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Faithful Navigator's report



March brings several events for us to participate in. An “Exemplification Ceremony” will take place at St. William Catholic Church on March 11 in Carthage (p. 4). We hope to welcome some new Sir Knights to our Assembly on that day. Our Color Corps will be active at both the ceremony and at the mass that follows. A week later, on March 18, our Color Corps will be active once more participating in the Corporate Communion of Council 8954 at St. Joseph Catholic Church (p. 9). It should be mentioned that some of our February highlights were related to the involvement of various members from our Assembly and Color Corps in the installation of the new Dallas Diocese Bishop, his Eminence Rv. Fr. Edward J. Burns, and in the dedication of the new church at Good Shepherd Catholic Church (p. 7-8; p. 10).

A new slate of officers for the 2017-2018 fraternal year is to be presented at our general meeting on April 18, with elections in May. Planning is also underway for our “Ladies Night” to take place on April 22. This gathering is one of the most important events of our fraternal year, as we celebrate together to honor our precious Ladies. This will be a fun night for all with a variety of items to be raffled (p. 12).

Come join us at our meetings and social functions. We seek new ideas on how to best serve our God, our church, the Knights of Columbus and our Brother Sir Knights and Ladies of the Mother Teresa Assembly. We certainly welcome everyone’s participation.

My best and God bless! Vivat Jesus and Viva Cristo Rey!

Robert



SK Robert Font,
Faithful Navigator

Third Texas District 4th Degree Spring 2017 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.





SK Chester Salacinski,
Faithful Comptroller



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Comptroller's Report and March Thoughts

March Thoughts:

Report:

Membership currently stands at 199 members. The decrease is due to some members transferring their membership to Assembly's closer to their homes. Final Notices for dues has been sent. We still have about 30 members who haven't paid to date.

The next exemplification is March 11 in Carthage, TX. We are on the verge of winning the Star Assembly Award this year if we can add 3 more new members. Beat the bushes and recruit.

Finally: *Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.* – Sir Winston Churchill

A man was sleeping when our Savior appeared and told him there was work to be done. He showed the man a massive rock and instructed him to push with all his might. For many years, the man toiled but never moved the rock even a half a millimeter. Troubled and in despair he prayed; "Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded; "When I asked you to serve me your task was to push against the rock. Never did I mention that I expected you to move it. But now you are strong and muscled; through opposition your abilities now surpass that which you used to have."

By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is God who moves them.

When everything seems to go wrong, just PUSH! When the job gets you down, just PUSH!

P.U.S.H. – Pray Until Something Happens – Author Unknown

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Captain's corner: How to make a Motion?



SK Rick Bentine, PGK
Faithful Captain

The following procedure is generally recognized as good form in making a motion.

Obtain the floor as follows:

Stand. Address the Faithful Navigator and say “Worthy Faithful Navigator.” The Faithful Navigator will then recognize the speaker by saying “Sir Knight John Jones.” The speaker may not present the motion until recognized by the Faithful Navigator.

State the motion carefully.

This is usually done by saying “I move that———,” or “I move the adoption of the following resolution.” It is often well to have the motion prepared in written form before the meeting.

The motion must then be seconded.

A motion cannot be discussed unless it is seconded; also, unless it receives a second, it is lost. Any eligible Sir Knight, other than the one who made the motion, may second it. He may remain seated, saying simply,

“I second the motion.”

The Faithful Navigator must repeat the motion in full. The usual statement is: “The motion has been made and seconded that Is there any discussion?”, any discussion? any discussion?

The motion is open for discussion.

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Admiral's table

Sir Knights,

During the last month I was fortunate to attend two events that increased my admiration for our Holy Catholic Church.

On February 9th at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Most Reverend Edward J. Burns was installed as the eighth bishop of Dallas. It was inspiring to see the ceremony in which our Holy Father Pope Francis installs a new bishop through a representative His Excellency The Most Reverend Christophe Louis Yves Georges Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Shown on the picture on p. 8 is the Nuncio reading the Apostolic Mandate written by Pope Francis. After being given the Mandate letter, Bishop Burns presented it to all his parishioners in attendance. As you may know a heraldic tradition is for our bishops to use a Coat-of-Arms. Bishop Burns' Coat-of-Arms (p. 8) is composed of a shield from of the Diocese of Dallas; the shield has a red field in honor of the *Sacred Heart of Jesus* (Refer to the description on p. 8).

Note: our Color Corps Commander SK Don O'Bryan represented our Assembly in the Color Corps during the installation.

The second event I attended with the Color Corps, was the dedication of the new Good Shepherd Church in Garland. Bishop Kelly presided the ceremony which included applying the holy oils to the altar and four corners of the new church building. Congratulations to our brother members of Good Shepherd for their beautiful new church.

Vivat Jesus!

Jorge Gonzalez



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

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Admiral's table - continued

The diagonal white bend represents the Trinity River located within the diocese (the placement of the bend, from top left to bottom right, somewhat resembles the northwest-southeast direction the river takes through the state). The fleurs-de-lis within the bend are in honor of Pope Leo XIII (who was Pope when the diocese was established) and are taken from his coat of arms. The fleur-de-lis is repeated three times to represent the Holy Trinity.

The solitary star represents Dallas and also pays tribute to Texas' nickname, "The Lone Star State". The two swords honor St. Paul, who is the patron saint of the first Catholic settlement in Northeast Texas.

In the left side there is the personal Coat of Arms of Bishop Burns: this part of the shield is divided in two colours: the blue (*Azure*) symbolizes the separation from the worldly values and the ascent of the soul toward God, therefore the run of the Celestial Virtues which raise themselves from the things of the earth toward the sky. On this field we can see a star enclosed in a rosary, in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary whose feast is on October 7th, day of birth of Bishop Burns, while the last part of the shield is coloured in gold (*Or*), the most noble metal. Gold is a symbol then of the first Virtue, the Faith: indeed, is due to Faith that Bishop Burns became a "fisher of men", a service he has continued to develop as a priest, a vocation director, Rector of the Seminary of Pittsburgh and as Bishop.

The net recalls opportunely the Lord's charge to St. Peter to be a "fisher of men" and the importance of this ministry in the Diocese of Dallas. The black (*Sable*) horn, in heraldic shape, comes from the coat of arms of the Burns family and the three waves of water in blue (*azure*) want to remind the three rivers of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, where Bishop Burns comes from.



Apostolic Nuncio Pierre reading the Apostolic Mandate.



Newly installed Bishop Burns presenting the Apostolic Mandate.



SK Jorge Gonzalez, PGK, PFN; Faithful Admiral

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Color Corps events and Commander's report

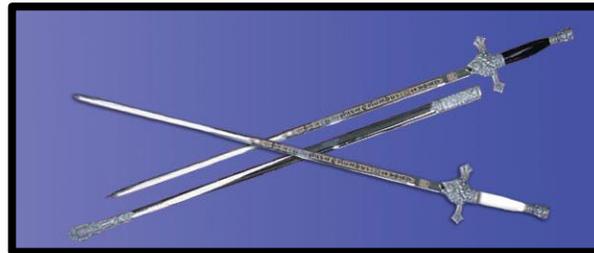


Color Corps Events:

- **3/11/17 – St. William Catholic Church, Carthage, TX. Spring Exemplification.**
- **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.



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Giving credit where credit is due: Color Corps February 2017 turnouts



Color Corps turnouts and MTA attendees in February included:

- Solemn Vespers related to Bishop Edward J. Burns installation, Dallas Dioceses; Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe; 8-Feb-17.
 - SK Don O'Bryan, CCC
- Installation Mass for Bishop Edward J. Burns, Dallas Dioceses; Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe; 9-Feb-17.
 - SK Don O'Bryan, CCC
- Dedication of the new church; Good Shepherd; 11-Feb-17

From left to right:

- SK Billy Kornegay, PGK
- SK George Ledbetter
- SK Bob Procsal, PFN
- SK Don O'Bryan, CCC
- SK Jorge Gonzalez, PFN, PGK
- SK Frank Lopez



Picture courtesy of SK Jorge Gonzalez, PFN, PGK and Faithful Admiral

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Other coming events and Last Rite forms



Other coming events:

- Spring exemplification (see p. 4).
- Ladies' appreciation night, April 22, 2017 at TBD, 6:30 P.M.
 - Raffle items shown on p. 11.
- Awards Banquet, July 8, 2017 at TBD, 6:30 P.M

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.

Stay tuned for others!



**Raffle Items; Ladies
Night 2017**



**American pride
belt buckle**



**Gift basket donated by SK Billy
Kornegay and Lady Ellen.**



**American pride
bolo tie**



Camo cap

Stars and stripes silk scarf



Cross pendant necklace set



Cross hammered bracelet



**Turquoise cross
pendant**

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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 March!

- Dennis Hernandez, Robert Crisp, David Jeziorski, Rosendo Martinez, William Sanzone, Manuel Ojeda, Joseph Vulk, John Plote, Aidan Pierce, William Henry, Fred Mc Corckle, William Richard, Ernesto Valencia.
- If we left you out by mistake, please let us know!

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Historical patriot of the month – Jack Sisson (1743-1821)



Jack Sisson was an African-American Patriot who served in the First Rhode Island Regiment during the American Revolutionary War.

Sisson was a main participant in the July 1777 capture of British General Richard Prescott. He was among about forty troopers under the command of Colonel William Barton. They traversed British controlled waters to sneak up and capture Prescott. Sisson was the pilot for one of the boats and used his considerable strength and hard head to break down Prescott's door. The mission was accomplished without losses.





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Parting thoughts of the month

Although I have spent most of my professional career solving problems related to the petroleum industry, I concentrated for many years on the study of landslides. But initially what drove me into the geological sciences was a fascination with volcanic activity and other awesome forces of nature. I have been privileged to visit the location of many impressive volcanoes, worldwide. One of these is Mt. Pelée on the island of Martinique in the Eastern Caribbean. In 1902, an infamous eruption occurred on Assumption Day. About 29,000 souls perished in the city of St. Pierre in a matter of minutes. The town was engulfed by a “nuée ardente”; a cloud of incandescent ash and superheated volcanic gases. Only four people survived. One of the survivors was Captain Edward Freeman of the steamship Roddam that was anchored in the bay. Captain Freeman witnessed the black cloud of the “nuée ardente” emerge from the volcano. Within two minutes it covered St. Pierre. By that time it was more than a mile wide and over one thousand feet high. The cloud of incandescent gas and ash approached the Roddam at hurricane speed. Captain Freeman watched his crew die in agony, as well as hundreds of people running desperately along the shoreline; their bodies on fire. The heavy iron chain that held his steamship to a buoy snapped and the vessel was set adrift. Suffering from terrible burns and in enormous pain Captain Freeman managed to steer the Roddam until it caught a current that allowed the ship to drift into St. Lucia. When Charles Dennehy, the British Colonial Surgeon of St. Lucia, asked Captain Freeman where he had come from, the Captain replied: “From the gates of hell.”

The moral of the story is that one never knows when the time comes for us to meet our maker. It is safe to assume that no one in St. Pierre could have predicted how they would die on that terrible day. “Tempus fugit, memento mori.” As Knights of Columbus, we know this well. Thus, let us always serve God and do our best to help our fellow man. In the word of Joshua (24:15):

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

SK Robert Font



Mt. Pelée and the city of St. Pierre in Martinique.
Photo by Robert Font