

# Monthly Newsletter

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## Faithful Navigator's Message

Growth is full speed ahead in Georgetown and Central Texas. For several decades, many of the new arrivals were retirees, settling in Sun City and other 55+ neighborhoods. In the coming years, most of our new residents are going to be younger people, with families and jobs.

Parishes are already seeking ways to be more family friendly. We have also seen many big changes in the Knights of Columbus. Halls are closing and no longer being built. Councils have a new exemplification ceremony, and their meetings are now open. The Fourth Degree uniform is different and additional changes are probably coming.

Fraternal organizations are no longer that popular but many churches, of all denominations, have a "men's club." The Knights may be changing their marketing approach, but the basic mission and rich history of our organization are the same. In many ways, we are going back to what the Knights used to be a generation or two ago.

Moving forward, our local assembly must be ready to evolve too. Electronic communication is standard. It no longer makes sense to spend \$75 on postage to mail out membership invoices and newsletters. Credit cards and online banking are becoming more common as fewer people use cash or checks. That option should be available. Programs and social activities also need to better accommodate members who have job and

family responsibilities.

For our long-time members, don't worry, change never happens quickly. But we have to move in that direction to bring in new recruits and continue to ensure that the Knights remain as meaningful to future

### Regular Assembly Meeting:

Tuesday, March 22

Holy Trinity Parish  
at Corn Hill

Mass at 6PM

Meal and Meeting follows  
Mass.

Donations requested

generations as they are to us. For the younger guys in our group, please speak up and help us to find ways to make the program worth your while.

During Lent, as we prayerfully consider where we are in our faith journey, let us take time to also think about how we live that faith in our daily lives. The Knights give us one way to do that. We should strive to be a light for others in the parish to see and want to emulate.

Vivat Jesus,

*Larry*



## Faithful Friar's Letter

Dear Brother Knights,

Peace be with you. We are about to begin the holy season of Lent. I would like to remind you that we should attend Stations of the Cross during Lent. What a beautiful tradition of the Church that has been handed down to us through the centuries. This tradition should be one which is shared with the whole family. Bring your families to the Stations of the Cross and be a holy Catholic family. Check your parish bulletins for the day and time Stations of Cross will be prayed.

For many Catholics, Lent revives memories of days when candy, movies, parties and other signs of human celebration were “given up.” There is an old sense of Lent as a time of self-imposed penance and asceticism. The explicitly religious expression of the season might have taken the form of weekly Stations of the Cross and daily Mass. There is a legitimate sense of prayer, asceticism and charity towards neighbor that are authentic hallmarks of the Lenten season. There is a genuine need to identify again with the suffering of Jesus.

Lent is about preparing ourselves for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This death and rising can be celebrated only after it has been experienced and lived in the daily fabric of human life. So Lent is about dying to self for the life of others. Lent is about dying to all human supports which blind us from seeing that true life is in God alone. Lent is as serious as coming to know that the deepest meanings of human life are seen in Jesus who fights every temptation to take the world by power, force or the razzle-dazzle of miracles. Lent is about reminding ourselves of our dependence on God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us spend this Lent purging away all that keeps us from living our Catholic Faith and living as true disciples of Jesus. Let us participate in Church events and prayer services and once again be united with our Lord and one another.

***“...let us pray for the people of Ukraine. This senseless and meaningless invasion of their country is an abomination and filled with the evil one. Let us pray for the people's protection and that their faith may sustain them...”***

Also, let us pray for the people of Ukraine. This senseless and meaningless invasion of their country is an abomination and filled with the evil one. Let us pray for the people's protection and that their faith may sustain them. Let us pray for all those who are dying due to this unjustifiable act of aggression against democracy. May our Lord send His angels, especially St. Michael, to assist them.

May you all have a holy season of Lent.

Your Brother in Christ,

*Fr. Stephen Nesrsta*

**Faithful Friar**

## Electronic Sales



Our credit card account is now fully open for business. We have already used the online feature to allow members to pay their dues or buy Mardi Gras tickets. Starting this month, you can also use it to make donations for the meal at our meeting.



Very handy if you don't carry cash or forgot to go to the ATM.

## Taking Care of Each Other

During the membership renewal process, we learned that one of our elder members had passed away last summer. Unfortunately, this is not the first time that we have lost a member and not known about it.

It's not unusual to lose interest or stop attending meetings as one ages, faces health issues, or has other life changes that make Knights less important. But, as long as our brothers remain members, we need to stay in contact with them to make sure they are not forgotten.

This is a responsibility for all of us. If you haven't seen someone around in a while, give them a call. Phone numbers are listed in the members only section of the website.

Along the same lines, don't forget our responsibility to take care of our widows. Let's make sure that they remain a part of the KofC family if they choose to.



Also, see the **last page of this newsletter** with ideas from Supreme Council of some telephone scripts, which you can use.

## Carpooling

We took an informal poll at this month's meeting. Almost half the attendees rode with someone else to the meeting. Not surprisingly, it is not unusual for a member to skip a meeting or event if they must drive at night or a long distance.

There were several ideas presented to match up drivers and riders. All were good and we should pursue many of them. In the meanwhile, check out your own neighborhood. If there is a Knight who lives nearby but doesn't participate, maybe they just need a ride. Give them a call and offer to bring them. It would be great to increase participation with something this easy.



Remember to set clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 12.**

## Save the Date!

### Men's Day of Reflection with Deacon Steve

Sponsored by Santa Rosa Council 12522

Andice, Texas

**April 23, 2022**

**Mass 8:00 AM followed by Breakfast**

**Contact Faithful Scribe Bill Adams for more info  
or to register**

**Email: [adamswb@icloud.com](mailto:adamswb@icloud.com)**

## Elections

Nominations for next year's officers will be presented in April, with the election taking place in May. In March we will gauge everyone's interest and look for volunteers to run for office. Here are the known vacancies so far:

Faithful Scribe

Trustee (Three Year)

Color Corps Commander (appointed)

If you are interested or want more information, contact Larry, Gary, or one of our trustees.





## Special Message from our Supreme Knight on Ukraine

Brother Knights,

The situation in Ukraine is dire and worsening. The people of Ukraine, and our brother Knights and their families in that nation, need our help.

I call upon all Knights to join me in praying for peace in Ukraine, and especially for the safety of our more than 1,800 brother Knights and their families who suddenly face the danger of war. Please also join me in responding to the recent appeal of Pope Francis to join him in prayer and fasting for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

In addition to our prayers, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has committed \$1.5 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainian refugees, including Ukrainian Knights and their families. We will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance.

Knights of Columbus Charities has launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for this purpose, and the Supreme Council will match all funds up to \$500,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund and how to donate, please see below.

Let me conclude with the words I addressed to our brother Knights in Ukraine in a video message to them: "In this time of intense danger, know that your brother Knights of Columbus around the world are praying for you, your families and all the people of Ukraine. We ask that our Lord protect you and your loved ones and restore peace in your land. We ask that He give you strength and courage to persevere."

You can view the entire video message on YouTube. [See Below.]

Fraternally,

*Patrick E. Kelly*

*Supreme Knight*

**Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund:** go to for more information and to donate:  
<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

**Supreme Knight's Message to Ukrainian Knights on YouTube:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=njxgOuy5nr0&feature=share>



## Color Corps Corner

### *Tentative Color Corps Fallouts*

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

*George Frederick*

Color Corps Commander

## Upcoming Events



Following the Mardi Gras, we will have a quiet period for a couple of months. Councils will be busy with fish fries and it gives all of us time to pray and reflect during Lent.

Things will start to pick up in May with Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day all on the calendar. We are considering a flag retirement ceremony and will probably move our picnic to May or June instead of later in the summer. Additional ideas for Patriot Projects are needed, so please bring your thoughts to the next meeting!

**Day of Prayer and  
Fasting for Ukraine**

***Ash Wednesday***

***March 2, 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 2022 dates and locations for our meetings:

**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.*

[www.kofcassembly2784.org](http://www.kofcassembly2784.org)

## Assembly Name Tags Orders for Members and Wives

If you need an **Assembly name tag**, please contact 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 Larry Deal for an emailed copy of the order form for our ladies.**

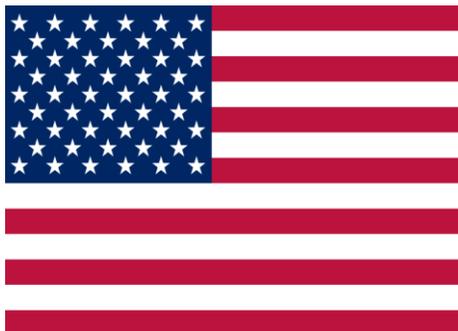


## ***FLY YOUR FLAG***

**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 March:**

- ❖ **Texas Independence Day (Texas): March 2**
- ❖ **Alamo Heroes Day (Texas): March 6**
- ❖ **Goliad Massacre Day (Texas): March 27**
- ❖ **César Chávez Day (Texas): March 31**



Credit for next page is: *Leave No Neighbor Behind*, Faith in Action series, Supreme Council Knights of Columbus. (February 2021), page 12 (<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/leave-no-neighbor-behind-program.pdf>).

# Resources

## APPENDIX C

### Support Your Brother Knights – Sample Phone Call Scripts

While personal phone calls are preferred, there are platforms such as Flocknote and Dial My Calls that can send out voice messages to your council phone number list. The “Leave a Message” text below can be used for this situation.

#### Live Script/Topics (make notes when member has needs)

Hello, this is [Joseph Thompson] from Knights of Columbus [Holy Family Council #18340], can I speak to [Member Name]?

Hi [Member Name], your Knights of Columbus Council has started an initiative to check on all our members during this trying time, to make sure they are healthy, safe and cared for. So, how have you and your family been doing?

- Are you in need of anything?
- Is your extended family well, or are they in need of anything?
- Do you know of anyone who would benefit from a daily phone call, just to check in and maybe provide some conversation?
- Do you know of anyone that might need things brought to them, such as medicine or food?
- Do you know of anyone that might need food pantry assistance?

It was great talking with you. Thank you for your time. Can I leave you an email address and phone number to contact, in the event you find a need that our council can help with? [+1 (123) 456-7890] or [an.email@gmail.com]. Thank you and have a good day.

#### Leave a Message

Hello, this is [Joseph Thompson] from Knights of Columbus [Holy Family Council #18340], calling for [Member Name]. We are calling all of our Knights of Columbus members to make sure you and your family are well, and to determine if there are any needs the council can help with. If you have a need related to the recent isolation requirements or can offer assistance to a Brother Knight or fellow parishioner, please let us know. We will make every attempt to match needs with available resources.

At your convenience, please call me at [+1 (123) 456-7890], so that we are sure all of our Brother Knights are doing well. God Bless.

#### Wrong Number

If the phone number is wrong, report it back to a committee member that can update the excel document, and look for an up-to-date phone number. Places to look for phone numbers include local online phone books or the parish office.

