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MOTHER TERESA ASSEMBLY 2506 (GARLAND, TEXAS)

OUR MEETINGS

Our Assembly meets on the 3rd Tuesday of most months in the Upper Room located at St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Richardson, TX starting at 7:30 PM. Dinner served 7:00 PM.

Months with social events have no business meeting.

ASSEMBLY COUNCILS

Council # 6402
Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Council # 8954
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Council # 9337
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

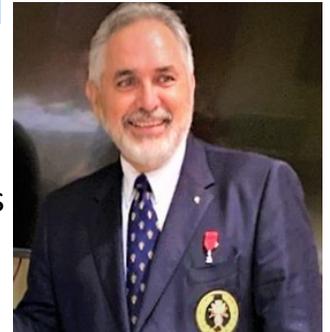
Council # 10646
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Council # 12300
St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Council # 16546
Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Worthy Sir Knights, often times when I find myself going through a minor setback in life, I come across a story either on the news or on social media that makes my troubles seem insignificant. It is during these times that I realize how fortunate and blessed I really am. I have a great family and a wonderful wife. I am also part of a great Men's Catholic Organization known as the Knights of Columbus and I know that a high percentage of them have my six and I can really count on them, as they can count on me. I humbly ask each one of you to pray for all our brother Knights, I'm asking all of us to remain Fraternal & United in all things. Vivat Jesus!

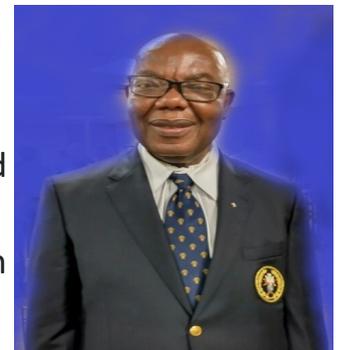


*Faithful Navigator
SK Richard S. Guzman*



FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

COVID-19, Pandemic has been with every country and territory around the World for quite some time. COVID vaccine shots have been administered into the arms of about 2/3 of the population. There are still significant number of the population that have refused the vaccine. No doubts, the country and indeed the World have lost significant number of our teeming population. In this year alone, a large proportion of children have died from COVID-19/DELTA variant. It appeared that COVID-19 has come to stay with us like Flu. Therefore, there could be giving of vaccine shots for COVID-19 on a seasonal basis.



*Faithful Captain
SK Felix Ogbeide*



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FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT

Dear Brothers,

The new leadership of our Mother Teresa Assembly is working very hard to improve and promote the very Spirit of Knights of Columbus. As we are getting out of the COVID spell, we are having in person meeting more often while observing all covid protocols.

As a part of the new initiative our Faithful Navigator is routinely visiting other Assemblies and encourage members to join 4th Degree and get more committed to promote the cause of Knights of Columbus.

Our Faithful Admiral ,who is also the Commander of our Color Corps reaching out to Sir Knights to join the Color Corps to give more visibility and purpose to Knights of Columbus.



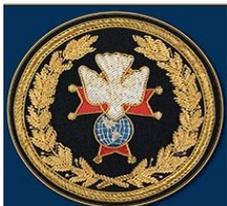
Also the Assembly unanimously approved \$2000 to help members to purchase uniforms if needed .
(max \$200. Per person, Terms and conditions apply).

Also the Assembly heard the call for help from our brothers of Louisiana we raised the fund to help them to secure the urgent needed supplies.

Overall Mother Teresa Assembly is moving fast and furious and I'm proud to be a part it.

Worthy Faithful Pilot
SK Joseph Olickan Sr.

Thanks
SK. Joseph Olickan Sr.





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ADMIRAL'S TABLE

As your Admiral, I am responsible for monitoring the Memorial Fund for the Assembly. I am sure that most of you recall that the old Chalice Fund was replaced by the new Memorial Fund, to help make it clear that the Memorial could be many different religious articles used in the Mass. Indeed, we offer to place a chalice, ciborium or chasuble engraved or embroidered to note the Sir Knight that is being memorialized upon his death.

That brings me to the subject of this article. In order to expedite the process, we ask that every member of our assembly fill out a Memorial Request form, to designate what and where the memorial will be placed. This form is available on our website or by asking at any of our meeting to obtain a paper copy that can be manually filled out and turned in.

Just so you know, the form provides us with the item you desire to place and the person or parish you want to have it. This could be your parish, a particular priest, or a mission that is dear to your heart. Then you provide the name and contact information of your spouse, or other person that can answer questions if they arise. Those that have filled out the form often have the memorial placed in time for the funeral. It has been my honor to present chalices, and chasubles in time for the Memorial Mass.

The form also lets you inform us of your desire for Color Corps honors at vigil, rosary, or funeral services. This greatly aides us in providing those honors in an expeditious way.

Just this last month, we had two Sir Knights pass away, and neither had filled out a form. We were in a scramble to determine what was desired. Of course, at this point the member is not communicating, so often the memorial is late, or never placed. Often the family does not know about the memorial, and has no idea what to do. And, it particularly difficult during the stress of grief, and the turmoil of a funeral, to make a decision.

Finally, there are instances where a member of our assembly has failed to maintain his membership by being at least two years in arrears on dues. If the member is suspended, they are no longer eligible for placement of a memorial.



(Although, we still offer Color Corps honors) All of this and more, is covered in the Memorial Fund bylaws which were adopted in October of 2020. If you would like a copy of the Memorial Fund bylaws you can send me an email, or just download them from the Members Only section of our website.

Bob Fries, Faithful Admiral

Vivat Jesus



Faithful Admiral Robert (Bob) Fries



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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Faithful Comptroller
SK Chester Salacinski



Membership stands at 203 members and includes 33 Honorary Life members, 11 of whom are priests. The next Exemplification will be held on October 9 in Prosper Texas. We all have an obligation to recruit Knights to join the Fourth Degree.

An old poem by an unknown poet asks this question: "What is love?" The poet responds by listing six answers.

Love is –

Silence – when words would hurt,
Patience – when another's hurt,
Deafness – when another's mad,
Gentleness – when another's sad,
Promptness – when need is seen,
Courage – when is mean.

(Taken from "Knights to Christ")

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will do what I can to help. My contact information is on the back of your Membership Card. VIVAT JESUS.

"Politicians should wear sponsor jackets like Nascar drivers, then we will know who owns them." - *Anonymous*



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FAITHFUL FRIAR'S REFLECTION:

by SK Deacon Randy Wilson

Our Calling

Jesus called His disciples to Himself and from them He chose the Twelve who He named Apostles; ordinary people who believed in Him, acknowledged their sinfulness and were in need of His grace. He appointed these men to be guides and teachers, to be stewards of His divine mysteries. Sending them forth just as His Father had sent Him.

In Ephesians, 2:19-22, St. Paul speaks about the role the Apostles played in the establishment of the Church and how their lives provided a foundation of faith for each of us. "You are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

St. Paul defines the Ephesians as disciples, workers, servants who are members of God's household; we too are His disciples, we too are being sent forth, we too have been chosen by God. It is up to us to appreciate His offering and to reflect on what it is we are being called to; knowing that we too are in need of His grace.

Jesus turns to those who had responded positively to Him, from them He chose the Twelve to become the leaders of the restored Israel. He is also turning to us, asking us to proclaim His message to the nations.

As with the Ephesians, we are no longer strangers or sojourning (staying as a temporary resident), but are fellow citizens and members of God's household, built on the same foundation that was granted the Apostles.

St. Jude's question to Jesus at the Last Supper was, "Master what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the whole world?" (Jn 14:22) Through the Apostles and the Prophets, Jesus answers that question; He reveals Himself to us and to the world.

We are urged to reflect on our vocation as a disciple of Jesus, to reflect on that day when Jesus selected the Twelve and think about how they must have felt when they were asked to bring the Word of God to their world - asking ourselves to embrace and cherish the special request Jesus has for each of us, to proclaim His message, bringing His Word to our world.

May God Bless you and your families,

Deacon Randy





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COLOR CORPS REPORT

In the month of September, we had two turnouts for funerals of members.

SK John James had a funeral Mass on Sept 22 at St Joseph's Church in Richardson. Unfortunately, Brother James was suspended due to non-payment of dues. So, while Color Corps honors were extended, he is not eligible for the placement of a memorial.

SK Carl Kocorek had a funeral Mass on Sept 28 also at St. Joseph's. Because Carl had not filled out a Memorial Request form, we are trying to determine what his wishes might have been. Please fill out your Memorial Request form. Ask either the Navigator or myself at any meeting, for a form.

Upcoming events include:

A Veteran's Day parade at John Pall II High School in Plano Texas on November 11th. This annual event is at 7:30 AM and is a fun experience with many speakers and, it really encourages the high school youth to honor our Vets and be more patriotic. The Color Corps is part of the parade.

A Veterans Mass and Brunch at St. Anthony Parish in Wylie. This Mass is at the 7:30 AM Mass on Sunday the 14th of November. The event is organized by our brother, SK Ray Zavala, and he brings a wonderful program to honor the local veterans in a special way. A meal is served for each Vet and others may join in to honor them as well. The Color Corps will do honors at the Mass.



SK, PFN, Color Corps Commander,
Robert "Bob" Fries



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	7	Living Rosary, St. Joseph's	6:30 pm - 8 pm
October	9	4th Degree Exempt, St. Martin De Porres, Prosper Texas	8:30 am
October	TBA	Corporate Communion, Location TBA	TBA
October	TBA	Patron's Night Dinner, Location TBA	TBA



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PATRIOTS OF THE MONTH: By: SK Joseph Olickan Faithful Pilot

Brothers,

When it comes to the Land of the Free & Home of the Brave, there's no shortage of Patriots or Heroes. Patriotism is reflected in our blood and every personal breath. September 2021 marks the 20th Anniversary of 9-11, the most painful memory of lost lives. We pray for the repose of those souls and the surviving family members they left behind. Special recognition goes out to our military patriots, 1st Responders, and their respective members who were fallen in service. Finally, let us remember the specific civilian patriots from United Flight 93 who sacrificed their lives by upholding the very principle to defend the helpless from evil as their flight eventually crash landed in Somerset County, PA. We lift our heart and prayers for them and many who were gone before. These represent the golden families who are recognized as our Patriot (s) of the Month.

Worthy Pilot, Joseph Olickan, Sr.



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AROUND THE ASSEMBLY - EVENTS, NEWS, COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

ASSEMBLY MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on October 19th, food and drinks at 7:00 pm, with the business meeting starting at 7:30 pm at the St. Joseph's upper room, St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Richardson Texas.

ASSEMBLY WEBSITE Our News and Announcements page has the current Color Corps schedule. If you have something going on in your council or parish, it can be listed there as well. Keep up to date with our website calendar of events.

As always, if you want to add something or see an error, let the webmaster SK Bob Fries know at WebMTA2506@gmail.com

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 Rick Guzman at

skrickguzman6021@gmail.com. Contributions are due by the 25th of the month.

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- 3 Edward D. Davis
- 5 George F Moslener IV
- 5 William F Stewart
- 7 Antonio Acuna
- 10 Joe Pokawa
- 14 George E Ezike
- 14 Stewart W. Hempel
- 15 Alex O Hernandez
- 15 Isaac Sandoval
- 16 Bryan A Finley
- 17 Charles W B Morrison
- 23 David F. Stone
- 24 Raphael N. Onuegbulem
- 28 L Joseph Hersley
- 30 Samuel L. Deneault
- 30 Oliver C. Itheme
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FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT (cont. from pg. 1.)

DELTA VARIANT:

Delta Variant is a strain of SARS-CoV-2, the same virus that caused COVID-19, Pandemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "it was first identified in INDIA by October 2020 and in the USA by March 2021." It is the belief among Scientists that unvaccinated people easily contract delta Variant and therefore end up hospitalized or dead.

Vital Things to know about Delta variant.

1. It is highly contagious.
2. Cause more severe illness in unvaccinated people.
3. Vaccinated people also spread the DELTA variant.

PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED.

- a. People not vaccinated should present themselves to be vaccinated.
- b. Wearing masks indoor, outdoor, and especially in public places.

SYMPTOMS OF DELTA VARIANT.

1. Cough.
2. Fever.
3. Headache.
4. Sinus Congestion.
5. Sore throats.
6. Running noses.
7. Excessive sneezing.
8. Loss of taste and smell.

BY SIR KNIGHT FELIX OGBEIDE (FAITHFUL CAPTAIN)



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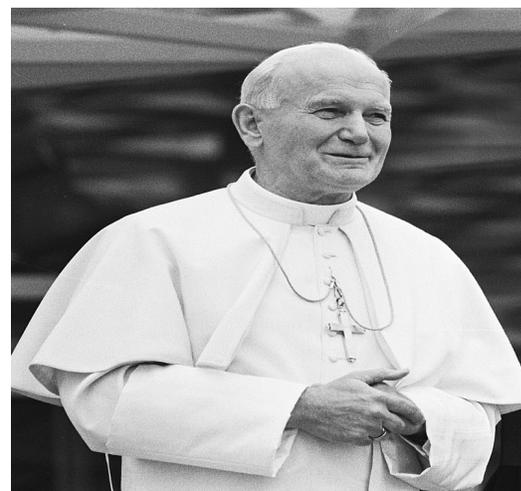
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Saint of the Month

Pope John Paul II (Latin: *Ioannes Paulus II*; Italian: *Giovanni Paolo II*; Polish: *Jan Paweł II*; born **Karol Józef Wojtyła** May 18, 1920 – April 2, 2005) was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 until his death in 2005. He was elected pope by the second papal conclave of 1978, which was called after John Paul I, who had been elected in August to succeed Pope Paul VI, died after 33 days. Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted the name of his predecessor in tribute to him. John Paul II is recognized as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and the rest of Europe.



John Paul II attempted to improve the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Eastern Orthodox Church. He maintained the Church's previous positions on such matters as abortion, artificial contraception, the ordination of women, and a celibate clergy, and although he supported the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, he was seen as generally conservative in their interpretation. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 and canonized 483 people, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated many of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests.

John Paul II was the second-longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX. Born in Poland, John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope since the 16th-century Pope Adrian VI. John Paul II's cause for canonization commenced one month after his death with the traditional five-year waiting period waived. On December 19, 2009, John Paul II was proclaimed venerable by his successor, Benedict XVI, and was beatified on 1 May 2011 (Divine Mercy Sunday) after the Congregation for the Causes of Saints attributed one miracle to his intercession, the healing of a French nun called Marie Simon Pierre from Parkinson's disease. A second miracle was approved on 2 July 2, 2013, and confirmed by Pope Francis two days later. John Paul II was canonized on April 27, 2014 (again Divine Mercy Sunday), together with John XXIII.^[16] On 11 September 2014, Pope Francis added these two optional memorials to the worldwide General Roman Calendar of saints. It is traditional to celebrate saints' feast days on the anniversary of their deaths, but that of John Paul II (October 22) is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration. Posthumously, he has been referred to by some Catholics as "St. John Paul the Great", although the title has no official recognition.