



**Mother Teresa  
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# The Patriot



## ***Mother Teresa Assembly 2506***

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January was a busy month for our Color Corps (see page 8). My thanks to ALL who go the extra mile in representing the Assembly and the K of C at these important events.

The spring Exemplification is coming soon, in March (p. 10). We require three more new members to earn the right to apply for the “Star Assembly Award.” I am very pleased with the efforts that we have made resulting in the addition of sixteen new Sir knights, so far, in this fraternal year. You should be proud of what YOU have accomplished on behalf of the MTA.

Our “Ladies Appreciation Dinner” is the next major social event in April. Details will be published soon.

April is also the time when the new proposed slate of officers is presented to the membership. We need YOUR input, new ideas and participation to strengthen our Assembly.

Let's routinely continue to practice the principles of our order; charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. In doing so, we honor our God, our Church, our Order and our Country.

My best and God bless!

Vivat Jesus and Viva Cristo Rey!

Robert



SK Robert Font,  
Faithful Navigator



SK Chester Salacinski,  
Faithful Comptroller



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Comptroller's Report and February Thoughts

## February Thoughts:

### Report:

At this time, 73% of our members have paid their annual dues. Thanks to those who have and a reminder to those who haven't. If you haven't paid yet, please do.

The next exemplification is March 11 in Carthage, TX. We are on the verge of winning the Star Assembly Award this year if we can add 3 more new members. Beat the bushes and recruit.

Finally: When you're through changing, you're through. – Bruce Barton

Thomas Jefferson was the author of the Declaration of Independence and the 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States. He once said:

*"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only objective of good government."*

Yet today, thousands of legalized abortions destroy human life. How did we as a nation drift from the thinking of our founding fathers to that of modern society?

*"The basis of effective government is public confidence, and that confidence is endangered when ethical standards falter or appear to falter." – Sir Knight John F. Kennedy*

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Captain's corner: What is a Motion?



SK Rick Bentine, PGK  
Faithful Captain

The word “motion” is simply a name used for the procedure of getting a matter before an assembly. When a member says, “I move that we give \$50 to buy some equipment for the Church, “he has made a motion. When the motion is talked about and discussed, it is often called “the question.” Business may be presented to an assembly in two ways:

1. By a simple motion
2. By a resolution

After being presented to the assembly, both are considered in the same manner. Simple motions are usually short, and are presented without much previous preparation. As a rule, they are not written down before presentation. Wherever possible, however, written form is more satisfactory. Resolutions are often long, and usually the result of some careful thought and planning. They are always written and take some such form as the following:

***Whereas***, this community has a large group of Boy Scouts

***Whereas***, the Boy Scouts Troup have already had experience in Flag Retirement Ceremony but are now without leadership and supervision. ***Be it resolved***, that this organization take upon itself the responsibility for supplying this leadership and supervision for the coming year, and that the effective carrying out of this matter be left to the Flag Retirement Committee.

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*Admiral's table*

**Sir Knights,**

**As we begin the new year I encourage you to attend our Assembly's meetings and events throughout the fraternal year.**

**I am writing especially to our new members. During our last meeting our Faithful Navigator announced the names of our new members as he read them from their Fourth Degree certificates. Only one Sir Knight was in attendance to receive the certificate: SK Felix Ogbeide shown in the picture below. In a short conversation with SK Felix at the end of the meeting, I was impressed by his desire to get involved. Let us all catch this new Sir Knight's enthusiasm in supporting our Assembly and Color Corps.**

**Happy New Year!**

**Jorge Gonzalez**



**SK Jorge Gonzalez, PGK, PFN  
Faithful Admiral**



**FN SK Robert Font presents new SK Felix Ogbeide with his 4<sup>th</sup> degree membership certificate at the general meeting in January.**

**Photo by SK Jorge Gonzalez**

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## *Color Corps events and Commander's report*

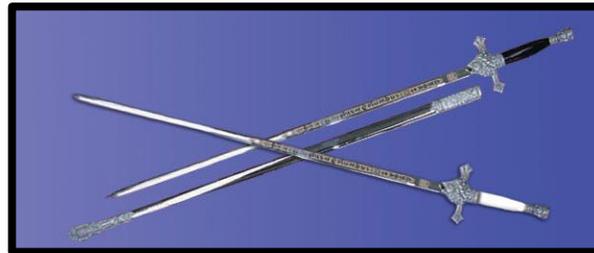


### **Color Corps Events:**

- **2/11/17 – Good Shepherd. Dedication of the new church. Event time: 9:00 A.M.**
- **3/11/17 – St. William Catholic Church, Carthage, TX. Spring Exemplification. (See p. 10).**
- **3/18/17 – St. Joseph. Council 8954 Corporate Communion. Assembly time: 4:30 P.M. Event time: 5:00 P.M.**
- **4/30/17 - Divine Mercy. Council 13158 Corporate Communion. Assembly time: 9:30 A.M. Event time: 10:00 A.M.**
- **6/10/17 - Sacred Heart. Council 10646 Officers' Installation. Assembly time: 5:00 P.M. Event time: 5:30 P.M.**



**SK Don O'Bryan. Color Corps Commander.**



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*Giving credit where credit is due: Color Corps January 2017 turnouts*



## Color Corps turnouts and MtA attendees in January included:

- **Rowe Memorial Mass; St. Monica, 13-Jan-17**
  - SK Don O'Bryan; SK Joe Picard
- **Funeral for SK Louis Casasola's Daughter; St. Anthony, 14-Jan-17**
  - SK Don O'Bryan; SK Raul Medina; SK Roger Fulton; SK Kevin McGillis; SK Jorge Gonzalez; SK George Ledbetter; SK Frank Lopez; SK Pat Conway
- **Rosary for Pepi Johnson; Charles Smith Funeral Home, 16-Jan-17**
  - SK Don O'Bryan; SK George Crossland; SK Roger Fulton; SK Robert Font; SK Bob Procsal; SK Kevin McGillis; SK Dan Dunn; SK Charlie H. Gomez; SK George Ledbetter; SK Carl Oehmann (Fr Michael J. McGivney Assembly)
- **Rosary for SK Payton Ahr, Ted Dickey West Funeral Home, 26-Jan-17**
  - SK Joe Picard, PFN, PGK, FDD and SK Robert Font, FN represented the MTA.
  - The event was led by DDM and CCC SK Bill Ptacek and was also attended by various SKs from the Christopher Columbus Assembly.



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*Other coming events and Last Rite forms*

## **Other coming events:**

- Spring exemplification (see p. 10).
- Ladies' appreciation night, April 22, 2017 at TBD, 6:30 P.M.
- Stay tuned for others!



## **Last rites forms:**

- Have you filled out your last rite forms for the Assembly? If not, please review along with your Lady and return it with your Assembly Dues. This will help your loved one's have peace of mind, and know that the Knights of Columbus are standing with them in their time of grief.

# Third Texas District 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Spring 2017 Exemplification - Reminder

- **When and where?** Saturday March 11, 2017 at St. William Catholic Church, 202 West Loop 436, Carthage, TX 75639.
- **Schedule:**
  - **Registration: 10:30 A.M.**
  - **Exemplification ceremony and Ladies' program: 12:00 noon start.**
  - **Luncheon and banquet: 3:00 P.M.**
  - **Mass at St. William Catholic Church: 5:00 P.M. (Color Corps event).**
- **Hotel location and rates:** Comfort Inn and Suites, 2235 SE Loop 436, Carthage, TX 75633. Phone: 903-693-6700. \$63.20 King; \$67.20 DBL Queen. Ask for Knights of Columbus rate.
- **Fees:**
  - **Candidates: \$70.00 (includes one banquet ticket, social baldric, lapel pin and certificate). Spouse/members/guest meal cost: \$35.00.**
- **Dress code:**
  - **Candidates and members: Black tuxedo, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black socks, black shoes, pleated tux shirt with regular collar (no wing tips) and social baldric. Members should wear full regalia if possible!**
  - **Members of the Armed forces, Police and Firefighters may wear their dress uniform.**
  - **Clergy may wear their clerical collar or cassock.**
- **Payment information:** Checks payable to the "Third Texas District." Reservation form and moneys sent to SK Stewart Hempel, PFN, District Comptroller, 815 Grinnel Dr., Richardson, TX 75081 (email: [stewart.hempel@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.hempel@gmail.com) and phone: 214-957-6310).
- **When are the reservations and payments due?** For candidates, no later than Sunday February 26, 2017. Last day for cancellation is Sunday March 5, 2017. For members, payment is due no later than February 14, 2017.



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*Happy  
Birthday!*

## Other comments and news:

- We invite you to write an article to be included in our newsletter. To do so, please contact any of our officers.
- Our Assembly has received donations of several tuxedos. Any Sir Knight or prospective Sir Knight interested in using these, please contact us.

## Happy birthday to all SKs born in February!

- Mark Whitley, Michael Cole, Patrick Duval, Richard Johnson, David Lanners, Roger Fulton, Joe Picard, Ervin Prince, Richard Wisniewski, Felipe Salazar, Anthony Marano, Richard Singleton.
- If we left you out by mistake, please let us know!



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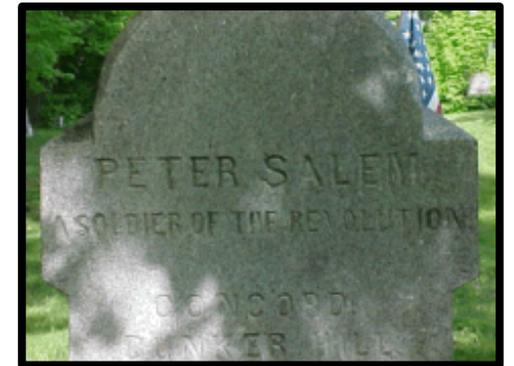
*Historical patriot of the month – Peter Salem (1750-1816)*

**Peter Salem was an African-American Soldier and patriot of the American Revolutionary War. He was born a slave in Framingham, Massachusetts, but obtained his freedom when he enlisted in the Continental Army.**

**Salem fought at the battle of Concord, Massachusetts on April 19, 1775, the opening day of the Revolutionary War. But he is best known for having fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill. During this battle, he is credited to have killed the first Englishman, Major John Pitcairn. His gun is now preserved at Bunker Hill in memory of this deed.**

**Salem served with honor in the colonial forces for five years. Afterwards, he married Katy Benson and worked as a cane weaver.**

**A monument was erected to Peter Salem in the late 19th century at his gravesite in Framingham.**





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## Parting thoughts of the month

On January 8, 1961, as a young teenager, I arrived at this great country of ours as a refugee, escaping a Communist dictatorship. Having lost all that my family ever owned, I faced an uncertain future with no material possessions. With God's help and through our country's great generosity, I worked my way into permanent residence and, eventually, into proudly achieving American Citizenship. Opportunities came my way and I ended up by earning a doctorate in the geological sciences. I have enjoyed a wonderful 45+ year career in both academia and industry.

Only in America, the land of opportunity, anybody and everybody has the chance to reach for the stars and fulfill their aspirations. The "American Dream" is very real and I am just one of many examples of this reality. Through hard work and based on our God-given talents, anything is possible in our great country.

Let us always honor God and ask for his blessings on this beautiful land of ours. Be proud of being an American and never take for granted the liberties that we have. And let's ensure that we will do all that we can to leave our children and grand children with the promise of a golden future in the one and only, United States of America!

*SK Robert Font*

