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Congratulations to SK Frank Lopez, the recipient of the “Charles Loney Outstanding Color Corps Member Award” for the fraternal year 2015-2016!

Color Corps Commander, SK Don O’Bryan, makes the presentation.



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Faithful Navigator's report

August was another busy month for us at the MTA. Our budget for the 2016-2017 fraternal year was approved by the membership. A revised calendar of MTA activities along with an updated Color Corps event schedule were published and sent to all.

The Color Corps participated in the Corporate Communion of Council 10646 at Sacred Heart and at a major degree at Lady of Angels Catholic Church, both held on 8/20/16. Important MTA ceremonies and gatherings are planned for September. Our Color is set to participate in Corporate Communions at both St. Joseph Catholic Church (9/10/16) and Sacred Heart Catholic Church (9/17/16). Also, the Color Corps will provide an honor guard at the dedication of the new church at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on 9/28/16 (see page 8).

Our general membership meeting in September will be "Patrons' Night" to be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on 9/24/16 right after the evening mass. I remind you that the patriotic theme for the meeting is "Achieving the American Dream." This is a potluck dinner with the Assembly providing the meat. Please invite your 3rd degree friends to come join us and to consider becoming part of the 4th degree. Some exciting items will be raffled! (Please view page 12 for details).

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the American Express gift card prices to be raffled in connection with our Fall Exemplification in October (refer to page 13).

Let's never forget that "charity" is the first principle of our Order. *"A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog."* Jack London ("My Life in the Underworld").



SK Robert Font,
Faithful Navigator

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Comptroller's report

The fall Exemplification is just under 2 months away. There is still time to recruit new Sir Knights which we all should be doing. That job is easier if you attend your Council meetings and interact with those 3rd Degree members who have been waiting to be invited to join the 4th Degree. If you need help or forms, just give me a call. My contact information is on the back of your membership cards.

"Please be patient. God is not yet finished with me." - Words on a child's tee-shirt.

These words still apply to all of us.



**SK Chester Salacinski,
Faithful Comptroller**

Mother Teresa Assembly 2506 -- September thoughts

by SK Chester Salacinski

Pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through and...stand before the Son of Man.” – Luke 21:36

The following poem was taken from an old inscription in the Cathedral of Lubeck, Germany.

***You call Me Master and obey Me not,
You call Me Light and see Me not,
You call Me Way and walk Me not,
You call Me Life and desire Me not,
You call Me wise and follow Me not,
You call Me fair and love Me not,
You call Me rich and ask Me not,
You call Me eternal and seek Me not,
You call Me gracious and trust Me not,
You call Me noble and serve Me not,
You call Me mighty and honor Me not,
You call Me just and fear me not,
If I condemn you, blame Me not.***



“Give me peace to hear the calling on me in Thy word, that it may be wisdom, righteousness, reconciliation and peace to the saving of my soul.”

- ***George Washington***

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Principles of the Order; Captain's corner

The other day I was talking to a Third Degree Knight about becoming a member of the Fourth Degree and he asked me what are the guiding principles the Sir Knights follow. Here is my answer to him:

- **Standing Firm in Support of the Order!**
 - Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.
- **Proudly Serving the Country**
 - Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.
- **Unwavering Support of the Faith**
 - Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.
- **Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood**
 - The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.



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



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Admiral's table

Greetings Brother Sir Knights,

As our fraternal year gets into high gear with all the events coming up in our calendar, let us also remember those Sir Knights that are having health or other problems in our prayers. Also, as I think of good catholic men in our country that overcame great difficulty, I found a Columbia magazine article published in November of 2014 describing the "Admiral's Legacy"

<http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/admiral-legacy.html>.

As I read this article I was struck by Admiral Jeremiah Denton Jr.'s perseverance. After being in prison for so many years, he stayed true to God and Country. I hope you read this article and remember to contribute to improving our "home" environment. Some of us may never start a new "**Coalition for Decency**", but we must contribute to organizations that foster love of God and neighbor, such our own Knights of Columbus.

Regards,
Jorge



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



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Color Corps events and Commander's report

Color Corps Events:

- **September 10, 2016; St. Joseph Catholic Church. Corporate Communion, Council 8954. Assembly time: 4:30 P.M. Event time: 5:00 P.M.**
- **September 17, 2016; Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Corporate Communion, Council 10646. Assembly time: 5:00 P.M. Event time: 5:30 P.M.**
- **September 28, 2016; Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Dedication of the New Church. Assembly time: 5:30 P. M. Event time: 6:00 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.**
- **November 5, 2016; St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mass before the Memorial Ceremony for our departed Sir Knights. Assembly time: 4:30 P. M. Event time: 5:00 P. M.**



SK Don O'Bryan. Color Corps Commander.

Commander's report on activity for August 2016:

- **Major degree at Lady of Angels Catholic Church: Participants included SK Don O'Bryan and SK Frank Lopez.**
- **Corporate Communion of Council 10646 at Sacred Heart. Participants included SK Don O'Bryan, SK Pat Conway, SK Robert Font, SK Jorge Gonzalez, SK Raul Medina, SK Roger Fulton, SK George Crossland, SK Rick Guzman, SK Frank Lopez.**

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4th Degree Exemplifications and Upcoming events



Exemplification news:

- Fall Exemplification: Saturday October 29, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Wylie.
- Spring Exemplification: March 18, Carthage, TX (Tyler Diocese).

Coming events:

- Officers' meeting, September 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Joseph.
- General meeting, Saturday September 24, 2016 ("Patrons' Night") at 6:30 P.M. at St. Joseph.
 - **Important: Please note that this is an open meeting and takes the place of our normally-scheduled gathering that would have been held on the third Tuesday of the month (e.g., September 20 at 7:30 P.M.). Thus, "Patrons' Night" on September 24 replaces, for this month only, our normal general meeting schedule!**
- Dedication of the new church at Good Shepherd, September 28, 6:00 P.M.
- Memorial Mass and ceremony, November 5, 2016 at St. Joseph, 6:30 P.M.
 - **Note: This date of November 5 is the new one, changed from November 12 (November 12 is no longer applicable)!**
- 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.



Our new DCCC, SK Roger Fulton.

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Informal gatherings and Last rite forms



Our 3-Year trustee, SK John Parker, PFN, PGK.

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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*Happy
Birthday!*

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

Happy birthday to all SKs born in September!

- Nicholas Colletti, Tom Stelmar, Joe Barbosa, Larry Weygandt, Bill Gaines, August Eberhardt, George Crossland, Ed Anaya, George Ledbetter, Frank Lopez, Louis Zermeno, Bob Procsal, Tom Milton Rowe, Mike White, Ken Ducote, Aloysius Amadi, Marco Ramirez, Rainer Herkenrath.
- 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 and used through the 1880s in the western frontier conflicts.
 - Two patriotic caps for the Sir Knights (Please note that these are a different style as compared to those raffled at our Awards Dinner).
 - Two cross-body bags, specifically for our Ladies!





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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!



From the archives, 2012

From left to right: SK Bill Kane, SK Robert Font, SK Billy Kornegay, SK Kevin McGillis.



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Historical patriot of the month – Anthony Wayne

Anthony Wayne (1745 – 1796) was a United States Army officer, statesman, and member of the United States House of Representatives.

At the start of the American Revolution, Wayne raised a militia unit. His Pennsylvania regiment participated in the failed invasion of Canada. Wayne also led his troops against the British at Brandywine and Germantown.

In 1779, General George Washington ordered Wayne to attack the apparently impregnable cliff-side fortifications at Stony Point, New York, held by the British Army. The assault took place at night time lasting about 30 minutes. Wayne and his men employed bayonets as the only weapons. This action earned him the nickname of “Mad Anthony.”

Wayne’s military successes and intense personality earned him promotion to brigadier general in the United States Army. He later served as “General in Chief of the Army” and commanded the “Legion of the United States.”





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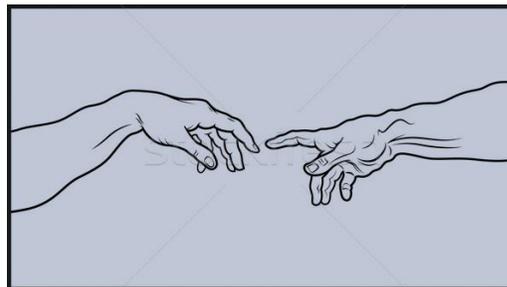
Parting thoughts of the month – A personal note

Genesis 2: 21-24:

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

*“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”*



²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This month my Lady and I celebrate our 50th anniversary and I can certainly tell you that I found “the rib” that God had in store for me! Our life together has consisted of various chapters, some more challenging than others. But our love for each other has allowed us to conquer all obstacles and produced two fantastic children and five amazing grand children. To the latter, I often convey the realization that they live in a unique country where, if one is willing to work hard at it, almost anything becomes possible based on our God-given talents. Take it from one who has actually “lived the alternative.”

God bless!

SK Robert Font