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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

I am sure that like me, you are getting a little cabin fever. I am tired of not being able to go out and meet people, have dinner at a restaurant, and particularly not being able to go to church for Mass or any other meetings. But even more than that, I am getting tired of the constant barrage from the media regarding the COVID-19 spread. It seems that so much political rhetoric is attached to this crisis. We need information to remain aware, but it is a shame that the media wants to lay blame more than inform.

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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

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Faithful Captain Ken Myres

What a difference a month can make. There is no way any of us could have imagined not being able to attend Sunday Mass especially during the Holy Season of Lent. Everything in our lives has been turned upside down. Simple hugs, hello's, and even casual meals out with friends or family have been

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FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT



*Faithful Pilot
Sir Knight
Rick Guzman*

Brothers,

As we move closer to Easter and deal with all the challenges of COVID-19, there is never a time we need to have God in our lives more.

You and your families have all of my prayers and support.

Worthy Faithful Pilot, Rick Guzman



THE ADMIRAL'S TABLE

Dear Brothers,

The temporary “pause” in our ability to have Assembly meetings will be hard for all of us.

I hope and pray that all of you and your families remain spiritually and physically strong and healthy during this time.

Faithful Admiral
Billy Kornegay



*Faithful Admiral
Sir Knight
Billy Kornegay*





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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Faithful Comptroller
SK Chester Salacinski

As I compose this April message for the Newsletter, I sit, like all of you at home wondering how much longer this virus situation will grip our country and the world.

What comes to my mind are these words...."Thy will be done."
Any questions?

Only 3 more months before the end of the Fraternal Year. Thus far we have taken in more than we spent, but there remain expenses to be posted. I sent out notices of suspension to 16 members who have not paid their dues and next month I will have to suspend their membership. If you are one of those, please send in your dues or contact me to make arrangements. We would like to end the year in the black.

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.

VIVAT JESUS.

I received an email from one of my neighbors who told a story of one man who was told that in order to protect himself from contracting the virus all he had to do was wear a mask and gloves. By doing that he would be protected from contracting the virus. However, much to his surprise, when he went shopping for groceries, everybody else were *also* wearing clothing. Boy was he really embarrassed. So, don't make the same mistake!

"Adversity brings us back to earth, kindly pulling us by the ear to remind us of what is truly important". **-Author unknown**

And....one more thought from Chester.... ***"I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to "Puerto Backyarda"..... I'm sick of "Los Livingroom"***





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FAITHFUL FRIAR'S REFLECTION:

by SK Deacon Randy Wilson

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son”

John 3:16 may be one of the best-known verses in the Bible and has been called "everybody's text" and the "Gospel of the Gospels." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

During this time of the Coronavirus, it is important for us to reflect on this message of salvation reminding ourselves that the initiative in all salvation is God's love for us. God expressed His love by giving His only Son for our salvation. St Augustine once said, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love."

In Ephesians 5:8-14, Saint Paul tells us although we don't deserve anything from God based on own merits, God chose to love, save, and give us life; that His great mercy and love, His Divine Grace, has brought us to life in Christ, raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the Heavens.

Sometimes, in times of uncertainty, it is difficult to recognize God's presence in our lives, difficult to reach within our hearts to recognize that presence. Nothing has changed, we must listen to our hearts, acknowledging that God is reaching out to us, He is here, asking us to receive His love and graces; He is looking after us.

As I was writing this reflection, I thought of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary; Christ's agony in the Garden, scourging at the pillar, the crowning with thorns, His carrying of the cross to Calvary, and the Crucifixion. I thought about the great gift He has given us and how important it is to remember the impact His sacrifice has on our lives.

This Lenten season is a time of renewal, a time of reconciliation, a time of prayer; let us pray for those impacted by this virus (including ourselves), let us pray for the medical people and first responders that God continues to guide them, let us pray that this pandemic ends soon. God is with us, He is guiding us as we continue on our journey though these days of Lent and through these days of the Coronavirus.

God bless. Deacon Randy





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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our Sir Knights born in April!!!

Jeronimo Cavazos	4/4
Carl Kocorek	4/5
Joseph Olickan	4/9
Daniel Dunn	4/11
Jorge Gonzalez	4/12
Gregory Hawley	4/18
Todd White	4/18
Bob Fries	4/23
Sylvester Irabor	4/23

Happy Birthday Faithful Navigator!!!



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APRIL SAINT OF THE MONTH – ST. ROCH



Roch was born in Montpellier, France about 1295 to a rich and noble family. The family had prayed to our Lord for a child. When Roch was born they thanked God with tears of joy. Roch was born with a birthmark, a red cross, on his chest. His parents knew it to be a sign of his future work and sanctity. He spent much of his boyhood in the practice of piety, penance and charity. He joined the Third Order of St. Francis, sold all his possessions, resigned his noble office and gave all he had to the poor.

He believed if one wished to stand on the day of the last judgement, one must practice charity. That is why he stopped along his way to Rome in a town stricken by the plague. Roch, along with the hospital superintendent, began conducting the holy Tertiary to the many plague stricken. He traced on the forehead of each of them the Sign of the Cross and immediately they were cured. He went through the entire city, and in the same manner delivered those who he visited from this terrible malady. Soon everyone was blessing God and the young disciple of St. Francis. He left town secretly to avoid the honors but as he continued on his journey, he blessed and cured others who were also stricken with the plague causing many to bless the name of the Lord.

St. Roch is one of the most popular saints and having lived among the plague stricken, his thoughts went beyond the grave to that life after death, when there shall be no grief, nor sorrow, nor hunger, nor thirst, nor pain. He saw in the plague stricken; an image of the Savior stricken for the sins of all man



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COLOR CORPS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

Color Corps Commander
Sir Knight
Raul Medina

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 11.

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.

*******Our April Officer's meeting on April 1st, and our Assembly meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 21st have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please see the Faithful Navigator's article for details on how we will process business regarding some critical items on the agenda.**

**ASSEMBLY MEETING
FOOD SCHEDULE**
MONTH Host Council

April 21	#16546
May 19	#640

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

Just today the President extended the social distancing restrictions until the end of April. This means we will be unable to meet for the month of April. Also, the Bishop has already extended the closing of all churches to match the April 4th date ordered in the "Shelter in Place" order for Dallas County, and it is likely this will be extended through April as well. We can hope that by that time we can expect to return to normal. Although our lives will now have a "new normal". Even if it is determined that some areas can relax the restrictions, it seems highly unlikely that our DFW area is going to be part of that, considering the number of cases in our area. As of this writing, there are about 750 cases, and 7 deaths just in our 4-county area. (Dallas, Tarrant, Collin, and Denton) This is one third of all cases and deaths in Texas. Fortunately, this is much less dire than areas like New York. Praise the Lord for His protection in these trying times.

That presents us with a couple of challenges which will be addressed via this newsletter and via email. First, as noted in our last newsletter, we will need to make our first reading of the officer's slate for the coming Fraternal Year. On another page in this newsletter you will find the published list of the proposed slate, which will stand as our first reading. The second reading and election will occur at our May business meeting.

You will note that there are still two vacancies. An Outer Sentinel and a Scribe are still needed for a full slate. Please step forward if you can serve in one of these positions. You may recall that the last newsletter had a listing of the duties for these positions.

Second, we normally have the first reading of our budget at the May meeting with second reading and vote at the June meeting. We do this to avoid having too many agenda items at the April meeting. However, since our April meeting is cancelled and you will have plenty of time to review the information at home, I am moving the first budget reading to this month which will be distributed via email to current members later this week. I will accept comments and questions via email also. If we are able to meet in May, we will be able to quickly accomplish both these items and move into the next Fraternal Year in good shape.

Good Health to all.
Bob Fries, Faithful Navigator



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

temporarily taken away from us. I have to Face Time my kids and grandkids. Although this seemed a minor inconvenience for the first couple of days..... each passing day makes it much more painful and uncomfortable. As human beings we crave the physical interactions of others, especially those we love and the day I can "be" back with my family cannot come soon enough. If you hadn't given anything up for Lent, the last couple of weeks certainly count for extra credit.

As Sir Knights and Catholic gentlemen, we need to do whatever we can and put a strong foot forward to show and maintain faith, leadership, support and love for our friends, co-workers and especially our dear families. This Easter will be unlike any we have ever experienced. Jesus will rise and provide a new light for all of us for the seasons ahead of us.

I will admit, at first, I thought COVID-19 may have been an overexaggerated issue. Having a daughter who is a surgeon and hearing her stories which are not seen in the press has changed my mind. We are abiding by the practices recommended by the health experts and trust in their leadership. I am also encouraged to see our Texas state and "most" local leaders take aggressive positions to safeguard us and do whatever possible to "flatten the curve".

I wish you and your families all the best during these times of sacrifice and hope you all stay safe. We will overcome this virus and I think come closer together as a result.



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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 Ogbeide
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 Itheme
Inner Sentinel	Patrick Okoye		

Appointed Position

Comptroller Chester Salacinski



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Notes from Around the Assembly

NEW OFFICER ELECTIONS

Proposed Officer Slate Fraternal Year 2020-2021

Navigator	Bob Fries
Captain	Rick Guzman
Admiral	Manny Ojeda
Pilot	Felix Ogbeide
Scribe	
Inner Sentinel	Joseph Olickan
Outer Sentinel	
Trustee (3 Yr)	Billy Kornegay
Trustee (2 Yr)	Rick Bentine
Trustee (1 Yr)	Robert Font
Purser	Oliver Itheme
Comptroller	Chester Salacinski

You will note that there are still two vacancies. An Outer Sentinel and a Scribe are still needed for a full slate. Please step forward if you can serve in one of these positions. You may recall that the last newsletter had a listing of the duties for these positions. You will see the duties for these two positions below.

Of course, if you are interested in a position but just haven't said anything yet, let me know. It is permissible to have multiple nominees for a position and the Assembly will then elect one of those as the officer. Nominations may be made via email (fnmta2506@gmail.com), or in person at the May meeting.

******On the following page, is the description and duties of the Officers for which we need candidates******



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DUTIES OF THE FAITHFUL SCRIBE AND FAITHFUL INNER AND OUTER SENTINELS

FAITHFUL SCRIBE

The Faithful Scribe shall take and keep a record of the minutes of all regular and special meetings in a bound book furnished for that purpose by the Assembly.

[While the rules call for a 'bound book' in recent times these are kept as electronic documents. The Scribe should have the capability of transcribing his notes into a document file via computer.]

FAITHFUL INNER & OUTER SENTINELS

The Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels shall be responsible to see that all in attendance at meetings are in possession of appropriate valid Third- and Fourth-Degree membership cards and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Faithful Pilot, including setup of the Assembly chambers in advance of the meeting.

All officers must attend an officer installation ceremony in order to serve. The 3rd Texas District Master schedules several installations in June of every year. If an officer cannot attend the installation assigned to the Assembly, he may attend one of the others held at a different date.

All officers are expected to attend most (if not all) of the monthly officer's meetings as well as the regular business meetings and social events.



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The Spring Exemplification has been rescheduled!!

The Exemplification scheduled for March 25th in Longview, TX was cancelled due to the Covid-19 issues. It has now been rescheduled for Saturday May 30th, 2020. This is the Saturday after Memorial Day.

The same facilities have been reserved for this new date. St. Anthony Catholic Church in Longview TX

If a candidate had already sent in their forms, but will not be able to attend, please advise as soon as possible. All funds and forms received are being held by the District Master and your confirmation or cancellation should be relayed to your Faithful Navigator as soon as possible.

Refunds will be issued to assemblies for any candidate that cannot make that date, this will ensure the assembly the funds were returned. All cancellations are to ONLY come through the Navigator or Comptroller to the District Master.

Arrangements have not yet been made with the hotel; so, do not call and make your reservation for that date yet. We will advise once hotel space has been secured for us.

Thanks to all for your patience and understanding during this time of uncertainties. Being at the discretion of parishes for the use of their facilities, we are ever supportive of our pastors and the safety of all members of the church.

God bless,

SK Pat Conway, District Master

The good news is, this allows additional time for some to register for the exemplification. With the May 30th date, the **last day you will be able to turn in a registration form will be at our May 19th meeting.** This is so our Comptroller and Faithful Navigator can confirm information, sign the forms, and have time to send to the District Master. Each applicant needs a Registration form, a Form 4 application, and a check for payment.

If you have one of the Tri-fold flyers or registration forms the same time schedule is in effect, just the dates have changed. If you need a flyer, registration form or Form 4, contact the Faithful Navigator and one will be sent. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

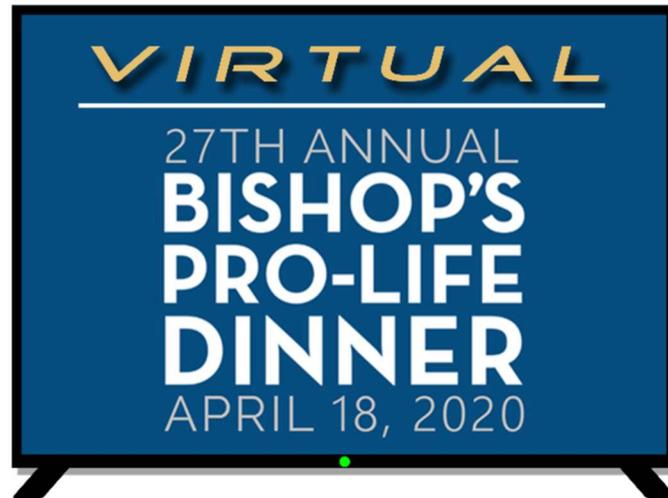


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It's New, It's Exciting, It's Critical!
The Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner is going **VIRTUAL!**

Join us for the first-ever **VIRTUAL** Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner. Although the current health conditions won't allow us to celebrate the gift of LIFE in person, canceling is simply **NOT** an option!

Our community coming together in a shared commitment to protect the GIFT of LIFE is **critical to our life-saving ministries continuing in this time of crisis...** especially since Dallas abortion facilities are STILL open.

YOU can share your commitment to LIFE with **just one click to join our virtual event on April 18!**
There is no fee to attend, but you must PRE-REGISTER HERE.