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A Word From Our Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights of Assembly #3222,

Happy Summer. I pray that this newsletter finds you in good health and you are having a safe and blessed 2024. The dog days of summer have started, Stay Cool. We won't be having a July Social since it falls on the 4th of July holiday. Have a safe holiday!

It's hard to believe we have already come to the end of our Assemblies fiscal year and that my second term as your Faithful Navigator will also be ending. I truly enjoyed serving as your Faithful Navigator for the past two years. I've learned a lot and prayed that you have benefited from my leadership. My only regret is that I couldn't figure out how to get more members involved in attending meetings, socials, and patriotic events. Let's all try harder this next fiscal year to attend more meetings and events.

I would like to thank our Officers for helping me make it through the past two years. I couldn't have done it without your support and welcome our new slate of Officers who are listed below:

Faithful Friar, SK Rev Daniel Pattee, TOR

Faithful Navigator, SK Mark Von Rosenberg

Faithful Captain, SK Richard Acosta
Faithful Pilot, SK Raymond Lopez
Faithful Comptroller, SL Michael Hereth
Faithful Scribe, SK Danny Longoria
Faithful Purser, SL Mike Cox
Faithful Inner Sentinel, SK Benjamin Martinez
Faithful Outer Sentinel, SK Duane Oefinger
Faithful Admiral, SK Mark Schreiner
Faithful Trustee 1 Year, SK John LaFleur
Faithful Trustee 2 Year, SK Michael Winn
Faithful Trustee 3 Year, SK Michael Kennedy

We are in great hands with this list of Officers.

Our Officer Installation and Dinner will be held on Sunday July 28, 2024. We will conduct the Installation at "Heaven's Gate Restaurant" 3820 N. Main Street, Fort Worth TX 76106. All are welcome to attend with your Families. The cost is \$25.00 per person

which includes drinks, all-you-can-eat salad bar, full buffet and desert. Please let me know if you would like to attend so we can give the restaurant a final headcount.

Don't forget to go to the uknight website to see minutes from our June meeting along with the Purser's report of our financials.

Please let me know if there is something you want to see in our newsletter that we don't include.

Look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Mark Schreiner
Faithful Navigator
James Gallagher Assembly #3222

Committee Chair Reports:



Bereavement Committee Chair – Sir Knight John Rogers, PGK, PFN

The passing of SK Robert Osborne was noted. Per our Bereavement guidelines a TOR Mass Card was mailed to the family and a corresponding donation was made to the TORs. The recent passing of SK Jasper Castillo was noted.



Flag Retirement Chair - Sir Knight Drew Armentrout, PGK, PFN

There is a new Activities Director at St Francis Village, David has been in touch with her

confirming the date, November 9, and arrangements for the Pax Center. The Troop 97 Boy Scouts have confirmed their support to prepare the meal

The date for this year's Flag retirement is confirmed as November 9, again at the Pax Center in St Francis Village.



Social Committee Chair – Sir Knight Michael Kennedy, PGK, PFN

Per SK Mark von Rosenberg, the next social will be the July 28th Officer Installation at the Heavens Gate restaurant. Note that there will **not** be a social on July 4th (1st Thursday).



Color Corps Committee Chair – Color Corps Commander Sir Knight Michael Winn, PGK, PFN

Per SK Mark Schreiner:

There was speculation about standings for SK Jasper Catillo's Rosary and Service.

The Assembly is always in need of more members with the new uniform and in support the Assembly will subsidize the cost, 50%,

with submittal of a commitment form. Currently 7 Assembly #3222 SKs have the new uniform: SK Mark Schreiner, FN, SK Mark von Rosenberg, FC, SK Michael Kennedy, FA, SK Michael Winn, FT and Color Corp Commander, SK Drew Armentrout, PFN, SK John LaFleur, PFN and SK Jim Bossert. SK Ray Lopez, incoming Faithful Pilot has expressed interest in purchasing the Honor Guard uniform.



Report of the Third Degree Councils:

Council 2813: Bishop Dunne, St. Francis Village, Crowley

Report provided by SK Drew Armentrout.

Continuing efforts include preparing sandwiches (~500) and clothing drive for the Presbyterian Night Shelter on the 4th Tuesday of the month, corporate communion on the 5th Sunday this month at St Francis Village. Note that the Grand Knight for the 2024-2025 year will be Paul Delaney and their Officer Installation is planned for June 22.

Council 7175: St. Ann, Burleson

Report provided by SK Duane Oefinger.

1. SK Armando Natera will be the Grand Knight for the 2024-2025 year. SK Raymond Lopez will be the Deputy Grand Knight. 2. Held monthly pancake breakfast. 3. Gave \$500 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a \$800 Visa Debit Card to a parish family that had a fire in their home including damage to the front door. 4. Handed out 600 Lapel Pins "Dad" to Fathers following the Father's Day Weekend Masses. 5. Have been helping to unload food at The Crowley House of Hope delivered by the Tarrant County Food Bank. 6. Held a Mini Fraternal Benefits session at the recent Business Meeting. 7. Planning for the Parish Picnic to be held 27 July.

Council 8347: St. Joseph, Cleburne

No Sir Knights present at the meeting. No members in the Assembly?

Council 9868: St. Andrew, Fort Worth

Report provided by SK Richard Acosta, GK.

1. The Officer Installation (GK Richard Acosta) for the 2024-2025 Council Officers will be July 20 following the 5:30PM Mass. 2. The Council is cooking Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for the St Andrew School June 26 for new/prospective students/families.

Volunteer Opportunity – SOTX



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at alchase44@hotmail.com or via telephone, 817-975-9196.

Area 11 Fort Worth Local Swimming Competition

Saturday, July 27th 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Nolan Catholic High School
4501 Bridge St.
Ft. Worth, TX 76013

The Fourth Degree and the Fourth of July



In 2005, not long before he died, St. John Paul II published what was to be his last

book, *Memory and Identity*. He discusses good and evil, church and state, freedom and democracy, and the Communist and Nazi totalitarianism which produced so much human tragedy during the 20th Century.

The saint drew a careful distinction between nationalism and patriotism.

“Whereas nationalism involves recognizing and pursuing the good of one’s own nation alone, without regard for the rights of others,” he wrote, “patriotism ... is a love for one’s native land that accords rights to all other nations equal to those claimed for one’s own. Patriotism, in other words, leads to a properly ordered social love.”

St. John Paul II notes that the word patriotism comes from the root word *patria*, meaning “home” or “native land.” It is related to the Latin word *pater*, meaning “father,” and so we sometimes speak of “fatherland” or “motherland” as well. “The concept of patria includes the values and the spiritual content that make up the culture of a great nation,” the pope wrote. “The very idea of ‘native land’ presupposes a deep bond between the spiritual and the material, between culture and territory”.

For members of the Knights of Columbus, for whom faith and patriotism go hand in hand, St. John Paul II’s is a concise description of the relationship between the two: the Fourth Commandment, which tells us to honor our father and mother, obliges us to honor our homeland as well.

“The spiritual patrimony which we acquire from our native land comes to us through our mother and father,” he says.

“Patriotism is a love for everything to do with our native land: its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features. It is a love which extends also to the works of our compatriots and the fruits of their genius. Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to demonstrate this love. ... The native land is the common good of all citizens and as such it imposes a serious duty.”

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