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Charting the Waters

Sir Knights,

It won't be long until the new Bishop for the Dallas Diocese, Edward J. Burns, is installed as the eighth bishop for our diocese. This past Sunday he made a pastoral visit to All Saints as celebrant for the 11:00 AM mass. The parish then had a reception in his honor and we got the chance to meet and talk with our new Bishop. However, before going to the reception Bishop Burns and his host Father Anthony Lackland stopped by the tamale sale tent being manned by members of the Lumen Christi Council # 13520 who also just happened to be members of the Christopher Columbus Assembly. Curtis James, Fred Kellner, Ron Schott, Stan Schwieterman, Stan Tax, Bob Weaver and myself had an opportunity to meet and talk with Bishop Burns before Father Tony whisked him off to the Fellowship Hall. We will definitely have a very special man as shepherd of the Dallas Diocese.

Speaking of tamale sales, we will be selling at St. Mark's after all masses the weekends of February 18 – 19, 2017 and February 25 – 26, 2017. Selling tamales has become our new fund raiser replacing the Garage Sale formerly done at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We sold out both weekends in November when we first ventured into the business of selling tamales. We had a very limited number of Sir Knights that were involved in selling the 590 dozen tamales that we had purchased from Padrino Foods, LLC. If you have some time that you could give to help the assembly raise the funds we need to continue our charitable works, please contact SK Ron Schoof at ronschoof@aol.com or (214) 616-3163 to volunteer your services. It isn't nearly as labor intensive as the Garage Sale and has been more profitable. Your consideration of my plea is very much appreciated.



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Also, we are starting to think about the officers that will lead the assembly for the 2017 – 2018 fraternal year. The nominating committee is the current trustees of the assembly SK David Duff, SK Paul Krusac and SK Bob Wise with SK Paul serving as the committee chairman. If you would like to serve your brother Sir Knights by being an officer please contact one of our trustees to make known your intention to serve. If you would like to find out more about the offices and their duties, feel free to contact me at jack.ayers@sbcglobal.net or (972) 733-0360.

Vivat Jesu,

Jack

Steak Knight

Steak Knight will be on Saturday March 4, 2017 at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Faith Formation Center beginning at 6:00 PM. We will be in room 130 which is around the back of the center. Please let me or SK Bob Wise know if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party and what side dish/dessert you will bring. The assembly is supplying the baked potatoes, mushrooms and cold beverages for the meal so we need a count to assist us in our procurement of those items. The grill will be lite and ready to cook whatever you want to bring. Please note that you don't have to grill a steak. Last year SK David Duff and Lady Kathy Duff decided that they preferred lobster tails. Also please bring a plate for you and your guest as well as eating utilities. This will be a great opportunity to rekindle some old acquaintances or to make some new ones.

COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT

First of all, I want to thank all the Color Corps (CC) members that turned out for SK Payton Ahr's Rosary Vigil and Funeral Mass. Although his son was n't at the funeral Mass, Payton's friends, Brother Knights and their families appreciated the strong turnout.

I appreciate all the CC members that turned out for the Color Corps practice in January, because I think we periodically need to hone our skills. I hope you found it beneficial.

Finally, I'm sorry that I couldn't invite the whole Color Corps to the various Diocesan events during the last two months. I was limited to **16** CC members for the Roe Memorial Mass and the Installation Mass for Bishop Burns, and only **10** CC members for Solemn Vespers the evening before the Installation Mass. As the District Marshal for the Diocese, I have to give all **13** assemblies in the Diocese a chance to participate. Additionally, I had never been to Solemn Vespers before, so it was a learning experience for me. I'm sure the CC can do a better job, if we get another opportunity, now that I know what happens.

With all that being said, we have no additional Color Corps events for the month of February at the present time, so now is a good time to make sure that your CC regalia are in good shape. I know I have some work to do.

The following are the scheduled Color Corps events for March:

- March 4, Lumen Christi Council 13520's Corporate Communion at All Saints at the 5:00 PM Mass.
- March 18, 1st Annual Celebration of Families at the Cathedral at the 5:30 PM Mass. This is sponsored by the Dallas Diocese Chapter and is open to all families.

Please remind your Grand Knights to get any additional Color Corps requests in as soon as possible. ***First come, first served***, but we'll try to accommodate all requests.

I would still like to see a better turnout by our current Color Corps members. If you have regalia, we need your help, and I'd appreciate your support even if the event is outside your home Parish. The regulars aren't always available to carry the load. You (or someone) spent a lot of money to buy regalia, so why not put it to good use.

I want to emphasize that 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 have some "loaner regalia." Please consider joining this **highly visible arm of the Knights of Columbus**. I think you would find it enjoyable, and the camaraderie is great! Additionally, we need some **"younger blood"** in the Color Corps, since some of the older gents no longer have the stamina for the longer events.



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

Fraternally,

Bill Ptacek
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Jim Massey
DCCC
972-235-6158

Paul Krusac
DCCC
972-516-0659

Tamales Sales

As the Assembly's only fund raising event, we are again selling tamales at St Mark's after the masses on Saturday evening and all Sunday masses. Tamales Sales will be on Feb 18 & 19 and Feb 25 & 26. Schedules with the times volunteers are needed have been sent to you previously. Please help us make this a big success by signing up for a shift or two on these weekends

Fisher House Luncheon

On January 26th, the Christopher Columbus Assembly to provide a meal for the service men and women as well as their families staying at the Dallas VA Hospital - Fisher House. This quarterly lunch gives our assembly an opportunity to say "Thank You" to the residents and staff. We provided lasagna, green salad, fruit salad and then added desserts and beverages for a well-rounded meal. Many nice comments and thanks were provided by the residents who noted that this is a wonderful change from the usual fast food that they live on while at the hospital.

The luncheon was staffed by Mike and Terri Reisinger, Shirley and Jim Sammons, Jack Ayers and Bob Wise.

Our next luncheon at the Dallas VA Fisher House will be on Thursday April 27, 2017. If you have never been to the Fisher House in Dallas, please plan to be part of the team on this date. Please contact Bob Wise for details concerning this lunch. If a Sir Knight would like to take the lead on this lunch or one of the following lunches, please contact Bob Wise and he will get things set up for you.



Bishop Burns Installation

The evening started with three knocks on the door of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe by Dallas Diocese Bishop designate Edward J. Burns. Apostolic Administrator of the Dallas Diocese, SK Bishop J. Gregory Kelly answered and bid him enter. Bishop Kelly presented a cross to Bishop Burns who then kissed the cross. The Bishop designate was then sprinkled with holy water and he sprinkled those around him which included the back row of the cathedral as a reminder of our unity in faith. It just so happened the Dallas Diocese Marshall SK Bill Ptacek, Third Texas District Master SK Pat Conway and Christopher Columbus Assembly Faithful Navigator SK Jack Ayers got an early evening bath. The Color Corps had escorted Bishop Kelly from the sanctuary to the rear of the church before going to our seats in the last row. With this symbolic gesture a very special evening of prayer would begin for those attending the Rite of Reception into the Cathedral and Celebration of Solemn Vespers. Five members of the Christopher Columbus Assembly were part of the nine member Honor Guard for the ceremony. Those members in addition to SK Bill Ptacek and SK Jack Ayers, previously noted, were SK Jim Massey, SK Jim Sammons and SK Bob Wilson.

Bishop Burns did a reflection after the reading from James chapter 1 verse 22 and 25. We were about to get a little peak at who our new Bishop is. He talked about coming from Juneau, Alaska to Dallas and explaining the difference between the two places. He told us about a visit that he made to St. Therese parish in Skagway, Alaska. The parish has about 20 families and shares a priest, Father Perry Kenaston, with Sacred Heart parish in Haines, Alaska. The highway system that we are used to here in the D/FW metroplex doesn't exist in Skagway. In fact Father Kenaston flies or ferries between the parishes each week. When Bishop Burns visited he also had to fly in from Juneau. Skagway is a tourist stop and it just so happened that a lady from Australia was at the parish taking some pictures. Father Kenaston had to fly to Haines to say mass so Bishop Burns was handling everything at St Therese. In fact, he was mowing the grass when the lady came to take some pictures. He noted that he was doing that because it was one of the 60 days a year when Skagway doesn't get rain. The lady inquired about who he was and he introduced himself as the Bishop of Juneau she was a little perplexed that he was mowing the grass. He asked her "don't the Bishop's in Australia mow the grass at the various parishes that they visit". Evening prayer continued and after the blessing and dismissal the Color Corps escorted both Bishops out of the cathedral.

The Solemn Pontifical Mass with the Installation of His Excellency Bishop Edward J. Burns as the eighth Bishop of the Dallas Diocese took place on Thursday February 9, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The entrance into the church was scheduled to start promptly at 1:45 AM to allow those that were part of the entrance procession to be at their seats by the 2:00 PM start of the ceremony. Unfortunately, it seemed that things were running as we like to say on "Knight's time". The procession started about 10 minutes late and lasted for about 15 minutes. Sixteen members of the Color Corps lined the center aisle and provided the Honor Guard for the clergy and seminarians included in the entrance procession. Three of the members of the Color Corps were from our assembly.

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We also had two members from the Fort Worth Diocese join us for this very special celebration. Included in the procession were Cardinals Daniel DiNardo, Kevin Farrell and Donald Wuerl. Cardinal Wuerl is the Archbishop of Washington but had been the Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese when Bishop Burns was ordained to the episcopacy and has been a friend and mentor to Bishop Burns. San Antonio Metropolitan Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller was the Presider for the ceremony as Dallas is part of the San Antonio Province. Immediately following the greeting the Rite of Canonical Possession began with the reading of the Apostolic Mandate from the Holy Father that was the formal appointment of Bishop Edward J. Burns to head the Diocese of Dallas. The Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Louis Yves Georges Pierre, read the document before presenting it to Bishop Burns who then took the document to the Cardinals, his fellow Bishops, the clergy of the Diocese of Dallas as part of the Inspection of the Apostolic Mandate. Bishop Burns then showed the document to the congregation that included his mother. He made a special effort to take the document into the Grand Salon where many of the overflow crowd were seated and watching the ceremony on television. This gesture by our new Bishop was not lost by the crowd in the church as he received a thunderous ovation when he returned to the church. He then accepted the Apostolic Mandate and was seated in the cathedra, Bishop's chair, for the first time as the eighth Bishop of the Dallas Diocese. He was then greeted by Diocesan Representatives and members of the Dallas interfaith community. Mass then continued as usual except that communion was distributed by many of the Bishops in attendance.

Bishop Burns is a Third Degree Knight so we have the same challenge we had with Cardinal Farrell. We need to get Bishop Burns into the Fourth Degree. Unfortunately, Cardinal Farrell is still a Third Degree Knight so we will have to figure a way to get him into the Fourth Degree. Please pray for Cardinal Farrell that the Holy Spirit will guide him in his new role and will guide our new shepherd as he heads a much larger diocese than he came from. During his homily Bishop Burns remarked that one third of the total presbyterate, three priests, of the Diocese of Juneau were in Dallas for his ordination. He will have more than a million souls under his care in our diocese so please pray for Bishop Edward J. Burns.

SK Payton Ahr Obituary



In Memory of **PAYTON A AHR**

October 27, 1934 - January 19, 2017

Payton Anthony Ahr, 83, of Richardson, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 19, 2017. He was born on October 27, 1934, in San Antonio, Texas, to the late Alfred and Minnie (Beddinger) Ahr. Payton proudly served our country in the United States Army for 10 years. He was a longtime member of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Plano. Payton was a past Grand Knight of Santa Maria Council 6065 and a proud member of the Christopher Columbus 4th Degree, Assembly 2266. Payton and Judy were members of the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) group at St. Mark's and had the pleasure of sponsoring Julie Loughborough into the Catholic faith in 2009. Payton is a past President of the Dallas Diocesan Council. Payton was also the Treasurer for Boardwalk Volkswagen for many years before he retired and received awards for his service there.

In addition to his parents, Payton was preceded in death by his loving wife, Judith (McNerney) Ahr in 2016. He is survived by his son, Robert Joseph Ahr of Austin; and grandchildren, Chelsa Lynn Sipes, Jonathan Ahr, and David Ahr.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 5-7pm, with a Christian Vigil and Prayer Service at 5:30pm and Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30, in Ted Dickey West Funeral Home, 8011 Frankford Rd., Dallas, TX 75252. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 10:30am in St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1201 Alma Drive, Plano, TX 75075. Entombment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, San Antonio, TX. Memorial donations may be made to **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** (www.stjude.org or 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105).

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event	Location	Time	Contact
February					
11	Sat	Tamales Presales Meeting	St Marks	10:00 AM	Jack Ayers
18	Sat	Tamales Sale	St Marks	5:00 PM	Bob, Jack & Ron
19	Sun	Tamales Sale	St Marks	8:00 AM	Bob, Jack & Ron
22	Mon	Assembly Meeting	St Mark's	7:30 PM	Jack Ayers
25	Sat	Tamales Sale	St Marks	5:00 PM	Bob, Jack & Ron
26	Sun	Tamales Sale	St Marks	8:00 AM	Bob, Jack & Ron
March					
4	Sat	Steak Night	SEAS	6:00 PM	Stan Tax
27	Mon	Assembly Meeting	St Mark's	7:30 PM	Jack Ayers
April					
1	Sat	Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner	Omni Hotel	6 PM to 10	Jack Ayers
24	Mon	Assembly Meeting /Officer Nominations	St Mark's	7:30 PM	Jack Ayers
27	Thurs	Lunch for Veterans at Fisher House	DIs VA Hosp	10:00 AM	Bob Wise
MAY					
22	Mon	Assembly Meeting / Elections of Officer	St Mark's	7:30 PM	Jack Ayers
June					
25	Sun	Assembly Officers Installation	St Jude's	3:00 PM	Jack Ayers
26	Mon	Annual Dinner w/ Wives and Awards	St Mark's	6:30 PM	Jack Ayers

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 Jimmy Sammons, son of SK Jim Sammons, and the Sammons family
 For George Schneider who is suffering with Parkinson's disease, brother of SK Al Schneider
 For Anne Grant, wife of SK Bernie Grant
 For the return to good health for Sr. Carol Ann Ptacek, sister of SK & CCC Bill Ptacek

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For the return to good health of SK Bernie Grant.
For the return to good health for SK John Donavon
For the repose of the soul of SK Dick Bove.
For Bennie Gipson, who is in the terminal stage of cancer and is the father of Lady Angela Chapman, wife of SK John Chapman
For the return to good health for John Hudak, cousin of SK Jack Ayers
For the return to good health of SK Paul Krusac
For return to good health for SK Gabe Abene who is fighting leukemia
For repose of the soul of SK Payton Ahr
For the repose of the soul of Frances Dougherty, mother-in-law of SK Paul Krusac.
For Brother Jacob (SK Frank Kozel) as he continues his discernment process at the Benedictine Abbey in Pecos NM
For newly ordained priest Fr Daniel Rendon from Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dallas as starts his first year as a priest
For the return to good health for SK Len Hilliard
For the return to good health for SK Dick Sisler
For the return to good health for SK Bill Fox
For the return to good health for SK Larry Sloan
For the return to good health for Claire Miller, sister of SK Paul Krusac
For the return to good health for Fr SK Loyd Morris who has a torn right rotator cuff
For SK Bob Causer as he continues his fight with low blood platelet count
For Frank Kozel Sr, father of SK Brother Jacob Kozel, who was in a car accident
For the return to good health for FDM Bill Elliott had his gall bladder remove