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MOTHER TERESA ASSEMBLY # 2506 (GARLAND, TEXAS)

MOTHER TERESA
St. Teresa of Calcutta

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Sir Knights,

The Spring Exemplification is coming up March 10, 2018 in Marshall, TX. If you know of any Brother Knight that wants to join our Assembly, please contact me, SK Adrian, or SK Chester immediately. Deadlines is coming up soon!

SK Pat Conway, 3rd Texas District Master and his staff, hosted the Social Event of 2017!!! The 2017 fall Exemplification for the 3rd Texas District. The Exemplification and social event was held at the October 6th-8th, 2017. Assembly 2506 was represented at the event by Chester Salacinski Comptroller, Raul Medina Deputy Color Corps Commander and Rick Bentine Faithful Navigator. We had 10, 3rd degree knights that took the final step and become SIR KNIGHTS that day.

Let's Welcome out new Sir Knights to Assemble 2506.

Rev. Jason Cargo, Sir Donald Delorenz (GK Council 8954), Sir Uzo Duruji, Sir John Hardin, Sir Oliver Itheme, Sir Michael Makara, Sir Kenneth Myres, Sir Louis Okafor, Sir Tom Palacios, Sir Bernard Ryan.



Faithful Navigator
SK Rick Bentine, PGK



FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

My Fellow Sir Knights,

This month marks a unique time in our Church's Calendar for Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 is both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday.

Although it is not a day of obligation, Ash Wednesday is one of the three most attended mass days in the Catholic Church. It not only starts off the Lenten Season but it brings forth a time of reflection and giving of oneself to others in preparation of Easter.

LOVE is the root of Charity, and as a Knight of Columbus, it is only fitting that our 1st Principle of our Oand spread Love and Charity. Go out and live the Christian mission.rder is Charity. Our own Assembly holds to our role model, St. Mother Teresa, a woman who best displayed LOVE and CHARITY in a time when many would rather ignore and/or hide. So, I say to all of you, as this year's Lenten mission, go out and continue your works of Charity and Love.

As Christ said, "This is how all will know that you are my Disciples, if you have love for one another."



Faithful Captain
SK Adrian Rodriguez,
PGK



MEETING TIMES
Our Assembly meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the upper room located at St. Josephs Catholic Church - Richardson, TX starting at 7:30 PM.
Dinner served 6:45 PM.

- ASSEMBLY COUNCILS**
- Council # 8954**
St. Josephs Catholic Church
 - Council # 12300**
St. Anthonys Catholic Church
 - Council # 9337**
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
 - Council # 6402**
Good Shepperd Catholic Church
 - Council # 10646**
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 - Council # 13158**
Divine Mercy Catholic Church



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Faithful Pilot
SK Robert “Bob” Fries

FAITHFUL PILOT’S REPORT

A few months ago, I mentioned that I had been reading a book by Peter Kreeft named “Catholics and Protestants” ‘What can we learn from each other?’ (Ignatius Press 2017) I have now finished that book and near the end the author explains how the protestant churches can be reunited with the Catholic Church. Indeed, he draws the point out to even say that the non-Christian religions could be brought into communion with the One Church. What might make this possible, considering all the attempts at ecumenism over the last 100 years? It is nothing more (and nothing less) than Catholics becoming Saints.

Honestly, while I agree with Dr. Kreeft, I cannot help but think it is an overly simple solution. After all, while we describe many of our deceased brethren as ‘Saints’ there are very few who can claim to that when living. It is something we strive for, but can rarely achieve.

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Faithful Admiral
SK Robert Font
PFN

THE ADMIRAL’S TABLE

You can be rigorous and still be smart and caring...

In the years that I worked in academia as a university professor, I encountered some challenging circumstances along the way. I remember teaching a graduate-level course in which we concentrated on using applied mathematics to the solution of geologically-related problems. A couple of the students in the class were highly competitive, constantly trying to outshine their classmates. There was another fellow in the course who was easy-going in nature but undoubtedly smart. I gave the class an exam and the laid-back student froze up and did not do well. Before assigning the final grade for the exam, I decided to try out an experiment. Knowing that the student who had a hard time with the written exam enjoyed fishing at a nearby stream, I decided to join him one afternoon and, while we fished, I tested him thoroughly on the subject matter, As I had conjectured, he did quite well in a relaxed atmosphere.

Based on this performance, I also asked him to write an extra paper on a related topic, where he again did a first-class job. When the grades were published, the competitive pair were somewhat annoyed at the grade the other fellow received from me. Although the spirited pair had earned a higher grade than the even-tempered guy, they were still upset that I had given their classmate a higher mark than they felt he deserved.

However, my job as a professor was to ensure that the students learned the material and that I brought out the best from each person under my tutelage. And to that effect, I always did as best as I could.

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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER’S REPORT

Current membership stands at 207.

The next Exemplification is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 10 in Marshall TX. Now is the time to speak to prospective members about joining the Fourth Degree. I have Form 4s, reservation forms and tri-folds on hand if necessary. All paperwork must be handed in to me not later than February 15. Cut-off to the District is February 18.

Second notices for dues have been mailed. As of this writing about 68% have paid their dues. Membership cards are mailed after payment is received. Usually the next day. Half of the Fraternal year has passed and very soon the Assembly will be looking to fill a new slate of Officers for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. Your Councils will also be doing the same. So, take a little time and consider if you have something to offer by volunteering to serve. Your Councils and, of course, your Assembly can only work if Knights are willing to step-up and give of their time and talents.

- May you be blessed with **HOPE** that lights your days.
- May you be blessed with **LOVE** at warms your heart.
- May you be blessed with **KINDNESS** that’s given and received.
- May you be blessed with **HUMOR** that lifts any sorrow
- May you be blessed with **JOY** throughout your life.
- May you be blessed with **PATIENCE** that calms you.
- May you be blessed with **LAUGHTER** that releases any tensions.
- May you be blessed with **HEALTH** to fulfill your responsibilities.
- May you be blessed with **CREATIVITY** that brings joy to others.
- May you be blessed with **BELONGING** that grounds you.
- May you be blessed with **GRATITUDE** for all that we are given.
- May you be blessed with **PEACE** that rests deep in your heart.



Faithful Comptroller



COLOR CORP COMMANDER’S REPORT

Sir Knights,

As always, you can also get to the latest color corps schedule by going to our web site at (www.MTAssembly2506.org)

Our most recent event was just held at Sacred Heart this February 10, 2018. We will continue to inform you of new events as they come up.



*Color Corp Commander
SK Don O'Bryan*





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FORMED.ORG

By: Adrian Rodriguez



My Brother Sir Knights, have you all heard of FORMED.org?

In today’s world of technology and information overload, we now have one of the best, most comprehensive online resources of Catholic Evangelical and Catechetical material right at our fingertips. FORMED.org has been referred to as a treasure chest full of the best Catholic content in the world, and it is constantly expanding. The best part is that for most parishioners at various Catholic Churches across the country, access to this content is FREE!

For example, Catholic Authors, Speakers, Series, Movies, eBooks, DVDs, CDs, etc. - all of it available to you 24x7 from the comfort of your own home or on any mobile device you carry with you. Check with your local parish to see if you have access to FORMED.org.

This year, FORMED.org is continuing their Lenten series, properly titled, “Lenten Reflections - Experience the Catholic Faith in a Whole New Way. When you register online, you will be able to watch, read, and reflect for 10 minutes each day during the Lenten season. As stated on the website, you will have the following sent directly to your Inbox:

- A beautiful video reflection from Ahava Productions’ ECHO series, featuring Bishop Hying
- An inspiring passage from the Catechism
- A reflection on how God’s truth applies to your daily life





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VOCATIONS MONSTRANCE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

By: Adrian Rodriguez



VOCATIONS ADORATION WITH THE VOCATIONS MONSTRANCE

March 14, 2018
St. Joseph Catholic Church

April 4 - 6, 2018
All Saints Catholic Church / UTD

April 15 - 17
St. Monica Catholic Church

NOTE: If you would like your parish to host the Monstrance, please email Ms. Brandee Nelson, VAP Committee, at bnelson1974@msn.com

Origins and Purpose of the Vocations Monstrance

(Additional content can be found on USCCB.org)

On November 24, 2004 the late Pope John Paul II blessed six monstrances for use during the Year of the Eucharist for people to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. The Year of the Eucharist began October 17, 2005 and concluded in October, 2006 with a world Synod of Bishops with the Eucharist as its theme. The monstrances were designated for Eucharistic adoration for vocations for each major continent or geographical area around the world as a symbol of the connection between the Eucharist and priestly vocations. The six regions given a monstrance are: North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

The Monstrance that was assigned to the North American continent has now come to our country. The U.S. Bishops assigned the Serra Organization to take charge of the St. JP II Monstrance schedule. The Diocese of Dallas and Fort Worth will be receiving the Monstrance from March till the middle of June. Dallas will get it first then it will go to Fort Worth. The Pope requested that we use the Monstrance to pray for vocations. The Vocation Awareness Program (VAP) committee is in charge of scheduling the Monstrance to visit any parish that would like to see the St. JP II Monstrance.



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PATRIOT OF THE MONTH By: SK Bob Fries

Charles Carroll of Carrollton (1732 - 1832)

One of the few Patriots who signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Charles was a Catholic, and at the time he signed the Declaration, it was against the law for a Catholic to hold public office or to vote. Although Maryland was founded by and for Catholics in 1634, in 1649 and, later, in 1689 after the Glorious Revolution placed severe restrictions on Catholics in England, the laws were changed in Maryland, and Catholicism was repressed.

Catholics could no longer hold office, exercise the franchise, educate their children in their faith, or worship in public. With the Declaration of Independence, all this bias and restriction ended. Charles Carroll first became known in colonial politics through his defense of freedom of conscience and his belief that the power to govern derived from the consent of the governed.

He was a staunch supporter of Washington, and when the war was going badly at Valley Forge, he was instrumental in persuading the Revolution's Board of War not to replace Washington with General Horatio Gates. Carroll supported the war with his own private funds; he was widely regarded as the wealthiest of all the colonists, with the most to lose were the fight for independence to fail. Carroll was greatly acclaimed in later life, and he outlived all the other signers of the Declaration.



SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE MONTH

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

Ephesians 4:32

STORY CONTINUED - From the Admiral's Table

As Knights of Columbus in the 4th degree, we adhere to a set of well-defined rules. We can enforce these, but should never lose sight that we are all “Brothers” and volunteers in our honorable Order. Treating each other with consideration and respect is essential. Being inflexible is not a virtue, as we all are bound to make mistakes.



This month we celebrate Valentine's Day.
Don't forget to tell the Ladies in your lives that they are loved!



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STORY CONTINUED - From Faithful Pilot's Report

It made me think... What qualities did the Apostles and their disciples have that allowed them to convert thousands, and eventually millions to the faith? What was it that made the Church dominant in the Western World within 500 years? The saintliness of those early Christians. They were truly committed to their conversion and sought to spread that to everyone they met. And, those they met wanted what they lived. That is the love and faith and commitment that made the early Church a “light on a hill”.

Today we have some new obstacles that were not present then. Nearly instant communications should allow us to reach more people, with greater effectiveness. But, that same media, is used to show how far below the ideal we really are. A scandal spreads like fire while our witness is a slow moving example. But all of this only makes me think that I cannot really control the rest of my brothers and sisters in Christ, but I can work to make myself a better Catholic. God can work with that!

AROUND THE ASSEMBLY - EVENTS, NEWS, COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

ASSEMBLY MEETING

Our next Assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

This year, we will be placing more emphasis on email communication and the Assembly webpage. We strongly encourage that members go onto the page and familiarize themselves with the contents and be active in providing input and content for both the webpage and newsletter.

Please follow the link to our webpage at www.mtassembly2506.org

ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Events will be listed in this section and throughout the Newsletter. Information from our Councils from within the Assembly can be seen here.

REMINDER: We in the 4th Degree participate in the “Chalice Fund.” When a Sir Knight passes, a chalice or ciborium is engraved with the Sir Knight’s name and presented to a church, priest or mission designated in advance by the Sir Knight and his family. In this way, every time the chalice or ciborium is used in a mass, the Sir Knight is remembered.

ASSEMBLY MEETING FOOD SCHEDULE

MONTH	Council
February	9337
March	10646
April	13158
May	12300
June	6402

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NOTE: The Knights have spoken and the use of Regalia is still in effect. The “New” over-priced, Military style Uniform will not have to be worn until July 1, 2019 of the following Fraternal Year. They say it is not Greed, however, last I checked, Blue Blazer and Grey Pants - \$150 JC Penny/Macys





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2017 - 2018 LIST OF OFFICERS

Faithful Friar:	OPEN
Faithful Navigator:	SK Rick Bentine, PGK
Faithful Captain:	SK Adrian Rodriguez, PGK
Faithful Pilot:	SK Bob Fries
Faithful Admiral:	SK Robert Font, PFN
Faithful Comptroller:	SK Chester Salacinski
Faithful Purser:	SK Christopher May
Faithful Scribe:	SK Raul Medina
Faithful 1 st Year Trustee:	SK Manny Ojeda, PGK
Faithful 2 nd Year Trustee:	SK John Parker, PFN
Faithful 3 rd Year Trustee:	SK Jorge Gonzalez, PFN
Faithful Inner Sentinel(s):	SK Frank Lopez
Faithful Outer Sentinel(s):	SK Marty Martinez
Faithful Outer Sentinel(s):	SK Rick Guzman, DD
Color Corp Commander:	SK Don O'Bryan
Deputy CC Commander:	SK Raul Medina
Deputy CC Commander:	SK Roger Fulton
Deputy CC Commander:	SK George Crossland

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

- 02/01 - Mark G. Whitley
- 02/03 - Michael N. Cole
- 02/03 - Patrick D. Duval
- 02/04 - Richard A. Johnson
- 02/04 - David J. Lanners
- 02/09 - Roger A. Fulton
- 02/10 - Guadalupe G. Rodriguez
- 02/10 - Joseph A. Picard
- 02/11 - Ervin F. Prince
- 02/14 - Richard E. Wisniewski
- 02/19 - Anthony M. Marano
- 02/19 - Richard L. Singleton
- 02/21 - Nicholas Flores

THE PATRIOT NEWSLETTER – IT’S FOR YOU!

If you would like to contribute to this Newsletter, whether it be a story, photo, or an special event taking place at a local parish, please contact Newsletter Editor SK Adrian Rodriguez at AdrianKofC@gmail.com

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PATRON SAINT

“Spread LOVE everywhere you go.

Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”

- Mother Teresa

