



The Patriot



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Faithful Navigator's report

Sir Knights, July was a busy month for the MTA. On July 3, we attended a patriotic rosary (refer to page 11). On July 16, we had fun and a great opportunity to fraternize at our Awards Dinner (see pages 12-15). On July 31, our Color Corps participated in a Corporate Communion in honor of the Council at Divine Mercy Catholic Church (See page 16).

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for August 16. Please come and participate in your Assembly's activities.

Also, don't miss out on our next social gathering on September 24; "Patrons' Night." The theme for the evening is "achieving the American Dream" (see page 18 for more details).

Please buy your tickets for the District raffle to be held in October, in connection with the Fall Exemplification Ceremony. These are great prizes to be had and, perhaps, you will be the one to win them? Check page 19 for more information.

One of my goals this year is to encourage our Ladies to be instrumental in the activities and communications of the Assembly. Lady Diane Weygandt has answered the call by writing an important and inspiring article for our newsletter (see pages 20-21).

Brothers, finally let us never forget to practice the first principle of our Order; "Charity." In the words of Austin O'Malley (Keystone of Thought):

"If you combine all the spectral rays into a single beam, you get white light; and, if you combine all the virtues into a single beam, you get charity." Nice thought; God bless!



SK Robert Font,
Faithful Navigator

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Comptroller's report

The summer is upon us and our minds are on vacations; we think about beating the heat, and what can I do that's inside that doesn't require me to go outside? Consider recruiting a new member for the Fourth Degree. I know that it may require you to attend a Council and Assembly meeting but that will keep you indoors at least two evenings a month. Besides, that is what being a Knight is all about; Fraternity and Unity...



**SK Chester Salacinski,
Faithful Comptroller**



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August thoughts

Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness. – Proverbs 14:22

What follows is an excerpt from a commentary given by radio host, Paul Harvey back in the 70's. It's from a talk titled "If I Were the Devil..."

"To the young. I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would convey that what is bad is good, and what is good is 'squared.' And to the old, I would teach to pray after me, 'Our Father, who art in Washington...' And then I'd get organized."

Sound familiar? Maybe the devil is at work or possibly he may be just relaxing and watching us do his work for him. We have a great gift that God has given us. It's called freedom. But freedom can also be misused. I don't have any answers; I only wish to make you think... That's another gift from God.

It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are. – Roy Disney

SK Chester Salacinski

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Principles of the Order; Captain's corner



The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans. Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

- The Globe -- God the Father, Creator of the Universe.
- The Cross -- God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.
- The Dove -- God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

The colors of the symbols are:

- A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.
- A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.
- A white dove.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.



**SK Rick Bentine, PGK,
Faithful Captain**



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Admiral's table

Sir Knights:

We had a great start of the fraternal year with last Saturday's Corporate Communion and awards ceremony. It was great to see all of you and missed the Sir Knights that were not able to attend. Our Faithful Navigator is looking to increase our Assembly's membership this year; let us work together to invite every 3rd degree member to become part of our 4th degree. We have the forms, we have the tuxedos, we have the exemplification scheduled, so there should be no excuse.

As Admiral one of my duties is to keep track of those sick or in distress. Please email the Navigator with your prayer request so the request can be passed on to me. You can also use our web site mtassembly2506.org and click on PRAYER REQUESTS on the left bar to enter your request. Do not enter any personal information there and I will monitor this area.

Have a great month!



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



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Color Corps events and Commander's report

Color Corps Commander's Report:

- **August 20, 2016; Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Council 10646 Corporate Communion. Assembly time: 5:00 P. M. Event time: 5:30 P. M.**
- **September 10, 2016; Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Dedication of the New Church. Assembly time: 4:30 P. M. Event time: 5:00 P. M.**
- **October 7, 2016; St. Joseph Catholic Church. Living Rosary. Assembly time: 6:30 P. M. Event time: 7:00 P. M.**
- **October 15, 2016. Presentation of the Colors; Hike for Life at Lakes of Springfield Park. Assembly time: 7:30 A. M. Event time: 8:00 A. M.**
- **October 30, 2016; Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Council 13158 Corporate Communion. Assembly time: 9:30 A. M. Event time: 10:00 A. M.**



**SK Don O'Bryan. Color Corps Commander.
Photo provided by SK O'Bryan**



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4th Degree Exemplifications and Upcoming events

Exemplification news:

- **Fall Exemplification: Saturday October 29, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Wylie.**
- **Spring Exemplification: TBA**

Coming events:

- **Officers' meeting, August 3, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Joseph.**
- **General meeting, August 16, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at St. Joseph.**
- **Patron's night, September 24, 2016 at St. Joseph, 6:30 P.M.**
- **Memorial Mass and ceremony, November 12, 2016 at St. Joseph, 6:30 P.M.**
- **Christmas social, December 3, 2016 at "Siciliano's, A Taste of Italy", at 6:30 P.M.**
- **Ladies' appreciation night, April 22, 2017 at either St. Joseph or TBD, 6:30 P.M.**



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Informal gatherings and Last rite forms



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Informal gatherings:

- Stay tuned for news!

Last rite 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.**



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Other comments and news:

Our Color Corps participated in the beautiful ceremony of a patriotic rosary that transpired on July 3, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Color Corps members, from left to right: SK Roger Fulton, DCCC; SK Don O'Bryan, CCC; SK Robert Font, FN; SK Billy Kornegay, 1-Year Trustee; SK Kevin Quinn, PFN (Christopher Columbus Assembly); SK George Ledbetter.





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Other comments and news:

Our Awards Dinner was held on July 16, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 6:30 P.M. after a Corporate Communion.



FN SK Robert Font presented PFN SK Jorge Gonzalez with his engraved, white-handled sword and mini jewel. Lady Jane Gonzalez pinned the PFN's medal on SK Jorge's uniform.

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Awards Dinner - continued:

Awardees included:

- Knight of the Year Award: SK Chester Salacinski.
- Betty and Charles Lutz Family of the Year Award: Lady Ellen and SK Billy Kornegay
- Charles Loney Color Corps Award: SK Frank Lopez.



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Awards Dinner - continued:

- Raffle winners included:
 - Basket: Lady Frankie Williams.
 - Patriotic caps for the SKs: SK Jorge Gonzalez and Brigid Parker (SK John Parker's family).
 - Patriotic hats and scarves for our Ladies: Lady Linda McGillis and Lady Frankie Williams.



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Awards Dinner - continued:

- Color Corps Commander SK Don O'Bryan and Deputy Commander SK Roger Fulton took good care of our flags.
- Faithful Navigator SK Robert Font started a new tradition. As he is now entitled to wear a white-handled sword, he passed on his own black-handled sword to Faithful Captain, SK Rick Bentine.





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Corporate Communion:

- Our Color Corps participated in a Corporate Communion in honor of the Council at Divine Mercy Catholic Church on July 31, 2016.



Left photo:

From left to right: SK George Ledbetter; SK Frank Lopez; SK Joe Picard, PFN; SK Roger Fulton, DCCC; SK Don O'Bryan, CCC; SK Raul Medina, DCCC; SK Bob Procsal, PFN; SK Ernie Valencia, GK.

Right Photo:

DCCC SK Roger Fulton and DCCC SK Raul Medina.



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Other comments and news - continued:

- 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 three tuxedos. Any Sir Knight or prospective Sir Knight interested in using these, please contact us.

*Happy
Birthday!*

Happy birthday to all SKs born in August!

- Fernando Velasco, William Norris, Terry Thompson, Jose Garibay Lua, George Mosiener, Ramiro Tamez, Henry Ashley, Donald Henagin, Michael Pediman, Chester Salacinski, Michael Williams, Kenneth Danker Jr.
- If we left you out by mistake, please let us know!



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Please come to our patron's night on September 24!

Potluck dinner with meat provided by the MTA

You don't want to miss this!

- The theme for the night is "Achieving the American Dream."
- Learn about:
 - The 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus.
 - History and other facts of the Mother Teresa Assembly.
 - How the "American Dream" is real and realizable by anyone willing to work hard in the "land of the free" and the country of opportunity!
- We will raffle a series of attractive items:
 - Beautiful gift basket donated by Lady Ellen and SK Billy Kornegay!
 - A collector's item; a replica of an 1860 cavalry saber issued to American troopers just prior to the American Civil War!
 - Two patriotic caps for the Sir Knights (Please note that these are a different style as compared to those raffled at our Awards Dinner).
 - Special items, specifically for our Ladies!
 - And, perhaps, a little "lagniappe?"





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Third Texas District raffle tickets:

To help with the costs incurred by the Third Texas District, each Assembly has been asked to sell 120 tickets for the Fall Exemplification raffle to be held in October.

- Tickets are sold a \$5.00 per unit, or 3 tickets for \$10.00.
- Three prizes will be awarded:
 - 1st prize: \$500.00 American Express gift card.
 - 2nd prize: \$350.00 American Express gift card.
 - 3rd prize: \$150.00 American Express gift card.
- When you purchase your tickets, make your checks payable to the Mother Teresa Assembly 2506.
 - In turn, the Assembly will write one collective check to the Third Texas District.

Get your tickets soon and good luck in winning these attractive prices!



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“Military Support is my Passion” (article by Lady Diane Weygandt)

Thru soldiersangels.org, I have since 2004 supported adopted soldiers as well as served on the auxiliary Letter Writing, Card Request/ Birthday Wishes and Ladies of Liberty teams. I usually support the max allowed of 3 deployed “adoptions”, at a given time.

It began as my reaction to 9-11. I first collected beanie babies for NY survivors and first responders who visited mental health services in the aftermath of the World Trade carnage. Thru “Hug a bear”, my daughter and I galvanized a collection to be shipped to those that needed a “warm fuzzy” they could tuck away.

It was after this that I wanted to do a non- political support to honor those taken on that day. I wanted to reach 1:1 with those who were serving.

I found an organization which begun in the kitchen of Soldiers’ Angel’s founder, a parent of a marine who requested that she “ *include more cards and care packages for the ones who never get a letter or package from home...by doing this you help with morale in my troop.* ” Soldiers’ Angels is now a 501-C organization that has since been Pentagon approved and won several awards as the most “all around military support group”.

Since 2004, I do not know the exact number of soldiers supported by me over the years, but I have many a card, note or copy of an email that was sent saying, “*Do Not Stop what you are doing, we often feel that we are forgotten and our family and friends have moved on...*”. “*It is the words of a stranger that bring a smile bigger than my face today and a spring in my step to walk taller.*” “*Because of your support, I am able to send my unit out one more day. We feel like no one knows we are here. Your words of support truly make a difference.*” These are received most often back in response from the letter or card team’s snail mail I sent.

From the Adoption teams, a letter of thanks for the support may arrive even months later after they have returned home.. . Most recent, an Assault helicopter maintenance unit, from Texas serving over 9 months in the Sandbox, sent a message of “*Your support was awesome. It was shared with my unit bringing a touch of home to each of us. The Texas magazines gave us something to look forward to doing with our children whom we miss and are the reason we serve*” One deployed soldier had requested “*only art supplies*”. As a former street artist, his downtime release was sketching everyday base life. Months after he returned home, I received a first edition of the book he published of the sketches he drew.

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“Military Support is my Passion” (article by Lady Diane Weygandt) - continued

On Flag Day, my husband and I received an American flag, from one of our adopted deployed ladies.

It had been flown on a combat mission in our honor, presented for the support given. Knowing where and why the flag was given, touched our family and resolve to continue this support, though often the care packages or letters, by volume, are often met by a “silent” soldier.

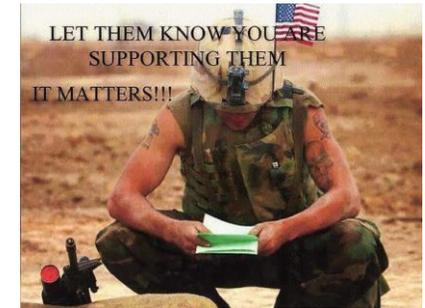
It has been a passion of mine to reach out, sharing with soldiers in every branch a touch of home and thanksgiving for the many personal sacrifices they make daily. Often I just write of the everyday sillies in my life or as one Unit leader wrote, *“Thank you for the letters sent, we always look forward to your next letter. My unit felt like they were in your car, traveling along beside you; It gave us something to set as a goal, to see someday, the nation we helped protect.”*

I had the privilege to “do lunch with a Texas based Army linguist, on several occasions since her return stateside. Her message was: *“Keep on with your support; you will never know how much it makes a difference.”* Some families communicate by skype, email or I pad; some areas they are deployed have no wifi. But it is the hard copy that they can tuck away and reread when lonely or scared...

There are other teams of many talents and focus. Chaplains, new parent of deployed families, Women of Valor is a caregiver support of the returned warriors, Medics and Bakers or Quilters or Knitters all separate teams, part of the Soldiers’ Angels organization. Veterans in facilities and those who returned home without the “Proper show of gratitude” all are addressed. The Living Legends is family support to those who lost a Hero.

Though I also volunteer thru Church, school, CERT, SkyWarn, Tx PWL, and Lighthouse Keepers working vacation to “pay it forward”, this outlet is my passion because it is something I believe provides a Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman or Coast Guardsmen or women with a feeling that they are not forgotten and perhaps arrives on the day they most need to know that they are not.

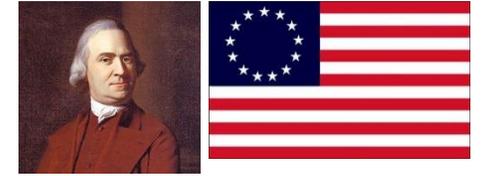
Lady Diane Weygandt, Mother Teresa Assembly.





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Historical patriot of the month – Samuel Adams



Samuel Adams was born in Massachusetts in 1722. His father was a political leader, a Puritan and a wealthy merchant. Adams entered Harvard University at age 14 where he studied politics and history. He graduated with a master's degree in 1743.

Adams began his career in business and took a job working for his father, but he had little interest in the work. When the British government passed the Stamp Act of 1765, Adams became angry that the king would tax the colonies without offering them representation in the government. He began to organize protests against the king and the imposition of taxes and formed the “Sons of Liberty.” He was also elected to the Massachusetts Assembly in 1765.

After the Boston Massacre of 1770, Adams worked to get the British army removed from the city. The “Sons of Liberty” were very much involved in the “Boston Tea Party” of 1773. The British government had imposed a tax on the colonies for the tea that was imported. Adams gave a rousing speech to a number of patriots and members of his group. The people had demanded that the British ships carrying tea in Boston Harbor leave, but the British refused. Later that night, a number of Bostonians boarded the ships and dumped their tea into the harbor.

Sam Adams was selected to represent the colony of Massachusetts at the First Continental Congress in 1774. He helped to organize the “minutemen” or a group of militia that was ready to fight at moment's notice. In April of 1775, the British army set out to arrest him and John Hancock. They were warned by Paul Revere during his famous ride. They escaped capture, but the “Revolutionary War” had started.

Adams attended the Second Continental Congress in 1776 where he signed the Declaration of Independence. He also helped to write the Articles of the Confederation. After the war had concluded, Adams continued to be involved in politics. He served as a state senator, then as lieutenant governor, and finally as governor of Massachusetts. He was always against slavery. He died at the age of eighty-one in 1803.



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Parting thoughts of the month

If someone were to ask, how exactly would we define what we mean by our FAITH?

A couple of months ago I found myself expressing my condolences to a long-time friend. This lady and I have worked for many years at a professional level. Although not Catholic, she and her family have been very devout Christians. Her husband was a healthy man until recently. Somehow, after contracting a rare virus, he passed away in precisely twenty-one days. From the time that he was diagnosed to the day of his passing, an army of relatives, friends and acquaintances prayed for his recovery. After his death, my lady friend expressed to me her pain and shock and the devastation being experienced by her children. She could not understand why so many prayers were not answered. She told me that there were times that she felt she could not breathe and that even her FAITH had been shaken to the roots.

Webster's dictionary defines FAITH as "belief which is not based on proof" and "confidence or trust in a person or thing." In my opinion, FAITH cannot be based just on "belief." As a scientist, I have held "beliefs" based on the interpretation of a certain number of facts. But what happens if a new piece of evidence arises disproving your earlier understanding of the facts? In science, this transpires more often than you might think. It is one of the ways in which science advances. If my FAITH were based simply on "belief", it would be on shaky ground.

For me, FAITH is truly based on "trust"; on the "conviction" that the promises made to us by our Lord Jesus will come true. It is this "confidence" that propels my FAITH. I relayed to my lady friend that there are no words that anyone could utter or explanations anybody could give that would either ease her pain or help her understand the actions that transpired. What I told her is that my FAITH convinces me that one day she would see her husband again; that they will be reunited. It is precisely my "expectation" to once again see my dear family members whom have gone before me and that I miss so very much. It is my "trust" in God's love for us what truly drives my FAITH!

SK Robert Font