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MOTHER TERESA ASSEMBLY 2506 (GARLAND, TEXAS)

## OUR MEETINGS

Our Assembly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, as we near Christmas let us remember our loved ones who are no longer with us and remember all the lovely Christmas memories they left with us. Although the Christmas Season is a very joyous season for most of us, it can be a very depressing season for others. Let us be mindful of this and let us be there for our family members, our brother Knights, their families and our friends who suffer during the Christmas Season. Be sure to spend time with them, call them or write them a letter and let them know you are thinking about them. Most of all, remember to keep Christ in Christmas. (Merry Christmas everyone).



*Faithful Navigator  
SK Richard S. Guzman*



## FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Baptism is one of Catholic's tenets of faith. It is a direct commandment of our Lord, and it is for believers. This ordinance is a symbol of the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. It is observed by most churches, while others believe baptism is an act of speaking in other tongues.

However, it is not to be regarded as a means of salvation (Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:4, Acts 8:36-39).

Baptism as a spiritual exercise, is an act of obedience that follows the inward act of repentance. It is the commandment of Jesus Christ to all believers.



*Faithful Captain  
SK Felix Ogbeide*



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## FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT

Brother Knights.

Last month was memorable. During Thanksgiving, people travelled to & from our country to visit family and friends. We were turning a corner from COVID until Omicron came knocking on our door. During prayer, let us remember our family, friends, and fellow Knights who fell victim to this disease. Let us continue in protecting ourselves & others from this ongoing pandemic. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

SK Joseph Olickan Sr  
Faithful Pilot



*Worthy Faithful Pilot*  
*SK Joseph Olickan Sr.*





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## ADMIRAL'S TABLE

In November we witnessed two nationally televised trials. One for Kyle Rittenhouse, accused of the murder of two men, and the wounding of another. After four days of deliberation, the jury determined that Mr. Rittenhouse was not guilty on all charges.

Also, there was a trial for three people accused of murdering Ahmaud Arbery. In this case, all three men on trial were convicted of various crimes and all face possible life sentences.

If all the words that were written or uttered over this trial were added up, they might fill an encyclopedia. However, the final lesson of these trials is that justice must be blind to assumptions, opinions and outright lies about either the perpetrators, or the victims.

In our system, we depend on the impartial jurors to come to a conclusion based on the facts presented at the trial. When they do this, the outcome is not going to please everyone, but will reflect reality. It does not matter if I thought any of those on trial were innocent or guilty. What matters is that justice is served correctly. Unfortunately, many expected the juries to decide based on some political or social bias. We should all pray that those who serve on juries will faithfully serve based on the facts and not some other influence.



Bob Fries, Faithful Admiral

Vivat Jesus

*Faithful Admiral  
Robert (Bob) Fries*





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## FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

*Faithful Comptroller*  
*SK Chester Salacinski*

December

Membership stands at 206 members and includes 33 Honorary Life members, twelve of whom are priests. The next Exemplifications will be next year in the Spring. Details will follow when available. We all have an obligation to recruit Knights to join the Fourth Degree.

Watch your mailbox for your 2022 Assembly dues notice. We eagerly wait to hear back from you.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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.

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile”

- *Albert Einstein*



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## FAITHFUL FRIAR'S REFLECTION:

by SK Deacon Randy Wilson

### Advent

Early Christians spoke of the first and second Advent of the Lord, the first referring to God becoming incarnate in the human person of Jesus and the second refers to Jesus' second coming at the end of age.

Today's Advent is the period before Christmas when Christians prepare for His first coming, a practice that may have begun in some churches as early as the late fourth century; it was a time of fasting with sermons focused on the wonder of the incarnation.

By the Middle Ages, the four Sundays before Christmas became the standard length of the Advent season and since then, the first Sunday of Advent has been designated as the beginning of the Church year.

Advent, a word that has its roots in the Latin word, *Adventus*; an arrival or coming; the lighting of our Advent candles deepens this meaning for us each Sunday.

Three of the candles are purple and one is rose, the purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. - *In part taken from the USCCB Website*

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. - *taken from the USCCB Website*

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## COLOR CORPS

Color Corps report:

In the month of November, we had three turnouts. We did a Color Guard at St. Paul the Apostle school Veteran's Day Parade in Richardson. We also had a Color Guard for the Veteran's Mass and Brunch at St. Anthony in Wylie. We also attended a Rosary and Funeral Mass for John Todaro at St. Jude in Allen, and a visitation and Funeral Mass for SK Salem McLean at St. Thomas Aquinas in Dallas.

No other events are currently on the schedule



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



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## FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Continued from page 1)

According to the scripture, it should be done by immersion in water:

" Buried with Christ in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead" (Colossians 2:12).

This truth is reiterated in the book of Romans where it says:

" We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just like as Christ was raised from the dead by the Glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of Life" (Romans 6:4).

Those who have repented of their sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, are eligible for baptism (Matthew 16:26, Acts8:34-38).

Every child of God should be baptized for the following reasons:

1. To fulfill all righteousness-(Matthew 3:13-15).
2. To Identify with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ- (Romans 6:3-5).
- 3.To walk in the newness of Life- (Romans 6:4).
4. To put on Christ and His nature -( Galatians 3:27).

Vivat Jesus.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|----------|----|--|---------|
| December | 11 | Corporate Communion, St. Joseph's, Richardson Tx   | 5:00 PM |
| December | 11 | Mother Teresa Assembly's Christmas Social<br>On the Border Restaurant, 1350 Northwest Hwy, | 6:30 PM |

## FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT—Continued from page 4

What are the 7 Wonders of the World? Are they the 'The Grand Canyon,' The Great Pyramids,' 'The Great Wall of China,' etc.? To each, we have our own list. Here is one I found a while back.

- To Touch
- To Taste
- To See
- To Hear
- To Feel
- To Laugh
- To Love

The things we overlook as simple and ordinary, are often the MOST wonderful, and we DON'T have to travel far and wide to experience them. Slow down to... Enjoy Your Gift



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## **FAITHFUL FRIAR'S REFLECTION: (cont. from pg. 5.)**

The Advent season readings speak of a time of peace, when nations will not rise against another or train for war again, when the wolf shall be the guest of the lamb; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf be cleared. A time when evil is destroyed.

During Advent, we find ourselves journeying into the mysteries of the incarnation. While the stories are familiar, they continue to draw us to a new life, they continue to bare seeds of faith and hope for us.

Our joyous preparation in anticipation of His first coming; for the light of Christ to burst into our lives at Christmas; a light that promises a new age of peace and love for all.

“And they shall name him Emmanuel” ....” God is with us.” I hope you all have a very Blessed and Joyous Advent season.

Deacon Randy



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## AROUND THE ASSEMBLY - EVENTS, NEWS, COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### ASSEMBLY MEETING

The MTA 2506 will not have a business meeting in December, instead we will be having the Mother Teresa Christmas Social at On The Border Restaurant located at 1350 Northwest Highway, Garland Texas. This is scheduled for Saturday December 11th at 6:30 pm.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:skrickguzman6021@gmail.com). Contributions are due by the 25th of the month.

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- 12-01 Daniel R Henke
- 12-01 Timothy Nguyen
- 12-05 Joel J. Lanoux
- 12-05 James A Williams
- 12-08 Carl J Kunhardt
- 12-10 Wesley E Hollis
- 12-10 Kevin M Mc Gillis
- 12-12 Ron D Weingartner
- 12-14 Brian M. Roeten
- 12-15 Adrian Rodriguez
- 12-16 Jack M Hopkins II
- 12-18 Scott R. Kotrla
- 12-18 Gary L Kruse
- 12-19 John Carl Scarna
- 12-25 Trieu Le
- 12-29 Jack Albert Eichman



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## Saint of the Month

### St. Nicholas

After his parents died, Nicholas is said to have distributed their wealth to the poor. In his most famous exploit, which is first attested in Michael the Archimandrite's *Life of Saint Nicholas*, Nicholas heard of a devout man who had once been wealthy but had lost all of his money due to the "plotting and envy of Satan." The man could not afford proper dowries for his three daughters.

This meant that they would remain unmarried and probably, in absence of any other possible employment, be forced to become prostitutes. Hearing of the girls' plight, Nicholas decided to help them, but, being too modest to help the family in public (or to save them the humiliation of accepting charity), he went to the house under the cover of night and threw a purse filled with gold coins through the window opening into the house. The father immediately arranged a marriage for his first daughter, and after her wedding, Nicholas threw a second bag of gold through the same window late at night.



According to Michael the Archimandrite's account, after the second daughter was married, the father stayed awake for at least two "nights" and caught Saint Nicholas in the same act of charity toward the third daughter. The father fell on his knees, thanking him, and Nicholas ordered him not to tell anyone about the gifts. The scene of Nicholas's secret gift-giving is one of the most popular scenes in Christian devotional art, appearing in icons and frescoes from across Europe.