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Charting the Waters

Sir Knights:

Happy New Fraternal Year (almost)! The elections are over and we are preparing for our Installation and Dinner on June 23.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for your trust and confidence in allowing me to help guide Assembly 2266 for another year. I want to congratulate and welcome our new Officers to the Assembly. Mostly familiar faces but some have changed hats. SK David Duff is our new Pilot, SK Bob Wilson has moved up into the position of 3 Year Trustee, and SK Jack Ayers will be our newest Sentinel. I also want to say thank the retiring officers for their long history of dedicated service. SK Bill Fox, departing his Trustee position, is finally going to be able to sit in the 'cheap seats' and relax while enjoying our activities. And SK Bob Weaver is turning over his well-executed Pilot duties to SK David Duff. A standing ovation to all of these worthy men we call Sir Knights will be called for at the Installation Dinner.



The notice has gone out with the details for that event, being shared with Fr. McGivney Assembly #3004. If you haven't sent in your reservations, please do so right away. We will enjoy another great dinner catered by Carrabba's. 3004's FN Richard McCaffery has joined his promise to mine to keep speeches and awards short.

Our Garage Sale Wizard, SK Keith Rock has submitted an article with photos on that sale to the Columbia and they have agreed to include it in the online edition of Knights in Action on July 1, 2014. It will be archived after one month's posting and will be published in the print edition which could be several months in the future. Mark your calendars to watch for that posting. Thanks, SK Keith for making us famous.

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Charting the Waters (Cont'd)

Now for a very exciting opportunity that fits perfectly into our Principle of Patriotism. On January 2nd, SK Pete Maurer, SK/DGK John Vasquez of Council 6065 joined me to meet with Bryan Delgado, Supervisor of ESPN Events. This was a follow up to an email introduction made by SK Fred Kuglin. Fred had made a cold call to ESPN to identify possible interaction for the November Bingo at Council 6065 and that led to a willingness on the behalf of ESPN Events to work with the Knights of Columbus concerning the Armed Forces Bowl and the Heart of Dallas Bowl. Bryan wants to work closely with us in promoting awareness of the two local bowl games.

We will be having additional discussions within Council #6065 and my goal is to expand participation to include Assembly #2266, and to reach out to all the Assemblies to maximize the opportunity. ESPN Events would like to move forward with a formal agreement. A copy of such will be obtained and sent to the State Advocate for review.

Sounds like a lot of work, a lot of fun, and a ton of exposure for the Knights and all we do in the patriotic arena. I hope you will all join me enthusiastically in developing this exciting project. It will take many hands.

Vivat Jesu'

Your Faithful Navigator

Ron Schoof

Committee of 1,000

By Mike Greene

The Committee of 1000 is a program which funds incidental expenses for seminarians in the Diocese of Dallas. All funds collected are given to the Director of Vocations for the Dallas Diocese, Fr John Szatkowski for distribution to seminarians in need. This is an important program, as these seminarians do not have a "full boat" college scholarship with all the trimmings nor do all of them have family resources to help them in their needs. Recently Council 13520 collected money to help one of the seminarians buy a winter coat. Yes, seminarians get cold too.

These pins show YOUR support for our seminarians, especially those who the Assembly supports through the RSVP Program. The pins are \$10 each. Show you care. Support vocations, your future depends upon it. If your Council does not have any pins, see our Faithful Trustee Mike Greene who always has some pins.

COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT

First of all, I'd like to especially thank those Color Corps (CC) members who were able to participate in the Ordination Mass at the Cathedral on such short notice. You were part of a group of 31 that responded with a 3-day notice. And then you provided a great turnout for Fr. Martin Mwangi's first Mass the next day at All Saints. Well done!



On June 9, we had CC turnout for the Memorial Mass for SK William (Bill) Bell at Prince of Peace Church. We may not realize how important our presence is at these services, but I spoke to SK Bell's wife Melissa after the Mass, and she broke into tears expressing her gratitude for the Color Corps being there. Again, thank you to those who participated.

The events currently scheduled for the remainder of June are as follows:

June 14, Council 7850's Corporate Communion at the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It will be followed by their Officer Installation.

June 21, Council 12021's Corporate Communion at the 5:30 PM Mass at St. Paul. It will be followed by their Officer Installation and Dinner.

June 28, Council 13520's Corporate Communion at the 5:00 PM Mass at All Saints. It will be followed by their Officer Installation and Dinner.

June 29, Council 11716's Corporate Communion at the 5:00 PM Mass at Prince of Peace. It will be followed by their Officer Installation and Dinner.

We have also been requested to participate in the **Plano Independence Day Parade on the 4th of July**. More info will follow.

The Color Corps will not participate in the officer installations, because of the new installation format, **except** for the one at St. Paul's on June 21. Council 12021 plans to use the old installation format, because they will be holding it in the Church.

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COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT (Cont'd)

The invitation to join the Color Corps is open to **all** of our Assembly members. If you'd like to give the Color Corps a try before making a commitment, please contact one of us listed below. We can get you involved *without* a formal practice, and we have some "loaner regalia," so you can give it a try before becoming a full-fledged member. Call or send me an e-mail to billptacek@hotmail.com, or contact Jim or Paul at the numbers listed below. Please consider joining this **highly visible arm of the Knights of Columbus**. I think you would find it enjoyable, and the camaraderie is great!

On behalf of my Deputy Color Corps Commanders (DCCCs) listed below, please know that it's our pleasure and honor to serve you. We look forward to having **you** on the Color Corps Team.

Fraternally,

Bill Ptacek
CCC
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Jim Massey
DCCC
972-235-6158

Paul Krusac
DCCC
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They are never too far away

By FN Ron Schoof

I was missing a number of Color Corps events at home while visiting our son and his family at Schofield Barracks on Oahu. Patrick is a Major in the Army there and their parish is Holy Family. We all went to a beautiful Mass, at which the Vicar General of the Diocese of Honolulu confirmed 25 young people, accompanied by a Samoan choir. A wonderful ceremony, highlighted by the presence of the Color Corps, so I felt at home. Some interesting facts (at least to us) are there are 66 parishes in the Diocese which covers all the Hawaiian Islands. There are three Assemblies on Oahu and they divide the area into east, west, and central. This group here is from the central region and have 89 members. You will note there are no swords. The current Bishop doesn't like them. I had to stop and say hello and I was welcomed like a long-lost brother.

With summer upon us, I would like to see some articles from any of you Sir Knights that are traveling and who may come across any K of C activities. Or even any unique Church visits. Include pictures and we'll get them in the Discoverer.



Ukraine

By SK Chuck Neubecker

Many fellow knights have asked me about Ukraine and the situation there. First a little background for the new knights that are not familiar with our Council's longtime support of organizations there. Since 2001 the Council 6065 has supported a seminarian in formation at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv, Ukraine. A total of four seminarians have been helped, one at a time. Since 2003 the Council 6065 has also supported the Miles Jesu congregation, which operates a boys orphanage and a girls orphanage in Ukraine. Currently there are 26 boys and 15 girls.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church (UGCC) was an illegal organization while Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union. In 1991, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church came out of the underground and has since flourished – about 4 million Eastern rite Catholics and 1 million Latin rite Catholics.

Starting in November 2013, large demonstrations occurred in Kiev, Ukraine, protesting the corruption in the government and then President Yanukovich rejecting closer cooperation with the European Union, instead choosing closer ties with Russia. It should be noted that historically Russia has been a very unfriendly neighbor, at times evil, to those parts of Ukraine, which it occupied (West Ukraine usually belonged to Austria-Hungary or Poland and had much better experience with them).

There is much disinformation in the media about Ukraine. Much is made of Russian language speakers. Until Ukrainian independence in 1991 students were taught Russian in school and Ukrainian language was forbidden. Therefore it is only natural for older Ukrainians to speak Russian. It does not indicate a preference for the country or government of Russia (e.g., the founders of the American Republic spoke English, but were not pro-English government).

With regard to religion, Ukrainian Catholics and Ukrainian Orthodox were very unhappy with the previous Ukrainian government. They supported the overthrow of that government. Catholic and Orthodox Masses were celebrated in Kiev's Independence Square until the government thugs destroyed the Worship tent. Priests from Holy Spirit seminary and Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) took part. Tragically one UCU lecturer, Bohdan Solchanyk, was killed there.

What does the future hold? The election of the new President Porochenko on May 25th appears to be a good sign. As far as I know, he is not been involved with corruption. He built a chocolate company from scratch, named Roshen. I have sampled his company's products and they have passed the taste test. I think that Putin may have miscalculated. His takeover of Crimea and his threats on East Ukraine, directly via troops on the border and indirectly via soldiers without insignia, many actually Russians, taking over government buildings there have actually driven many Ukrainians closer together.

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Ukraine (Cont'd)

The organizations and people that we support are in western Ukraine and not in immediate danger since they are far from the terrorists' actions. Of course, if Russia mounts a major invasion of Ukraine, all Ukrainians will be at risk.

I would like to quote Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Archbishop of Kiev, "We in Ukraine wish to be good neighbors of Russia. We are not your enemies and we have no aggressive intentions. St. John Paul II will protect us and protect the world from new iron curtains and new Berlin walls."

The following photographs are of some students and some of the orphans so you can put faces to the people that we have helped. Please pray for the people that we support there. Thank you.



SK Chuck Neubecker with seminarian
Ihor Rantsia



SK Chuck Neubecker with seminarian
Taras Babiy



SK Chuck Neubecker with children
from Boys Orphanage



SK Chuck Neubecker with children from
Girls Orphanage

FRATERNAL YEAR 2013-2014 ACTIVITY REPORT

June 13, 2014

Worthy District Secretary, I am pleased to report that the Christopher Columbus Assembly 2266 continues to enjoy a blessed and successful year. We have 222 members, having added fourteen (14) new Sir Knights this year, and welcoming three (3) transferees. We lost two Sir Knights, Donald J. Balvin in January, a much beloved Knight since 1973, active until very close to his joining his Lord. Don was one of only four Knights from Council 6065 since 1968 who received the Cardinal Mederios award. We also lost Sir Knight Lavern "Tex" Blackwell, on April 9, who had been residing in New York in recent years.

Our Slate of Officers for the 2014-2015 Fraternal Year is set and most of the current officers are returning, with three changes. We will present the Slate at our April 28 Business Meeting this coming Monday and elections will be at our May 19th Business Meeting, which is a week early due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The Installation of Officers will be held jointly with the Michael J. McGivney Assembly #3004 on Monday, June 23rd, 7:30 PM, at McGivney Hall, St. Mark's Parish Center in Plano.

As of April 20, 2014, Assembly 2266 had **32 scheduled** Color Corps events with an average turnout of eight (8) members. This includes participating in the annual Veteran's Day parade at St. Paul's in Richardson.

Additionally, the Color Corps participated in **34 turnouts** that included special events, rosary vigils, and funeral Masses. Many of these turnouts were to support District events, and various assistance requests from the Fr. Abram J. Ryan (1087), Notre Dame (2144), Mother Teresa (2506), and Fr. Michael J. McGivney (3004) Assemblies. We have mutual agreements with the above mentioned Assemblies to provide assistance to each other, upon request, based on schedule availability.

This morning, a part of our Color Corps presented the flags at the Opening of the North Texas Catholic Men's Conference at Prince of Peace in Plano, while another part participated in the Major Degree Mass at All Saints School in Dallas. And we are humbled and honored to be participating in the Canonization of Pope John Paul II Celebration Mass at John Paul II High School in Plano with Bishop Deshotel Monday morning.

Assembly 2266 is singularly blessed to have as our Color Corps Commander, Deputy District Marshall Bill Ptacek, an outstanding leader and an inspiration to us all.

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FRATERNAL YEAR 2013-2014 ACTIVITY REPORT (Cont'd)

Our activities for the year have included a very successful annual Garage Sale that concluded on March 22, which raised \$5300 for our various charitable endeavors. We thank the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish and Council #7850 for making this event possible. We also make a quarterly visit to Fisher House in South Dallas, preparing lunch for the families of patients at the VA Hospital there.

We were pleased to have made a contribution to the Military Chaplains Support Program and pray that the Supreme Knight's goal of \$1,000,000 is achieved well ahead of the five year plan. We donated \$1,000 to the USO at DFW Airport as we do each year, and we participated in the annual BBQ at the VA hospital in Bonham.

Each year we hold a Steak Night for the Assembly members and their wives. This year it was held at Prince of Peace on Saturday, April 12, and as always provided a pleasant opportunity for a relaxed evening of camaraderie, good food and drinks.

Our Christmas party every December affords the same opportunity and we were privileged to have two of our RSVP supported seminarians join us. Over the last several years we have supported two from Redemptoris Mater, and this year we were able and happy to add a third young man to the program.

Other activities included the Fall Ball in October, and we have shared the hosting of the Hospitality Suite at the September 4th Degree Exemplification with three of our neighboring Assemblies, and will do so this coming year, too.

It is a true privilege and blessing being a Knight.

Vivat Jesu'

Fraternally,

Ron Schoof, PGK
Faithful Navigator

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event	Location	Time	Contact
June					
23	Mon	Installation of Officers	St Mark's	TBD	TBA
July					
12	Sat	Budget/Schedule Planning Meeting	St Mark's	9:00 AM	Ron Schoof
28	Mon	Assembly Meeting	St Mark's	7:30 PM	Ron Schoof
31	Thurs.	Lunch for Fisher House	Dls VA Hosp	10:00 AM	Ed Munno
August					
25	Mon	Assembly Meeting	St Mark's	7:30 PM	Ron Schoof
September					
22	Mon	Assembly Meeting	St Mark's	7:30 PM	Ron Schoof
26, 27, 28	Sat	4th Degree Exemplification	Sheraton		TBA
October					
4	Sat	VA BBQ Picnic	Bonham	10:00 AM	C Neubecker
27	Mon	Assembly Meeting	St Mark's	7:30	Ron Schoof
30	Thurs.	Lunch for Veterans at Fisher House	Dls VA Hosp	10:00	Ed Munno

Good of the Order

For our troops, especially those in harm's way
 For an end to abortions
 For vocations to the Priesthood and religious life
 For all who are unemployed or underemployed
 For the U.S. Bishops in their fight against HHS
 For all Veterans in VA Hospitals
 For return to good health for SK Bill Ptacek's sisters Jackie Brightwell and Sr. Carol Ann Ptacek
 For return to good health for Jimmy Sammons, son of SK Jim Sammons, and the Sammons family
 For George Schneider who is suffering with Parkinson, brother of SK Al Schneider
 For Carolyn Waggoner who is suffering with Parkinson, sister-in-law of SK Mike Greene
 For Eric Weaver, son of SK Bob Weaver, who has leukemia
 For Anne Grant, wife of SK Bernie Grant
 For return to good health for Robert Ahr, son of SK Payton Ahr
 For Frances Dougherty, mother-in law of SK Paul Krusac
 For the return to good health of Angela Chapman, wife of SK John Chapman
 For the return to good health of Sue Munno, wife of SK Ed Munno
 For Louise Dougherty, sister-in-law of SK Paul Krusac who suffered a stroke
 For return to good health for SK Dick Sisler
 For return to good health for SK Ralph Burbey
 For return to good health for Amanda Loveland, the daughter of SK John Doyle, from cervical cancer.
 For the repose of the soul of Mary Jayne Ringham and for comfort for her husband, SK Lee Ringham and the Ringham and Keller family
 For the repose of the soul of SK Lavern "Tex" E Blackwell, who died on 9 April 2014 and for comfort for the family

 For the repose of the soul of Lynda Picard Lynch, daughter of SK Joe Picard and for comfort for the family

 For return to good health for SK Al Barbosa FM who has some health issues and is now in a rehab center

 For the repose of the soul of Claudine Barber, mother in law of SK Al Steindorf, and for comfort for the family

 For return to good health for SK Pat Haney who has throat cancer and is under going treatment
 For the repose of the soul of Oliver LeBlanc, father-in-law of SK John Roberts and for comfort for the family

 For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth (Betty) Roberts, mother of SK John Roberts and for comfort for the family