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OUR MEETINGS

Our Assembly meets on the 3rd Tuesday of most months in the Upper Room located at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Richardson, TX starting at 7:30 PM.

Dinner served
7:00 PM.

Months with social events have no business meeting.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Faithful Navigator Bob Fries

How do we as Knights, change the world?

In our day to day lives, our influence on the world is minimal. The best way we can effect change in the world is by changing those around us. This means we have to work to improve our families, and those with whom we interact. I believe the best thing we can do is witness our faith.

I recently read an article that noted that children attending the youth ministries in the Catholic Church are only about 35% likely to remain faithfully Catholic as adults.

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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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Faithful Captain Ken Myres

2020 is off to a great start. February is here.

I was very excited to see the turnout at our January Assembly meeting. It was close to a full house!

Great time, Frito Chili Pie, Chili and cold adult beverages. It truly felt like our Assembly is thriving.

February is a month of Patriots and Presidents!

It is also Valentine's Day, so we remember our loved ones. We need to celebrate both.

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FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT



*Faithful Pilot
Sir Knight
Rick Guzman*



Brothers,
I hope you all had a great start to the New Year.

As we move into February, we are very excited about a number of events including our Wives Appreciation Dinner on February 18th.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Worthy Faithful Pilot, Rick Guzman

THE ADMIRAL'S TABLE



*Faithful Admiral
Sir Knight
Billy Kornegay*



Dear Brothers,

It was great to see so many of you at our last Assembly meeting.

It is a great time for us to be thankful for all God has given us and our families.

I hope to see you at our next event.

Faithful Admiral
Billy Kornegay



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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Faithful Comptroller
SK Chester Salacinski

Membership is the same as last month. There are some changes but they are mostly clerical in nature.

The next Exemplification will be March 21 in Longview. Forms are available.

Over the past few years (3 or 4) many questions have been raised regarding the Chalice Fund and members wishes when they pass. The biggest problem we encounter is what we are to do with the Chalice since the member did not leave any instructions and the spouse has no idea what to do either. The result, we had chalices with no person, church, etc. to present.



Therefore, some action must be taken to improve the efficiency of the Chalice Fund Program. The first, is our Faithful Navigator has appointed a committee to go over the Chalice Fund Program and initiate changes to implement procedures to follow. Second, no chalice will be ordered on behalf of a departed member unless a Last Rites form is on hand telling the Assembly what his wishes are.

Also, to clarify, the \$5 assessment for the Chalice Fund is a required part of your dues according to the By-Laws. You are not buying your own chalice as some seem to believe. If so, it would take 60 years of \$5 per year to purchase your chalice.

Finally, the Last Rites Form that tells us what your wishes are and it is very important. We can plan and act more efficiently knowing if you desire an Honor Guard, pray a Rosary etc. If you don't want the Assembly to do anything, then please tell us that also. After all, it's your funeral.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me and I'll do what I can to help. My contact information is on the back of your Membership Card.

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VIVAT JESUS.

“Do a little bit more than you’re paid to do;
Give a little bit more than you have to;
Try a little harder than you want to;
Aim a little higher than you think possible”
.....Art Linkletter

FAITHFUL FRIAR'S REFLECTION:

by SK Deacon Randy Wilson

“We are being called to reflect on our discipleship”

-Deacon Randy Wilson



Baptism is a powerful sacrament that transforms us into a new creation, the sacrament of rebirth through which we are given the graces to embark on our journey as children of God.

John the Baptist baptized with water, when in John 1:29 he saw Jesus coming toward him, he proclaimed, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” By proclaiming “Behold the Lamb of God,” John called the people towards the person of Jesus, making Him known to them just as Jesus is made known to us during the celebration of the Eucharist, at our own baptism.

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Reminding us of His presence in our lives, reminding us that we are being called to something greater than ourselves; that something is called holiness.

Our call to holiness is a life-giving process, we sometimes think of the act of holiness to be someone who is almost sinless, people who are flawless; this way of thinking prevents us from recognizing the holiness that resides within ourselves. While we are part of the community, it is also important to remember we are all on our own individual journey.

We are being called to reflect on our discipleship, our servanthood, not only to our God, community, and Church, but to ourselves. Our task is to believe we are called to do God's will, believing we are part of His larger plan and to allow His plan to mature within us, challenging and strengthening our steadfastness.

We live in very diversified communities with people from other cultures, representing other countries as well as other cultures within our own country. These cultures bring a wonderful richness to our communities. A richness that affects our lives as well as the lives of those we meet as we go about our daily activities, a richness that helps to form our own Holiness.

We are taught that when we sin, our sins affect the entire community; so, it is with our acts of Holiness, when we show our love, support and compassion to others, it does have a lasting impression. Although we may not recognize the Holiness of our actions – it is there, it is a part of who we are.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him in John 1:31 he said, "I do not know Him;" for a fleeting moment he did not recognize Jesus. We are asked to listen to our hearts, God had given John a sign to recognize the Lamb of God by the presence of the Spirit, He also gives us signs to recognize the working of the Spirit in our lives, be watchful for those signs as did John, God is calling us to holiness, a holiness that will bring a great feeling of meaning and purpose to our lives as well as the lives of others.

So don't be surprised if suddenly you realize.....you have just offered a "Random Act of Kindness," you may want to say a little prayer, thanking the Spirit for being there with you.

God Bless,
Deacon Randy



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MOTHER TERESA ASSEMBLY WIVES APPRECIATION AND VALENTINE'S DINNER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH



7:00 pm

**Wine, Cocktails, Dinner, Dessert
St. Joseph Catholic Church
600 Jupiter Road, Richardson, TX. 75081
St. Joseph's Room**

Who

Sir Knights and our guests....the Ladies of MTA #2506

What

**Our Wives Appreciation Dinner and Valentines Celebration....
Great food, drink, company and atmosphere**

Food

Plated Complete 3-Course Dinner Table Service....

- Tossed Salad and Dressings
- Rolls/ Muffins/Cheddar Garlic Biscuits with Butters
- Herb Roasted Chicken Breast & London Broil Duo Entree
(Steak Marinated in Merlot Mushroom Sauce)
- Rustic Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans with Almonds & Cranberries
- Valentine Dessert Assortment

Cost

\$20/person

*****RSVP*****

Required. Email to ken.myres@gmail.com or 214-912-5725 or rwfries@gmail.com OK to pay at the door, but....

Due to this being a Plated Individual Dinner

*****Must confirm attendance no later than February 10th*****

This is your LAST chance to call or email Ken or Bob to attend....this will be very fun



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our Sir Knights born in "President's" month.....February.

Mark Whitley	2/1
Michael Cole	2/3
Patrick Duval	2/3
Richard Johnson	2/4
David Lanners	2/4
Joseph Picard	2/10
Evan Prince	2/11
Richard Wisniewski	2/14
Richard Singleton	2/19
Robert Taggart	2/20
Nick Flores	2/21

Happy Valentine's Day Richard!



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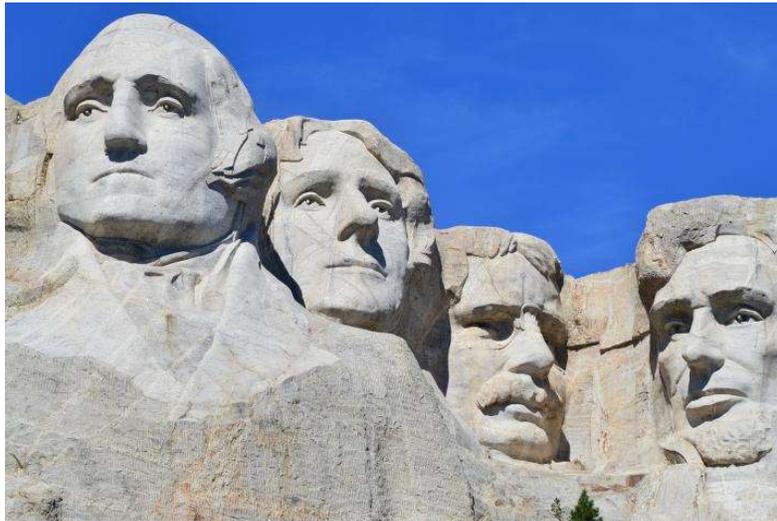
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FEBRUARY PATRIOT OF THE MONTH PRESIDENT'S DAY



President's Day is officially February 17th this year.

Although the holiday is most often referred to as "Presidents' Day" in popular speech, the observed federal holiday is officially called "Washington's Birthday." (*You might remember we celebrated George Washington as our Patriot of the Month in December, but read on.....*)

In a sense, calling the holiday Presidents' Day helps us reflect on not just the first president, but also the founding of our nation, the values, and what Washington calls in his Farewell Address, the "beloved Constitution and union, as received from the Founders." **Additionally, Abraham Lincoln's birthday is in February (on the 12th), so by calling the holiday "Presidents' Day," we can encompass this great president in our celebrations as well.**

Today, many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day, just as quite a few U.S. states do, too. Of course, all of the 3-day retail store sales are called "Presidents' Day" sales and this vernacular has also been influential in how we reference the holiday.

So.....Happy President's Day!



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COLOR CORPS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

Color Corps Commander

Sir Knight

Raul Medina

We continue to have more Sir Knights join the Color Corps. We have also fully allocated our Uniform "subsidy" as agreed and voted upon by our Assembly.... This is great!!!! Let's keep this interest growing!

With the new uniforms, the new uniform subsidy program and most recently, the change in the new uniform distributor, now is a great time to become a Color Corps member.

If you have any questions about the Color Corps program, please feel free to contact me. The Color Corps is the visible arm of the 4th Degree.

We are actively taking orders for the new uniform so please contact me if you need assistance with any part of this process.

I look forward to leading a proud, professional team of Assembly 2506 Color Corps members and participate in many ceremonies and service opportunities this year.

Thank you for your support!



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AROUND THE ASSEMBLY - EVENTS, NEWS, COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

ASSEMBLY MEETING

Our officers for this Fraternal year are listed on Page 13.

Please talk with them, share your ideas, share your needs, likes, dislikes, opinions and your expectations. These officers are willing, ready and able to do whatever they can to help make our Assembly a “world class” Assembly. Please seek them out and give them your feedback.

*******The February Assembly meeting will be our Wives Appreciation Dinner and Valentine’s Celebration. This will take place on Tuesday, February 18th and will be held in the St. Joseph Room of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church at 7:00 pm.**

This will be a very nice plated, table service dinner for our honored guests.....our wives and widows of our deceased brothers. Please see Page 6 for details.

Please also note that you must confirm your attendance no later than Monday, February 10th to Ken Myres or Bob Fries.*****

ASSEMBLY MEETING

FOOD SCHEDULE

MONTH Host Council

Feb 18th	Wive’s Appreciation
March 17 th	#16546
April 21st	#6402

ASSEMBLY WEBSITE Our News and Announcements page has the current Color Corps schedule. If you have something going on in your council, please send the information to our Faithful Navigator at FNmta2506@gmail.com



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That means about 65% stop attending church and leave the faith for other denominations, or for nothing at all. Some of the 35% are nominally 'Catholic', they are not really committed to the faith. The studies show that parent commitment to the church is an important influencing factor in the children remaining in the church. But, some of these studies have been much more specific about what is *really* going on.

While evaluating how children either remain in the church or leave it; the importance of the church to the parents is a pivotal determining factor. If the faith is demonstrably important to the mother, about 50% of the children will continue to feel the faith is important. Here is stunning discovery. **If the *father* demonstrates that the faith is important to him, then roughly 75% of the children will remain dedicated to the Catholic faith.**

It can be argued that by being a Knight of Columbus, a man is showing the importance of faith in his life. However, the studies do not bear this out. Our children are influenced much more by personal interaction with a godly father than by just about anything else. Being in a men's group is not as important as spending a significant amount of time involved with the family on a daily basis, and using that time to impart the practical application of our faith in daily life. We need to demonstrate our faith commitment to our children in a very personal and visible manner. Making sure that fathers demonstrate the importance of attendance at Mass and Holy Days of obligation is a good start. We should also be leading them in daily reverence, prayer and holiness. Mostly we need to be with them.

You can change the world, by being the beacon of faith to your children.



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FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT (cont. from pg. 1.)

This is also Leap Year and we “get an extra day” in the month of February.

There have been many articles and even books written that ask “what would you do with an extra day”

Sometimes the reference is when we pass on, but I think this month gives us an opportunity to think about how we spend our time and more importantly are we spending it on the right things, the right activities and with the right people, maybe our family..... How about God? Are we spending the right amount of time with HIM? If we had an extra day...how would we honor HIM or try to make our loved ones or friends or maybe perfect strangers lives better.

It's a great thing to think about and maybe we can even add more than February 29th to how we can do something “extra”

By the way.... how about taking or “honoring” your lovely wife at our Wives Appreciation Dinner.... I know we will spoil them with a great meal....a Rose and Thank You Card at their place at the table and maybe a glance or a hug from you and a “thank you honey for what you do and what you have meant to me in my life”..... If your wife has passed... what a nice moment and opportunity to think about her and share fellowship with your brother Knights. Hope to see you there.....



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YOUR OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2019-20

Elected Positions –

Navigator	Bob Fries	Outer Sentinel Marty Martinez
Captain	Ken Myres	Outer Sentinel Felix Nwaokolo
Admiral	Billy Kornegay	Trustee (3 Yr.) Rick Bentine
Pilot	Rick Guzman	Trustee (2 Yr.) Robert Font
Scribe	Raul Medina	Trustee (1 Yr.) Jorge Gonzales
Inner Sentinel	Manny Ojeda	Purser Oliver Iheme
Inner Sentinel	Patrick Okoye	Appointed Position Comptroller Chester Salacinski



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Notes from Around the Assembly

NEW OFFICERS.....FIRST CALL

Please note that we will soon be discussing our prospective Assembly Officers for the next Fraternal Year.

As Bob said in our January Assembly Meeting, we would love to have a full slate of Sir Knights who would be willing to serve in any number of positions in MTA 2506.

We have many new Sir Knights who have recently joined our Assembly and we would be honored to have them consider participating as Officers for the next fraternal year.

We will talk more about this at the March Assembly Meeting, but please let us know if you have any questions or willingness to help lead our Assembly.

Please call or email Bob Fries or any of the Officers if you would like to be considered.....

We're looking for a few good men.....