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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

Brother Knights. Lead in the fight against abortion, study well and learn your Catholic Faith Be in solidarity with both your Priests and your Parish. Also, be the Spiritual Leader for your wife and children, lead by example.

Support the Leadership in our Councils and your Assemblies and get involved in committee(s), and play an active role.

Recruit members to both the 3rd and 4th Degree levels. Encourage Sir Knights to attend and participate in both the meetings and in all events.



*Faithful Navigator*  
*SK Joseph Olickan*



## FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Below are various ways to prevent the spread of Monkey Pox and how to protect yourself:

1. Avoid close, skin-to skin contact
2. Avoid contact with objects that have been used by someone who contacted Monkeypox
3. Wash hands often with soap and water before eating, touching your face or use of bathroom
4. Vaccination is a vital tool in prevention



*Faithful Captain*  
*SK Felix Ogbeide*





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## ADMIRAL'S TABLE

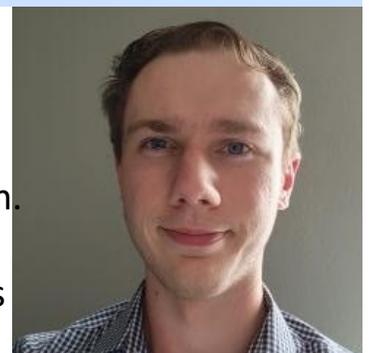
Worthy Sir Knights, our Country appears to be headed towards an economic recession. We as a people need to exercise our right to vote and place competent and responsible politicians in office. Politicians who will place Our Nation first, protect its' economy and its' interests. Politicians who align with our Christian values, Politicians who are Pro-Life and fight against the murdering of innocent unborn babies via Abortion. Politicians who are Patriotic, those who are Protectors of the U.S. Constitution, those who will Protect our borders, our way of life, and those who support Law Enforcement and Our Military.



SK Rick Guzman – Worthy Faithful Admiral

## FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Happy Dues Assessment month, everyone! Yes, it's that time of the year again when you should get an invoice for dues. Please keep an eye on your mailbox for the 2023 dues assessment that you should receive or have received in the early part of the month. Dues are \$30, plus \$5 for the Chalice Fund and \$5 voluntary assessment for the Military Archdiocese fund. The assembly takes cash and check. If you do not see your check drafted from your bank account by December 15, please contact me by email. Remember--save your postage! Come to the November business meeting with your checkbook or cash!



Vivat Jesus!

SK Robert Finley – Faithful Comptroller



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## FAITHFUL FRIAR'S REFLECTION:

by **SK Deacon Randy Wilson**

### Prayer

When Dr. Angela Duckworth, a Professor of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, was a seventh-grade teacher, she discovered that IQ wasn't the only thing that separated her highest performers from her lowest performers. Some of her best students didn't have high IQ scores, and some of her smartest students weren't among her top performers. This discovery ultimately led her to the field of psychology, where she has dedicated much of her research to the science of achievement. After years of studying West Point Cadets, National Spelling Bee contestants, professional football players, and salespeople, Dr. Duckworth found that one characteristic emerged as a significant predictor of success. And it wasn't general intelligence; it wasn't good looks; it wasn't physical health; and it wasn't IQ." She discovered that successful people have grit.



So what is grit? Grit is a positive trait based on an individual's perseverance combined with a passion to reach one's goal; people who pursue their heart's desire and work very hard to make it happen. Jesus asks us to pursue our passion, persistence, and perseverance; our "True Grit." Jesus invites us to freely and persistently convey our needs through prayer; not giving up even if it seems our prayers are not being answered.

Sometimes we are puzzled by what we think is God's indifference to our pleas, why would He refuse or delay granting our requests? Perhaps we suffer from our own human weaknesses; we are attracted to worldly things, sometimes finding humility is very difficult. We think it would work so much better if God would only remove our weaknesses; an easy task for him.

If God does not seem to react, do we assume His answer is no or that He is not listening? If we look at the history of prayers, the history of the saints, we find many saints prayed for a long time before finally being given what they had prayed for. Perhaps some would not have become saints if God had not allowed them to struggle more than they would have liked; against trials and difficulties both spiritual as well as physical.



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## **FAITHFUL FRIAR'S REFLECTION: (cont. from pg. 3)**

Prayer is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God, it is an act of spiritual communion by which we unite ourselves, our concerns, and needs with God and each other. Prayer brings God's truth, justice, and love into the world.

In Luke 18:1-18, Jesus tells His disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. A parable that teaches the need for perseverance in our prayer life, a perseverance that develops our trust and confidence in God. Helping us to become humble and to realize how weak we are when left to ourselves; helping us to understand that God is always close by, perhaps even closer when we feel He is not listening.

Today, we have many resources available that provide immediate feedback, if we have a question, we Google it, and the answer is there, right now. This may work well for our physical life; but prayer is not physical, it's spiritual; not having the same type of response we can get from a search engine such as Google.

My Wife and I recently went on a retreat, the Priest told us that when we pray, don't pray like we are going through a drive up window but spend some quality time with God in prayer; quality time listening to God.

What was it that St. Francis said? "Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary use words;" sometimes we should listen to our prayers and if necessary use words.

God continues to guide us on our journey, He is always there to help us through the "speed bumps" of life, to guide us. It is important that we practice our persistence, our perseverance, our "True Grit" when bringing our needs to Him.

God Bless,  
Deacon Randy



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## FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT

Part of the enjoyment of our fraternal order is to break bread together. However, the burden of making the meals we enjoy has fallen on only a few individual members recently. Please consider offering to make or bring a meal for the Assembly - even better if you can commit your Council brothers to work together to provide a meal. Contact me and Faithful Admiral Rick Guzman if you would like to be scheduled for providing a meal. Remember also that the assembly has expenses related to food, drinks and related supplies at each meeting, and your regular contribution (in the big Guinness glass) to help defray these costs would be appreciated. Also, consider arriving a little early and staying a little time after to help set up and break down the room. More hands make for lighter work.



SK Bryan Finley – Faithful Pilot



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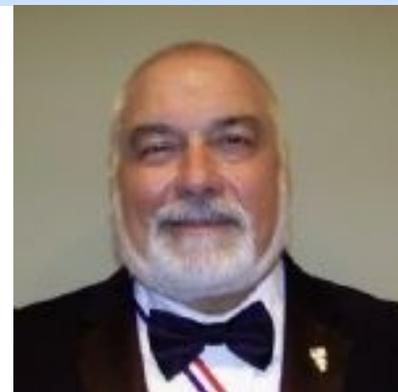
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## COLOR CORPS REPORT

In September, we had one event that was not reported in our last newsletter because it happened late. SK Ricky Brown assisted at the graveside honors for SK Andre Barreyre at Restland Cemetery, Garden of Faith on September 26

In October we had one member turn out for two events. SK Ricky Brown assisted at the following:

- Rosary & Mass for SK Eric Prasse, at St Thomas Aquinas Friday, October 14
- Corporate Communion for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council # 7850 Saturday October 22, 2022, at the 5:00 PM mass



As the Color Corps Commander, I am regularly encouraging members to consider joining the Color Corps. Because we represent the Knights of Columbus in a very visible way, we often get requests to provide services for the following events.

- Color Guard:  
Processing and presenting one or more flags at an event such as a Mass, or other church service (patriotic rosary, Blue/Red Mass, or other events), Pro-Life March, and sometimes sporting events.
- Honor Guard:  
Providing honors to a deceased Knight at a Mass, Wake, Rosary, or burial.
- Patriotic events:  
Veteran's day, Memorial Day, Flag retirements, etc.
- Presentations:  
Anniversary, Ordination, or other celebrations as requested by the Parish or Diocese.

If you have not been personally approached, please consider this as your invitation to be a Color Corps member, and help us be "the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus".

Viva Christo Rey

SK Bob Fries, PFN – Color Corps Commander



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

### ASSEMBLY MEETING

Our next meeting will be on November 15th

### EVENTS

Christmas Social

Vitto's Pizza & Grill at 2210 W Buckingham Rd, Garland

Date: Dec 10th, 2022      Time: 7pm

All are invited to attend 5pm Mass at St. Joseph's in Richardson and afterwards to meet at Vitto's around 6:30. Feel free to invite 3rd Degree Knights and their Spouses. Contact Faithful Admiral if you plan to attend.

**ASSEMBLY WEBSITE** If you have something going on in your council or parish, it can be listed there as well. As always, if you want to add something or see an error, let the webmaster SK Ricky Brown know at WebMTA-2506@gmail.com

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Jacobe C. Chandler
1	Donald A. Thomas
2	Almiraldo T. Cometa
2	Jose R. Gotay
6	Joseph T. Horan
7	James E. Dulac
10	Manuel Ojeda
11	Gregory D. Lutz
15	Robert G. Binish
16	Lewis C. Kester
18	Daryl Keith Bobb
19	Okwuchukion R. Agbadugo
21	Leonard J. Bielamowicz
21	Rev. Paul H Nguyen
23	Festus I. Evbuomwan
24	Manuel Reyes
25	John J. Banula
26	Rev Danilo Ramos
27	James D. Collins
28	Robert R. Martel Jr
28	A Thomas Poovey Jr

### THE PATRIOT NEWSLETTER – IT'S FOR YOU!

*If you would like to contribute to this Newsletter, whether it be a story, photo, or a special event taking place at a local parish, please contact Newsletter Editor SK Ricky Brown at ricky371@@gmail.com.*

Contributions are due by the 25th of the month.



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## **PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: By SK Bryan Finley - Faithful Pilot**

Patriot of the Month: Richard “Dick” Fiske

Twenty-seven years ago, on honeymoon in Hawaii, Margaret and I had the honor of visiting the USS Arizona memorial in Hawaii, which is a permanent roofed platform on the waters of Pearl Harbor which straddles the sunken hull of the battleship without touching it. As we saw the many names of those who were lost on December 7th , 1941, I saw the “W. W. Finley”; on the wall.



On the boat ride back to the visitors center, we heard a recording of a veteran who saw the explosion on the Arizona from the USS West Virginia and spoke about worrying about his friend WW. At the visitors center, we had the pleasure of meeting that very Pearl Harbor Survivor, Richard “Dick” Fiske. In his retirement years, Dick volunteered over 3,000 hours of his time at the USS Arizona Memorial visitors center. I asked him about WW Finley, and said I don’t think he’s related to me, but I was curious. Dick pulled out a photo album and showed me WW’s picture. He was welling up with tears, some 54 years after losing his friend.

On December 7, 1941, Dick was a Marine Private bugler on the West Virginia, and was on the quarter deck when the attack began at 07:55. He witnessed the Japanese planes coming in and launching their torpedoes towards his ship. It was hit by nine torpedoes and two bombs that would eventually sink the



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West Virginia. After the first torpedo hit, Dick rushed to his battle station on the navigation bridge. A few minutes later, he witnessed the ship captain's death. At about 0930, the men were ordered to abandon ship and he swam to Ford Island.

In the 1990's Dick formed a friendship with former Japanese bomber pilot Zenji Abe, who participated in the Pearl Harbor attack. Dick accepted the honor to dedicate two roses once a month at the USS Arizona Memorial on behalf of Mr. Abe in front of the names of the USS Arizona casualties and play "Taps" on his bugle. He continued to perform this ceremony until he passed away in 2004.

In 2022, I used Ancestry.com to research Woodrow Wilson (W. W.) Finley, and learned that his ancestors in the Finley family were from the same Shenandoah Valley, Virginia Scots-Irish colonial community that my Finley family traces from, and so we are distant cousins.