

Monthly Newsletter

February 2022

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Faithful Navigator's Message

As we return from the Christmas season, I would like to welcome everyone back to the second half of our fraternal year. It's still challenging with the pandemic but, hopefully, we are on the right track. Our membership since July has gone from 137 to 146. With the rapid growth in Georgetown, I expect these numbers to continue to increase. We must continue to evolve to not only satisfy our long-time members but also find ways to immediately involve our new members and transfers.

Despite having to Zoom this past meeting, the attendance was good, and we got a lot of work done to set the stage for this spring. For those who missed the meeting, most of what we discussed is presented in this month's newsletter. I would especially like to call your attention to the Mardi Gras Dinner, the electronic payment options, and how we will handle chalice presentations in the future.

Ideas for patriot projects and other enhancements are welcome. As we move forward, I hope we will try to help each other in all our endeavors.

Vivat Jesus,

Larry

Regular Assembly Meeting:

Tuesday, February 22

Carr Hall, Santa Rosa Parish

Mass at 6PM in Church

Meal and Meeting follows
Mass. Mardi Gras Open
House.

Donations requested



Faithful Friar's Letter

Dear Brother Knights,

February has arrived and most of the secular world is thinking about Valentine's Day and giving flowers and candy to their special someone. These special days are always very nice but I wonder how many people would still think about Valentine's Day the same way once they read the history of St. Valentine and how he became a martyr for his faith in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. All the red symbolizes his blood which was poured out because of his steadfast faith. Do we have such faith as to be willing to die for it? Are we in love with Christ and His Church enough to shed our blood for them? As brother Knights you are saying that you are ready to do what is necessary for Christ and His Church. While the world celebrates St. Valentine's Day with all its parties, the official saints we celebrate on February 14 according to the Roman Calendar of Saints is the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, the patron saints of the Czech Republic. These are the saints which are remembered at Mass on this day.

Ordinary Time ends on March 1 and March 2 is Ash Wednesday, and the Season of Lent begins. Please check the bulletin for the extra Masses that your parish will have on Ash Wednesday and receive your ashes as a sign of your willingness to continue your process of conversion and remain faithful to the Gospel. As Fourth Degree Knights we are committed to God, Family, Church and Country. I would hope that all of you will bring your families to the Stations of the Cross which most of the surrounding parishes will have each Friday evening during the Season of Lent. Let this Lent be a new beginning for you and your families as you all take part in this most beautiful tradition of our Church. At Holy Trinity we will have Stations of the Cross each Wednesday at 6:30 PM. As fellow Knights dedicated to God and His Church we need to teach our children about the importance of these traditions and how we grow spiritually by our participation in these services. I pray that this Lenten Season will truly be a new beginning in the spiritual life of every brother Knight. The more we grow in our relationship with Jesus, the more we live a life filled with His spirit of joy and the easier it is for us to go about our daily duties in life.

As Catholic Gentlemen we are called to be the presence of Christ in the world. If we do not have Him within us, then we cannot bring Him to other people. Receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion often and participate in the Lenten Services in your parishes and you will truly have the Spirit of Jesus within you. I would recommend that you offer the time you spend going to the Stations of the Cross as an offering for those serving in the Armed Forces. This way your sacrifice of time and prayer will be of benefit to many others whom you know and do not know in a way that only they and God will know. In doing this we will be living out the degrees of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism as we are called to do as brother Knights.

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Please continue to pray for our nation and all those who serve in government. We need to pray that they will have a change of heart and begin to live the Gospel of Life. It seems they are determined to support and promote the killing of babies in their mother's womb by way of abortion. Pray that the Holy Spirit may awaken to the truth and to the error of their ways.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta

Faithful Friar

Mardi Gras Celebration

Pandemic conditions willing, we plan to bring back our Mardi Gras dinner. Originally, this was our “Fat Tuesday” social and held during the council meeting. Since that is the same night as the Clergy Appreciation Dinner, we decided to move it to the weekend before Lent begins and make it more a dinner, rather than just snacks.



Here are the details:

Saturday, February 26, following 5:00 PM Mass (approx. 5:45)

Carr Hall at Santa Rosa

Tickets \$20 per person. Includes dinner from Smokey Mo's BBQ, drinks, and dessert.

Invitees:

- Assembly members and their wife (guests)
- Widows of our deceased knights
- Third Degree members interested in learning about the Patriotic Degree and their wife (guests).



Click the following link to purchase your tickets with a credit card:

<https://square.link/u/aAm7u4T9>

You will receive a receipt which serves as your “ticket” and the assembly will receive a copy of everyone who has paid.

To pay by check (KofC Assembly 2784) please mail your payment to:

Larry Deal

401 Old Blue Mountain Ln

Georgetown, TX 78633



All tickets must be purchased in advance, no sales at the door. That will allow us to order the exact number of meals needed from Smokey Mo's.

Hope to see you there!

Credit Card Sales

At this month's meeting, the membership voted to purchase a credit card reader and establish an account with Square. Council 12522 has experimented with this for the past year and had good success in increasing meal donations. We borrowed their reader to use for nut sales and ended up collecting over \$700 in credit card sales. Since fewer people carry cash these days, some of these would have been a lost opportunity. This will allow us to reap the benefits and have the cash transfers go directly into the assembly account.

In addition to credit payments for nut sales and donations at meals, we also have online options.

To pay your 2022 dues click the link below (regular members only. Honorary Life members are exempt and Honorary members will be billed separately). Since going active last week, 19 members have renewed online.

<https://square.link/u/ZqLu9vk0>

To purchase tickets to the **Mardi Gras**, use this link:

<https://square.link/u/aAm7u4T9>

Using these links will allow you to pay by credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. You will receive a receipt. The assembly will be notified of your payment, as well as what it was for. Easier than an Amazon order. Give it a try!



Chalices

For several months, we have discussed the challenges with our current chalice program. In a nutshell, widows (and families) of deceased knights don't know who to give the chalice to. Our priests have more than they need. When we ultimately find a recipient, he's likely to be in a foreign country or another distant location. The family doesn't see the chalice in use and the priest has no idea who the donor was.



After much discussion, this is the plan going forward:

- At our annual memorial Mass, we plan to present a candle to the families of both assembly and council knights who have passed since our last memorial. This provides a simple, yet meaningful, keepsake from the assembly.
- The widow (or family) of the deceased knight will be told about the chalice program and be offered the option of having one bought and presented.
- If the family does request a chalice, *they must provide the name of the recipient* before we make the purchase and have it engraved.

Rather than just opting out of the program completely, this still leaves the option open to make a formal presentation. If this is important to you, please talk with your family and have a plan before you need it.

Pro-life Corner

During the month of January, Assembly Color Corps members participated in two events:

- The Texas Rally for Life in Austin, and
- The Annual White Cross Procession at St. Helen Catholic Church, which was a memorial for all departed children of abortion, miscarriage, childhood illness or untimely accident.



(L-R) Sir Knight Pat Leone, PGK (6453); Grand Knight Jim Foley (6453); Sir Knight Bill Fejeran (6453). Color Corps members attending the 2022 Texas Rally for Life in Austin, Texas.



(L-R) Grand Knight Jim Foley (6453); Sir Knight Oscar Delgado (6453); Sir Knight Bill Fejeran (6453). Sir Knights getting ready to lead the White Cross Procession at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Georgetown, Texas.



Color Corps Corner

Tentative Color Corps Fallouts

- ❖ There are no scheduled Assembly Color Corps events for February. If this changes, we will update you by email.

George Frederick

Color Corps Commander

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 2022 dates and locations for our meetings:

- 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.

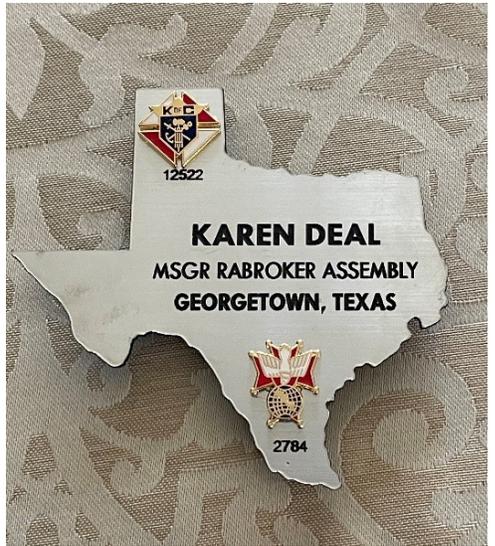
Please check the website, newsletters, and emails for the upcoming schedule.

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Name Tag Orders for Wives

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. Order forms will be available at the Mardi Gras Dinner.

If you are unable to attend or want to order earlier, contact Larry Deal for an emailed copy of the form.



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 February:

- ❖ **President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday:** February 12
- ❖ **President's Day:** February 21
- ❖ **Siege of the Alamo Begins (Texas):** February 22

