

# Monthly Newsletter

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## Faithful Navigator's Message

Happy Independence Day! Thank you for your confidence and trust in allowing me to assume the role of Faithful Navigator. With your continued support, I look forward to serving you well over the next year. As we celebrate our nation's independence with food, drinks, and family time, I hope we do so with grateful hearts.

We live in a country that allows us to practice our religion without fear of persecution. This is certainly not the case in many countries around the world. If our purpose in life is to know, love, and serve God, let us not take our freedom for granted and let us fulfill our purpose to the fullest. I believe being a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Knights of Columbus provides us with many opportunities to do just that... fulfill our purpose to the fullest. I echo our Faithful Friar's call for us to "pray, pray, pray." May God continue to bless you and your families and I hope to see you all at our next assembly meeting.

Vivat Jesus,

*Bill*



### Regular Assembly Meeting:

Tuesday, July 25

**Holy Trinity Catholic  
Church at Corn Hill –**  
Holy Family Room in the  
Parish Activity Center

Mass 6:00 PM

Meal after Mass

Meeting at 7:00 PM

## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord

Sir Knight Robert "Bob" Burns White Jr, PGK  
June 19, 2023

**Member of Santa Rosa Council #12522. Member of our Assembly.  
Please keep him in your prayers and include a prayer for Mary and  
the rest of his family.**





## Faithful Friar's Letter

Dear Brother Knights,

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. As you read this I will be in the Czech Republic attending a first Mass of a new priest. I will also be receiving the Memorial Medal of the Czech Bishops' Conference. The President of the Conference, Archbishop Jan Graubner, Archbishop of Prague, will present the award during the Mass on July 5 in Velehrad. This Mass is the annual celebration of Sts. Cyril and Methodius for the entire country of the Czech Republic. All the bishops of the Czech Republic attend with many of the priests and thousands of other people. I ask for your prayers during this time.

Congratulations to all of our new officers. Thank you for giving of your time and talents to serve as an officer of the Knights of Columbus. Let all of us who are members pledge our support to them during this year. We all need to be active members being good stewards of our time and talents for the good of the Order. Let us also do our best to attend the meetings so that we know what is happening within our Assembly and so that we may know how to best be of assistance to our officers. This is what we need to do as Catholic gentlemen.

As you all know there has been much chaos and violence in our nation. People have taken peaceful protests and used them for the destruction of property and life. As we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we need to pray for our nation. We need to pray for peace. We need to pray that people will have a conversion of heart and truly respect one another, on all sides of this situation, as children of God. People seem to have a total disregard for life. I believe this is the result of all the abortions over the years and the use of contraception. When we do not respect life in the womb, the most innocent of life, how can we respect life outside the womb. If people do not change then it will be the downfall of our great nation. So, pray, pray, pray.

Finally, as many of you know, many of our brother Knights have been ill or have died this past year. Let us all pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary in bringing healing to the ill and eternal rest to those who have died. May she also bring comfort and peace to their families. Please pray the following novena on the days indicated.

### **Novena Prayer in Honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**(Please pray the following with your family from August 7-15)**

Majestic Queen Assumed into Heaven, Mary, Mistress of the Angels, you received from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan. We, therefore, humbly beseech you to send forth the angelic legions of Heaven, that under your command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence and hurl them back into hell.

Most High Queen of the Universe, Mary, Ever Virgin, you who bore the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior of all mankind, intercede for us and for those who have commended their prayer intentions to us. *(Name your intentions...)*

O Mary, Mother of God, and our own Good and Tender Mother, You shall always be our hope and the object of our Love.

Holy Archangels and Angels of God, defend us and lead us to heaven. Amen.

May all of you have a very pleasant remaining summer.

In Christ

*Fr. Stephen Nesrsta*

**Faithful Friar**

## Color Corps Corner



### *Color Corps Report*

There were two fallouts during June 2023:

**Present on June 25 at the Presentation of the Diocese of Austin's Lumen Gentium Award for Sir Knight Gary Bowers, PGK were:**

Faithful Navigator Larry Deal  
Faithful Admiral Chris Kolb

Color Corps Commander Bill Adams  
Faithful Trustee-elect John Day

**Present on June 26 at the Visitation/Rosary and Funeral Mass for Sir Knight Robert "Bob" Burns White, Jr, PGK, were:**

Faithful Navigator Larry Deal  
Faithful Admiral Chris Kolb  
Faithful Navigator-elect Bill Fejeran  
Faithful Trustee Doug Harman, PFN

Color Corps Commander Bill Adams  
Faithful Captain-elect David Richardson  
Faithful Trustee-elect John Day  
Past Grand Knight Pat Leone

### *Tentative Color Corps Fallouts*

❖ **July:** There are no planned Color Corps Fallouts for the month of July. I will notify you if anything develops during the month.

*Bill Adams*

**Color Corps Commander**



Four Color Corps members dismissed after a final salute to Sir Knight Bob White as his casket was placed into the hearse at Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church in Andice on Monday, June 26, 2023.

From left to right are Color Corps Commander Bill Adams, SK Doug Harman, SK David Richardson, and SK Bill Fejeran



## *Lumen Gentium Award Presentation to Sir Knight Gary Bowers, PGK*

Lay individuals, paid or volunteer, who exemplify the spirit of Christ as explained by the documents of the Second Vatican Council. ("You are the light of the world... your light must shine in the sight of all, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven" Mt 5:14,16). The layperson should be someone who lives his or her baptismal call in an extraordinary way through stewardship and leadership. This may include service in direct parish ministry, but can also include Christian service to the greater community. To quote from The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*): "The laity, however, are given this special vocation: to make the Church present and fruitful in those places and circumstances where it is only through them that she can become the salt of the earth." Our Pastor, Father Larry, nominated SK Gary Bowers, PGK, posthumously, for this award.



Father Larry speaks to the Knights, friends and family about the Lumen Gentium award and why he felt Sir Knight Gary Bowers, PGK, deserved this honor. A gold medal on a blue ribbon, symbolizing this honor is present on the white table. An honor guard is present (left to right) Faithful Admiral Chris Kolb, Faithful Navigator Larry Deal, Color Corps Commander Bill Adams, and Faithful Trustee-elect John Day stand behind Father Larry at Monsignor Carr Hall at Santa Rosa de Lima parish.

*Right: Faithful Navigator Larry Deal presents a Certificate of Condolences from the Assembly to Mary White, wife of SK Bob White, PGK, at the reception in Monsignor Carr Hall following the Funeral Mass on June 26.*



## Gary's Kitchen



Prior to the presentation of the Lumen Gentium Award, Santa Rosa Council Grand Knight Harry Larkins announces that the kitchen at Monsignor Carr Hall has been dedicated to Gary Bowers' honor. It will now be known as, "Gary's Kitchen."

A plaque to that effect has been placed to the left of one of the kitchen's entrances.



*This is a close-up of the plaque honoring Sir Knight Gary Bowers, PGK.*



## Summer Picnic – June 24

The summer picnic is in the books and we had twelve more people attending than we had last year. A special thanks to Bill Klekotta, Harold Brown, Harry Larkin, Sam Ramirez, David Ramirez, John Watzke, Robert Miller, and Anthony Lanni for helping to setup, cook, and serve.



## 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.....Mike Judice

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 Von Der Vellen



## 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 & Dinner**

**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



## ***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 July:**

- ❖ **Independence Day: July 4**
- ❖ **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Korean War Armistice Veterans Day (half-staff): July 27**



## **Assembly Name Tags Orders for Members and Wives**

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



## Recognition Awards

### SIR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR



*Above: Faithful Navigator Larry Deal presents the Knight of the Year award to Faithful Navigator-elect Bill Fejeran at the Assembly meeting on June 27 at Holy Trinity's Parish Activity Center.*



*Right: Faithful Navigator-elect Bill Fejeran was selected as the 2023 Sir Knight of the Year for his dedication and commitment to the principles of Patriotism and his constant assistance to the projects of this Assembly.*





*On behalf of the Assembly, Faithful Admiral Chris Kolb presents Faithful Navigator Larry Deal with a plaque honoring him for two years of service leading Assembly 2784.*

*Right: Soon-to-be **Past** Faithful Navigator Larry Deal sports a new hat and holds a Past Faithful Navigator ribbon, tie tack, and lapel pin, which were all presented to him at the Assembly's business meeting on June 27 at Holy Trinity Parish Activity Center.*





## Fourth Degree Shirt Orders

The following members have ordered Assembly shirts, which are awaiting pickup. Please contact Faithful Admiral Chris Kolb, if you forgot how much you owe. He will be at the August meeting with your shirts. If you need alternative arrangements, you can also contact Chris Kolb at 585-747-2815 or [cjkolb07@gmail.com](mailto:cjkolb07@gmail.com)

Shirts are ready for pick-up for:

**Tom Garcia   Darrick McGill   Oscar Delgado   Joe Wilson   Rafael Garcia**  
**Leo Garcia   Steve Loranger**

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## Prayers Needed



SK Robbie Licandro, PGK, is a member of our Assembly and Santa Rosa Council 12522. Please pray for better health, strength and a speedy recovery for Robbie as he undergoes surgery and cancer treatment.

*I have recently been diagnosed with cancer and am asking for prayers from all my brother knights. Clara and I are very deeply grateful knowing we have prayers and support from each of you.*

*May our Merciful Savior and His Mother Bless us all!*  
*Robbie*

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## Pro-Life Corner

### Assembly Support for Georgetown Walk for Life

The Georgetown Walk for Life was held in San Gabriel Park on 17 June. The Assembly supported the Walk with watermelon and bottles of water. The following Knights helped this year: Bill Fejeran, John Day, Harry Larkin, Harold Brown, Larry Deal, Bill Adams, Jim Von Der Vellen, David Richardson, George Glenney, Mike Judice, and Anthony Lanni.



*Monsignor Rabroker Assembly members were on hand to assist in providing bottled water and watermelon to walkers in the Walk for Life held at San Gabriel Park on June 17, 2023. Also, Santa Rosa Council Grand Knight [and Faithful Scribe] Harry Larkin presented a check for \$500 on behalf of Santa Rosa Council to Texas Alliance for Life representatives. Pictured(left to right) are: Faithful Navigator-elect Bill Fejeran, Faithful Scribe Harry Larkin, Faithful Trustee-elect John Day, Lance Peterson (Texas Alliance for Life), Jim Shaw (Texas Alliance for Life), Sir Knight Harold Brown, Faithful Navigator Larry Deal, Color Corps Commander [and Assembly Walk for Life Project Coordinator] Bill Adams, Faithful Trustee Jim Von Der Vellen, Faithful Captain-elect David Richardson, Faithful Pilot-elect Anthony Lanni, Sir Knight George Glenney, Sir Knight George Marusak. Faithful Purser-elect Mike Judice was also present, he is taking this photo.*





*Sir Knight Mike Judice cuts a watermelon as Bill Adams looks on and Sir Knight John Day puts on gloves so that he can help serve.*



*Sir Knight Mike Judice continues carving watermelon as George Marusak looks on.*



*Sir Knights Anthony Lanni and Bill Adams try a three-handed approach to carving the watermelon.*



## Last Acts of the Assembly Year



*As his last act as Faithful Navigator, Larry Deal turns over the gavel to incoming Faithful Navigator Bill Fejeran.*

*Faithful Navigator-elect Bill Fejeran raps the gavel adjourning the meeting until July, when he becomes the Assembly's Faithful Navigator.*

