



“Let’s Roll”

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Meet your Assembly 3004 Officers

FAITHFUL FRIAR

Name: SK Mike Picard

Council: 13044 OLA

Family: Wife, Betty for 44 years
Four grown kids
Two grandkids

Where did you come from?
Originally from San Diego, California and spent seven years in Memphis, Tennessee. Have been in Plano since 1993.

Why and When did you join the Knights of Columbus?
I became a 4th degree knight in September 2005. I’m a charter member and officer of Assembly 3004, which was formed a year later..

Any other officer positions you’ve held?
I was the Faithful Scribe for ten years before becoming the Faithful Friar.

Where do you work?

I worked for the Defense Contract Audit Agency for 33 years and retired in 2012. After I retired, I served as the Director of Diaconate Formation for the Diocese of Dallas until August 2019. Betty and I were involved in deacon formation for over 12½ years.

Any ministries you currently belong to in your parish?

I was ordained a permanent deacon on June 10, 2000, initially assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano where I served six months. My wife, Betty, and I, did much of the planning and background work to form Our Lady of Angels parish. I served at Our Lady of Angels since they celebrated their first Masses on December 3, 2000 until September of 2020. I’m currently assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

I was involved with their RCIA process since its inception in 2003 teaching many sessions. RCIA director for six years. I have a passion for Scripture, liturgy, and social justice. I’m a Global Fellow with Catholic Relief Services. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Mike is involved with the RCIA process, primarily teaching sessions.



FAITHFUL SCRIBE

Name: SK Harry Loftus

Council: 13044 OLA

Family: Wife, Andrea
Daughter, Alexandra

Where did you come from?
I’m originally from Washington DC, and moved to Texas in 1993 with work.

When and why did you join the Knights of Columbus?

I converted to Catholicism before I marked my wife in 2003. I joined The Knights after my mother in law passed away. My wife’s father was a 4th degree and a convert as well. I did it to honor their memories. My brother in law, Bill Pilcher convinced me to become a 4th degree.



Meeting Address:
Our Lady of Angels
1914 Ridgeview Dr
Allen TX 75013

Meet your Assembly 3004 Officers, Continued



Where do you work, and what do you do?

I work for Bank of America/ Merrill Lynch as a Wealth Management Advisor. I am a Certified Financial Planner and I help individuals and families with retirement planning and investment management. I have worked here since 1993.

**“An awesome
9-11
Exemplification”**

Faithful Navigator’s Comments

September was an awesome month! How proud I am that we pulled off an awesome 911 exemplification. Our worthy District Master was over the moon of how well it turned out and how well represented we were - not only with the new 17 candidates, but also with the number of Sir Knights that were there in support of our new brothers. I am so proud to be a part of this assembly and I am equally honored and privileged to be your Faithful Navigator.

We have another exemplification coming up at St Martin de Porres on Oct 9th if you can make it out there to support another about 10 new brothers in joining our assembly, as we all need support. Also we are having a social coming up on Oct 16th to welcome all our new brother Sir Knights, and this will be at St Gabriel's. Start time will be about 6 after Mass.

Thanks for all you do or will do for the Knights of Columbus! Vivat Jesus!

Troy

“We held a Memorial Service for 114 Sir Knights who have gone to their great reward”

Faithful Admiral’s Comments

One down, one to go! We held the Dallas Diocese 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, November 11, at St. Gabriel's in McKinney. A perfect day to welcome over 60 new Sir Knights to our order; 15 of them have joined 3004. Between a guest speaker at the Ladies Program who was near the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001 and our Former Master Bill Elliott who is the Fire Marshall from Marshall, TX, the mood was well set for our patriotic event. FDM Bill gave an emotional story of the first fatality on 9/11, Fr, Mychal Judge, Chaplain of the NYFD. Prior to the Banquet, we held a memorial service for 114 Sir Knights that have gone to their great reward in the past year.

We must thank Faithful Navigator Troy for the excellent breakfast prepared by our own 3004 team and for helping in the set up of the facilities the night before.

We get to do it all again when we have the Ft. Worth Diocese Exemplification on October 9, at St. Martin de Porres in Prosper. Not sure at this moment how many additional Sir Knight will be added to our Provence. Following that I will be visiting all three Councils who are part of our Assembly, recruiting for the 4th Degree, and especially for the Color Corps. Vivat Jesus!

Ron

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 9 Oct 2021

8:30 am - Fall Exemplification (St Martin de Porres)

Social Event (Families)

Saturday, 16 Oct 2021

6:00 pm - Social Dinner - Welcoming new Sir Knights from the September and October Exemplifications, Annual Awards (St Gabriel's)

General Membership Mtg

Wednesday, 27 Oct 2021

7:30 pm (OLA)

Patriotic Event

Sunday, 7 Nov 2021

12:15 pm - Flag Retirement Ceremony (OLA)

Patriotic Event

Saturday, Dec 18, 2021

Wreaths Across America Sacred Heart Cemetery Rowlett TX



Recent Events

Dallas Exemplification

11 Sep 2021

Hosted by Assembly 3004 at St Gabriel's in McKinney. We welcomed 15 new Sir Knights to our Assembly and over 60 to the 4th Degree. Additionally, there was a solemn memorial for all Sir Knights who had passed away during the last year. In an effort to get back to normal, there was a Ladies' Program concurrent with the Exemplification, followed by a banquet.



Saint of the Month - St Francis of Assisi

- St. Francis of Assisi's name at birth was Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone. He was the son of a merchant of Assisi, was born in that city in 1182. Chosen by God to be a living manifestation to the world of Christ's poor and suffering life on earth, he was early inspired with a high esteem and burning love of poverty and humiliation.

- The thought of the Man of Sorrows, Who had not where to lay His head, filled him with holy envy of the poor, and constrained him to renounce the wealth and worldly station which he abhorred. The scorn and hard usage which he met with from his father and townsmen when he appeared among them in the garb of poverty were delightful to him. "Now," he exclaimed, "I can say truly, 'Our Father Who art in heaven.'" But divine love burned in him too mightily not to kindle like desires in other hearts.

- Many joined themselves to him, and were constituted by Pope Innocent III. into a religious Order, which spread rapidly throughout Christendom. St. Francis, after visiting the East in the vain quest of martyrdom, spent his life like his Divine Master — now in preaching to the multitudes, now amid desert solitudes in fasting and contemplation.

- During one of these retreats he received on his hands, feet, and side the print of the five bleeding wounds of Jesus. With the cry, "Welcome, sister Death," he passed to the glory of his God October 4, 1226.

- The feast day for St. Francis, the patron of ecologists and merchants (among others), is October 4.



Did You Know?

NEW 3rd TEXAS DISTRICT 4th Degree WEBSITE:

<http://kofcntxpatriotic.org/>

PURPOSE OF THE 4TH DEGREE COLOR CORPS

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in this manual. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corps is the visible arm of the 4th Degree.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

- Charity - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;
- Unity – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- Fraternity – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- Patriotism – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. By these public demonstrations, their loyalty and patriotism bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. Please consider joining this dedicated group on Sir Knights!

