

“Let’s Roll”

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[http://uknight.org/
Assembly.asp?A=3004](http://uknight.org/Assembly.asp?A=3004)

3rd TX District QR Code:



Faithful Navigator’s Comments

Greetings brother Sir Knights!

It is hard to believe March is already upon us. Seems like yesterday was Jan 1.

March will be an extremely busy month for Assembly #3004. There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on March 16 at St. Gabriel the Archangel. Assembly #3004 will be the host Assembly for this exemplification. This will be an all hands on deck event. Please be on the lookout for upcoming emails detailing the manpower needed to make this event a success.

I hope each of you and your families are having a great Lent. The Easter Triduum is an extremely special time of year and is only 4 weeks away. The word “Triduum” is a Latin term (meaning 3 days) used by the Catholic Church to denote the three days from the evening of Holy Thursday thru the evening of Easter Sunday. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday and ends after evening prayers at sunset on Easter Sunday. Please set aside some time to actively participate in this year’s Easter Triduum.

I also want to thank the brother Sir Knights, Ladies and families who attended the Sweetheart Social on 2/20/24. A good time was had by all and we were treated to some fabulous home-made Italian entrees prepared by Lady Mary Jo (my wife) and Lady Heather (Troy’s wife). We will try to have another social later this fraternal year and will let you know more as plans are firmed up.

Following are some important dates for Assembly #3004:

- 3rd Texas District biennial meeting - 3/9/24
- 4th Degree Exemplification - 3/16/24
- Flag retirement ceremony (OLA) - 3/24/24

Have a very blessed Lent and Happy Easter.

SK Joe

Faithful Admiral’s Comments

Brother Sir Knights,

Just about one quarter of Lent is finished. What’s your score? Are you winning? My own scorecard isn’t perfect but I’m still trying. Lots of time left to achieve goals.

I was thinking as I write this that a number of new 4th Degree Knights will be reading this edition of the Newsletter. What message do I want them to take away from here? Your new Assembly is the leading assembly in a number of categories in the BJPL Texas 3rd District Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. We have received many awards and are well on our way for more this Fraternal Year. You’ll see we carry on with the same excitement and dedication to our defining principle - Patriotism, that hopefully you will have experienced during the Exemplification. Make note of the upcoming activities and schedule them on your phone calendars so you don’t miss any, especially the Business Meetings. Then you will be able to identify those in which you really want to be further involved. Don’t be tentative.

And most important- get acquainted with all your new fellow Sir Knights. We are all eager to help you succeed and flourish.

Vivat Jesu’
SK Ron

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 9 March 2024
Biennial District Meeting
9:00am - 2:00pm
St Jude Catholic Church

Saturday, 16 March 2024
Exemplification
9:30am
St Gabriel Catholic Church

24 March 2024
Flag Retirement
12:00
Our Lady of Angels



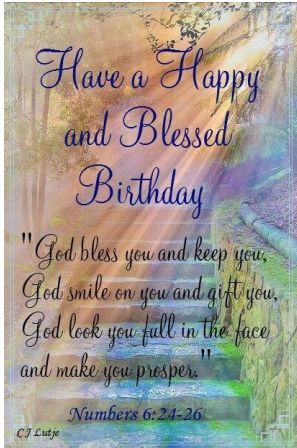
Recent Events

Saturday, 10 February 2024
Social Event
Sweetheart Social
Our Lady of Angels

Saturday, 17 February 2024
Patriotic Event
Veterans' Lunch
Clyde Cospers Veterans' Home
Bonham, TX



Annual Award Winners and Special Recognition of PFN Troy Scheffman



Happy Birthday! Sir Knights born in March*

John P O'Donnell 3-1	Joseph W Hammon 3-15
Richard L Amato 3-2	Charles W Johnson 3-15
Francis Bryan Causey 3-6	Glenn C Edwards 3-18
Joseph J Ellis 3-7	Patrick J Lacour 3-18
William A Whitty 3-7	Raffaele Gerace 3-19
Charles A Odegard 3-9	Craig M Harlan 3-19
Marcelo Salazar 3-9	Timothy Ring 3-19
Terry J Rund 3-10	Mark A Johnson 3-20
Ryan W Rogers 3-12	Jason A Zafereo 3-23
Deacon Anthony Silvestro 3-13	Steven M Gumm 3-28
Msgr John P Bell 3-14	Andrew R Smith 3-29

*According to roster provided and updated by Supreme as of the date of this newsletter. Apologies if we missed anyone!



In Memoriam - Assembly Sir Knights Who Have Passed Away in the Month of March (all years)

SK Jerry May 2015
SK Robert R (Bob) Causer 2017
SK Bryan M Byrwa 2022

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Saint of the Month - Saint Katharine Drexel

- St. Katharine Drexel is the second American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. This amazing woman was an heiress to a large bequest who became a religious sister and a brilliant educator.
- Katherine was born in Philadelphia on November 26, 1858, the second child of a prominent and wealthy banker, Francis Anthony Drexel and his wife, Hannah Langstroth. Her mother passed away just five weeks after Katharine was born. Her father remarried to Emma Bouvier in 1860 and together they had another daughter in 1863, Louisa Drexel.
- On February 12, 1891, Katharine made her first vows as a religious and dedicated herself to working for the American Indians and African-Americans in the Western United States.
- Taking the name Mother Katharine, she established a religious congregation called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, whose members would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve.
- From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and her fortune to this work. In 1894, Mother Katharine took part in opening the first mission boarding school called St. Catherine's Indian School, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Other schools quickly followed - for Native Americans west of the Mississippi River, and for the blacks in the southern part of the United States.
- In 1897, Katharine asked the friars of St. John the Baptist Province of the Order of Friars Minor to help staff a mission for the Navajos in Arizona and New Mexico, and she would help finance their work with the Pueblo Native Americans.
- In 1910, Katharine also financed the printing of 500 copies of A Navaho-English Catechism of Christian Doctrine for the Use of Navaho Children.
- In 1915, Katherine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African-Americans.
- Katharine was remembered for her love of the Eucharist and a desire for unity of all peoples. She was courageous and took the initiative to address social inequality within minorities. She believed all should have access to a quality education and her selfless service, including the donation of her inheritance, helped many reach that goal.
- St. Katharine was beatified on November 20, 1988 and canonized on October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.
- Relics of St. Katharine can be found at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and in the Day Chapel of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Sugar Grove, Illinois.
- Katharine is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists. Her feast day is celebrated on March 3.



Source: www.catholic.org/saints

A Note from your Patriotism Director

Brothers,

What an awesome month last month.

We fed the veterans totaling of 156 and about 30 staff members and lots of good conversations were had with our veterans and they really enjoy that. Can't tell you how important it is that you should attend and spend time with these people who have fought and served our country Well.

Next month we're doing a flag retirement ceremony on the 24th as well as a fourth-degree exemplification on the 16th. We need your help getting members into our order so they understand who we are as the patriotic arm of the Knight Of Columbus.

I thank all of you for what you do for the Knight Of Columbus. We need to stay vigilant in our fight for our faith and our freedoms.

SK Troy Scheffman
Faithful Comptroller
Patriotic Director

The Lincoln Flag

Taking a break from the Patriot of the Month article to offer the following article on “The Lincoln Flag,” suggested by one of our Sir Knights, Dan Ecklekamp.

This month, Joseph E. Garrera, president of the Lincoln Group of New York, a historical society focused on studying the life of Abraham Lincoln, conducted a one year independent study in 1996 on what is known as "the Lincoln flag."

This 36-star flag was draped over the balustrade in the presidential box of Ford's Theatre on Good Friday, April 14, 1865. On that night President Lincoln was there to see the play, "Our American Cousin." John Wilkes Booth, a former actor, assassinated President Lincoln in hopes of creating political chaos.

Laura Keene, starring actress in that night's performance, was in the booth with Lincoln, and cradled his head in her lap. Doctors laid Lincoln on the floor, and Keene pulled down the large 36-star flag, placing it partially under his head. Lincoln died shortly after.

Thomas Gourlay, part-time stage manager and actor at Ford's Theatre, was also present in the booth with Lincoln and Keene. Gourlay took the flag after Lincoln was moved across the street to Petersen House. He gave the flag to his daughter, Jeannie Gourlay Struthers, before his death in the 1880s. While living in Milford, Pennsylvania, she passed the flag on to her son, V. Paul Struthers, who donated it to the Pike County Historical Society in Milford, PA, in 1954.

Paul Struthers donated other historical artifacts to the Pike County Historical Society as well, including an oral history of the chain of family ownership of the Lincoln flag. The Lincoln flag remains there to this day.

In the conclusion of his study, Garrera declares the Lincoln flag as "authentic." The blood stains on the flag were tested twice, and both tests confirmed that the blood was human. He also found that the "contact stains" are consistent with the wound Lincoln sustained coming into contact with that flag.

The governmental policies regarding the ceremonial use of American flags at the time, the materials used in the manufacture of the flag, and the disposition of the other flags in use at Ford's Theatre also confirm the flag's authenticity.

Other highly respected Lincoln scholars like Dr. Wayne Temple, Michael Maione, Dr. Edward Steers, Jr., Frank J. Williams and others agree with Garrera's findings and believe the Lincoln flag to be authentic.

