

Monthly Newsletter

March 2023

Monsignor Edward T Rabroker Assembly 2784
Georgetown, Texas
Website: kofcassembly2784.org



Faithful Navigator's Message

Color Corps Commander Bill Adams and I recently attended a Color Corps (CC) training session. For many reasons, membership in the CC has decreased. Paradoxically, this is what defines us in the public eye.

Regular Assembly Meeting:

Carr Hall, Santa Rosa
Parish

Mass at 6PM

Meal and Meeting
follow Mass.

Donations requested

Look at any *Columbia* magazine and you can see Color Corps members at most major Catholic events.

In the Austin Diocese, Bishop Joe Vasquez is a big supporter of the Color Corps. Whether at an ordination Mass, with over 200 priests and deacons, or just a parish confirmation service, the CC is there to lend formality to the occasion.

Yes, we do funerals. But the assembly is trying to become more involved in the diocese and parishes. In fact, our District Master, Jesus Villareal, recently called to see if we could post the colors for a clergy dinner in Temple. Unfortunately, I had to decline because we didn't have enough volunteers or experience in handling the flags.

We need new members and more practice. Even if you don't attend meetings, there is a place for you. The fallouts are usually short, and it's your choice whether to attend an event.

Remember too, the assembly will give you a \$300 rebate if you buy the new uniform, sword, and join the Color Corps. For more information, please contact Bill Adams.

Vivat Jesus,

Larry



Faithful Friar's Letter

Dear Brother Knights,

Peace be with you. Happy and holy Lent to all of you. I pray that everyone is keeping their sacrifices during this holy season. Many of us "give up" something during Lent. What have you "given up" this year? When you give up something during Lent you are actually fasting from some sort of pleasure and usually you end up saving a few extra pennies. Isaiah reminds his readers that whenever we fast that we should give the equal amount of what we are fasting from to the poor. So, save those quarters that you would be spending on soft drinks and candy or those dollars that you would be spending on cigarettes or alcoholic beverages and give that money to some charity such as our Diocesan Mission Lent Boxes. You will not only feel good about keeping your promise of giving up something, but you will also feel good because you have helped someone else to have a better life.

As brother Knights, we are called to give good example of how we are to live as Catholic gentlemen. This means giving witness to our faith by what we say and do. During this Lenten Season we may want to examine ourselves and ask "Am I giving the best witness to the faith that I can give?" This includes speaking as God would want us to speak, dressing as God would want us to dress, doing what God wants us to do. Do we dress appropriately for Mass? I always say it is inappropriate to wear shorts to Mass. Do we dress the best we can for Mass whether it is a weekday Mass or weekend Mass. It is still the same Mass, so why would we dress differently, unless we are coming to Mass before or after work, then work clothes are ok. Do we take our manner of dress into consideration when we worship God? Let us give good witness to our faith and help others to worship Him as they should.

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I would like to remind all of you to attend Stations of the Cross every week with your family. This is a wonderful way to help prepare ourselves spiritually for the celebration of Easter. It also helps us to prepare ourselves to enter into God's holy kingdom. Let us all put forth the effort to make this Lenten Season more meaningful in each of our lives.

Lent is a time of penance so I encourage everyone to attend the Communal Penance Service which all the parishes have during Lent. Check your parish bulletin for the day and time of these services in our area. Let us join in together in asking God's love, mercy and forgiveness in our lives.

May you all have a holy season of Lent.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta

Faithful Friar



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them **O Lord**



**Faithful Captain
Gary Bowers, PGK**

**February 16, 2023,
(1952 – 2023)**

**Member of Santa
Rosa Council
#12522.**

**Please keep him in your prayers and
include a prayer for his wife, Caroline, and
for his entire family.**

RIP



**Sir Knight Chuck A.
Peterson, PGK, PFN**

**February 22, 2023
(1937 – 2023)**

**Member of San
Gabriel Council (St.
Helen) #6453.**

**Please keep him in your prayers and
include a prayer for his wife, Jean, and for
his entire family.**

RIP



**"Beware the Ides of March" ... Remember
to set clocks ahead one hour before you
go to bed on **Saturday, March 11.****

EIM Update – Virtus Online

The new EIM program from Virtus Online is now active. If you are up to date with your training, you should have received an email to activate your account.



You need to login with the information provided, change your password, and answer a few simple questions. Going forward, they will notify you via email when you are due for training.

If you didn't get the email, deleted it, or weren't up to date, you will need to get help from one of these sources:

helpdesk@virtus.org

eim@austindiocese.org

Or talk with the EIM coordinator at your parish office.

New Members Needed

Our new member quota from Supreme is ten for this fraternal year. We welcomed three new Sir Knights in the fall and have one candidate for the spring.

Transfers don't count, so we still need six more to qualify for the Star Assembly award.

The Spring Exemplification is on April 22 and applications are due on

April 1. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, it's up to all of us to meet this goal.



Please contact Chris Kolb, Paul Chomka, or Larry Deal if you have a worthy candidate who needs an application or more information.



Color Corps Corner

Tentative Color Corps Fallouts

There is at least one scheduled Assembly Color Corps event for March. We have received information related to the passing of Faithful Captain Gary Bowers, PGK. We plan to update you by email once more information is available about plans for Past Faithful Navigator Chuck Peterson, PGK.

Below is the information on scheduled our scheduled fall outs.

- ❖ **March: Visitation and Rosary for Faithful Captain Gary Bowers, PGK**
 - **When:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 6PM
 - **Where:** Ramsey Funeral Home, 5800 Williams Drive, Georgetown, TX 78633
 - **Color Corps Report Time:** 5:15PM
- ❖ **March: Funeral Mass and Reception for Faithful Captain Gary Bowers, PGK**
 - **When:** Thursday, March 16, 2023, 11AM followed by reception
 - **Where:** Mass: Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church, 6571 FM970 in Andice, Texas
 - **Where:** Reception and Spaghetti Luncheon at Monsignor Carr Hall on parish grounds.
 - **Color Corps Report Time:** 10:30AM
- ❖ **April: Spring Exemplification, Saturday, April 22, 2023, 11AM at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin. See last pages of this newsletter for more details.**

For those who do not own a Fourth Degree uniform, but wish to participate with the Color Corps in funeral events for Gary Bowers or Chuck Peterson, you may wear a tuxedo, or plain black or dark suit with black socks and black shoes; plain white shirt (no wingtip shirts or button-down collars), long black tie and Social Baldric. Only members wearing the new Fourth Degree uniform are authorized to wear the Service Baldric and carry the Knights of Columbus sword. Please contact me, if you have any questions.

Bill Adams

Color Corps Commander

Special Election

Nominations for next year's officers will be presented in April, with the election taking place in May. However, at our February meeting, the Trustees nominated SK

Robbie Licandro to fill the remainder of the term of Faithful Captain Gary Bowers (through June 2023). At our upcoming March meeting, we will vote for the position of Captain as well as consider any other names received for this role.



Save the Date

April 22, 2023

Spring Exemplification of the Patriotic Order



***St. Thomas More
Catholic Church, Austin***

See more details at the end of this newsletter.



District Master Corner

Our Worthy Faithful District Master Jesus R. Villarreal, Jr., visited our Assembly at its February 28, 2023 meeting held in the Parish Activity Center at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Corn Hill (Jarrell). Sir Knight Jesus (AKA Jesse) Villarreal became Master of District 6 in September 2022.

He presented Faithful Navigator Larry Deal with a certificate for our Assembly achieving the Civic Award, as well as a plaque for the Star Assembly Award, during Larry's tenure as Faithful Navigator.

Our new District Master discussed many items during his visit. Among them were:

- Importance of having a trained Honor Guard to present the Colors at District events.
- Importance of recruiting six new members to the Fourth Degree by the end of the year, but preferably by April 1.
- He emphasized that it is the Faithful Navigator's and Color Corps Commanders to check the appropriateness of what members of the Color Corps members are wearing. (i.e., Make sure Fourth Degree pin is on the left side centered in lapel pin hole. Black socks only. **Never White!**)
- The previous uniform is no longer appropriate for Color Corps events and we need to move on.

Information on the upcoming Fourth Degree exemplification is at the end of the newsletter.

Some of the pictures from the February 28 meeting are shown below:



DM Jesus Villarreal gives his District Master's Report to Monsignor Rabroker Assembly as SK Dennis Woodruff looks on.



DM Jesus Villarreal presents Civic Award to FN Larry Deal. Faithful Purser Anthony Lanni is in foreground.



DM Jesus Villarreal presents Star Assembly Award to FN Larry Deal. Faithful Comptroller Pau Chomka and Faithful Purser Anthony Lanni are in the foreground.

Catholic Advocacy (March 2023) by Chris Kolb

Our Texas Bishops have called Catholics to support Catholic legislation during the current 140-day Texas legislative session. Our own Diocese has said: *"The Church is called to bring awareness to policies and programs that support the life and dignity of every human person from conception through natural death, as well as policies that protect and provide for the poor and vulnerable, ensure justice for immigrants, strengthen the family unit and those that ensure all people have easy access to adequate medical and behavioral health care."*

If you feel called to act on these words, please go to the following links:

Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops website: <https://txcatholic.org/>

Download Bishops' Public Policy Positions: <https://txcatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/88th-Legislative-Session-FINAL.pdf>

Austin Diocese (Catholic Advocacy): <https://austindiocese.org/advocacy>

Who are my Representatives: <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>

2022-2023 Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar.....Father Stephen Nesrsta

Faithful Navigator.....Larry Deal

Faithful Admiral.....Chris Kolb

Faithful Captain.....Vacant

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



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.

Meeting Schedule

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

March 28 – Santa Rosa – Carr Hall

April 25 – St Helen – Frizelle Hall

May 23 – Santa Rosa – Carr Hall

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

June 27 – Holy Trinity - Parish Activity Center

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

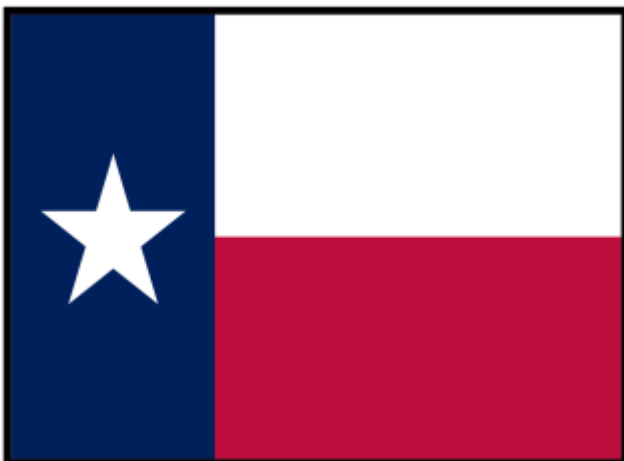
Regular Schedule		
St Helen		Santa Rosa & Holy Trinity
Setup	6:00	<i>Setup time depends on meal preparation. 5:30 If brought from outside. As required for on site preparation.</i>
Mass		6:00
Meal	6:15	6:30
Rosary/other Prayer	6:45	
Meeting	7:00	7:00
Please sign both the Assembly and the Parish attendance sheets.		

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



Fourth Degree Social

About 20 people attended the “informal social” at Pok-E-Joes on February 16. All three of our main parishes were represented and participation continues to grow. We especially welcomed one of our newest “Sir Knights,” Father Peter.

Considering other Mardi Gras festivities and upcoming fish fries, this was a nice turnout. Our next “event” will be the picnic in June but, hopefully, we will continue these gatherings in our next fraternal year.

Below you can see three photos of the event.



Did You Forget your 2023 Dues?

If so, don't worry, our Faithful Comptroller Paul Chomka can help!

Regular dues are **\$20** per year.

To help our Faithful Comptroller and save on postage and printing costs, please considering paying your dues in advance by one of the following methods:

1. Mail a check to Paul Chomka, 107 Piedmont Ln, Georgetown, 78633
*Please, Make checks payable to **KofC Assembly 2784***
2. Click the following link to pay by credit card:

<https://square.link/u/u83r1oPU>

3. Scan the following QR code to pay on your favorite mobile device



Knights of Columbus

Patriotic Degree

Our Lady of Guadalupe Province

SK Jesus R Villarreal Jr
District VI Master

April 22, 2023 Exemplification
In Honor of
Sir Knight Steve Musil



CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Exemplification Fee

Exemplification fee is \$90, which must be submitted with Membership Form 4 through your Assembly to the District Master.

Assemblies sponsoring priests must submit a Form 4 and \$35 fee for each priest. "No show" candidates (less than five-day notice) other than priests will be assessed \$35.

The District Master must receive all Form 4s with a check payable to "Knights of Columbus" (with "DM Fund" on the memo line) from the Faithful Controller by April 1, 2023 for the candidate(s) to be listed in the program.

Candidates will receive Patriotic Degree lapel pin, social baldric, and (later) a certificate.

Requirements to join the Patriotic Degree

Candidates must be 3rd Degree Knights in good standing with their Council and bring their 3rd Degree membership card to the Exemplification.

Official Dress for the Day - Candidates

Black, dark blue, or dark gray business suit with a white shirt, a dark tie, black socks and black shoes. *No boots. No sport coats. No button-down collars. No ruffles.*

Priests and Transitional Deacons should wear clerical attire. Active-duty members of the Armed Forces and first responders may wear their dress uniform. These are the only exceptions to official dress for the day.

REQUIRED PAPERWORK

Candidates must complete Sections 1-4 of the Form 4. Proposer must add his name and membership number and sign Section 4.

Council Financial Secretary must review and sign Section 5 to verify that the candidate is a 3rd Degree member in good standing and to confirm the membership# and 1st Degree date.

Assembly Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller must sign Section 5 to indicate acceptance into the Assembly. The Assembly number and city must also be included.

Faithful Controller must forward the Form 4s with all proper signatures along with a check to cover exemplification fee, ladies' program, and additional banquet tickets needed. **Paperwork and checks are due to the District Master by April 1, 2023.**

PATRIOTIC DEGREE UNIFORM

The official uniform is available from <http://kofcuniform.com>. Cost is \$449 plus shipping for basic uniform: jacket, pants, tie, and beret.

In lieu of the uniform, Sir Knights can wear the candidate dress of the day plus social baldric and Patriotic Degree pin. If wearing a tuxedo, wear it as a suit with a long tie and a plain shirt.

The District Master will raffle off a uniform at the banquet if there is enough interest. Tickets will be \$10 for one or \$20 for three. He will also raffle a uniform for existing SKs if there is sufficient interest.

TICKETS

Candidates are guests of the Master and will be given one Saturday night banquet ticket if attending. All others must purchase banquet tickets through their Assembly. Tickets will be handed out at the registration table.

Extra banquet tickets: \$35 each
Ladies' Program: \$25 each

All tickets must be ordered through the Assembly's Faithful Comptroller. He must submit one check payable to "Knights of Columbus" (with "DM Fund" on the memo line) with names of candidates and others attending by April 1, 2023 to:

Jesus R Villarreal Jr
Master-Texas 6th District
212 S Judge Hailey Dr
P.O. Box 221
Lott, TX 76656

MEMBER INFORMATION

All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend the Exemplification and Mass. Sir Knights must wear uniform or dress as listed to the left and bring their 3rd Degree and Patriotic Degree membership cards.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 22, 2023

All events will take place at:
St Thomas More Catholic Church
10205 FM 620 N
Austin, TX 78726

The Life House is the 1st building on the left side of the entrance drive. Brennan Auditorium is behind the statues that are behind the church. The PAC is the 2nd building on the left side of the entrance drive.

Note: Times in blue have changed from original flyer.

11am-1pm: Registration: TBD: Life House or Brennan Auditorium

1pm: Candidates assemble for final instructions followed by group photograph.

1pm: Ladies' Program participants meet in the Life House.

1:30pm-3:30pm: Exemplification: PAC

4:15pm: Candidates assemble for Mass.

5-6pm: Mass

6-7pm: Social and photo opportunity for singles or couples in the Hall.

7-8:30pm: Banquet: Meal to honor the new Sir Knights at the PAC.

LADIES' PROGRAM

Note: Times in blue have changed from original flyer.

1pm-3:45pm: A fun and interesting program will be planned for the ladies. After the program, they can join their new Sir Knight husbands for Mass and the banquet.

HOTEL INFORMATION

TBD

PICTURES

A group picture will be taken just prior to the exemplification. The photographer will be available during the social to take pictures of couples or others for a nominal fee.

HOST ASSEMBLY

St. Maximilian Kolbe Assembly 2767
10205 FM 620 N
Austin, Tx 78726
Kevin Brinkman - FN

Austin Chapter K of C website
<http://kofcaustin.org/>