



# Knight Letter

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## A message from our Faithful Friar



Dear Worthy Brother Sir Knights,

The month of October is dedicated to the "Most Holy Rosary". By meditating on the different Mysteries of the Rosary, we meditate on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Our Lord. As we reflect on the different mysteries we become aware of the love Our Lord has for us. We pray that we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise.

October is Respect Life Month. The message for this year is, "Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation." Saturday October 28th is the Hike for Life. By our support we give witness that life is important to us. Sunday October 1st is dedicated Respect Life Sunday. We are reminded of the Power of Prayer. We are encouraged to join our prayer with all the faithful to pray for the respect of all life from the moment of conception until natural death. During the 40 Days of Life let us participate in the many activities in our area. There is the hike for life. The different parishes have committed themselves to pray in front of a place of abortion and pray for an end of this great Sin.

The family has a special role to play throughout the life of its members, from birth to death. It is truly 'the sanctuary of life: the place in which life, the gift of God, can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth.'" – St John Paul II

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## In Memoriam

SK Vincent Tunzi, PGK, FDD ~ exemplified 16 September 1995, departed 3 August 2023

SK Raymond "Andy" Andrews ~ exemplified 1 February 1979, departed 6 August 2023

SK William J. Bengtson, PGK ~ exemplified 1 May 1973, departed 9 September 2023

SK John "Jack" Harvey, PFN ~ exemplified 1 October 1989, departed 13 September 2023

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of our fellow Sir Knights and their Ladies

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Monthly Meetings held at 10110 Shoreview Road, Dallas Texas

October 25 at 7:00 P.M. - NMW/Ladies/Memorial (Open Meeting-Upper Hall)

November 29 at 7:00 P.M. - Business Meeting (Closed Meeting - Lower Hall)

### Officer Meetings at Council 799 (unless otherwise noted)

October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (Lower Hall)

November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (Lower Hall)

## Color Corps Events Schedule

### Completed Turnouts:

16 Sep.: Funeral Mass ~ SK Bill Bengtson, PGK, @ Calvary Hill (7/3)

20 Sep.: Mass/Veneration of St. Padre Pio Relics, @ Church of The Incarnation (5/1)

23 Sep.: Red Mass @ Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, (8/1)

24 Sep.: Ciborium Presentation ~ SK Richard Guerra, @ St. Monica, (4/1)

7 Oct.: Present Colors ~ Hike for Life, @ Audubon Park, Garland, TX (4)

8 Oct.: First Mass for Newest Council 18262, @ Holy Trinity-Dallas (5/4)

### Future Turnouts:

7 Oct.: 8AM, Present Colors ~ Hike for Life, @ Audubon Park, 342 Oates Rd., Garland, TX 75043 (assemble time is 7:30AM)

25 Oct.: 7PM, Post Colors ~ Ladies / New Member Welcome & Departed Members Memorial, @ KayCee Club, 10110 Shoreview Road, Dallas, Tx. 75238 (assemble time 6:30PM)

28 Oct.: 11AM, Exemplification of Fourth Degree, (DISTRICT), @ St. Francis of Assisi, 861 Wildwood Ln., Grapevine, Texas (assemble 9:15AM)

11Nov.: 2PM, Flag Retirement Ceremony & Mass (?), @ St. Michael The Archangel, 950 Trails Pkwy, Garland Tx 75043 (assemble time 1:15PM)

## Fly Your Flag

.Sec. 6 of the U.S. Flag Code indicates that our nation's flag should be flown, weather permitting, from sunrise to sunset.

November 11 ~ Veterans Day

November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day

**Proudly Fly Your Flag Daily!**

## *Faithful Navigator's Message*



*Fr. Josef (Continued from page 1)*

Finally, an important event for each of us and our family is happening during the month of October—the . Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.. which will conclude in October 2024. “

God’s Blessings,  
Father Josef



Dear Brother Sir Knights,

This month’s Open Meeting is slated for Oct 25th at 7PM. This will be an open meeting for you and a guest. This is one of the most important meeting of the year.

First, we will present our new Sir Knights. Next we will honor our Ladies, letting them know what they mean to us and how much we appreciate them

Finally the Assembly will honor our Sir Knights with our Memorial Ceremony, for they have left this world and are in the arms of Jesus to enjoy eternal life, with God in heaven.

The Assembly will provide dinner. Please let us know if you will attend and if you will bring a guest so we can get an accurate count. We only ask that you bring a dessert to share

Till then we will look forward to seeing you.

A simple prayer to recite daily

“Thank You for this beautiful day. If it's not too much trouble, may I have another?”

Lastly, my brother Sir Knights, I announce that due to personal reasons I must resign my position as your Faithful Navigator. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead this assembly for the past 15 months. May God bless us all.

Your brother in Christ,

SK John A. Stelte  
Faithful Navigator

**PS ~ FLAG CEREMONY CANCELLED!**  
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### *2023 - 2024 Departed Members*

<u>Sir Knight</u>	<u>Exemplified</u>	<u>Departed</u>
David Crawford, PFN	09/06/1997	10/04/2022
J. Michael Gilbert	04/01/1987	02/18/2023
Frank Macaluso	04/01/1970	06/07/2023
Vincent Tunzi, PGK, FDD	09/16/1995	08/03/2023
Raymond J. Andrews	02/01/1979	08/06/2023
William Bengston, PGK	05/01/1973	09/09/2023
John “Jack” Harvey, PFN	10/01/1989	09/13/2023

The Assembly will hold it’s annual Memorial Ceremony on October 25, 2023 at the conclusion of our open meeting. The program will begin at 8 PM after our dinner, so please join us in this moving ceremony as we honor our brother Sir Knights who have departed our midst in the past year...

The evening begins at 7 PM as we welcome any new members and honor the ladies without whom we cannot do what we do!



### *For these we pray ...*



**Sir Knights**

Rev. Loyd Morris  
Ed Carpenter  
David Davidson  
Alex Ramos

**Ladies**

Anna Ramos  
Moirra McBreen  
Rita Alonzo

Names remain on the Prayer List for three months unless a request is made to continue longer.  
If you know of someone who should be added to the list, please contact:  
**SK Bill McBreen @ 972-897-3445**

**Pray For Vocations!**  
**Pray for our Seminarians & Clergy!**  
**Pray for Our Soldiers!**

## *Planned Flag Retirement Ceremony Postponed!*

Our flag retirement ceremony, originally scheduled for November 11, has been postponed to a future yet to be determined, date. During the officers meeting, the decision was made to wait until sometime after the first of the year. Our goal is to ensure that a flag ceremony is done properly, so that we may retire our nation's flag with the dignity & honor it deserves. As there are many, many moving parts involved, we want to be sure that our first flag retirement ceremony is done properly! When there are updates, they will be in this newsletter and by email...

Do you have tattered US flags stuck in the closet that you don't know what to do with? The Fr. Abram J. Ryan Assembly has begun an effort in the immediate community. Worn out flags are stored until the next time an organization, holds a flag retirement ceremony. At that time, we will hand off to them the flags we have collected, so that the US flag may be retired in a proper and dignified manner.

To find out more, please come to our next meeting!

## *Official Notification : Vacancy Of An Assembly Officer Position*

Sir Knights, per the Bylaws of The Fourth Degree, you are hereby notified in writing that the position of Faithful Navigator is now vacant, due to the resignation of the SK John Stelte for personal reasons. SK Dan Chaney has accepted the role of interim Faithful Navigator until such time as an election is held.

Therefore, the Assembly's Faithful Trustees seek worthy men who would like to be considered as candidates to fill this, or any other, position. An election will be held at our first business meeting January 31, 2024. Please prayerfully consider serving as an officer.

Please pray for guidance for the assembly, and your officers, as the we are trying to chart a new course for the future...

## *Our New Assembly Patriotic Program*

The Fr. Abram J. Ryan Assembly 1087 has begun a new program, **US Flag Replacement**, to help put an end to those tattered flags!

How does this work? SK Pat Conway, IFDM explains... Members are invited to pick up a new 3x5 US Flag (w/ embroidered stars). While driving in your neighborhood, look for the worn & tattered US Flags. Get the family involved in looking too!

Upon finding one approach the owner and offer them a new flag as a gift from our assembly. Along with the flag a card will be provided to give the owner, explaining our desire to

assist them with the new flag. Accept the old flag at that time or when the flag is down they can contact you to pick it up. We will properly dispose of the worn flag, based on procedures designed by the American Legion.

Simple as that! Let's help our neighborhoods fly our national flag respectfully! We are proud of the men and women that have served our country, some gave the ultimate sacrifice, so those Stars & Bars could proudly wave! And this a very simple way to say, Thank you to all!

Come to the next meeting and get your flag. Contact Pat Conway to turn in the worn flags and then get your next flag. Carry one of these new flags in your car ready to reach out to your neighbor in need!

God bless America and all Veterans!

## *Upcoming Fall Exemplification*

The Master of the Third Texas district has announced that there will be a final fall Fourth Degree Exemplifications and the event will be on October 28, 2023, at St. Francis of Assisi in Grapevine, Texas.

Brother Knights, who are in good standing in the Third Degree, are eligible to attain the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus, the Fourth Degree. Encourage the men you know to attend and learn more about the importance of Patriotism, and the role that we as Catholics have played in making our country the great nation that is today.

If you have candidates, as we all should, for the October 28th Exemplification from a your council, the assembly must receive a completed & signed Form-4, reservation form and payment by October 11! Deadline is for ALL paperwork to be presented to be presented to the Master is October 15—please don't wait until the last second, as everyone needs time to review and process the applications.

For the October 28 Exemplification, we have the Trifold and Reservation Form. Contact the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Admiral for more information.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT....**

Please take a few minutes to fill out the Chalice Placement Form below and return it to the address at the bottom. This saves your family having one more decision to make, in a time of grief when your day comes, because you have made the decision beforehand. This information is vital and really helps the Faithful Admiral, who administers the placements, know who to contact when trying to place a sacred vessel with a Catholic priest, parish or mission so that your soul is always remembered in prayer whenever it is used!

Thank you!



## Father Abram J. Ryan Assembly Chalice/Ciborium Placement Request Form



One benefit that the Sir Knights of our Assembly enjoy is the knowledge that a chalice or ciborium will be presented in their memory upon their death. **Completing the Form below will assist the Faithful Admiral and your family at the difficult time following your death to know your intentions of presenting a chalice or ciborium in your memory to a specific Catholic priest, church, or mission.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your responses**

Do you want a ..... Chalice Ciborium  
Do you want the sacred vessel given to a Catholic ..... Priest Church Mission

Name of Priest, Church or Mission ... \_\_\_\_\_

Address ..... \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ..... \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Is the priest, church, or mission aware of your intentions? ..... Yes No
- 4. Do you want the 4th Degree Color Corps to participate in your funeral services? .... Yes No
- 5. May the Faithful Admiral contact your Lady or family members to fulfill your wishes? Yes No
- 6. Is your Lady or family members aware of your intentions? ..... Yes No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sir Knight's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*NOTE: Only current members in good-standing (i.e., your dues &/or chalice fees must be paid annually) are eligible for the placement of a sacred vessel or presence of the Color Corps at your services.*

**PLEASE RETURN THE FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.  
IF AT ANY TIME YOU WISH TO CHANGE YOUR  
CHALICE OR CIBORIUM PLACEMENT REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Father Abram J. Ryan Assembly  
P.O. Box 38608  
Dallas, TX 75238**

# Happy Birthday To All The Boys!

<i>Sir Knight</i>	<i>B/Day</i>	<i>Sir Knight</i>	<i>B/Day</i>	<i>Sir Knight</i>	<i>B/Day</i>
Fr. Timothy Gollob	10/1	Clark Petersen	10/21	Frank Matesz	11/8
Drew Watson	10/1	Barry Burton	10/22	Mitchell Llauder	11/9
Jaime Dominguez	10/2	James Hale	10/23	Rev. Matthias Martin	11/10
Leroy Brunner	10/7	Rafael Dominguez	10/24	Daniel Rians	11/11
MSR Edward Burns	10/7	Edwin Carpenter	10/25	Joe Yanes	11/11
Adamo Mocerri	10/7	Dzung Le	10/25	Jackie Driver	11/12
Paul Andres	10/8	Jesus Michel	10/25	Kevin Kenney	11/14
Francisco Flores	10/10	Santos Galdamez	10/26	Rev Godwin Oluoha	11/15
Liiz Rodriguez	10/11	Alfred Gordon	10/27	J Brian Walter	11/17
Brian Fitzgerald	10/13	Dea Leopoldo Cortinas	11/1	Jason Gordon	11/19
Anthony Robledo	10/13	Albert Chauvin	11/2	Christopher Klement	11/20
Michael Savage	10/13	REV Josef Vollmer-Konig	11/2	William Kane	11/21
Stewart Hempel	10/14	Joe Gonzales	11/3	Gregory Kimber	11/21
Timothy Lucius	10/14	Jeffrey Muessig	11/4	Thomas Stanzel	11/21
Patrick Mc Curley	10/14	Thomas Kreminski	11/5	Michael Mc Carthy	11/22
Edwin Burgard	10/17	Tom Marek	11/5	Gerardo Cardona	11/23
Joseph Lastelick	10/17	Matthew Naab	11/5	Festus Nwosu	11/24
David Davidson	10/18	Joseph Okeke	11/5	Anthony Muse	11/27
Andrew Mccreary	10/18	Kenneth Sheets	11/6	Charles Toon	11/27
Gregory Cooper	10/19	Ray Chavez	11/7	Roger Esparza	11/30
Richard Johnston	10/19	David Baker	11/8	Rev. Desmond Ndikum	11/30
Joe Guzman	10/20	John Castillo	11/8		

## Charitable Donations By Our Assembly

The Fr. Abram J. Ryan Assembly has a long tradition of making annual charity donations to many worthy causes, which we try to do for purposes in keeping with our principle of Patriotism. Due to the pandemic has been very limited in our ability to hold fundraisers in support of our Charity Fund. Thanks to the generosity of our membership, we have been able to sustain our Charity Fund through your generous additional donations....THANK YOU! Here is a list of the many worthwhile causes your assembly supports.

- Hike for Life (\$250)
- La Promesa Foundation/KATH 910(\$250)
- MOWW YLC (\$250)
- Wreaths Across America (\$300)
- Holy Trinity Seminary (\$500)
- Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House (\$250)
- Bishop's Burse(\$250)
- RSVP Support - 4 Diocesan seminarians(\$2000)
- RSVP - Military Archdiocese(\$500)
- Texas Nat'l Cemetery Foundation-DFW(\$500)

## *Knights Letter articles are always welcome!*

Mail contributions or Change of Address to Fr. Abram J. Ryan Assembly, P.O. Box 38608, Dallas, TX 75238,  
Attn: SK Dan Chaney or email at [FAJR1087@Gmail.com](mailto:FAJR1087@Gmail.com).