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FOURTH DEGREE GUADALUPE PROVINCE EXEMPLIFICATION

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EXEMPLIFICATION

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Fall Exemplification was held September 10 in Houston at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Honoring SK Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Archbishop, Diocese of Galveston-Houston. His Eminence was elevated to the College of Cardinals November 24, 2007 making him the youngest of American Cardinals. His Eminence joined the

Knights of Columbus in 1998 in Sioux City, Iowa and was exemplified Sir Knight in the Fourth Degree in 1999. He transferred to the University of St Thomas Council #13940 as a charter member when the council was formed in December 2005.

The Host Assembly was Msgr. George A. Wilhelm Assembly #1094.

The Exemplification Team, 24 Sir Knights in all, Coordinated by SK Paul Bettge PM did their usual outstanding job. This Exemplification, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree in Houston, was the second largest exemplification ever held in the Guadalupe Province. There were some 450 present, including Sir Knights and Candidates.

MASS

The Exemplification Mass was celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. With over 300 Sir Knights in full regalia; it was quite an impressive sight.



Banquet

Following a very nice eight-course Chinese Dinner at Kim Son Restaurant and Banquet Hall, SK Peter Tan PFN, District Master 1ST District of Texas introduced guest, SK Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Archbishop, Diocese of Galveston-Houston, State Deputy SK Tony Herreth, Supreme Master SK Dennis Stoddard, Vice Supreme Master SK Paul Weigl, PSD Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Supreme Director SK Javier Martinez and SK Paul Bettge, Former Master Our lady of Guadalupe Province.

SK Paul Bettge introduced Exemplar Corps followed by remarks by SK Paul Weigl, Vice Supreme Master, SK Tony Herreth, Texas State Deputy, and SK Daniel Cardinal DiNardo.

Introduction of Fourth Degree Guadalupe Province Masters District 1 SK Peter Tan, District 2 SK Gregory Tatum, District 3 SK Mark Hesselgrave, District 4 SK Javier Cabello, District 5 SK Mario Correa, District 6 SK Phil Leibowitz, and District 7 SK Gary Hoeffken.

After introductions, each Master was presented with a Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A single rose remained in the vase, to be joined with other silver roses that began their journey in Canada. All Silver Roses final destination will be the Basilica in Monterrey on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe

History



During a walk from his home village to Mexico City early on the morning of December 9, 1531, (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Spanish Empire), the peasant Juan Diego saw a

vision of a young girl of fifteen or sixteen, surrounded by light, on the slopes of the Hill of Tepeyac. The Lady asked for a church to be built at that site in her honor, and from her words Juan Diego recognized her as the Virgin Mary. Diego told his story to the Spanish Bishop, Fray Juan de Zumárraga, who instructed him to return and ask the Lady for a miraculous sign to prove her claim. The Virgin told Juan Diego to gather some flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill. It was winter and no flowers bloomed, but on the hilltop Diego found flowers of every sort, and the Virgin herself arranged them in his tilma, or peasant cloak. When Juan Diego opened the cloak before Zumárraga, the flowers fell to the floor, and in their place was the 'Virgin of Guadalupe' miraculously imprinted on the fabric.

Running of the Roses

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Knights of Columbus Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project in several Knights of Columbus jurisdictions. Each year, Silver Roses 'honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life' are carried by Knights from Canada, through the United States, and into Mexico to arrive at the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico on December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Due to the unrest in Mexico's Border States for the past several years the roses are not brought to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico but are passed to patrons of the Basilica in Monterrey on the international bridge at Laredo. This is the only time of the year that traffic is actually stopped on the Bridge. It's quite an impressive sight to see.



Patriotism

The Pledge of Allegiance

A Short History

Who wrote the Pledge? A Baptist Minister Francis Bellamy, wrote the original Pledge in August 1898. It was published in the September 8th issue of "The Youth Companion" A leading family magazine of the time. The pledge was written as part of the quadricentennial (400th year) celebration of Columbus Day 1892. The original Pledge read as follows" I pledge allegiance to my Flag and (*to) the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." (* 'to' added in October 1892)

In 1923 and 1924 the National Flag Conference, under the leadership of American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution the words 'my Flag' were changed to 'the Flag of the United States of America.' It was not until 1954 when Congress, after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, added the words 'under God' to the Pledge. Some say the Pledge is now a patriotic oath and a public prayer.

If the Pledge's historical pattern repeats, attempts will be made to modify its words this decade. Some would remove ' God', some would add 'equality' and some would 'include born and unborn'.



Sir Knights Celebrating Birthdays in October

Are:

SK Patrick Aguilar
SK Joseph Maggio
SK Richard Cropper
SK Michael McLane
SK Thomas Knowles
SK Ron Sedtal
SK Donnell Ramsey
SK Roy Yeaman

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.

Pictures from Exemplification



SK Paul Weigl, PSD
Vice Supreme Master, Our Lady of Guadalupe Province



(Left to Right) SK Al Lawson, 1st District Marshal
SK Richard Cropper FN Dick Dowling Assembly,
SK Roy Yeaman FC Dick Dowling Assembly



Sir Knight Daniel Cardinal DiNardo



SK Tony Herreth State Deputy



SK Peter Tan Master First District



SK Dennis Stoddard, PSD Supreme Master



Honor Guard

Navigator Notes:

To the SK that could not attend the Exemplification in Houston, you missed a great time and a great Exemplification. Master Peter Tan and his 1st District Team did an excellent job.

I encourage all Sir Knights, especially the Officers, to attend our monthly meetings. Mark it down first Tuesday each month. Our next meeting is **October 4: 6PM** **see you there.**

As mentioned last month the Worthy Master has asked that all Assemblies appoint a second Color Corp. Commander to assist when the CC Cmdr. cannot participate. I have appointed SK Eugene Davis. His purple cape and plume have been ordered.

THANKS Richard

Thanks to KC Council 2461

Saturday September 17 was cleaning and paint day at Hebert Hall lead by Council 2461 KC.

Comptroller Corner

Sir Knights continue to pay their dues. If you have not paid your dues, it's not too late. The 2012 dues assessments will be sent out in a couple months.

We should be busy recruiting the new KCs as Fourth Degree Sir Knights. There is a lot of new Third Degree KCs in our Parishes. There will be a Major Degree held at the Groves Council Sat Oct. 8, at 8AM.

Do you have an E-Mail Account? 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 skroyeaman@att.net or call 409-718-7650.

Our New Address

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Groves, TX 77619**

GOLF ALL AROUND

Nederland Council Tournament

Father William Brooks Council 5145 Golf Committee is working to make our October 14 Tournament a success. Profit will be split with St. Charles Parish. For anyone interested in sponsoring a Team or 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

Port Neches 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

We would like to invite you to join us on Friday October 21th, 2011, at Belle Oaks Golf Club for the 3rd Annual KC Council 2461 Charity Golf Tournament. The tournament is a one flight, four man scramble format. All proceeds benefit scholarships, St. Elizabeth Church, the Knights of Columbus and other Charities.

We would like you to be part of this event and assure you that a good time will be had by all. As always, any donation to the Knights of Columbus – sponsorship, time, money, door prizes or goodie bag items would be very much appreciated. Please call 409-722-0865 or 409-724-7711 to reserve your sponsorship. We hope to see you October 21st!

- Joe Graffagnino 724-7711
- Terry Schwertner 722-8317
- Jody Jorgensen 722-0865
- Sam Loyacano 719-6643
- Brad Burnett 722-0451
- Cory Belanger 543-9641



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 Andrepont, 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.