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Faithful Navigator's report



I start by wishing all of you a great and prosperous New Year 2017; may all of God's blessings be with you and with your loved ones! Please, remember also to pray for those brothers and sisters in need; those who are ill and all who need our Lord's intervention in their lives.

December was a good month for the MTA. Our Christmas Social was attended by 46 of our Ladies, Sir Knights and guests. We had inspirational readings, some guitar music, a great raffle and a fun evening for everyone (See p. 8).

January has plenty of activities in store for us, including two Corporate Communion with Color Corps participation. Remember that we still need to recruit at least three more new Sir Knights to reach the numbers needed for us to apply for the new "Star Assembly Award." The next Exemplification in this coming March 11 in Carthage, TX, so let's do all that we can to make this happen. (See p. 11).

It is not too early to start thinking about the election of new officers. Typically, the slate is initially presented in April with the vote being held in May. If you have an interest in helping the Assembly in this capacity, let us know. We have active committees also that may coincide with your interests. But one thing for sure: We need your talents and active participation to make the Mother Teresa Assembly the best that it can be.

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 January Thoughts

January Thoughts:

Report:

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. Our membership now stands at 202 Sir Knights and there's still enough time to add new members. Remember, recruitment is a responsibility we all share.

All billing for dues has been sent and so far about 40 members have paid their 2017 dues. Please don't delay paying your dues. It costs us to mail out the 2nd and 3rd billings. Also, when paying your dues please return the top portion of the statements with your payment to me. It will be appreciated. Membership cards are sent after dues have been received.

Finally: Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. – Albert Einstein

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; *Forgive them anyway.* If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; *Be kind anyway.* If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; *Succeed anyway.*

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; *Be honest and frank anyway.* What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; *Build anyway.* The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; *Do good anyway.* Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; *Give the world the best you've got anyway.*

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; *It was never between you and them anyway.*

"In essential things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity." – St. Augustine

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Captain's corner



**SK Rick Bentine, PGK
Faithful Captain**

Happy
New Year



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Admiral's table



Sir Knights,

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and that your new year is full of blessings.

I am sure you have heard the news that the Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed a new bishop for our diocese of Dallas. The Most Reverend Edward J. Burns will be our new bishop. Let us pray that the Lord blesses him with wisdom to guide his new dioceses.

In case you did not receive this information and in hope that many of you can attend one or all of the 2017 Diocesan Roe Memorial events. The Memorial Mass will be on Friday evening, January 13, at 7 p.m. at St. Monica in Dallas. On Saturday, the North Texas March for Life will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Dallas City Hall with the procession of Roses and continue to the Rally for Life outside the federal courthouse.

SK Jorge Gonzalez



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

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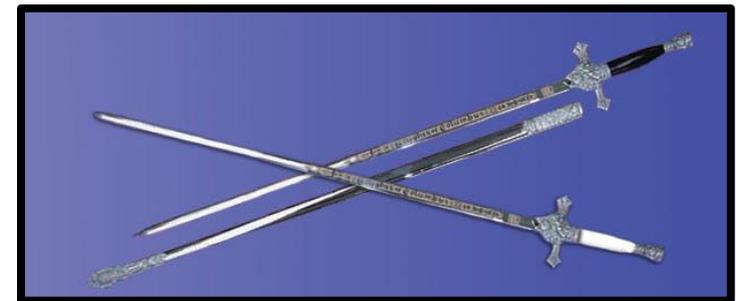
Color Corps events and Commander's report

Color Corps Events:

- **1/13/17 – St. Monica. Rowe Memorial Mass. Assembly time: 6:15 P.M. Event time: 7:00 P.M.**
- **1/14/17 – Dallas City Hall. North Texas March For Life. Assembly time: 12:30 P.M. Event time: 1:00 P.M.**
- **1/14/17 – Sacred Heart. Council 10646 Corporate Communion. Assembly time: 5:00 P.M. Event time: 5:30 P.M.**
- **1/29/17 – Divine Mercy. Council 13158 Corporate Communion. Assembly time: 9:30 A.M. Event time: 10:00 A.M.**
- **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.





**Christmas Social at
Siciliano's A Taste of Italy
Photos courtesy of
SK Jorge Gonzalez, PFN**



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Color Corps Patch

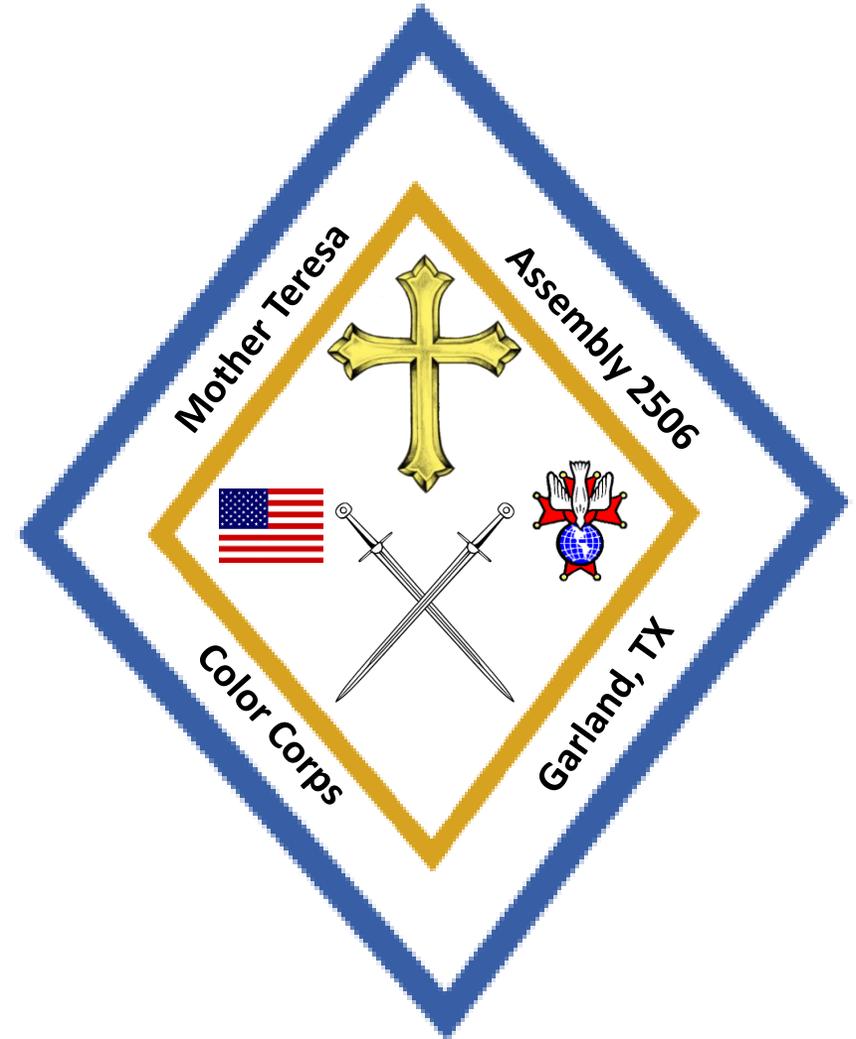
In an effort to recognize and reward those members of the Assembly who are active in the Color Corps, we have recently developed a patch that may be worn on our new official MTA shirts. The patch design, approved at our November general meeting, combined ideas and input from several of our members and officers.

The Color Corps is, undoubtedly, the most visible arm of any Assembly. Thus, an active and well-manned force is highly desirable.

On behalf of our Color Corps Commander, myself and the officers of the MTA, I encourage all to consider joining us in promoting the visibility of our Assembly and of the Knights of Columbus. Hopefully, this patch provides a little extra incentive for doing so.

At this time we are also entertaining the idea of creating our own version of “service stripes” that could be issued after achieving a certain number of Color Corps turnouts. As always, we welcome and solicit your input. The goal, once again, is to provide distinction and reward to those who go the extra mile in serving our Assembly and the 4th degree.

SK Robert Font, FN



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Other coming events and Last Rite forms

Other coming events:

- Spring exemplification (see p. 11).
- Ladies' appreciation night, April 22, 2017 at either St. Joseph or 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 4th Degree 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 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 January!

- Fr. Bob Shortall, Timothy Jones, Jim McGrory, Rick Guzman, Fr. Jacob Dankasa, John Parker, Bill Fetzer, William Locklier, Don Fischer, Paul Piper, Tom Landry, Frank Medina, Daniel Clayton, Steve Harkins, Paul Corley, Eric Dahlgren, David Savage, John Leon Schram.
- If we left you out by mistake, please let us know!



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Historical patriot of the month – John Sullivan (1740 -1795)

Born in Berwick, Maine, John Sullivan was a lawyer, a patriot and a member of the first Continental Congress.

In 1775, he was appointed as a brigadier general of the Continental army and fought in various battles during the war.

In 1776, he was sent with troops to reinforce the army in Canada and assumed its command. In 1777 he joined forces with General Washington and commanded the right wing in the battle of Brandywine. He also skillfully led his troops in the battle of Germantown.

Subsequently, John Sullivan also led a campaign against the Seneca tribe, well known for their atrocities. Afterwards, Sullivan resigned his commission due to ill health and received Congressional commendation. He took a seat in Congress in 1780.

From 1782 to 1786, Sullivan was attorney-general of New Hampshire and from 1786 to 1789 was president of the commonwealth. From 1789 until his death he was the United States judge of New Hampshire. He died in Durham, N. H. in 1795.





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Parting thoughts of the month

As we start the New Year, we can count on new developments, opportunities and challenges. Regardless of what comes our way, let's place our trust in God and in his Son, our Lord Jesus.

Recall John 14:1,

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."

Think also of John 14:27,

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid."

Friends, let's face the New Year with optimism and open minds. And as far as New Year resolutions go, what better than to strengthen our practice of the basic principles of our Order: *Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism*. In doing so, we will honor God, church, family and country.

May God bless you in the New Year! Vivat Jesus and Viva Cristo Rey!

SK Robert Font

