



# The Patriot Newsletter

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MOTHER TERESA ASSEMBLY # 2506 (GARLAND, TEXAS)

**MOTHER TERESA**  
St. Teresa of Calcutta

## MEETING TIMES

Our Assembly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month in the upper room located at St. Josephs Catholic Church - Richardson, TX starting at 7:30 PM.

Dinner served 6:45 PM.

## ASSEMBLY COUNCILS

**Council # 8954**  
St. Josephs Catholic Church

**Council # 12300**  
St. Anthonys Catholic Church

**Council # 9337**  
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

**Council # 6402**  
Good Shepperd Catholic Church

**Council # 10646**  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

**Council # 13158**  
Divine Mercy Catholic Church

## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

### Help Wanted — FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER

Our faithful comptroller SK Chester Salacinski, has inform me that he will be retiring as our Faithful Comptroller as soon as a replacement can be found and trained. This means if anyone is interested in this position and helping our Assembly or know of someone that could help, please let me know.

### Faithful Comptroller Job Description

- Keep a roll & the records of the members with the date of their initiation
- Collect and receive all monies due the Assembly and *all funds* obtained from any source and transfer the same to the Faithful Purser, and obtain a receipt from
- Keep accounts of the charges (dues) and receipts of each member
- Issue Fourth Degree Membership Cards (duly signed and attested as above,
- He shall upon request by a member transferring to another assembly, issue a transfer card, signed by the Faithful Navigator and attested
- Keep such necessary *Official Records* and forms as furnished by the Supreme Secretary.
- Notify the District Master of the names of all candidates awaiting initiation.
- Is the custodian of the Seal of the Assembly and affixes same to all proper papers.



*Faithful Navigator*  
**SK Rick Bentine, PGK**



## FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

My Fellow Sir Knights,

Well, it looks like we have a true challenge ahead of us. Just as we were getting ready for a whole new Fraternal year and hoping for a new recruits into the Order, the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree received news that the Board of Directors and Supreme, made the decision to change a beloved and symbolic image that has defined the Knights of Columbus since the 1940's. Of course, if you haven't heard by now, I am referring to the new military based regalia for the 4th degree Color Corps. Unfortunate as this is, we must continue our focus on Patriotism and see what's in store for our Assembly's future. Please see Pages 4 and 5 for more details.

### URGENT PRAYERS AND HELP NEEDED

As of 08/28/17, Hurricane Harvey is entering the Gulf once again and preparing for another run on Texas. The Category 4 Hurricane touched down on the Texas Gulf Coast on 08/24/17 and has dumped almost a year's worth of rain across the region in less than a week's time. Thousands have lost their homes, many have lost their lives, and many do not know what else is in store for them. I ask we all pray for those suffering through this time and for those with the mean, I urge you to assist in any way you can. May the Lord hear our prayers and bring comfort to those in most need.



*Faithful Captain*  
**SK Adrian Rodriguez, PGK**





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## FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT



*Faithful Pilot*  
**SK Robert "Bob" Fries**

For many years, it has been a contention of some, that the Catholic Church is anti-science. Indeed these critics of the Church incorrectly ascribe not only suppression of science, but sometime even accuse Her of outright persecution of scientists and their efforts. In his book "How the Catholic Church built Western Civilization", Dr. Thomas E. Woods lays bare the facts that show the Church has been the greatest patron of science.

These days, it is a fact the most are unaware of this truth. Indeed, most are not taught anything about the efforts of the Church, and many have believed the lies that have been promulgated by some of the most ardent anti-Catholic prejudice. The fact is the Church has often been on the leading edge of science, and has certainly supported valid research and discovery. The church created the first Universities, developed the ideas of free market economics, and most modern law.

See page 7 for continuation of story.

## THE ADMIRAL'S TABLE



*Faithful Admiral*  
**SK Robert Font**  
**PFN**

### Being prepared is the name of the game; God helps those who help themselves!

The first technical presentation that I gave before a very large professional audience was back when I was still a student working on my doctorate. I was excited about the honor of presenting at a national convention and in awe that, in my section and preceding my talk, was a paper to be delivered by a renown Canadian professor and author of various textbooks.

I worked hard in preparation for the event and developed a well-rehearsed and exciting presentation with about fifty 35-millimeter slides as illustrations. I could hardly wait for my chance. When the notorious professor arrived at the podium, he informed the audience that he would not show any slides, since that would result in an "insult to their imagination." And here I was, next, with about 50 slides to show. My first reaction was astonishment, quickly followed by anger. Unfortunately, I did not hear one word of the professor's talk. I was simply fuming. When my turn came, I introduced myself and, looking directly at the famed professor, I told the crowd that my presentation contained about 50 slides and that I intended to show every single one of them. I saw the professor put his hands together as if in prayer and sink into his seat. I then realized that I was so worked up that my mind had gone blank.

For a couple of seconds, I stared at a huge audience with no idea of what I was going to say. As soon as I flipped on my first slide, all came back to me and, thank God, I delivered an outstanding paper. The professor and I made peace after the session was over and all went quite well for me.

But I can assure that, if I had not been as well-prepared as I was, I would have certainly experienced some very embarrassing moments, indeed.

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## FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Assembly membership stands at 200.

The next Exemplification is scheduled for this October 6th, 7th, and 8th.

I'm asking Fourth Degree Knights to consider attending the Exemplification to show support for the candidates, renew their own Exemplification, and of course take the opportunity to take your lady out to dinner and dancing. Reservation forms are available.

The Assembly is looking for a Knight to replace your present Comptroller who is attempting to step down and pursue other challenges. The most important requirements for the job is possession of a computer and printer and the willingness of your better half to share you with the Assembly. If interested, please contact me for further information. If I can learn to do it, anyone can.

Finally: *"If you don't read the newspaper, you're uninformed. If you do read the newspaper, you're misinformed."* — Mark Twain



**Faithful Comptroller  
SK Chester Salacinski**

## COLOR CORP COMMANDER'S REPORT

Sir Knights,

Below, you will find the remaining events scheduled for 2017. Of course, you can always find the latest news on Color Corp events on our webpage by clicking on the link at [www.MTAssembly2506.org](http://www.MTAssembly2506.org).

Also, keep in mind that I will be holding a practice for the Color Corps at 6:30 PM on the same night as our general meetings for the remainder of the year.

Bring your baldric and sword to the practices. We will try to keep the meetings less than 30 minutes.

Email me with any questions.



**Color Corp Commander  
SK Don O'Bryan**

## COLOR CORP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mother Teresa Assembly Remaining 2017 Color Corps Calendar					
Date	Assembly Time	Start Time	Uniform	Location	Event
09/02/17	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Cape	St. Pius X	Rosary & Funeral for SK Charlie Gomez
10/07/17	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Cape	Hurst Conference Center	Dallas Diocese 4th Degree Exemplification
10/07/17	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Cape	St. Joseph	Living Rosary
10/08/17	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Cape	Hurst Conference Center	Dallas Diocese 4th Degree Exemplification Mass
10/14/17	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Cape	Breckenridge Park, Richardson	Presentation of Colors at Hike for Life
10/21/17	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Cape	St. Joseph	MTA Corporate Communion
11/01/17	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	Cape	Sacred Heart	Council 10646 Corporate Communion
12/16/17	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Cape	St. Joseph	MTA Corporate Communion



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## ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENT

### New 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Uniform

If you have not the pronouncement from Supreme; Yes, we have a new uniform. The "NEW UNIFORM" consists of a dark blue Blazer with the 4th emblem encased by olive branches on the coat pocket. Very dark charcoal slacks and a black beret with the same 4th degree logo on it and the new 4th degree long neck tie. The price is \$510.00. Not included in this purchase is price also needed is a white non-buttoned down collared shirt. The slacks will need to be hemmed (no rolled cuff) in a straight cuff so that will need to be done once received. Our ceremonial swords will be continued to be worn and used with the new uniform. That too is sold at an additional cost and will still be purchased the same companies as previously purchased from. There is a copyright on the new uniform and that this time items will not be available to be purchased individually. Purchase of the sword is not required for membership to the 4th degree. The new uniforms will be available soon for all membership to order and only through the Knight Gear store.

The 3rd Texas District can stay in our current regalia until July 1, 2018. After that date, all Color Corps member will need to be in the new uniform if they turn out for a Color Corps event. As of now Supreme has not given any guideline if 4<sup>th</sup> Degree not in the Color Corps will have to wear the new uniform. I will update members as information come down.



### 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 Adrian Rodriguez at [AdrianKofC@gmail.com](mailto:AdrianKofC@gmail.com)



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## THE END OF AN ERA FOR THE 4th DEGREE COLOR CORP?

### FUTURE OF THE 4TH DEGREE

Supposedly, after a 3 year period of testing and discussing, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt a new uniform for the Fourth Degree. Apparently, supreme officers and directors have received comments for years that the old regalia was a barrier to membership overall, or to membership in the Fourth Degree. Yet, in reviewing all that was said and discussed, Assemblies across the nation just heard about this change.

According to the Board and Supreme, the decision was based on the supposed factors of 1) Aging 4th Degree membership 2) Slow growth of the 4th Degree, and 3) consistent reports that the old regalia presented a barrier among younger men. Also, claims have been made that Insurance numbers have been dropping as less members are taking advantage of the KofC Insurance programs. Questions remain regarding this decision.

— How could the Board of Directors and Supreme make a historic and epic decision without truly taking inquiries from all its members? The comments being heard across the State of Texas clearly show signs of trouble in the future

— How is charging even more for a militaristic, combat-like uniform (\$500+) going to attract younger men when it was the cost of the original uniform and regalia (Approximately \$500) that kept them from joining in the first place?

— How can regalia that claims to be “Patriotic” not allow the American Flag? That’s right. The new rules do not allow the inclusion of the American Symbol of Patriotism, “Old Glory”, the American Flag.

— Where is the Charity in the new regalia when it comes to purchasing? A Blue Jacket and Grey pants is worth less than \$100. However, by holding a monopoly on selling the new regalia at “Knight’s Gear”, the official store for the Knights of Columbus, competing retailers are banned from participating in assisting Brother Knights from purchasing an affordable, cost effective uniform.

— Will 2017-2018 see the end of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Color Corp as the world knows it?

### HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE & COLOR CORP

The Knights of Columbus, founded by Father McGivney on March 29, 1882, was chartered with the purpose of providing mutual aid and assistance to its members and their families. Originally the Order had only three degrees, exemplifying the principles of **CHARITY, UNITY, and FRATERNITY.**

As the membership grew, the scope and purpose of the organization increased and became more diversified. Complying with the wishes of the membership, the Supreme Board of Directors approved the Fourth Degree in 1900 and on 02/22/00 the first Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held in New York City. The primary purpose of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus is **PATRIOTISM** - A love of country in which to impress the duties of citizenship informed by religion.

Since 1900, the 4th Degree has and continues to represent the VISIBLE arm of the Knights of Columbus via the Color Corps, appearing at parades, attends Funerals, escorts for the Bishop, and other special events. Since the 1940’s, the regalia we have come to know and love has defined the Knights of Columbus across the world. In the United States, the American Flag worn with the 4th Degree Emblem exemplifies Patriotism and Pride in Church and Country.





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## PATRIOT OF THE MONTH By: SK Bob Fries

### GEORGE MASON

George Mason (December 11, 1725 – October 7, 1792) was a Virginia planter and politician, and a delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention of 1787, one of three delegates who refused to sign the constitution. His refusal stemmed from the fact that the final draft of the Constitution has no explicit listing of the rights of the citizens. The Virginia Declaration of Rights, which Mason principally authored, served as a basis for the United States Bill of Rights, of which he has been deemed the father. Because of his stance on these rights, it was agreed to propose them quickly after the ratification, but that did no suit George. Without his position, it is debatable if the Bill of Rights would exist. What a true patriot.



## SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*“I am the way the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.”*  
— John 14:6

## STORY CONTINUED - From the Admiral’s Table



The moral of the story is that there is no substitute for being well prepared.

As Sir Knights of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, we must be knowledgeable so as to be able to defend our faith and the principles of our honored Order.

Even if circumstances suddenly blind-side us, if we are armed with knowledge we can properly react and overcome the obstacles that we may encounter.





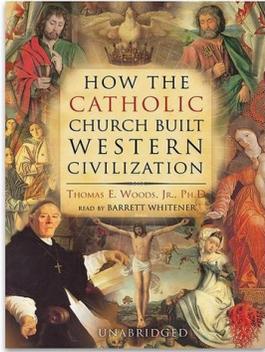
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## STORY CONTINUED - From Faithful Pilot's Report



I have heard many people who have not done the research themselves, say some awful and untrue thing about the Church and science.

I highly recommend that the book I have mentioned on Page 2 is an excellent apology to refute such claims.

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

### ASSEMBLY MEETING

Our next Assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

### ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

This year, we will be placing more emphasis on email communication and the Assembly webpage. We strongly encourage that members go onto the page and familiarize themselves with the contents and be active in providing input and content for both the webpage and newsletter.

Please follow the link to our webpage at [www.mtassembly2506.org](http://www.mtassembly2506.org)

### ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Please remember if you would like your Council's event mentioned here in this Newsletter, please send us your submission before the 29th of each month.

**REMINDER:** We in the 4th Degree participate in the "Chalice Fund." When a Sir Knight passes, a chalice or ciborium is engraved with the Sir Knight's name and presented to a church, priest or mission designated in advance by the Sir Knight and his family. In this way, every time the chalice or ciborium is used in a mass, the Sir Knight is remembered.

### ASSEMBLY MEETING FOOD SCHEDULE

MONTH	Council
September	12300
October	Patron's Night
November	6402
December	Christmas Social
January	8954
February	9337
March	10646
April	13158
May	12300
June	6402





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## 2017 - 2018 LIST OF OFFICERS

Faithful Friar:	OPEN
Faithful Navigator:	SK Rick Bentine, PGK
Faithful Captain:	SK Adrian Rodriguez, PGK
Faithful Pilot:	SK Bob Fries
Faithful Admiral:	SK Robert Font, PFN
Faithful Comptroller:	SK Chester Salacinski
Faithful Purser:	SK Christopher May
Faithful Scribe:	SK Raul Medina
Faithful 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee:	SK Manny Ojeda, PGK
Faithful 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee:	SK John Parker, PFN
Faithful 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee:	SK Jorge Gonzalez, PFN
Faithful Inner Sentinel(s):	SK Frank Lopez
Faithful Outer Sentinel(s):	SK Marty Martinez
Faithful Outer Sentinel(s):	SK Rick Guzman, DD
Color Corp Commander:	SK Don O'Bryan
Deputy CC Commander:	SK Raul Medina
Deputy CC Commander:	SK Roger Fulton
Deputy CC Commander:	SK George Crossland

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

- 09/02 - Nicholas J. Colletti
- 09/02 - Thomas E. Stelmar
- 09/03 - Raymond J. Dunaway
- 09/04 - Joe Barbosa
- 09/06 - Larry J. Weygandt
- 09/07 - William Gaines
- 09/13 - August M. Eberhardt
- 09/14 - George A. Crossland
- 09/16 - Edward L. Anaya
- 09/16 - George T. Ledbetter
- 09/17 - Frank C. Lopez
- 09/17 - Louis Zermeno
- 09/21 - Robert A. Procsal
- 09/21 - Thomas M. Rowe
- 09/21 - Michael White
- 09/23 - Kenneth P. Ducote
- 09/27 - Aloysius Amadi
- 09/28 - Marco O. Ramirez
- 09/30 - Rainer M. Herkenrath

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PATRON SAINT

*“What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.”*

*- Mother Teresa*

