

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Monthly Newsletter

December 2021



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Faithful Navigator's Message



November is coming to an end, and we start to wind down a very busy month. Field of Honor, VFW Golf Tournament, Veterans' Appreciation Dinner, and Nut Sales. None of these would have been possible without several members stepping up to volunteer.

For some, this was their one event of the year. Others contributed countless hours working on multiple projects. Either way, I am very pleased that we were able to do more than just write checks.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help.

We take December off for a well-deserved rest. As we enter the Advent Season, let's take time out of our busy lives to prepare for Christ's coming. Spend some quality time with family and friends, share our blessings with others, and allow God to refresh your spirit. Have a wonderful Christmas! See you in January.

**No Regular Assembly
Meeting in December**

See Y'all in January 2022.

Larry



Faithful Friar's Letter

Dear Brother Knights,

May the peace and love which the infant Jesus brings during the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season be with each of you. This is truly a special time of the year as we have gathered to give thanks to God for His blessings and prepare ourselves for the upcoming celebration of the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ at Christmas.

On November 29 we celebrated the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a penitential season in which we reflect on our lives and determine how best we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ by purging sin from our lives. Advent is also a season of joyful expectation as we await the birth of the Christ child. We may want to take some extra time to reflect on the life of Mary and how she must have felt as she prepared herself for the birth of Jesus. She must've wondered what this child would be since He was conceived in such a miraculous way. She must've wondered how this child would affect her life and the life of her husband Joseph. As all of you, who are married and have children, know, your children have a lasting impact on your life from the first moment of their conception in the womb of their mother and especially as they grow and mature through life. Try to imagine what it would have been like to have the Son of God as your child and the tremendous responsibility that would bring to you. Joseph and Mary must have marveled each day at the brilliance of their Son and of the way in which God had blessed them through Jesus. Each baby, every child is sacred and holy. Let us always try to remember this and continue our support of respect life issues in our Church, city, state, and country. Let us also remember this when we have to discipline our own children. Always ask the help and guidance of Joseph and Mary when disciplining your children so that you may be able to imitate them and do so in the way in which they disciplined Jesus. In His human form Jesus had to be disciplined well, even though they were the Holy Family. Let us pray that every family become a holy family in the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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I would like to remind you that December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. On this day we celebrate that moment when Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother, Anne, a name which means “grace.” Mary was conceived without the stain of Original Sin, which we all inherit from Adam and Eve. She was kept sinless and spotless so that she could be the only worthy mother of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Let us all attend Mass on Wednesday, December 8, to give honor to the Blessed Mother and especially to God for the way in which He prepared Mary for this special mission in life.

Sunday, December 12, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. May Our Lady of Guadalupe intercede for us and for our nation.

May all of you have a very blessed and holy Advent and Christmas season.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta

Faithful Friar

2021 Georgetown Field of Honor (November 6-14)

With the pandemic restrictions loosened, we were finally able to help with the Field of Honor. The assembly donated over 90-man hours working in many areas including:

- Assembling and setting up the flags
- Working as greeters
- Making individual name tags to attach to the flags
- Serving as docents, escorting families out to view their purchased flag.
- Inspecting last year's flags to decide if they were good enough to reuse.

In addition to our volunteers, several members came out to the Field with their families to see the flags and the Vietnam Memorial Travelling Wall. Virtually everyone was more than impressed. Not only is the visual amazing, but the fact that every flag represented a veteran with their own personal story, made it very humbling. This project probably mirrors our goals as Patriotic Knights better than anything else we have attempted. We look forward to doing it again next year and hope that more of us will be able to participate.



A section of the Field of Honor at San Gabriel Park, Georgetown, Texas. To the right and center of the photo a black wall can be seen with people standing in front of it. That is a replica of the Vietnam Wall and is 80% the size of the original. It is a traveling wall and we were fortunate to have it in Georgetown this year. Faithful Admiral Chris Kolb [taking photo].



Three of the many Sir Knights who volunteered to work at the Georgetown Field of Honor. Beginning with the upper left and moving clockwise, we have our Faithful Navigator Larry Deal who volunteered as a Docent. He is tagging a flag with a memory card for a veteran on a flag purchased to honor the vet. Next on the right we have Faithful Admiral Chris Kolb who also volunteered as a Docent. He is tagging another flag in remembrance of a veteran. In the photo to the lower left, we have Past Grand Knight Pat Leone of San Gabriel (St. Helen Parish) Council, who worked on a laptop creating the tags which were needed for flags among other tasks.



Color Corps Corner

Tentative Color Corps Fallouts

❖ The 2022 Texas Rally for Life will be held on January 22, 2022 at the State Capitol in Austin, from 1-4PM. Expect a Color Corps Fallout for this event, as the Fourth Degree Color Corps usually leads the rally. Watch our January Newsletter for more information.

George Frederick

Color Corps Commander

Fall Exemplification

The District 6 Fall Exemplification was held in Harker Heights on November 20. We welcome the following new Sir Knights to Assembly 2784:

- SK Gary Callahan
- SK Don Kennedy
- SK Robert Miller
- SK Joe Orsak
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Faithful Navigator Larry Deal and Color Commander George Frederick were present as Color Corps members and served as candidate escorts. Faithful Comptroller Paul Chomka also attended the ceremony.



Above left is SK Gary Callahan. In the above right photo is SK Don Kennedy [left] and on the right is SK Robert Miller. SK Joe Orsak left before his photo was taken.

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Monsignor Rabroker Assembly 2784 teamed up with Santa Rosa Council 12522 to host a dinner honoring veterans. The spaghetti dinner was a normal parish activity, hosted by the Santa Rosa Council. Fourth Degree Knights helped with the preparation, serving, and cleanup. During the dinner, veterans were asked to stand, introduce themselves, and state their branch of service. Assembly members then presented them with a special lapel pin with a Veterans banner under an American flag. There was also a band that played a medley that included the songs for each military service. Out of around 100 attendees, we honored 26 vets. There are enough pins for another one of our councils to do a similar activity for their parish next year.



At the Veteran Appreciation Dinner, Faithful Navigator Larry Deal is asking veterans to stand to be recognized and receive a Flag Pin with the word, "Veteran," on it.



The meal servers at the Veterans Appreciation Dinner: SK Don Ladolcetta; SK Robert Miller; SK Dick Witte; and SK John Watzke. SK David Ramirez is standing at the doorway.



Our Faithful Color Corps Commander George Frederick and Faithful Scribe Bill Adams welcomed attendees as they arrived at the dinner.



SK Joe Watson manned the Knights of Columbus membership and information table at the front door of Carr Hall at the Veterans Appreciation Dinner.



Faithful Navigator honoring the oldest veteran in attendance and thanking him for his service during World War II.



Host Grand Knight and Faithful Captain Gary Bowers was responsible for the excellent meal served at the Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

2021 VFW Golf Fundraiser



Monsignor Rabroker Assembly supported the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) by covering an entry in the **9th Annual M/Sgt Ben Snowden Cup Golf Tournament Fundraiser** held at the Georgetown Country Club, on Monday, **November 8, 2021**. Eight Knights entered the golf tournament. Our Trustee Jim Von der Vellen was the Assembly's lead person at this tournament.



Election Day

It goes without saying that most of our Patriotic Knights probably took the time to study the issues and vote in this month's election. A special shout out to two of our Assembly Knights who spent many long hours working as election officials.

Thanks to SK Chris Kolb and SK Harry Larkin!



Save the Date



Texas Rally for Life

1-4PM

January 22, 2022

2021-2022 Assembly Officers

- Faithful Friar.....Father Stephen Nesrsta
- Faithful Navigator.....Larry Deal
- Faithful Admiral.....Chris Kolb
- Faithful Captain.....Gary Bowers
- Faithful Pilot..... Mike Judice
- Faithful Scribe..... Bill Adams
- Faithful Purser.....Anthony Lanni
- Faithful Comptroller.....Paul Chomka
- Faithful Inner Sentinel.....Leo Garcia
- Faithful Outer Sentinel.....George Marusak
- Faithful Trustee 3 Year.Jim Von der Vellen
- Faithful Trustee 2 Year.....Tony Saviano
- Faithful Trustee 1 Year..... Don Henry



Meeting Schedule

These are the planned 2021-22 dates and locations for our meetings:

December - No Meeting

January 25 - St Helen

February 22 - Santa Rosa (Mardi Gras Open House)

March 22 - Holy Trinity

April 26 - Santa Rosa

May 24 - St Helen

June 28 - Santa Rosa

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.

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Zoom Meetings

From now on, Zoom will not be offered during the monthly business meetings. We will continue to use Zoom only for the officer meeting. If you have trouble driving at night or need a ride, please consider carpooling with other knights living near you.



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 December:

- ❖ **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day:** December 7
- ❖ **Christmas Day:** December 25
- ❖ **Texas Admitted to Union (Texas):** December 29



Correction to November Newsletter:

SK Bill Fejeran, Jr. was incorrectly identified as SK Jesse Vasquez in this photo of the Color Corps fallout for the Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Corn Hill. Our apologies to both Bill and Jesse for this error. Bill is the Sir Knight to the far right.

