.83 to us. A voucher for that has been written and is awaiting the FN’s signature.

Faithful Purser Report for July



FATHER CHARLES J. WATTERS ASSEMBLY 2688

PURSER REPORT

7/1/2020

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 6/01/2020

\$ 16,905.14

RECEIPTS

Dues

\$60.00

SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$60.00

EXPENSES

Saint Vincent De Paul Food Bank

\$500.00

Saint Vincent De Paul Food Bank

\$500.00

Postage

\$7.50

Purser's Stipend

\$50.00

SUB TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,057.50

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 07/01/2020

\$ 15,907.64

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEPOSITS

\$0.00

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 07/01/2020

\$ 15,907.64

Faithful Scribe/ Widow Report—Lou Hlad

Sent out July Meeting Minutes and web site registration info. and also FN Report. Sent out the two-page July FN Report to all members.

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

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

I update our sick list, birthdays, and wedding anniversaries in the minutes every month.

The death of two wives of members was reported—Jean Farrell and Margaret Maloney.

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

Bridget Mastrogiovanni and Marie Gannon were added to our widow database in preparation for our October Remembrance Mass.

Social Committee Report— Bob Santos

FN announced that there was no possibility of Gwinnett Striper baseball this year. **It was announced in the AJC that the Gwinnett Striper season was canceled, so there will be no Assembly excursions to any minor league games this year. Because Bob Santos is a season ticket holder, he will receive some benefits later that will allow Assembly benefits.**

Charity Committee Report—Dave Mason

Dave Mason was not on the call, so there was no Charity Committee Report.

Trustee Report—Chuck Langgood

It was previously announced that the Trustee Audit Report was submitted a month early.

Membership Report—Wulf Lindenau

There was no report.

Patriotic Committee—Jon Bird

Jon Bird had no report.

It was previously noted that Trustee Wulf Lindenau visited the Johns Creek Memorial Park “Wall of Healing. Photos were included in the minutes.

Wulf was also honored to be included in the Military Hall of Fame and that is a very patriotic event worth mentioning.

Dennis Klein brought up an issue he saw in the AJC about a Homeless Vet program. He and Jon agreed that this was an issue that could be followed up as they learn more about it.

Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson) (One new decedent)

Deacons Cristian Cossio and Miller Gomez Ruiz became priests at the ordination on June 27th. Both of these priests would like chalices from our Assembly. Deacon Paul Porter also became a priest that day, but will receive a family chalice. Our Ed Pierson is arranging Zoom meetings with the first two to settle on a date for chalice presentations with each if they still need one.

We currently have three chalices on order or in possession.

- **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)



Fr. Kevin Peek and mom Mary



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
Benedetto Mastrogiovanni passed	04/30/2020	(All Saints)	

Color Corps Report—Bob Mitchell

FN announced that should there be any Honoring Guard events coming up, the guard will be wearing black masks as part of their outfit. This came down from the Georgia Master. Sir Knight Woody Jones is ordering the black masks for All Saints honor guard members. He and FN can get together to order more for other Assembly members. Once purchased they will be the private ownership of the member and not to be shared.

Dennis Klein showed his mask on the call. Unfortunately it was blue and can not be used for honor guards. FN suggested that Dennis wear it throughout the call (laughter).

FN has not received any new requests for funeral ceremonies. The Master will have to approve.

The installation of our officers was scheduled for Sunday, June 28th, also at All Saints. Just a few days prior to the installation, the Georgia District Master Stan Rapciewicz announced that all in-person installations throughout the state had been cancelled, and those who were properly elected were automatically installed.

Due to COVID-19, all Fourth Degree Exemplifications have been cancelled. When the new District Master is appointed, effective September 1st, we anticipate he will schedule an Exemplification for sometime in November.

Unfinished Business—FN

Last meeting a \$1,000 request was made for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Because the need was immediate, the Assembly donated \$500 to avoid the monthly wait. It would be possible to add another \$500 donation some time in the future. The monies were sent to the St. Andrew Food Bank for use by SVdP. Same was reported in the Purser Report in this newsletter.

New Business — FN

Last month Dennis Klein opened a motion of New Business to donate an additional \$500 to the Saint Vincent de Paul organization via the St. Andrew Food Bank which was in desperate need. The motion passed and is still an open item for future consideration.

Dave Lemcoe suggested that we consider donating \$1000 yearly to the Archdiocese of Military Services. There is a special day of giving scheduled for July 21st which is separate from the yearly suggested donation.

The Assembly is not charged per member by Supreme like councils are.

Reports of the Third Degree

Mary Our Queen—

No one from MOQ on call. Here are ongoing highlights from last two months.

- **MOQ Grand Knight Tom Foley was in a bad motorcycle accident. He is in rehab. Prayers requested.**
- **Have two seminarians that they support.**
- **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 Monday November 16th, 2020 at Bears Best Golf Course in Suwanee.**
- **Ten new members joined Watters from MOQ.**

St. Andrew— Chuck Langgood & Bill Campbell

- **Their GK had new replacement and their monthly business meeting was postponed until later.**
- **On July 4th they held an evangelization Day with Father Lee and they handed out food, furniture, and clothing to those in need at Austin Oaks Apartments in Decatur.**
- **Got \$500 donated to St. Andrew Food Pantry for SVdP.**
- **Donated over 105 rosaries to first communicants.**

All Saints – Lou Hlad

- All Saints has begun Masses in the church and the gym with appropriate spacing. Knights have been asked to assist ushers directing folks. Most ushers are knights anyway. The Masses are still televised for those who do not feel comfortable in person. Morning Masses have about 40 attendees with Sunday Masses about 60.
- All Saints Council held its June business meeting outdoors in the McGivney parking lot with 30 outdoor attendees and about 20 online. We attempted to do this in July, but the weather was iffy and we canceled inside and went back online.
- We hope to start Bingo up in the gym in August.
- Our Pumpkin Patch is a definite go and we are preparing our pumpkin order.
- We continue printing individual certificates for Knight of the Month and Wedding Anniversaries to be presented when we can meet face-to-face again.
- Our Council donated several thousand dollars to various charities.
 - Donated \$125 for an Eagle Scout project.
 - Donated \$1000 to the Pregnancy Aid Clinic.
 - Donated \$1000 to Birthright.
 - Voted up to \$1300 for the upcoming parish Altar Server Picnic this summer.
 - Donated \$2000 to the ICare driving program for elderly medical transportation.
 - Voted \$300 to sponsor a golf hole for Assistance League of Atlanta Golf Tournament in October.
- We continue support for three seminarians via the RSVP Program.
- Our District Deputy, SK John Knight, completed his four year term and we are currently without a District Deputy.
- We lost our brother Ray Turcotte and two wives of Sir Knights.
- We continue putting out our monthly newsletter council newsletter during the shutdown.

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.
- 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 and back surgeries.
- 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 and his own health.
- 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 Mike Walker (back disc fusions), Sir Knight Bob Webster's health issues. Sir Knight PFN Bill Camden, Sir Knight Dick Holcomb.
- 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:

- SK Dick Holcomb.
- SK Tom Foley in rehab after motorcycle accident.
- SK Frank Farrell's wife Jean has passed and SK Jim Maloney's wife Margaret passed.
- SK Benny Mastrogiovanni passed and wife Bridget passed as well.
- SK John Gannon's son Mike passed.
- SK Mike Kelly back surgery.
- SK Bob Santos foot surgery and leg maladies.
- SK Mike Baylot for son Eric's grades in seminary.
- SK Ernie Spencer for Anne Pilcher and Monica Lahler, both breast cancer., & two daughters
- SK Bob Mitchell for his third knee replacement surgery. SK Father Kevin Peek deployment.
- SK Bob Mitchell for E.J. Couvillion's mother who passed and SK Deacon Ray Egan.
- SK Mike Schaff lost his wife Becky.
- SK Bill Campbell for Clarice Hebinck and Richard Peters, both cancer.
- SK Gray Plunkett's cousin has passed.
- SK Jim Maloney's wife Margaret passed.
- Tom Flynn of St. Andrew passed—both Dennis Klein and Vince Flynn request prayers.
- SK Walt Gauthier is seriously ill with Covid-19 in quarantine.
- Prayers for our military

Split the Pot

No award this month.

Meeting End

Gray Plunkett and Charles Lynch sang "God Bless America". SK Mattera led the closing prayers. The meeting ended at 8:31 PM.



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Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., trails priesthood ordination candidates (l-r) Rev. Mr. Paul Porter, Rev. Mr. Miller Gómez Ruiz and Rev. Mr. Cristian Cossio, as they make their way to the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta. Photo By Michael Alexander

Atlanta

Three new Atlanta priests ordained during pandemic

These are the three new priests ordained by Archbishop Hartmayer on June 27, 2020 at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Our Sir Knight Ed Pierson had contacted each of them in regard to their need for a chalice.

Fr. Paul Porter had initially requested a chalice from the Assembly, but later was promised one from family and declined our offer.

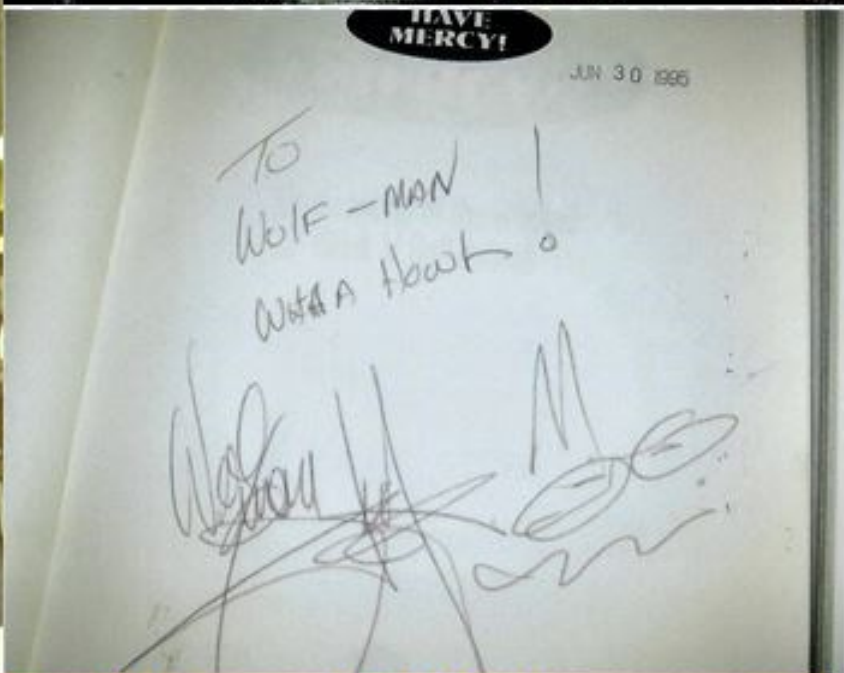
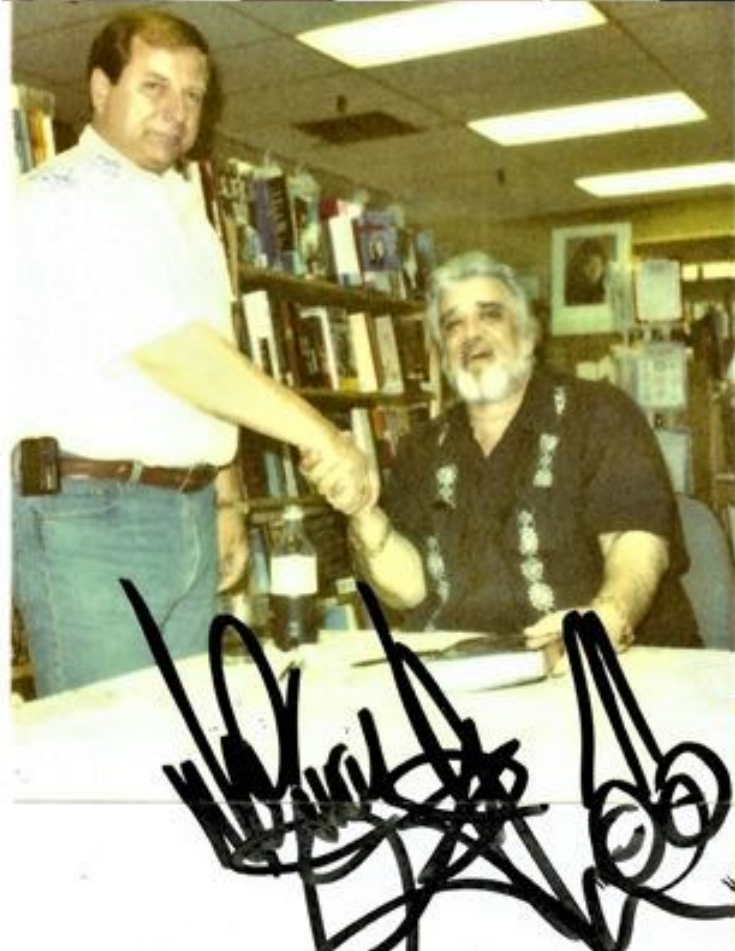
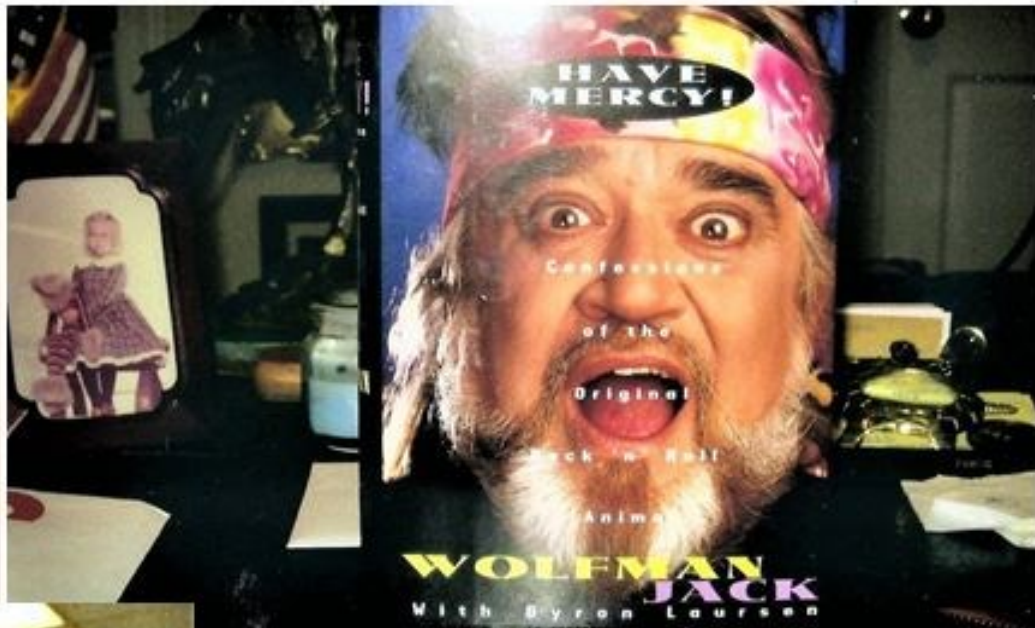
Frs. Miller Gomez-ruiz and Cristian Cossio have gladly accepted our offers and will be presented with chalices by the Assembly in the near future at their own convenience.

God bless our newest three diocesan priests.

“Wolfman Jack” Meets Our Wulf-Man

For those of you old enough to remember the greatest Radio DJ of them all, “Wolfman Jack”, in the 1960’s, 1970’s and beyond. He played the newest rock n’ roll hits on his nightly national radio show and was also featured in the 1973 classis movie “American Graffiti” with a very large cameo part. He regaled his listeners with wit and wisdom between each record played. Well, he met up with our own Wulf-Man, Wulf Lindenau, on 30 June 1995 (the very day before Jack died).

Jack autographed his biography book *(Have Mercy! Confessions of the Original Rock N’ Roll Animal Wolfman Jack)* after meeting Wulf. Jack was tickled pink when he found out our own brother’s first name was really “Wulf”, and signed the front page “To Wulf-Man, with a howl”!



The 1995 version of Wulf Lindenau meeting Wolfman Jack the day before he died.. That would make this the last picture ever taken of this beloved great radio personality. (No charges were ever filed against Wulf.)

Lindenau to Military Hall of Fame

Lest you start to think that this is the Wulf Lindenau Memorial Edition Newsletter (after three consecutive articles), please be advised that he is still very much with us. He is just very active and maybe even somewhat interesting.

He has just been voted to a special Military Hall of Fame and we thought that was newsworthy. Here is the information that he provided us about his latest award.

"Today I was notified by Lt. Colonel Randy Dunham, the Editor of the newsletter for all graduates of the Artillery and Missile Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, that the board of officers evaluating whom they will offer induction into the Artillery and Missile OCS Hall of Fame, have determined that based on my military service in the Army (20 1/2 years, retired as a Major, Military Intelligence) and my service as a senior civilian (23 years as a GS-15, step 10) in the Federal Government, merit induction into their Hall of Fame.

This honor came as a surprise, as I had no information that I would (or could) be even considered for this honor. To my knowledge only officers who had received the Medal of Honor, the Silver Star, etc. for valor, could be considered - and most inducted graduates of our OCS were senior Colonels or Generals (e.g. the former Chief of the General Staff, four star General Shalikashvili) or officers awarded medals for combat.

I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1965, and learned that my civilian grade is listed by the Department of Defense as a senior Colonel, which made me eligible. The selection board, I was told, determined what I did in the military and as a senior Federal civilian qualified me for induction, as they felt that our country was served in such a manner that induction was appropriate.

They offered me induction and I accepted....albeit my own assessment is that I did only what countless others do."



Jean Ryan Farrell Obituary

Our Sir Knight Frank Farrell lost his wife of nearly 59 years on May 22nd. Like so many funerals during this time of pandemic and closed churches, the council was not able to give her the full honors due our passed family members. Please pray for Jean, Frank (shown below), and the family.

Jean Ryan Farrell, age 80, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 22nd, 2020 at her home in Sandy Springs in the company of her family. She was born December 29th, 1939 at West Point, NY to William F and Marjorie Ryan. She graduated from Mary Washington College in 1961 and was married to Francis (Frank) W. Farrell, Jr. on June 24th, 1961. In addition to raising three sons, she earned a master's degree from Catholic University and had a varied career as a teacher and technical writer and was an active volunteer in her church. She was a faithful and forbearing Army wife moving frequently with her family all over the world. She spent the last 38 years of her life with her husband, Frank, in Sandy Springs and enjoyed adventurous traveling and sports, and visits with children and grandchildren. Her gentle nature and loving concern for others were apparent to everyone. She is survived by her husband, Frank; brother, Bill Ryan; sons Frank III, Robert, David and 8 grandchildren. Due to the pandemic, her funeral on June 5th will be attended by family members only at All Saints Catholic Church.



Passing of Margaret Maloney

Sir Knight James (Jim) Maloney lost his wife of 48 years in early June. They were important and active parishioners in All Saints parish for many years. Her obituary appeared in the June 7th AJC, but no photo was available.



MALONEY, Margaret

Margaret "Marney" C. Maloney of Dunwoody died on Saturday, the 6th of June 2020. Marney was a longtime member of All Saints Catholic Church and the Dunwoody Country Club. In retirement, she became an avid bridge player and she loved dining out. Surviving are her loving and devoted husband of 48 years, James J. Mahoney; brother, Matthew P. Mahon, III; sister, Joan Mahon; niece, Karen Mahon; and many other nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the staff at Vernon Springs Senior Living for the excellent care they have provided. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family Monday, the 8th of June from six until eight o'clock at H.M. Patterson & Son Arlington Chapel, 173 Allen Road, NE, Sandy Springs, GA. A memorial mass will be celebrated Wednesday, the 10th of June at eleven o'clock at All Saints Catholic Church, 2443 Mt. Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at All Saints Catholic Church or the charity of your choice. Express condolences by visiting www.hmpattersonarlington.com.



Fr. McGivney Sainthood Progress

Dear Brother Knight,

It is with particular joy that I write to share with you the news that, at Noon today in Rome, the Vatican announced the formal recognition of a miracle attributed to our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

With this announcement, a Mass of Beatification will soon be scheduled.

This joyful news is the culmination of many years of determined effort, and I ask for your continued and increased prayers as we prepare for the day when our founder will be known as "Blessed Michael McGivney."

The Vatican announcement can be found below:

Decrees of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints

On May 26, 2020, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the Decrees regarding:

[...] the miracle, attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest, Founder of the Order of the Knights of Columbus; born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury (United States of America) and died in Thomaston (United States of America) on August 14, 1890; Venerable Michael McGivney was the founder of the Knights of Columbus, now the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. After studies in Canada and the United States, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop James Gibbons in Baltimore. He founded the Knights of Columbus as a mutual aid society, geared especially to working men and their families. He was known for his tireless work among his parishioners. He died at the early age of 38 from pneumonia.

I would ask each brother Knight to learn more about our founder at the newly updated Father McGivney Guild [website](#) where the Order will also regularly post news and updates related to the beatification.

And if you would like to learn even more about our founder's heroic life and continuing legacy, please consider reading Father McGivney's biography, [Parish Priest](#), and the newly-released book [The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History](#).

PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.