

Mother Teresa Assembly News

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Comptroller's Report



On the 14th of December I mailed the annual dues notices. Please try to get your dues in before January 15. We ask that assist us keeping down our mailing costs. If you know of a Brother Knight who may need assistance, let us know.

Finally; "Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself." (*Saint Francis de Sales*)

We Need Current Email Address Info.

for the following members. Please contact them and have them forward their email address to fnmta2506@gmail.com

Sk Robert Binish, Sk. Rev. Daniel Clayton, Sk. Victor Eagle, Sk Dennis Ferguson, Sk William Fetzer, Sk. Gerald Finaldi, Sk David Gayton, Sk. Alex Hernandez, Sk. Eugene Horn, Sk David Jeziorski, Sk. Joseph Kulhmann, Sk Dr. Cameron Laboret, Sk. Eugene Martinez, Sk Peter Ohagwy, Sk Aidan Pierce, Sk. Frederick Rives, Sk Brian Roeten, PGK, Sk Felipe Salazar, Sk.

Navigator's Report



As the new year begins, let us not make resolutions but plans. We hope your plans include attending at least one of our assembly meetings or social functions.

I drive by the Nevada City Hall every day on my way to work and I noticed that their US flag was very tattered. I contacted the city and offered to help with obtaining a new flag or disposing of the old one. I was never contacted but a brand new US flag now flies brightly in the Nevada, TX skies!

Please see the announcement posted below for the Roe V Wade Mass and make every effort to attend.

SK Jorge Gonzalez, FN

Sidney Sexton, Sk. David Stone, Sk Ron Weingartner, Sk Raymond Zavala. If you are part of their 3rd Degree Council. Ask your Financial Secretary if they have the most current.

Prompt Payment of Dues Saves Assembly Costs !!!

The first notice of dues was mailed in December. Thank you to all who have promptly paid. For those still outstanding, please pay as promptly as possible. If you are having hardships, please let one of our Officers know what that hardship is. Help the Assembly watch it's costs so that these funds may be directed to other charitable activities.

Bring a Friend.

Bring a Third Degree Knight and his Family to our open socials and events. The best way to recruit them is to get them involved with their friends, at A Mother Teresa Social.

4th Degree Exemplifications.



Three Exemplifications are scheduled for this year. The first is scheduled for Carthage, Texas on February 27th. The next one is scheduled for April 2nd, in Wichita Falls and the last one is scheduled for October (TBD). You will be receiving more as these events get closer. Please contact the Faithful Navigator and the Admiral for more information.



Vivat Jesus

Ladies Appreciation Night:



“Why do we have a Ladies Appreciation Night?” That question was asked several years ago by a new 4th Degree member. He went on to say, we already give them one in the 3rd

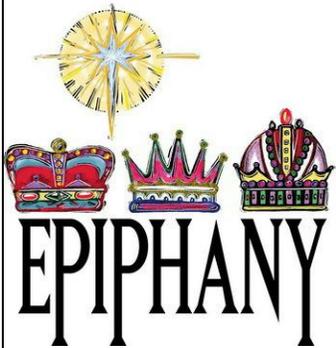
Degree, and that should cover both degrees. My response was automatic and without a moment of hesitation. I just asked him if telling his wife that he loved her once a year was enough?

I have the pleasure of having this Brother Sir Knight and his Lady to my house several times a year, when they come back to visit their Dallas area family. We have discussed and provided solutions to the world's problems several times over. The last time he and his lovely Lady were over I reminded him of his question, he looked at me and smiled. “I was just a rookie Knight back then. I let her know I love her everyday, and that's not nearly enough.” Let your wife know how much you appreciate her, look for details concerning the Ladies Appreciation Dinner and make plans to be there. She needs to know that not only you appreciate her, but the Brother Sir Knights of the Assembly appreciate her as well.

January Thoughts:

January 6, which is 12 days after Christmas in the Gregorian calendar, marks not only the end of the Christmas holidays but also the start of the Carnival season, which climaxes with Mardi Gras. In some European countries, such as the Czech Republic and Slovakia, children dress as the three kings and visit houses. In their roles as the kings, or wise men, they sing about the Jesus' birth and pay homage to the "king of kings". They are rewarded with praise and cookies.

Dia de los Reyes Magos is the Latin American celebration of Epiphany. In many Latin American countries, it is the three wise men and not Santa Claus who bring gifts for children. Children write letters to the wise men telling them how good they were and what gifts they want. In France *Le Jour des Rois* (the Day of Kings), sometimes called the *Fête des Rois*, is celebrated with parties for children and adults. The *galette des rois*, or "cake of kings", highlights these celebrations. This cake is round and flat, cut into the pantry, covered with a white napkin and carried into a dining room.



Children in Spain fill their shoes with straw or grain for the three kings' horses to eat and place them on balconies or by the front door on

Epiphany Eve. The next day they find cookies, sweets or gifts in their place. The "three kings" make an entry in many cities in Spain on Epiphany Eve, accompanied by military bands and drummers in medieval dress.

Just for thought

The beginning of the New Year and a time to make resolutions to improve ourselves and our lives. Maybe one resolution to consider is to accept others simply for who they are, faults and all. Because that's the key for any organization that relies on teamwork working toward a common goal.

In the military you have to rely on each other to accomplish the mission. In order to do that you have to accept each other for who they are. There is nothing more important than the accomplishment of the mission and personal goals or motives just get in the way.

If any of us bring personal agendas, goals, or desires for recognition to the group then little can get accomplished. Sometimes it is necessary to remind ourselves that there is no "I" in team. Ask yourselves what you are giving to the group.

"Don't let criticism disquiet you. If it's stupid, smile at it. If it's unfair, tolerate it. If it's Justified, learn from it". -Anonymous

MTA Upcoming Events for 2016:

February 27, 2016 - Carthage Exemplification
March 2016 - Ladies Knight Out 2016 - More information to come.
April 2, 2016 - Wichita Falls Exemplification
May 2016 - Mother Teresa Officer's Elections
June 2016 - Officer Install., Flag Disposal, and MTA Family Picnic
July 2016 - MTA Awards Program

Want to Include an Article in the Newsletter?

Do you have Council Information you want to share with your Brother Knights. Just email the information to fnmta2506@gmail.com or give an officer the information at the next meeting or social. All information will be reviewed and included in the next possible Newsletter.

Principles of the Order



Unity:

An example of the “unity” or our Order is reflected in the upcoming celebration at St. Pius X on December 23, 2015 in honor of Monsignor Thomas W. Weinzapfel 70th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Various Assemblies have been asked to participate. As your Faithful Captain and DCCC, I am honored to help represent the MTA at this event. These ceremonies strengthen ties within our Order.

Patriotism:

I remember the time when, at a geological meeting in Western Europe, I interacted with some of my colleagues from the host country. During the social time that followed a day of technical presentations, one fellow made a comment that I found somewhat distasteful concerning the USA. The gentleman was promptly reminded that, if it had not been for America, he would be communicating in German! That drove home the point. As your Faithful Captain I join you in the pride that we feel to be whom we are! We believe in God, country, honor and duty. After all, we are the “Knights of Columbus!”

Fraternity:

A great example of our “fraternity” was exhibited at our recent Christmas Social this past December 12. We value the times that we spend together, along with our precious Ladies. As your Faithful Captain, I can assure you that I have been brainstorming with your Faithful Pilot and others about future social events. We have many good ideas, but would definitely welcome our membership’s input. We’ll be sharing some of our thoughts in the near future and encourage you to do the same!

Charity:

A few years ago I was engaged in a geological project that took me to Quito, Ecuador. Quito is a fascinating city amidst the Andes, where Native Americans from various tribes come down from the mountains in the evenings to sell their merchandize on the sidewalks close to hotels patronized by tourists and visitors. While in the country, I had the opportunity to stand across the actual “Equator”, with one foot on the northern hemisphere and the other on the southern half of our planet. During my stay, I specifically made time to visit the main Catholic Cathedral in the city. The gold and valuables that I saw inside it rival the opulence that I’ve seen in many churches in Europe. In contrast, just outside the building one may find beggars living in the depths of human misery. My brothers, there is something very wrong with this picture. Pope Francis has emphasized the necessity to aid those who experience the agonies of extreme poverty. As your Faithful Captain I urge you to join me in prayers for those who exist in such dire need. We are proud of the commitment that our Order makes to help the poor through the Knights of Columbus Charities. As Knights we never forget that “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35).

SK Robert Font, Faithful Captain

Admiral's Table



Brothers,

Later on in the newsletter, you will see an invitation to the annual events surrounding the anniversary of the evil that was the Roe-v-Wade Decision. As the strong right arm of the Church in the United States, Knights have a duty to be present in those events. I would like to invite each of you to consider signing up to assist in some visible fashion at the Mass or the march or both. First, of course, is the desire for all members of the Color Corps to turn out for the Mass and to assist as Honor Guards for communion. There are many other ways to help as well, if you are not a member of the Color Corps. Finally, if you are unable to attend any of the events downtown, I invite you to join with us in spirit through fervent prayer. I hope that I will see you there.

As an addendum to my article today, I would invite each of you to consider inviting a Third Degree friend to join our order. We have two more Exemplifications coming up this spring. One at the end of February and one in April. It would be a great year for us at MTA if we could take candidates to all three.

SK John Parker, Faithful Admiral

Informal Gatherings:

Because of a few glitches, mostly with notification of participants, we have not rolled out the trials just yet. The notification program used for the small test group was not issuing notifications in a timely manner and delays could be hours. In discussions with the provider and the programmers they are aware of the issues but cannot give us a date that these issues will be updated. So we have started looking at some of the other choices we have at this time.

Spring Exemplification..

Mark your calendars for February 27, 2016 - Our Spring Exemplification will be held in Carthage Texas. This is a Saturday Only Exemplification. Information will be released shortly from the Mater. We have at least two candidates that are planning to attend. Exemplification forms and the Tri-Fold have been sent to the Navigator for our use. If you would like to attend Carthage as a member or in the Color Corps, please request the information from the Navigator.

Last Rights Forms

Have you filled out a Last Rites Form for the Assembly. Attached to your December newsletter was a copy of the last rites form for you and your Sir Knights Lady to review. Please fill this out and return it with your Assembly Dues. Trust when I say, that this helps your loved one's have peace of mind, and know that the Knights of Columbus are standing with them in their time of grief.

Upcoming Color Corp Events for December 2015/January 2016

1/16/16	Roe V Wade Memorial Mass	12:30 pm
1/19/16	Assembly January meeting in the Upper room at St Joseph CC	7:00 pm
1/24/16	St. Joseph's Corporate Communion	8:15am
1/30/16	Bishop's Award for Service Mass	9:30am

Check our [MTA-website](#) for any updates or last minute information concerning these events.



MTA Color Corps



SK Don O'Bryan, CCC- Mother Teresa Assembly 2506

Speak LIFE

to this present darkness

2016 Roe Memorial

January 16, 2016

Schedule of Events

10:00 AM Roe Memorial Rosaries
at Southwestern and Planned Parenthood

At the KBH Convention Center, Dallas:

11:30 AM Concert for Life

VINCE LUJAN & MANUEL BRAVO of **JESUS TEAM A**,
TORI HARRIS, **THE CROSSROADS PURSUIT** and
TOM GROSSMAN of **COMMUNITIES OF PRAYER**

12:30 PM Rose Procession

1:00 PM Roe Memorial Mass
celebrated by **BISHOP KEVIN FARRELL**

3:00 PM North Texas March for Life
to rally outside federal courthouse featuring
BISHOP KEVIN FARRELL, **DR. TONY EVANS** and
former abortion facility worker **JEWELS GREEN**

plus Pro-Life Ministry Fair, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

prolifedallas.org/roe
972-267-LIFE (5433)



A New Year, A New Beginning

Every year about this time, we start to look at the list we made last year. After the first weeks of the New Year only a few resolutions remain unbroken. It's not a personal failure, it just that resolutions are usually a lifestyle change and let's be honest, a lifestyle change takes several attempts, several revisions, and more involvement than we realized it did. I commend you for trying, and I support you in your next attempt, no matter what that resolution may be. As Fourth Degree Knights we are constantly trying to achieve goals, failing, trying to achieve them again, failing and then when we realize it takes more than just achieving the goal to make it a success, we succeed as a whole.

I ask you to look at your involvement with the Knights and ask yourself, **"Why did I join the Knights?"**, and the most important, **"How can my participation help, my Brother Knights in the Assembly, to achieve the tasks they have undertaken?"**. Within the Assembly of Brother Knights, there are resources available to you from multiple Councils, Parishes, the District and State and Local 4th Degree Officers to aid in achieving assembly tasks.

I hope one of your resolutions was to be more active within the Church. Assaults on our beliefs are coming at us from all angles. You cannot defend the Faith alone but as a group of Brothers, we together, can stand in defense of our religious and moral beliefs. When was the last time you joined your Brother Sir Knights at an Assembly meeting? Come join us at our next meeting, January 19th at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you and hopefully together we can grow stronger in our commitment to the Knights. **"We are Stronger With You Than We Could Ever Be Without!"**

Vivat Jesus

Parting thoughts:

If you are interested in an officer's post in the MTA, please let us know. Elections for the 2016-2017 fraternal year will be upon us soon. We look forward to a great year and wish to see everyone involved. Please help us make the MTA the best that it can be!

Happy 2016 to all!