

Monthly Newsletter

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Faithful Navigator's Message

How can Congress override a Presidential veto? What is the Bill of Rights? The structure of our government is complicated, even for someone like me, who majored in political science.

Unfortunately, there are many citizens who can't even name the major branches of government or more than two or three cabinet positions. While that makes for great late-night comedy, it's a sad commentary on our civic engagement.

While it's important to follow current affairs and have informed opinions, it's also essential to know how our government works and what is achievable. Wishing that something was so doesn't mean that there is a legal or easy avenue for achieving that goal.

As Knights, we have a responsibility to continue learning the basics that most of us tried to rush through in high school. We then must do our best to pass that knowledge on to the next generation. We don't need to be lawyers, but a working knowledge of civics and the structure of our governmental institutions is fundamental to being a patriot.

Vivat Jesus

Larry

Regular Assembly Meeting:

Tuesday, August 23

**Carr Hall, Santa Rosa
Parish**

Mass at 6PM

**Meal and Meeting
follows Mass.**

Donations requested



Faithful Friar's Letter

Dear Brother Knights,

Hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer. The summer vacations are quickly coming to an end and the new school year and fall programs are fast approaching. As we end this vacation time, I ask that we all look back and reflect upon our summer to see if we have kept Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church as the center of our lives. Did we take a vacation from God as most of us did from work? Did we take the time to find a Mass on the weekend if we traveled out of town? Did we continue to provide support to our Parish?

As fellow Knights we are to set an example to the other men in our parishes. Have we lived up to being this example of a good Catholic Christian man? I pray that all of us have.

“When we become Knights, we are given a Rosary. I ask that each of you pray an extra Rosary for our Assembly on this special day [Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary].”

It is still hot and dry. The farm crops look bad.

We need to continue to pray for rain and cooler weather. We also need to pray for all of our Firemen and women who are out fighting the fires in this intense heat. May God's angels watch over them and protect them. May St. Florian, the patron saint of Firemen, assist them in their work and keep them safe.

The feast day of Blessed Michael McGivney is on Saturday, August 13. Last year Archbishop Lori wrote: “Officially, his feast day is reserved to the liturgical calendar of the Archdiocese of Hartford, where he served as a diocesan priest and where he was beatified. Nonetheless, the entire family of the Knights of Columbus can and should observe this day of joy and grace.” Then he offers some suggestions on how to celebrate this feast day. These include: 1) Reflect on Fr. McGivney's life and holiness. 2) Pray for his canonization by reciting the official prayer for this cause. 3) Recite the litany of Blessed Michael McGivney. 4) Attend Mass on August 13. Pray for the intercession of Father McGivney that God will raise up an abundance of priestly vocations. Let us try to do each of these suggestions on his feast day.

On Monday, August 15, we will be celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, it is still a Holy Day and all Catholics should attend Mass on this day. When we become Knights, we are given a Rosary. I ask that each of you pray an extra Rosary for our Assembly on this special day.

Please pray for all of our children and teachers as they return to school this month.

May the blessings of our Lord be with you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen Nestrsta

Faithful Friar

Chalice Update

Peace be with you. Just to let you know that I today presented the 4th Degree chalice of Jerry David to Fr. Radim Kuchar at the St. Cyril and Methodius School in Velehrad, Czech Republic. He was happy to have received it as they were in need of a new chalice.

Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, Faithful Friar

EIM Training

The St Helen office conducted their annual EIM audit for their ministries. Although Assembly 2784 encompasses several parishes, our charter is at St Helen.

Santa Rosa will be having an in person EIM training session on Saturday, August 27. To register for this class or to check on classes being offered at other parishes, go to the Austin Diocese website and login to your EIM account. The online class will also be offered through the end of this year if you just need refresher training.

As a reminder, all assembly officers need to be EIM trained. You must also be compliant to participate in KofC activities that interact with other members of the parish and public. Examples include parish meals, nut sales, the Field of Honor, and so on. You do not need to be up to date if you are inactive or just attend our closed meetings. This is a requirement at all parishes in the Austin Diocese.

We currently have a few “active” knights who are not in compliance with the bishop’s training requirements.

Effective July 1, we will have to submit attendance sheets to the St Helen office following our meetings there. Failure to comply with the EIM policy will result in the cancellation of our meeting privileges. For a list of in person classes, check the schedule on the Austin Diocese website or call your parish office. Your cooperation is appreciated. Reserve your spot by logging into your account on the Austin Diocese website.

Please contact your church office for assistance or for more information:

St Helen-Corina Peralez: **512-863-3041**

Santa Rosa-Kathy Baker: **512-943-0938**

As a reminder, active members of the Knights, and all parish ministries, are required to complete Ethics in Ministry training in accordance with diocese policies. Members need to attend refresher training every three years.

If you have never taken the class, additional paperwork is required. This is also true for new arrivals to the area who have never had training with the Diocese of Austin.



**Ethics &
Integrity in
Ministry**

Do you need EIM training to be compliant?

EIM Training Date Available

Santa Rosa de Lima Parish

Saturday, August 27, 2022

You must register through Austin Diocesan website to attend.

Color Corps Corner



Color Corps Report

Purpose of the Color Corps of the Fourth Degree

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

- **Charity** - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;
- **Unity** - by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- **Fraternity** - by expressing an "Esprit de Corps," sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- **Patriotism** - by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

- ❖ **August:** There are no planned Color Corps Fallouts for the month of August. I will notify you if anything develops during the month.
- ❖ Members can get a \$300 rebate if they purchase the uniform, possess a KofC sword, and join the Color Corps. We currently have a sword and baldric that was donated to us. Free to the next member who joins the Color Corps and needs a sword! Contact Bill Adams for more information.

Bill Adams

Color Corps Commander

German Social – August 18

Like our gathering at the Rentsch Brewery a few months back, we'll hold another informal social in August. For those interested, we'll get together at the Walburg German Restaurant on Thursday, August 18.

Plan to come by anytime between 4:00-7:00 PM for dinner or drinks. Invite your family and friends and spend some time socializing with your fellow Knights.

Hope to see you there!





Faithful Color Corps Commander Bill Adams(left) is presented with the Knight of the Year Award by Faithful Navigator Larry Deal (right). Bill Adams has been recognized as Knight of the Year for 2021-22. Heading up nut sales, past recorder, new Color Corps Commander, and helping with the San Gabriel Walk for Life. He's done a lot, but he doesn't automatically say yes to everything. Bill prayerfully considers the needs and his capabilities. If the Spirit calls, he answers. It's a good example for all of us to follow. Thank you and congratulations Bill!

Seminarian Update



We received the following email from our seminarian, Jude Lugari:

"I wanted to give you another update on my journey. After several months of discernment with my superiors, I am withdrawing from priestly formation and will not be returning to seminary this year. God may call me to return in the future, but for now this is the next step for me. I am at peace about this, and my superiors and I are confident that it is God's will.

For the time being, I am with my family and looking for a job nearby as I discern where God wants me next. With that said, I am very grateful for your generous support over the last couple of years. Please say a prayer for me during this transition.

Thank you and God bless,

Jude Lugari"

The road to the priesthood is long and difficult. We will pray for Jude as he contemplates his future, and we pray for all of God's people as they search for their own spiritual place in the world. We'll contact the diocese for another worthy candidate and suggestions from you are welcome.

2022-2023 Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar.....Father Stephen Nesrsta

Faithful Navigator.....Larry Deal

Faithful Admiral.....Chris Kolb

Faithful Captain.....Gary Bowers

Faithful Pilot..... William Fejeran

Faithful Scribe..... Harry Larkin

Faithful Purser.....Anthony Lanni

Faithful Comptroller.....Paul Chomka

Faithful Inner Sentinel..... Robert Miller

Faithful Outer Sentinel..... Don Ladolcetta

Faithful Trustee 3 Year..... Doug Harman

Faithful Trustee 2 Year. Jim Von der Vellen

Faithful Trustee 1 Year..... Tony Saviano



2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

These are the planned 2022 and 2023 dates and locations for our meetings:

August 23 – Santa Rosa

September 27 – Saint Helen – **St. Rita's Act/Ctr, Rm 223**

October 25 – Holy Trinity – **Memorial Mass & Social**

November 29 – Santa Rosa

December – **NO MEETING**

January 24 – Saint Helen – **Frizelle Hall**

February 28 – Holy Trinity

March 28 – Santa Rosa

April 25 – Saint Helen – **Frizelle Hall**

May 23 – Santa Rosa

June 24 – **Picnic** -- Santa Rosa (**after 5PM Mass**)

June 27 – Holy Trinity

We will lead off with a religious activity then gather for social time and, whenever possible, a meal and beverages.

Please check the website, newsletters, and emails for the upcoming schedule.

www.kofcassembly2784.org

Meeting Protocols

Regular Schedule		
St Helen		Santa Rosa & Holy Trinity
Setup	6:00	<i>Setup time depends on meal preparation. 5:30 If brought from outside. As required for on site preparation.</i>
Rosary	6:15	
Mass		6:00
Meal	6:30	6:30
Meeting	7:00	7:00
<i>Please sign both the Assembly and the Parish attendance sheets.</i>		
<i>EIM CURRENCY IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL BUSINESS MEETINGS.</i>		

FLY YOUR FLAG

4 US Code Sec. 6 (U.S. Flag Code) indicates that our nation's flag should be flown, weather permitting, from sunrise to sunset. "However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."

Flag Holidays and Remembrance Days in August:

- ❖ **Coast Guard Birthday: August 4**
- ❖ **Purple Heart Day: August 7**
- ❖ **Victory over Japan Day: August 14**
[VJ Day is also celebrated on September 2 – the day the treaty was signed.]
- ❖ **National Aviation Day: August 19**



Assembly Name Tags Orders for Members and Wives

If you need an **Assembly name tag**, please contact FN Larry Deal.

Also, several of our ladies have ordered name tags from our supplier, "What's My Name".

These badges are customized for their preferences so they must be sent in individually.

Contact FN Larry Deal for an emailed copy of the order form for our ladies.



Pro-Life Corner

News Just in from Texas Alliance for Life {Reprinted at request of Sir Knight Bill Adams.

NEWS RELEASE:

Texas "Trigger" Law to Go into Effect in August as Supreme Court Issues Final Judgment in Dobbs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 26, 2022

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Today, the United States Supreme Court released its judgment in the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The opinion in *Dobbs*, handed down on June 24, overturned the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* precedents that have prevented states from protecting unborn babies from abortion before viability. The issuance of the judgment, which is distinct from the opinion, begins a 30-day clock for [HB 1280](#), the Texas Human Life Protection Act (also known as the "trigger" law), to go into effect.

In 2011, the Legislature passed HB 1280, by Rep. [Giovanni Capriglione](#) (R-Southlake) and Sen. [Angela Paxton](#) (R-McKinney), to completely protect unborn babies from abortion beginning at conception, when the child comes into being. HB 1280 provides that performing an abortion is a first-degree felony punishable by up to 99 years, the attorney general can bring a lawsuit that includes a fine of at least \$100,000, and that medical boards must revoke the medical license of an offender. HB 1280 has a medical emergency exception, and the penalties do not apply to treatment for ectopic pregnancy or miscarriage. There is no liability for women.

Texas Alliance for Life's executive director, Joe Pojman, Ph.D., has these comments:

Now that the Supreme Court has overturned the terrible Roe v. Wade decision, Texas is finally free to protect unborn babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. That is what the Texas Legislature, Governor Abbott, and the pro-life movement is well underway at doing.

We are grateful to Governor Greg Abbott and the legislature for making the Human Life Protection Act a reality that will be fully realized when it goes into effect in August.

All 23 abortion facilities in Texas have already closed indefinitely. Meanwhile Texas has 350 pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies to provide free services to women with unplanned pregnancies.

Also in 2021, the Texas Legislature passed, and Gov. signed into law, several substantial measures to support women with unplanned pregnancies.

- The Legislature appropriated \$100 million for the current two-year budget toward the highly successful Alternatives to Abortion program. That program provides services for women facing unplanned pregnancies to assist them in carrying the baby to term, giving birth and keeping or placing the baby for adoption. Support is available for at least three years after birth from nearly 200 pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies across the state serving 150,000 clients each year, far more than the 55,000 abortions in Texas in 2020. Women's care at these centers includes pregnancy confirmation, counseling, moral support and services to free women from sex trafficking, domestic violence, or substance abuse. The centers also provide maternity and baby clothes and diapers for client's babies. Budgeting, parenting and pregnancy classes, job skills training, and referrals to other government agencies are also available. Hundreds more privately funded centers and church-based programs offer similar services across Texas.
- For uninsured pregnant women with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, the state's Medicaid program pays prenatal, childbirth and follow-up care for the mothers for six months and babies for 12 months. The Texas Medicaid program pays for more than half of all births in Texas, costing nearly \$1.2 billion per year.
- The Legislature continued funding various free services for low-income women, appropriating \$352 million over two years toward breast and cervical cancer screening, family planning, pregnancy testing, pelvic exams, sexually transmitted infection services, screening for and treatment of cholesterol, diabetes, and high blood pressure. The [HealthyTexasWomen.org](https://www.healthytexaswomen.org) website lists thousands of providers.

Also, as a result of the *Dobbs* opinion, Texas' pre-*Roe* abortion ban, first enacted in 1854, has gone back into effect. *Roe v. Wade* blocked enforcement of that ban, but the laws were never explicitly repealed by the Legislature. The law criminalized abortion with a 2-5 year penalty for anyone performing an abortion. Women seeking abortions were never prosecuted.

Communications

Not getting emails? If so, you probably won't see this article. As mentioned before, take care not to hit the spam or junk key instead of delete or archive. If our emails are listed as spam, you won't see them anymore.

Another problem could be a change of address. We use the database maintained by KofC Supreme. If your email, address, or phone number change, please contact your financial secretary or Paul Chomka and request an update. That will also affect mailings such as Columbia magazine as well as your insurance information.

Prayers Needed



SK Gary Bowers, PGK is our Faithful Captain and the immediate Past Grand Knight of Santa Rosa Council 12522. Please pray for better health, strength and a speedy recovery for Gary as he undergoes cancer treatment.