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2Yr Trustee

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1Yr Trustee

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Color Corps

Commander

*Bill Ptacek*

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Commanders

*Jim Massey*

*Paul Krusac*



## Charting the Waters

Sir Knights,

We just added a new Sir Knight to our assembly when SK Joseph Quinn was exemplified into the Fourth Degree at the March 11, 2017 ceremony in Carthage, TX. Joey joins his brother Patrick and Father Kevin as members of the Christopher Columbus Assembly. It is very special to see the sons follow their father in our order. We definitely can use the new blood as it helps to slightly reduce the average age of our assembly.

The tamale sale that has become our new fund raiser was very successful for our first year as we sold 1,036.5 dozen. This has supplanted the Garage Sale that used to be our primary fund raiser. My thanks to all the Sir Knights that came out to help sell our delectable goodies. We have already planned the November 2017 sale so be ready when the time comes to help with the sale. Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 8:30 PM and Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM we will be selling on the plaza. We will repeat the same times for the following weekend of November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We have also secured our dates for February of 2018.

We are in the process of coming up with a slate of officers for the 2017 – 2018 fraternal year. Please feel free to discuss your interests with the current officer. I also ask that you make known your interest to a member of the nominating committee which happens to be our three trustees David Duff, Paul Krusac and Bob Wise. You can email them through are website which is <http://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=2266> ..



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## *Charting the Waters (Cont'd)*

The Lenten season is upon us as we look forward to the Easter season which is just five short weeks away. I know that this is often a time when many of us give up something for Lent. However, I would like to suggest that instead of giving up something for Lent that we spend more time with our Lord during this season. The Lord gives us so much and this special time of year presents an excellent opportunity to get to know our Lord and Savior more deeply. Most parishes have special events going on during this time to help you get closer to the Lord. In addition, there are extra reconciliation services to help each of us be in the state of grace for Easter.

Vivat Jesu,

## *Steak Knight*

The weather for our annual Steak Knight held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was a bit threatening on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>. But we were lucky that it didn't really start to rain until after the evening had concluded. SK Stan Tax made sure that we had hot coals over which to grill our choice of meats as well as insuring that there were plenty of baked potatoes, mushrooms and cold beverages for everyone. As has been our tradition, the side dishes for the meal were provided by the attendees. We had everything and more of what one could hope for at our 2017 Steak Knight. If you went away hungry you had only yourself to blame. A total of 16 Sir Knights attended with most of them accompanied by their spouses. Bob Wise decided that Steak Knight was the perfect time for Surf and Turf as he added a lobster tail to his filet mignon. There was plenty of good conversation as we stood around the grill getting those steaks grilled to perfection.

Please plan to attend our next Steak Knight scheduled for Saturday March 10, 2018 starting at 6:30 PM. It will be held in McGivney Hall at the St/ Mark's Parish Center. Please note that this change of venue for our next Steak Knight. If you have never attended this is a great way to renew acquaintances or to develop new acquaintances. Mark your calendar for Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> of 2018 as Steak Knight continues at McGivney Hall.

## ***COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT***

We haven't had much Color Corps activity since my last report, but I want to thank those CC members that turned out for the Vigil and funeral Mass for SK Bob Causer at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and for the funeral Mass for SK Michael Kabaj at St. Mark. The family and friends are always most appreciative of our presence.



Currently, there is only one Color Corps events scheduled for March, so now is a good time to make sure that your CC regalia is in good shape. I had to do some work on mine.

The following are the scheduled Color Corps (CC) events for March and April:

March 18, 1st Annual Celebration of Families at the Cathedral at the 5:00 PM Mass. This is sponsored by the Dallas Diocese Chapter and is open to all families.

April 11, the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM. The Mass is on a Tuesday, and there is no limit to the number of CC members that can participate.

April 23, Council 6065's Corporate Communion at St. Mark at the 9:00 AM Mass.

April 29, State Convention Opening Mass at the Hilton Anatole Hotel at 8:00 AM.

April 29, Council 7850's Corporate Communion at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at the 5:00 PM Mass.

April 30, State Convention Memorial Mass at the Hilton Anatole Hotel at 8:00 AM.

*District Master Pat Conway would like to see a strong turnout for the State Convention Masses.*

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. This applies to the support of funeral Masses also, because our services are usually requested with very short notice. 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. **SK Craig Introligator** recently joined the Corps, and we look forward to his support as much as his schedule allows.

## ***COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT (Cont'd)***

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	Jim Massey	Paul Krusac
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### ***Tamales Sales***

Our second weekends of selling tamales was not as successful as our first weekends but we did sell 446.5 dozen over the weekends of February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> as well as February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed to have good weather although the meteorologists predicted strong storms on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed that with the threat of bad weather, Father Cliff Smith allowed us to sell inside the narthex. We also had some help from 4 of our new Sir Knights during our tamales sales. Chris Curto, Jim Fogg, Craig Introligator and Philip Muscat and helped with the sales and got to know their brother Sir Knights. They were joined by Sir Knights Jack Ayers, George Clark, Mike Greene, David Haney, Curtis James, Fred Kellner, Roger Klotz, Paul Krusac, Jim Massey, Pete Maurer, Bill Maloney, George Mount, Chuck Neubecker, Bill Osuna, Bill Ptacek, Mike Reisinger, Ron Schoof, Stan Schwieterman, Larry Sloan, Bob Weaver and Bob Wilson in manning our sales area.

We also had Leo Murphy from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton come over to help us with our sale even though he isn't a Fourth Degree Knight. Note to self, we need to get Leo into our assembly. I need to tell you that we had only purchased 380 dozen tamales from Padrino Foods. It wasn't a miracle that allowed us to sell 66.5 dozen more tamales than we had purchased but that our assembly was allowed to raid the inventory of the Lumen Christi Council. It sure helped that the Grand Knight of the council is our Past Faithful Navigator Mike Greene. We also were lucky to have the services of Marylou Hernandez who acted as a translator for us after the Spanish masses since most of us know and speak very little Spanish.

For our pre-Thanksgiving and pre-Lenten tamale sales we sold 1,036.5 dozen. Although I don't have all the final numbers, I can tell you that we did better than we normally had done with the garage sales. I think that we have found a new fund raiser for the assembly that provides more funds to us with less work. In addition, we have purchased two Apple iPad min 2 tablets, 3 chip/credit card readers for future use at our sales. We are also looking to purchase the other items that would make us self-sufficient for the tamale sales. The Lumen Christi Council 13520 at All Saints and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 7850 graciously allowed us to borrow items needed for the sale from them. Now that we have replenished our treasury we can purchase the items needed. My thanks to Ron Schoof and Bob Wilson for co-chairing the event with me. With Ron knowing all the St. Mark's parish logistics we were able to do what we need to be successful and Bob Wilson and myself provided our experience from heading up the tamale sales at our own councils. We can always use more help so plan on joining us for 2017 – 2018 fraternal year sales.

## *New Assembly Members*

At our last Assembly meeting on Feb 27th, new member certificates were presented to SK Jim Fogg , SK David Smith and SK Chris Curto who were at the Fall 2016 Exemplification at St Anthony in Wylie.



On Saturday March 11, 2017, fifty-six new Sir Knights were taken into the Fourth Degree in an exemplification ceremony at St. William of Vercelli in Carthage, Texas. Among those exemplified was Joseph Quinn son of Sir Knight Kevin Quinn, PFN. Joseph's brother Patrick was recently exemplified into the order at the October 29<sup>th</sup> ceremony at St. Anthony's in Wylie. Present from our assembly to welcome Joseph into the Christopher Columbus Assembly were Sir Knights Jack Ayers, Bill Ptacek, Jim Sammons and Ron Schoof. Word has it that Joey is interested in becoming part of the Color Corps as well.

## *Upcoming Events*

Date	Day	Event	Location	Time	Contact
<b>April</b>					
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	Dls VA Hosp	10:00 AM	Bob Wise
<b>MAY</b>					
22	Mon	Assembly Meeting / Elections of Officer	St Mark's	7:30 PM	Jack Ayers
<b>June</b>					
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  
 For the repose of the soul of Lady Colleen Baillargeon, wife of SK Bob Baillargeon  
 For the repose of the soul of SK Michael Kabaj, a member of our Assembly  
 For the repose of the soul of Virgie LeBlanc, mother of Lady Maureen Morel and mother-in-law of SK Steve Morel  
 For the repose of the soul of Scott Persia, who is a brother-in-law of SK Paul Krusac's son  
 For SK Alfred Snow Jr who is in a Houston Rehab Hospital with several medical issues

## *Good of the Order (Cont'd)*

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 the repose of the soul of SK Bob Causer and comfort for his family