

Minutes of February 13th, 2020

Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting

The February 13th Assembly Meeting was held at Mary Our Queen Parish Hall.

Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

~~St. Andrew.....Mar. 12th. (Moved to All Saints due to conflict.)~~
All Saints.....April 2nd (Moved earlier per Holy Week).
Mary Our Queen.....May 14th.

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner of meat loaf, peas and carrots, salad, and beverage was graciously prepared by Mike Baylot of MOQ.

There were 25 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.

SK's with birthdays in February were mentioned (Hlad and Plunkett).

February wedding anniversaries mentioned were Langgood (44) and Smirl (11).

FN made joking reference to the TV commercial now airing with Gray Plunkett.

Minutes were approved with some minor misspellings, plus Deacon William Gomez receiving a chalice is actually Deacon Miller Gomez. Corrected.

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

Inner Sentinel - Terry Petrukovich
Outer Sentinel - Jon Biasini

Trustee—three year - Chuck Langgood
Trustee —two year - Wulf Lindenau
Trustee —one year - Dave Mason

Faithful Friar— Msgr. James Fennessy (excused)

Faithful Navigator Report— Bob Mitchell

FN gave no formal report this night. He simply referenced the detailed February Report that was included as an attachment with the transmission of the minutes. A duplicate is included here for reference.

Worthy Sir Knights,

Our first (and maybe only) snowy weekend of the winter is behind us, which means that Lent must be just ahead of us. Ash Wednesday is on February 26th, just a couple of weeks away. This signals the beginning of our Lenten preparations for the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday and resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Councils are starting their Fish Fries and Fish Dinners, and it's a busy time for all of us as we prepare for the forty days of lent and Holy Week in April.

Our next assembly meeting is this Thursday night, February 13th at Mary Our Queen in Peachtree Corners. Please join us. The rosary starts at 6:15 PM, followed by dinner around 6:30 PM, and the meeting will begin shortly after 7 PM. Please remember to always donate at least \$5 to help offset the cost of the dinner each meeting night. If you're drinking something besides soda with your meal, please make an additional donation to the host Council's separate kitty for the libations they've provided.

At this meeting, we will expect to vote to accept the transfer of a new member to our Assembly, read in the names of six to ten Brother Knights wishing to be exemplified into the Fourth Degree and be admitted as Brother Sir Knights to our Assembly, discuss the upcoming Fourth Degree ceremony later this month, as well as make plans for our Assembly to be represented at the biennial meeting of the Fourth Degree in April. Our Nominating Committee will also talk about Assembly elections, which are slated for later this spring.

If you are one of the nearly 100 Sir Knights who has not yet paid your assembly dues of \$30 (roughly ½ of our assembly's membership), please bring them with you to this week's meeting. Alternately, they can be sent to our Faithful Comptroller Dave Lemcoe. He has several payment options for you, including cash, checks, and PayPal. Contact Dave at dlemcoe78@yahoo.com or 678-687-5707 with any questions. Remember, paying your council dues has nothing to do with also paying your assembly dues. Many members are confused by this fact.

Second dues notices have already been sent to delinquent Sir Knights, and following a final dues notice later this month, those who fail to pay their 2020 dues shall become members "Not in good standing". These Sir Knights will be subject to suspension, leading to the termination of their membership in the Fourth Degree of our Order. This is a step that neither the Faithful Navigator nor the Faithful Comptroller wants to take against any member. Please, if you have not already paid your dues, please do so promptly to avoid suspension and, ultimately, termination of your assembly membership!

In closing, let me note that our April business meeting would normally be scheduled for the second Thursday night of the month, on April 9th. However, since Holy Thursday is the second Thursday this year, the officers have decided to move the meeting date to the first week in April, to allow Sir Knights to join their families at Holy Thursday mass and the ritual of the washing of the feet. Therefore, the April business meeting will take place on Thursday, April 2nd at All Saints in Dunwoody. Please update your calendars and plan to join us.

Faithful Comptroller's Report February 2020

SK Dave Lemcoe

- 1) **Checking account balance:** \$16,544.37
- 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. Ten Candidates 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, 88 have paid dues. Added to the 14 exempt from paying dues, that leaves 94 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. Should end 5707.
- 6) **Cards:** 2020 cards are signed and available.
- 7) **Reports:** The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity was finally turned in.
- 8) **Assembly Statement:** Our latest Assembly Statement has a billing of \$0.00 to us. SK Arthur Porter has been transferred to a Covington, LA area Assembly. The statement is now attached to this report and should be viewable in the next newsletter.
- 9) **Supplies:** To date, SK Lou Hlad has reportedly still *not* re-damaged his recently repaired jewel.

Faithful Purser Report—Rich Tomaszewski



FATHER CHARLES J. WATTERS ASSEMBLY 2688

PURSER REPORT

2/1/2020

BANK ACCOL \$ 15,795.38

RECEIPTS

50/50 \$30.00

Dues \$540.00

MEETING DINNER \$115.00

SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$685.00**

EXPENSES

Meeting Meals, Cost \$167.01 Bob Mitchell

SUB TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 167.01**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 02/01/2020 **\$ 16,013.37**

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TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEPOSITS

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 02/01/2020 \$ 16,043.37

Faithful Scribe/ Widow Report—Lou Hlad

Sent out February 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 requested deceased tags for 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.

I continue keeping the Widow database current.

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

Widows played Bingo. Four All Saints widows ate free at their Fish Fry.

Hlad read the letter from Deacon Ken Melvin to the Assembly. Included later in this document.

Social Committee Report— Bob Santos/Dennis Klein

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. The play was called “Leading Ladies”. He happily induced a dozen Assembly people to attend. **Photos in this document.**

Bob 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). 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. Hey also have a third base party deck with unlimited food, but that is a more expensive \$44/per.

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.

Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson)

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

Honoring Guard done for St. Andrew Confirmation on February 1st.

Will do Honoring Guards for deceased All Saints Staff member for 30+ years, Mary Meehan on March 3rd. Special exception for a grand lady.

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.

Honoring Guard due for All Saints First Communion on April 25th.

Fundraising Committee—Bob Santos

Bob had two ideas. First he noted a Massachusetts Council hosted a cribbage tournament. An entry fee of \$10/player was charged. Prizes of \$100 and \$50. They got 300 players! FN asked the room if anyone has heard of cribbage. Six people have played.

Idea two was a bourbon and bacon party done in Boston. Taste test bourbons and various bacon meals. Not much interest in the room. Hlad suggested a wine and cheese party that was very successful at All Saints years ago. A distributor brings sample wines for possible sale and Assembly provides food. Entry fee for Sir Knights and wives.

Dennis Klein suggested a poker tournament. Some interest but not huge.

Wulf again suggested that we discuss a Bingo Assembly Social. This would not be a fundraiser, because Bingo money must go to charities, not councils.

Jon Bird opined that we are not spending the \$15,000 we have to spend. Why fundraise?

Membership Committee—Lou Hlad

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 opined that giving away money to things like Wreathes Across America is more important than funding memorials like we have been doing.

Unfinished Business

Approval for purchase of one new chalice was tabled up to \$1200. Delegates to Albany bi-annual Assembly meeting for \$250/person will be voted next meeting (Mattera/Lemcoe).

New Business

Woody Jones alerted all to Day of Reflection at All Saints on Feb. 15.

New Applications Read In—Bob Mitchell

Bob expressed his surprise and happiness about a slew of new applications which have just arrived and need to be read in for Assembly approval.

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 N. Vu - MOQ

Gabriel Orthous - St. Andrew

William Trent - All Saints

Brett Meister - Transfer from Arizona. New MOQ member

All the above candidates were approved by the Assembly and are eligible to become Sir Knight on February 22nd at Holy Family Parish in Roswell.

All these men will be added to our Assembly email distribution list as their emails are made known. That item is not included on the official Form 4 presented for membership.

Note: Applause for MOQ targeted to Mike Baylot.

Reports of the Third Degree

Mary Our Queen— Mike Baylot

- **MOQ has fish frys, but are done by Mens Club there.**
- **Planning a Novena for Life during Lent with the Right to Life group at MOQ.**
- **Pancake breakfasts are doing well. Lots of new parishioners coming.**
- **Have two seminarians that we support.**
- **Need to find one more committee member for the Council.**
- **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.**
- **The second annual Monsignor Kiernan Golf Tournament is now scheduled for May 18th, 2020.**
- **Their chaplain Fr. Griffith is a fourth degree.**
- **Have a new transfer member and eight candidates for fourth degree.**

St. Andrew— Bill Campbell

- ***Had planning meetings and are preparing for Lenten fish dinners. First dinner Feb. 28.**
- ***Assisted Pregnancy Aid Center in distributing envelopes at week end Masses for their annual fund raiser which they call Baby Bottle Campaign. Council made \$250 contribution to the Center.**
- ***Provided Honoring Guard for Confirmation on Feb 1.**
- ***Developing team for the new Exemplification ceremonies. Dennis Klein heading up and having auditions.**
- ***Have an exemplification with new format incorporating first, second and third degrees scheduled for Saturday March 7 at 10 AM. We currently have 8 applications for membership.**
 - **Collecting old palms from parishioners for proper disposal.**
- ***Providing funding for booklets of “Daily Reflections” during lent to be given out to parishioners.**
- ***Prepared and served dinner for Youth Group at one of their weekly meetings. We plan to do this once a month going forward.**
- ***We have a new Field Agent (Richard Langton) who was introduced at our January meeting.**

All Saints – Lou Hlad --for Feb. 13th

- We held our annual Pro-Life Mass with Honoring Guard at All Saints on Jan. 19th.
- Our teams are preparing for 8 fish frys starting Friday Feb. 21 with a practice Fry for Knights and families only. Cost is \$5/ meal. We also do Ash Wednesday and 6 Fridays.
- Our January Bingo had 166 players, even though we raised the price from \$15 to \$18/player. This was very unexpected.
- We will hold a Day of Reflection this Saturday the 15th in our social hall from noon to 7 PM with cocktails and a steak dinner included for \$30. Fr. William Brock is speaker.
- Several of our brothers attended the first local combined degree at St. Benedict. Six of our brothers advanced to 3rd degree. We are trying to form a combined team now.
- We are sponsoring a parish Mardi Gras band concert on Saturday Feb. 22nd in the gym.
- We held both a parish Free Throw Tournament and the District Free Throw Tournament in our gym. The state final this year will be Saturday Feb. 29th in our gym rather than Georgia Tech this year.
- 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.
- We put out a 19 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 carpel 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

Al Garofalo won the \$33 split the pot award.

Meeting End

Bob Mitchell led the closing prayers. The meeting ended at 9:14 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.

Letter from SK Deacon Ken Melvin to Assembly

Louis F. Hlad

From: Ken Melvin <kmelvin@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 7:35 PM
To: louhlad@comcast.net
Subject: Knights I love you I miss all of you.

My brother Lou

The last 60 days have been a rush of everything from extreme joy holding a two week old Baby girl and her sister while helping their family avoid eviction and the loss of their children.

After preaching at mass last week at Corpus Christi I spent an hour with a 12 year old and his mother praying and letting them know that God indeed loves them.

Mom was smiling / the young man began to smile when he began to understand that I am his age.

After the blessing I kept smiling on the walk to the chapel and thanked God for Father Francis Murphy who came out to a log cabin in the woods of North Carolina 68 years ago
When my brother had polio. Father Francis talked with me as a child in need and gave me a hug.

Sunday Before the tabernacle I cried.
You Know me Lord.

Our Lord has a since of humor!

On The other side of the ledger
To three or four doctor visits for therapy, physical therapy, x ray, labs
Ultrasound etc going on and on.

I miss you my brothers. Know that Linda and I are praying for Deacon Ray and all of you.

I will miss the Feb meeting for Linda's Cataract surgery .

God bless
Deacon Ken

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