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MOTHER TERESA ASSEMBLY 2506 (GARLAND, TEXAS)

OUR MEETINGS

Our Assembly meets on the 3rd 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.

December will have a Christmas Social instead of a 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

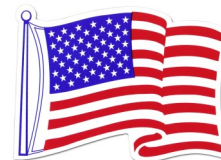
CHRISTIAN MATURITY

By Worthy Faithful Navigator SK Felix Ogbeide

Christian maturity is an ever-present goal for the believers in Christ. This goal is to reach the very height of Christ's full stature. Although no believer can reach total Christ-likeness during earthly life, the scripture places it as a goal for every Christian. Most parents watch eagerly as their children grow; they point with pride to each new sign of growth. Children also long for the day when they will be grown up and become mature enough to accept full rights and duties in the family. From the viewpoints of both parents and children, nothing is more sad than a lack of normal growth.



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SK Felix Ogbeide



All of this is true when applied to our spiritual life as well. God desires a growing fellowship with humans. We as humans also desire this relationship and feel lost without it. Even when man does not understand what he needs, he searches for this fellowship with God. But he cannot find it until he accepts Christ.

As the Faithful, we cannot experience the level of fellowship which God desires, until we accept God's purpose for us. That purpose is to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. We can say therefore, that Christian maturity fulfils the desire of both God and man.

Apostle Paul writes in the Bible thus: "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child, when I became a man, I put childish ways behind me" (1 Corinthians 13:11).

Several times God stopped the process of creating the world, to view His own work. Each time "He saw that it was good,"



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but on the sixth day, God created man according to His plan, then man was made in the image or likeness of God.

Without man, God's creation would have been incomplete. The creation of man fulfills the plans of God. Through fellowship, man would grow in God glorifying Him, and fulfilling the purpose of his creation.

Unfortunately, the story of creation does not end with man's fulfilment of God's purpose for him. Because of man's sin, he fell and was unable to fellowship with God and glorify Him.

Behold, Brother Knights, sin ruined man, by keeping him from his fellowship with God. But God loved man so much and desires his fellowship so greatly that He provided the plan of salvation through the ministry of Jesus.

The ministry of Jesus was to help each Christian become a mature person like Christ.

Apostle Paul scolds the Christian Church in Corinth for their lack of maturity. He tells them to "grow up! Because spiritual immaturity causes all kinds of problems" (1 Corinthians 3:2-3).

Beloved Sir Knights, we must be spiritually mature, believing that the death, burial and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, was for the forgiveness of our sins.

God bless us all!

SK Felix Ogbeide

Worthy Faithful Navigator



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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

As a former Federal Regulator and Retired Banker, I will try my best to conduct business as the Mother Teresa Assembly #2506's Comptroller. And, Yes any advice would be helpful. Brotherly Reminder, I am in On- the-Job training, so bear with me. Bills and paying SKnights are a priority. On a personal note, I am a recent widower having been married to my wonderful wife, YaYa, for over 52 years who passed away in May 2022 of Alzheimer's Disease.



Vivat Jesus! Thanks, Worthy Faithful Comptroller Ed Lopez



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DISCIPLESHIP

by SK Dcn Randy Wilson

Our environment is filled with a lot of noise, it seems like there is always a low roar in the background. The Lord brings us peace in this hectic and sometimes seemingly unhinged times we live in.

In Luke 14:25-33, Jesus is addressing the great crowds that are traveling with Him, their society also has a lot of noise, they are much like us, they hear Jesus' message of love and compassion; but how do they escape all this noise for just a short while? How do they embrace and live His wonderful message?

Jesus clarifies what is required to be His disciple, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Perhaps this seems a little harsh but Jesus is simply asking for our commitment, for us to be close to Him. We have all sought many things in our lives and have learned that achieving our goals requires commitment and sacrifices.

Picking up our cross and following Him is not just an idea or something we do when it suits us, it has to be real, it has to be who we are, it has to come from the heart.

Jesus wants us to be His disciples, He wants us to have a real relationship with Him; He wants to be at the center of our lives. While we endure crosses that come our way, we should also learn to carry our own cross, one of discipleship, a cross shared in our relationship with Him.

Jesus recognizes our humanity, In the gospel reading from Luke, He uses an example of building a tower, something we should not do without first laying out a plan. So it is with our discipleship, building a tower requires desire, desire is the first thing we do





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before we establish a plan. When we have a desire for something we really want, we make an assessment, we set priorities, we develop a plan of action.

Planning helps us to understand the challenges that can come our way, we have all heard the statement from people who feel they have taken on too much, "I didn't know it would be this challenging." Jesus want us to consider what our discipleship will ask of us; so He asks what else has possession of our hearts, how strong is our desire? Can we go beyond our preconceived limitations?

When we really want something, we will overcome many obstacles; our discipleship requires that we ask of ourselves that same kind of commitment.

Saint Charles Borromeo was quoted as saying, "If we wish to make any progress in the service of God, we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."

A fitting message as we travel with Jesus, helping us to escape from society's noise for just a little while. Let us reflect on our discipleship, our eagerness, and how we meet its challenges, both secular and spiritual to enhance our relationship with Christ.

God Bless,

Deacon Randy



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A REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

by Worthy Faithful Pilot S.K. Ricky Brown

October reminds us of the changing leaves and the changing times, but one thing that remains constant is our unwavering patriotism. As we embrace this beautiful month, let us remember the sacrifices of those who came before us and the opportunities we have as citizens of this great nation. Together, let's continue to uphold the values of freedom, unity, and progress that make our country shine brightly on the global stage. Happy October, a month to celebrate our shared love for this land we call home!



AROUND THE ASSEMBLY - EVENTS, NEWS, COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

ASSEMBLY MEETING Our next assembly meetings will be on **October 17** at 7:30pm.

ASSEMBLY WEBSITE— MTASSEMBLY2506.ORG **—Please send pictures of events featuring our Knights of Columbus in action using the “Email the Webmaster” button on the home page. —SK Robert Finley, Webmaster**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Edward Davis	15	Alex O. Hernandez	24	Felix Ogbeide
5	George Moslener IV	15	Les Hudson	24	Raphael Onuegbulem
5	William Stewart	16	Bryan A. Finley	28	Joe Hersley
7	Antonio Acuna	17	Charles Morrison	30	Samuel Deneault
10	Joe Pokawa	19	Joseph Winslow	30	Oliver Itheme
14	George Ezike	23	David Stone	31	Rev. Robert Williams



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HISTORIC KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER - A Coach for the Ages: Vince Lombardi

From an article published on the Supreme Website in 2020:

A man with strong Catholic faith and an unparalleled coaching career, Vincent “Vince” T. Lombardi is rightly one of the most revered coaches in NFL history. Within two years of taking over the struggling Green Bay Packers in 1959, he led them to two consecutive NFL championships, soon followed by a third championship, as well as victories in Super Bowls I and II. When he retired, Lombardi’s career coaching record stood at 105 wins, 36 losses and six ties.



But beyond his coaching expertise, he earned regard for his values, which he both lived on his own and instilled in his team, urging hard work and discipline for overcoming problems and achieving goals. Believing faith was important in every life, he considered daily Mass and Communion the source of his strength, and he often led his Catholic players to Mass. Lombardi joined Msgr. Basche Council 4505 in Green Bay, Wis., and later became a Fourth Degree Knight.

A believer in civil rights, Lombardi famously would not tolerate racial prejudice — and not just among his players. He made it clear to local shops and restaurants that if they refused to serve any of his players because of their skin color, they would be boycotted by the entire team. And players who displayed any act of prejudice would be dropped from the team.

When Lombardi died in 1970 at age 57, thousands attended his funeral at New York City’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Decades later, he remains one of the most notable sports figures of all time. Despite his success and the high regard in which he was held, Lombardi never lost sight of his purpose in life. This was perhaps best expressed by the following words, which he spoke to his players:

“After all the cheers have died down and the stadium is empty, after the headlines have been written, and after you are back in the quiet of your room and the championship ring has been placed on the dresser, and after all the pomp and fanfare have faded, the enduring thing that is left is the dedication to doing with our lives the very best we can to make the world a better place in which to live.”



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COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT

As of this date we have participated in four Color Corps events since my last report. In each of these events we had one CC member participate. These were all events scheduled by other assemblies.

August 23, the Color Corps participated in an honor guard at the FESTA Eucharistic procession after the Mass at St. Pius X in Dallas.

September 9, the Annual Catholic Bowl was held at the Star Center in Frisco. Eight Catholic High schools from around Texas compete in a football tournament.

St. Padre Pio relics were on display at three churches in the Dallas Area. In each case a Mass was celebrated on that evening and the Color Corps assisted with the processions. We had a participant at the first two events:

September 18 at All Saint Church in Dallas **

September 19 at Devine Mercy Church in Mesquite **

September 20 at Church of the Incarnation (University of Dallas) Irving

Viva Christo Rey

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PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: Casey Austin Sheehan, Specialist, U.S. Army

Casey Austin Sheehan was born on 29 May 1979 in Vacaville, CA. He is the son of Patrick Sheehan, a sales representative, and Cindy Sheehan, who subsequently became a prominent anti-war protester.

Sheehan joined the Cub Scouts at the age of six. At eight he became an altar server at his church. In 1996, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the second awarded by his Boy Scout Troop (180). Sheehan graduated from Vacaville High School in Vacaville, CA, with honors in 1997. Three years later, he graduated from Solano Community College with an Associate's Degree in Drama.



In May 2000, Sheehan enlisted in the U.S. Army as a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic, MOS 63B. It has been reported that he may have considered enlisting as a Chaplain's assistant. (Sheehan had acted as an altar server during the Palm Sunday mass on the morning of his death).

Near the end of his active service, the U.S. invasion of Iraq began. Sheehan re-enlisted, knowing that his unit would be sent there. Sheehan's division, the First Cavalry Division, was sent to Iraq. On 19 March 2004, Sheehan's Battery C, 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, arrived at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Camp War Eagle in Sadr City.

On 4 April 2004, Sheehan was killed in action after volunteering to be part of a Quick Reaction Force to rescue American troops in Baghdad, Iraq and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal with combat "Valor" device. He is also named for the SPC Casey A. Sheehan KoC Council 13534 in Fort Hood, Texas.

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