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Month of the *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Monthly Newsletter

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Faithful Navigator's Message

Greetings Brother Knights! I am thankful for my family and for all of you, for the freedom we enjoy in our country, and most of all for our merciful God and beautiful Faith. If you would like to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, I highly recommend St. Gertrude's Prayer!

Vivat Jesus, *Bill*



Next Assembly Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov 28

Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church in Andice

Mass - 6:00 PM

Meal - 6:30 PM

Meeting - 7:00 PM



St. Gertrude's Prayer

Eternal *Father*, I offer You the most precious *Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus*, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the *Holy Souls* in Purgatory, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family.

Amen.

This Prayer was given to St. Gertrude and Jesus promised that every time it was said, 1000 souls would be released from Purgatory and allowed into God's Presence.

Faithful Friar's Letter



Dear Brother Knights,

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. As I write you today cooler weather has finally arrived and there is a new feeling in the air. We have now begun a season full of various festivities and holidays, Holy Days as well.

It was good to see many of you at the Memorial Mass on October 24. It is important to pray for all of the faithful departed Knights and for all people who have died. We especially pray for all the Souls in Purgatory during the month of November. I encourage you to attend Mass as many days as possible and pray for the people you have personally known and have passed from this world. St. Paul says in 1 Cor 3:12-15 - “If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. **It will be revealed with fire, and the fire [itself] will test the quality of each one's work.** If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; **the person will be saved, but only as through fire.**” We hope they are in heaven but they may still be going through the process of purification that we call Purgatory. So, pray for their souls to enter into God's presence in heaven.

We traditionally celebrate the month of November as a month of thanksgiving. We give thanks for all veterans who have served our country as we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11. If your parish has a Mass on Saturday morning, November 11, try to attend that Mass and pray for all veterans.

As all of you know, Thursday, November 23, is Thanksgiving Day. On this day we give thanks to God for the many ways He has blessed us and blessed our nation throughout the year. Every Knight, as well as every Catholic, should attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Afterwards, you can go home to watch the parades and football games and also enjoy a nice Thanksgiving Dinner with your family.

May the blessings of our Lord be upon all of you and your families during this festive time of year.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta

VETERANS DAY

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. Weeks' local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. The remains from Vietnam were exhumed May 14, 1998, identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, and removed for burial. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

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HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED

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Color Corps Commander's Report

There is one fallout to report:

Present on October 24 at the **Memorial Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church** were:

- FN William Fejeran
- PFN Chris Kolb
- SK Jim Foley
- PFN Larry Deal
- SK John Day
- SK George Glenney



Color Corps members pause for a photo as the sun sets after the Memorial Mass in Corn Hill

Helpful reminders and guidance:

- The beret is worn so that the headband is straight across the forehead, 1 inch above the eyebrows. The flash is positioned over the left eye, and the excess material is draped over to the right ear conforming to the shape of the head
- On preparatory commands of "draw" or "return" (sword), your forearm should be at eye level and parallel to ground with tip of sword in sheath assisted with fingers of left hand
- When at carry sword, right hand should be at belt level
- During initial arrival in pew, do not wait for command to remove beret and gloves
- Beret must be secured under belt or placed on pew (no placement in coat pocket)
- When returning from communion, do not wait for everyone to return before sitting or kneeling
- When at present sword, T of handle should be at eye level and almost touching nose and blade of sword held straight in the air

Upcoming Color Corps Fallout:

75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Austin Mass of Thanksgiving
November 18, 2023
Assemble time: 9:00 a.m.
Start time: 10:15 a.m.
St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock

Memorial Mass



Approximately 70 people attended the Memorial Mass and dinner at Holy Trinity Catholic Church honoring Knights who have gone before us and remembering their loved ones who are very much valued members of our family.

RECRUITING CORNER

Know a Knight who might be a good candidate for the Patriotic Degree of the Order? Ask them to join! Contact Faithful Admiral Chris Kolb or Faithful Navigator William Fejeran for more information.

Next Exemplification is March 2, 2024, at Saint Lukes Catholic Church in Temple.

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(In Case You Missed It)

2023 Field of Honor



Happening now through November 12

Visit www.georgetowntxfieldofhonor.org for volunteer opportunities



Aww nuts!

Thanks to all who helped with nut packing on Friday, November 3rd.

Please give of your time to help with holiday nut sales at your local parish.

This is our only fundraiser for the entire year.

For your prayerful consideration of this worthy cause to take of our veterans.



Worthy Faithful Navigators,

At this time of year when we give thanks for the dedicated service of those courageous men and women who served our nation, it is fitting to recall the words of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address:

To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan.

In these very words, one finds the mission of the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage that is conducted every year to bring peace and healing to countless veterans. Today, I am reaching out to you to ask for your support of this incredible program. It is a program that truly saves lives.

As a veteran of the war in Afghanistan, I know all too well the struggles that many face upon returning home from the battlefield. No service member returns home untouched by the pain of war, and often, we return as strangers to our own lives. I can still remember when I realized that the life I once knew was gone and could never return. I also remember the love and support of my wife, Theresa, who assured me, "Now, we must learn to live the new life that God has given us."

Warriors to Lourdes gives those dedicated men and women who suffer from physical, mental, and emotional injuries an opportunity to begin that healing process by learning to embrace the post-war life that God has given them, and the Fourth Degree, as the patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus, has a duty to ensure that these heroes can go to Lourdes. **I am asking your assembly, as well as your individual members, to make this possible.**

In doing so, you will not simply send someone on a pilgrimage, but you will set them on the road to healing, and for some, will literally save their lives. Please consider supporting Warriors to Lourdes during the month of November, as we celebrate our veterans. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael R. McCusker
Major, USAR (Ret.)
Supreme Master

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 November

November 7	<u>Election Day</u>
November 10	<u>Marine Corps Birthday</u>
November 11	<u>Veterans Day</u>
November 23	<u>Thanksgiving Day</u>



Even after the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, abortion is still legal in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today
for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my
brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that
destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active
in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and
sisters are protected,
And our nation once
again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all,
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen!

Because laughter is important too!



MEALS, MEALS, MEALS!

2023

SEP 26	St Helen	William Fejeran
OCT 24	Holy Trinity (Memorial Mass / Dinner)	Larry Deal / Jim V
NOV 28	Santa Rosa	Harold Brown / Bill Adams

2024

JAN 23	St Helen	Chris Kolb
FEB 27	Holy Trinity	<u>OPEN</u>
MAR 26	Santa Rosa	Paul Chomka
APR 23	St Helen	Doug Harman
MAY 28	Santa Rosa	John Day
JUN 25	Holy Trinity	<u>OPEN</u>

MEAL PROCEDURES: If you have signed up to provide the meal for a meeting (submit your receipts for reimbursement), **please ensure you have people from the hosting parish to serve the food (if needed) and people to wash dishes and clean-up after the meal.** We do not have a designated kitchen crew for the Assembly and it is not fair to the gentlemen who consistently get stuck with kitchen duties because no one else is stepping up to help. Thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance. Let's keep the "Service" in Service Organization!

2023 – 2024 Assembly Officers

- Faithful Friar.....Father Stephen Nesrsta
- Faithful Navigator.....William Fejeran
- Faithful Admiral.....Chris Kolb
- Faithful Captain.....David Richardson
- Faithful Pilot.....Anthony Lanni
- Faithful Scribe.....Harry Larkin
- Faithful Purser.....Larry Deal
- Faithful Comptroller.....Paul Chomka
- Faithful Inner Sentinel.....Robert Miller
- Faithful Outer Sentinel...Don Ladolcetta
- Faithful Trustee 3 Yr.....John Day
- Faithful Trustee 2 Yr.....Doug Harman
- Faithful Trustee 1 Yr..Jim VonDerVellen



2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

St Helen meetings are at Frizelle Hall unless noted otherwise. **Santa Rosa** meetings are at Carr Hall **Holy Trinity** meetings are in the Holy Family Room in the PAC building.

These are the planned 2023 and 2024 dates for our meetings:

- July 25 – Holy Trinity
- August 22 – Santa Rosa
- September 26 – Saint Helen – Frizelle Hall
- October 24 – Holy Trinity – Memorial Mass & Social
- November 28 – Santa Rosa
- December – NO MEETING
- January 23 – Saint Helen – Frizelle Hall
- February 27 – Holy Trinity
- March 26 – Santa Rosa
- April 23 – Saint Helen – Frizelle Hall
- May 28 – Santa Rosa
- June 25 – 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.

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MEETING PROTOCOLS Regular Schedule

St Helen		Santa Rosa & Holy Trinity
Setup	6:00	Setup time depends on meal preparation. 5:30 If brought from outside... As required for on site preparation.
Rosary	6:15	
Mass		6:00
Meal	6:30	6:30
Meeting	7:00	7:00