

# The Patriot Newsletter

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#### MOTHER TERESA ASSEMBLY 2506 (GARLAND, TEXAS)

#### **OUR MEETINGS**

Our Assembly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of most months in the Upper Room located at St. Joseph's Catholic Church -Richardson, TX starting at 7:30 PM. Dinner served 7:00 PM.

Months with social events may have no business meeting.

#### ASSEMBLY COUNCILS

**Council # 6402** Good Shepherd Catholic Church

**Council # 8954** St. Joseph's Catholic Church

**Council # 9337** Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

**Council # 10646** Sacred Heart Catholic Church

**Council # 12300** St. Anthony's Catholic Church

**Council # 16546** Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish

#### STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

### By Faithful Navigator, S.K. Felix Ogbeide

God is our loving Father, and we can have a strong and meaningful relationship with Him. As we come to know God, we will find more peace, happiness and meaning in our lives, even in a turbulent world of chaos. We can build and strengthen our relationship with God by focusing on these three things :

#### STUDY GOD'S WORDS

Jesus said, "Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:29). God is a loving Father, and He wants a relationship with His Children. We can learn about God by reading about Him and how He has helped His children throughout history.



Faithful Navigator SK Felix Ogbeide



#### TALK TO GOD

God loves His Children, and He wants to hear from them. Just as we would work to develop a relationship with new friends by talking with them ,we can build a relationship with God through prayer. As His children, we can ask Him for Help and guidance as we pray. We can tell Him about our challenges and about our good days and bad days. We can pray in gratitude to thank Him for all the things we enjoy in life - big or small.

No matter who we are, God is eager to bless us and help us find happiness. Jesus promised, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22). At first it may feel strange to pray about how to recognize God's answers.

#### FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

Jesus said ,"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Learning about Jesus and His teachings is an important part of building a relationship with God. Jesus gave us the perfect example to follow. He taught us how to live and how to treat others.

Brother Sir Knights, it's important for us to know that our relationship with God is essential to loving God and to experiencing God's best in all areas of our life.



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# FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT—by SK Bryan A. Finley

My brother Sir Knights: Tempus Fugit! I have now assumed responsibility for editing this newsletter, but it has taken several weeks... ok, a couple of months for me to get around to accepting and acting on this responsibility. Please accept my apologies for the delay.



Lent is a good time to focus on what is important, to keep our eyes fixed on the promises of Christ. When asked what our the greatest commandments, Christ stated, ""You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great-

est and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (MT 22:36-39). These commandments were taken from scripture in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Leviticus 19:18.

In fact, even today, Jews commonly place the Deuteronomy scripture (as shown) printed on small scrolls placed in small boxes attached to the doorposts their homes (as indicated in the scripture), and they touch the scroll box before entering.

Do you have any pictures, signs or other objects around your house to remind you to pray? ואהבת את יהוה אלהיר בְּכָל לְבָבְךּ וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁרָ וּבַכַל מאדר וְהֵיוּ הַהְבָרִים הַאַלֵּה אַשֶׁר אַנֹכִי מִצֵוּך הַיוֹם על לְבַבָּרָ ושננתם לבניר וִדְבַּרְתַ בַּם בּשִׁבִתּרָ בִּבֵיתָרָ וּבְלֵכְתָרָ בַדֵּרָרָ ובשכבר ובקומך. וּקשִׁרתם לאות עַל יַדָר וְהֵיוּ לְטֹטַפֹּת בֵּין עֵיניך וכתבתם על מזזות בּיתר וּבשעריר.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and you shall speak of them when you are sitting at home and when you go on a journey, when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be jewels between your eyes. You shall inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



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# FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT—by SK Ricky Brown

As Knights of Columbus, we enter the sacred season of Lent with hearts humbled by reflection and minds focused on charity. In this period of self -discipline and spiritual growth, let us deepen our commitment to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. As we fast and pray, may our actions reflect the selfless love of Christ, inspiring positive

change within ourselves and our communities. Let our patriotic spirit be a beacon of hope, reminding us of the values that make our nation strong. As brothers, let's support one another on this journey, embodying the true meaning of brotherhood. Wishing all Knights a blessed and reflective Lenten season filled with purpose, patriotism, and the joy of serving others.

### Special Insert: Prayer Request

### Faithful Friar S.K. Dcn. Randy Wilson

Sir Knights, our Friar is recovering from shoulder surgery. Please keep him in your prayers for a full and complete recovery. He plans to return to his column in the next edition.







## **COMPTROLLER'S COMMUNICATION**

### By Faithful Comptroller S.K. Ed Lopez

There has been a great response from SK members regarding payment of 2024 membership dues. The Final Dues Notices were sent out March 14, 2024.



The Third Texas District Fourth Degree Assembly Exemplification held

on March 16, 2024 at St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, McKinney, Texas added four Candidates from MTA 2506.

VIVAT JESUS!

## SCRIBE'S NOTES

There were 31 Knights and Ladies in attendance at the annual Ladies Appreciation Night and Sweetheart Dance, which included romantic tunes and a few couples dancing to the music. It was well attended and we hope to see attendance double next year! Pictures will be posted on the website soon for all to see. —SK Robert Finley

## **AROUND THE ASSEMBLY - EVENTS, NEWS, COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

**ASSEMBLY MEETING** Due to a large event at St. Joseph Parish, our next assembly meeting will be a VIRTUAL/ONLINE only meeting on **March 19th** with the start of the order of business at 7:30pm. (Dinner is on your own!). In April the dinner will be provided by St. Anthony Council 12300.

**ASSEMBLY WEBSITE**— <u>MTASSEMBLY2506.ORG</u>—If you have an event scheduled in your council or parish, it can be listed there as well. Please email the webmaster to include your Council's event on the home page calendar.



#### HISTORIC KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - St. Rafael Guizar y Valencia

Rafael Guizar y Valencia was one of eleven children born wealthy and pious land owners in Mexico. Ordained in 1901, he conducted missions throughout Mexico and founded the Congregation of Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope in 1903. He used his family's money to found a school for poor girls and two colleges for boys. In 1911, a state persecution of the Church began. His Congregation was dissolved and his missionary work was prohibited, so Father Raphael continued his work illegally.

He founded a Catholic magazine in Mexico City, which the government quickly shut down. Raphael went on the road, disguised as a travelling merchant or musician, ministering to the poor and

preaching when he could. He was shot at several times by soldiers, and condemned to death in absentia. In 1916, the authorities were so close on his trail that Raphael fled Mexico, first to the United States and then to Guatemala where he spent a year preaching missions.

He preached in Cuba from 1917 to 1919 when he was named bishop of Veracruz-Jalapa, Mexico. He continued his missionary work in Colombia, but finally returned to Veracruz, Mexico in January 1920.

The government persecution of the Church escalated. The diocesan seminary was shut down; Bishop Raphael transferred his students to Mexico City and continued their training covertly. In 1931, Governor Tejeda ordered that Raphael be shot on sight; Raphael went straight to the governor's palace and walked into his office. Tejeda feared the uprising that killing such a man would cause, and revoked the death sentence. In December 1937, while on a mission in Cordoba, he suffered a heart attack and died a few months later in June 1938 in Mexico City. His tomb in the Catholic Cathedral of Xalapa attracts many worshipers who come for intercession. He was beatified in 1995 and canonized in 2006. (Source: Catholicsaints.info)



## **COLOR CORPS REPORT**

By Color Corps Commander S.K. Bob Fries, P.F.N.

As of this date we have participated in four Color Corps events since my last report.

San Juan Diego Church in Dallas: December 17, 2023

A Color Corps turnout was requested by our District Marshal to take place at San Juan Diego Church in Dallas, to honor the new Assembly that is our first Spanish speaking Assembly #3970.



#### St. Monica Church in Dallas: January 27, 2024

Rosary and Funeral Mass for Father Loyd Morris. 50 Color Corps members turned out to honor Fr Morris. An Honor Guard lead in the procession, the casket was already at the front of the Nave. After Mass the CC lead out the recession and stood Honor Guard as the casket was loaded into the hearse.

#### St. Anthony Parish: February 3 2024

Corporate Communion and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for council 12300. A Color Corps turnout was requested for the procession at the beginning and end of the Mass,. Only two members were able to attend.

Sacred Heart Parish: March 2, 2024

Corporate Communion and Ladies Appreciation Dinner and Dance. A Color Corp turnout was requested for the procession and recession of Mass. Seven Color Corps members from three Assemblies participated.

Vivat Christo Rey!

SK Bob Fries, PFN

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# PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: DANIEL DAILY

## By Faithful Pilot S.K. Ricky Brown

Daniel Daily was born on November 11, 1873, in Glen Cove, New York, and he practiced the Catholic faith throughout his life.

Daily's strong sense of duty and courage in the face of adversity during the Battle of Belleau Wood and his military career are well-documented, and his legacy is celebrated within the U.S. Marine Corps.



Daniel Daly is considered the most decorated Marine in U.S. Military History. He would be credited with the biggest battle cry for his fellow marines during the Battle of Belleau Woods in World War I known as "Retreat Hell". During the nearly one-month battle, Daly and his fellow marines were trapped by the Germans. Should the Germans emerge victorious, they have a clear path to capturing Paris. Despite the lack of support and running out of sufficient supplies, Daly and his fellow marines stood their ground.

He would carry out solo missions to take out enemy machine gun nests. Daly is a two-time Medal of Honor recipient. He saw action in the Caribbean, Pacific, and Europe in his lifelong military career. He would retire in 1929 and spend the final eight years of his life in Long Island, New York until his death in 1937.