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OFFICERS INSTALLED

District Officers from Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, 1st District of Texas installed Assembly Officers from Dick Dowling, Santa Maria, De La Salle, and St. Mary's at Fr. George Berberich Assemblies in Fannett Texas August 11, 2011. District officers presiding over the installation were Master Peter Tan, District Marshals Al Lawson and Mike Mikulenka, Diaconate Deputy Thomas Wright, Friar Father Jim McClintock.



Pictured left to right Master SK Peter Tan, District Marshal SK Al Lawson, Dick Dowling Officers are Faithful Navigator SK Richard Cropper, Faithful Comptroller SK Roy Yeaman, Faithful Captain SK Mike Kitchell, Inter Sentinel SK Eugene Davis, Trustee & Color Corp Cmdr. SK Ron Sedtal, and Trustee SK R.L. Miller. In attendance but not in picture is Faithful Scribe SK Marvin Benoit. Officers not in attendance, Faithful Friar Father David Placetie, Faithful Purser SK Larry Dupuis Sr., Faithful Pilot SK John Tillie, Outer Sentinel SK Donnell Ramsey, and Trustee SK Gene Anderpont.



Greetings from Sir Knight Farther Jim McClintock Pastor of St Mary's, to Master Peter Tan, PFN at installation of officers, St. Mary's Fannett.

HELPING A WORTHY KNIGHT



Fellow Knights from Nederland and Port Neches Council complete an ADA approved ramp for Sir Knight Larry Dupuis who recently underwent knee replacement surgery. Larry, who will not be slowed down by knee surgery, sees this as only another minor setback. Since the loss of his eyesight in 1984, Larry's accomplishments include completing a Degree in Business Administration at Lamar State College-Port Arthur and, after hip replacement in January 2010; Larry very courageously served as Faithful Navigator of KC Fourth Degree, Dick Dowling Assembly. Larry gave his fellow Knights a thumbs up and said "Good job, I have some friends who are handicapped and in wheelchairs who can now visit with me."

Members of Port Neches and Nederland KC's, not pictured but helping with the ramp, are: Roger Monarch, Chuck Minshe, Ron Sedtal, and Roy Yeaman.



Pictured above are Richard Cropper and Gerald Gassen working on Larry's ramp. Gassen, lead carpenter, and knowledgeable of ADA ramps.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Texas mourns the loss of Deacon Sir Knight Jim DeLee. After decades of service in Southeast Texas, Deacon James DeLee of Port Arthur died on his 78th birthday August 7 at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont.



SK Jim DeLee Ordained to permanent diaconate Feb. 25, 2006 at St. Anthony Cathedral, Beaumont, by Bishop Guillory.

Deacon DeLee was a past Grand Knight of Nederland Council 5145, District Deputy, and 4th Degree Faithful Navigator of the Dick Dowling Assembly. A member of many other organizations, Deacon DeLee was on the founding Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas, President of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of South County, and on the original board of the Garth House.

Deacon DeLee was a retired colonel in the Texas National Guard. He also served Southeast Texas as Certified Family and Criminal Law Attorney. Prior to his legal career, Deacon DeLee was employed as a Civil Engineer at Gulf Oil and Jefferson Chemical.



Cecil A. Placette, 84, of Nederland, Texas Father of SK Father David Placette Faithful Friar of Assembly 1110 passed away on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at Cypress Glen East in Port Arthur. Cecil was born October 25, 1926, in Port Arthur to Joseph and Della Placette. He retired from DuPont after 39 years of service. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus - Nederland Council #5145.

Msgr. Bennie Patillo Celebrates Birthday

Port Neches Council 2461 hosted a birthday celebration for Msgr. Bennie Patillo. The Hall was filled with fellow clergy and friends.



Birthday Card and blessing read by Grand Knight Joe Graffagnino as Msgr. Bennie looks on.



Left to right, SK Father David Placette, Msgr. Kenneth Greig, Msgr. Bennie Patillo and Father Steve Ledger.



Msgr. Jerry McGrath, Msgr. Michael Jamail, Msgr. Bennie Patillo, and Msgr. Kenneth Greig.

DICK DOWLING HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

- August 10 - Mass of Christian burial, Deacon Jim DeLee St. James Catholic Church, Port Arthur. Honor guard in attendance was SK R. L. Miller, SK Mike Kitchell, SK Marvin Benoit, SK Don Tate, SK James Forey, SK Russell DeVillier, SK Ron Sedtal. Sir Knights at the Funeral Mass were SK Richard Cropper, SK Ron Sedtal and SK Roy Yeaman.
- August 14 - Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic Church 60th Anniversary.



Knights of Columbus on hand to help celebrate the milestone were 1st District's Master Peter Tan, District Marshal SK Lawson and other Sir Knights from Dick Dowling, and De La Salle Assemblies.

Fall Exemplification Sept 10 - Up Date

From the Desk of Master Peter Tan;

The 2011 Fall Exemplification planned Sept 10 in Houston Honoring **His Eminence SK Daniel Cardinal DiNardo**, gracing us with his participation, I am honored to announce that our **Worthy Supreme Master SK Dennis Stoddard** and his wife **Linda** will join us in all the activities on Friday and Saturday. This is indeed a great honor for Texas and the First District. We will have about **150 candidates**; this is a wonderful number considering that we just had an exemplification in June. **Sir Knights, thank you for your outstanding efforts.**

My brother Sir Knights let us all enjoy the activities of the exemplification weekend. It is a celebration of the hard work you have put into the First District over the past many years. Thank you for your support.

Peter,

"The Passion to Serve"

COLOR CORPS WORKSHOP

A Color Corps workshop was held on Saturday, August 27, 2011 in Baytown. Although this training class was primarily geared for Color Corps Commanders, many new 1st District Navigators and officers attended. Instructions included proper drill procedures, dress code, and handling of sword, chapeau, salute, and many other instructions. Conducting the class was SK Mike Mikulenska District Marshal.



In attendance from Assembly 1110 SK Richard Cropper FN, SK Eugene Davis 2nd CC Cmdr, SK Mike Kitchell F Capt and SK Ron Sedtal CC Cmdr.



District Marshal SK Al Lawson discusses training plans with SK Eugene Davis and SK Mike Kitchell of Dick Dowling Assembly.

Navigator Notes:

Appreciations all around, for those Sir Knights who fell out for Honor Guard activities this past month. It was appreciated not only by me but also by Bishop Guillory and Master Peter Tan.

The Worthy Master has asked that all Assemblies appoint a second Color Corp. Commander to assistant when the CC Cmdr. cannot participate. I have appointed SK Eugene Davis.

We should always have four SK, for Honor Guard but six makes a better showing. Shine up you sword and polish your shows, I'll see you at the next fallout.

THANKS Richard

GOLF ALL AROUND

Nederland Council Tournament

Father William Brooks Council 5145 Golf Committee is working to make our October Tournament a success. Profit will be split with St. Charles Parish. For anyone interested in sponsoring a hole contact a member of the Golf committee.

- Jerry Sourdellia 727-1138
- Kent Aguillard 722-6824
- Derrick Drummond 722-3413
- Steve Graffagnino 718-1227
- Jerry Smith 626-4888
- Larry Ducharme 722-4949
- Glen Fontenot 626-2313
- George Spaulding 722-2510

State Golf Tournament

The 37th Annual Johnny Lopez Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament is being hosted by the Texas State Council and the Council of West Houston. This year's tournament will be held the weekend of Sept. 23 – 25 at Bear Creek Golf World in West Houston and Bear Creek boasts three fine courses and we will be playing the two toughest. Anyone interested may receive more details and entry forms by contacting Daryl Entrop, State Athletic Chairman at <entrop@att.net>.

Port Neches 3rd Annual Charity Tournament

Tournament will be held at Belle Oaks Oct. 21, 2011. Plans are under way and your help is needed. Interested sponsors please contact a committee chairperson:

- Joe Graffagnino 724-7711 or 344-1117
- Terry Schwertner 722-8317
- Jody Jorgensen 749-0061

Sir Knights Celebrating Birthdays in September

Are:

SK Byron Duplechain
SK Matthew Thompson
SK Francis Guidry
SK Eugene Davis
SK John Crane
SK Cornelius Schexnaider
SK Michael Baxter
SK R. L. Miller

Comptroller Corner

Our Assembly is in good standing, thanks to SK Bryon Duplechain past Faithful Comptroller. As of August we are 80 members strong, with eight members of the clergy and ten life members. Our District Knights of Columbus recruitment is second in the state. We should be busy recruiting the new KCs up as Fourth Degree.

I've been busy the past two months, new forms, rules and boy, that new online Member Management & Billing. Quite a lot to learn, but I'll be ready for the 2012 dues assessments come December.

One of our necessary but costly expenses is postage; my plans are to send as much correspondence as possible by e-mail. Your e-mail addresses will not be forwarded and will be held in my most strict confidence as well as all other personal information. If you have an email address please forward it to me skroyyeaman@att.net or call 409-718-7650.

Thanks to the Assembly officers we have a new P.O. Box, which will be a big help. Our new address is;

Dick Dowling Assembly 1110

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Groves, TX 77619

HONORING OUR VETERANS

The Veterans Banquet will be held on November 11, 2011. We still need Veterans from Pt. Neches and Nederland. If you know anyone who would like to participate, please contact SK Ron Sedtal.



Sir Knights with regalia:

Any Assembly member with full regalia that would like to be on the list for call-out to events requiring regalia, such as funerals and masses, contact SK Richard Cropper, or SK Ron Sedtal.

Our current list is as follows:

SK Russell Devillier, SK Ron Sedtal, SK Gene Andrepoint, SK Donnell Ramsey, SK Joe Maggio, SK James Forey, SK Guy Barlow, SK Don Tate, SK Don Solis, SK Leo Begnaud, SK Larry Dupuis, SK Byron Duplechain, SK Tommy Dorsey, SK R. L. Miller, SK Mel Day, SK Eugene Davis, SK Mike Kitchell, SK Roy Yeaman, SK Harris Dorsey and SK Richard Cropper.