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Navigator's Log

Sir Knights,

Sir Knight John J. Lawlor went to his eternal reward on August 2, 2008. The rosary was held at St. Mark s Catholic Church on August 5, 2008. The mass of resurrection was also held at St. Mark s on August 6, 2008. We here in our Assembly 3018 join Brother Jack Lawlor s wife Lady Ruth Lawlor and the family in this time of sorrow in praying for him and remembering him in our future prayers. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The spouse of Sir Knight Frank Samas , Lady Dorothy Samas has been ill, please remember her in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

I would like to thank Sir Knights John F. Thabet, PFN, Ron Hrcir, PFN, for their turn out at the rosary; and double thanks to Sir Knights Brian Nelson, Willy Boes, and Larry Zoller for their turn outs for the rosary and the mass.

These Sir Knights did great in the turn out with only six Sir Knights in attendance. The family of our Brother Sir Knight Jack Lawlor were very grateful and could not thank us enough. I was not happy at all because we only had six Sir Knights turn out for the rosary and four Sir Knights turn out for the mass. Sir Knights this is unacceptable, we need more Sir Knights turning out for all of our functions and especially for the rosary and mass when one of our Sir Knights passes away. We also need more Sir Knights to obtain their full regalia; we just do not have enough Sir Knights with full regalia. I know it is costly but then some of us could and should cut down on one meal a day and save some money to buy a full regalia. During the planning for this Assembly and a survey was sent to all fourth degree members who were members of our Council 7613 to see if we would join this Assembly. My fear was turn outs. Would we have enough Sir Knights turn out? When we were members of Assembly 2102 our members from our Council 7613 always had poor showing. Some times we would only have one of our member turn out and other times no one would turn out when a turn out was called for. When one of our Past Grand Knights passed away who also was a member of Assembly 2102 the Faithful Navigator at that time was notified that the family had request a turn out for the rosary. The Faithful Navigator first refused to have a turn out because the fourth degree members from our Council 7613 were not turning out for anything. Thus, a member of our council who was a fourth degree member managed to get some of the fourth degree members to turn out for the rosary by begging the fourth degree members who had full regalia to turn out. Bottom line we just need to have a much better turn outs for all of our events and functions.

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On a better note, I would like to recognize Sir Knight Sam Szalwinski in picking up the ball on the project of school supplies and soccer balls that were requested by Sir Knight Gonzalo Acosta who is in Iraq serving our country. Sir Knight Sam has started by obtaining some school supplies and soccer balls from Academy, H.E.B. and Target, but we still need more school supplies and soccer balls so I am asking if you know where we could obtain some more school supplies and soccer balls please do so and let me know. We have set a dead line of September 21, 2008. Sir Knight Jim Hayes has volunteered to organized to send the school supplies and soccer balls too Sir Knight Gonzalo in Iraq . Let s get together with Sir Knights Sam and Jim and help out.

I contacted our Master Mike Morrison and told him that we were ready to host an exemplification on March 14, 2009. He told me that the Assembly in Victoria , TX was trying to host one also but they had some issues and were going to let him know in two weeks and that he would get back to me. Master Mike Morrison has not contacted me so I am waiting for a call from him. I will let you know when he calls me.

Last but not least a reminder our next regular meeting on August 14, 2008 will be held at Holy Trinity at 7:00 P.M. Their address is 20523 Huebner Road . All officers should be there by 6:30 P.M. to help set up the hall.

Vivat Jesus

Nieves Gonzalez III

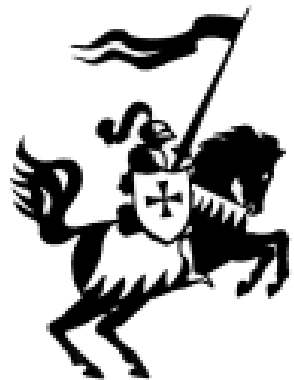
Faithful Navigator



Captain's Corner

Dear Sir Knights,

Welcome to all our brothers at the beginning of our new fiscal year. There is a lot of evil in our world today. We see it every day. It is man's inhumanity to man. You see crime and violence everywhere. God did not create evil. Evil is simply the absence of God. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It is like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light. What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God, and in so doing, we open the doors to hatred and violence. The real villain lies within our own hearts. We can only continue as Jesus taught us. Love God and love thy neighbor as yourself.



Fraternally,

William Boes

Faithful Captain



Here is a picture from Jack Lawlors's funeral. In addition to those in this picture, SK John Thabet and SK Ron Hrcncir attended the vigil service.

GUIDELINES FOR COLOR CORPS FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PROCESSION

The Color Corps precedes the liturgical procession to form an honor guard in the center aisle.

1. It is recommended that an instrumental prelude accompany the entrance of the Knights.
2. The liturgical procession then passes through the honor guard.

The Color Corps closes ranks behind the liturgical procession and proceeds to their reserved pews at the rear of the Church.

COMMUNION

The Knights do not function as a Color Corps during the celebration of the Eucharist, but join the assembly in that "full, conscious, and active participation demanded by the very nature of the liturgy." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #14.)

1. The Color Corps will be the last to receive Communion at the front and center of the liturgical assembly.
2. So that the Knights might have the option of receiving Communion in the hand and from the cup as well, if they wish, it is recommended that they approach Communion without gloves and chapeau. ("Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds." General Instruction on the Roman Missal, #240.)

RECESSION

Following the response to the dismissal of the assembly, "Thanks be to God," the Color Corps forms an honor guard for the recession.

1. Weather permitting, the Knights proceed directly to the outside of the main entrance where this formation takes place.
2. Weather not permitting, the Knights form an honor guard in the center aisle, closing ranks behind the liturgical procession and following it out of the church.

NEW OFFICERS

ASSEMBLY 3018

Faithful Navigator	-	Nieves Gonzales
Faithful Captain	-	William Boes
Faithful Admiral	-	John Thabet
Faithful Pilot	-	Clarence Grayer
Faithful Scribe	-	Larry Zoller
Faithful Comptroller	-	Brian Nelson
Faithful Purser	-	Adrian Reyes
Faithful Inner Sentinel	-	Felix Hernandez
Faithful Outer Sentinel	-	Jesse Govea
Faithful Trustee 3rd Year	-	Bruce Miketinac
Faithful Trustee 2nd Year	-	Steve Hluchanek
Faithful Trustee 1st Year	-	Luis Luis

Dear Brother Knight,

It gives us great pleasure to announce that once again the San Antonio Chapter is sponsoring the Annual Knights Of Columbus Men's Retreat. As in the past the Retreat will be held at Camp Tecaboca located in the beautiful Texas hill country on the weekend of October 3-5, 2008.

This year's theme is, "The Holy Spirit, A Fire That We Long For." And as he has done over the last 21 years Chapter Chaplain and Brother Knight Bishop Tom Flanagan will serve as Spiritual Director. If you want to learn about how the Holy Spirit can help in your everyday life in a very relaxed atmosphere with inspiring speakers, great spiritual music, fine food and great friends then this retreat is for you.

This year we are extending a personal invitation to you, family and friends to join us for a wonderful weekend of Christian spiritual fellowship. Here's hoping you will join us in our journey with the Holy Spirit. For more information please see the attached retreat flyer or call Buddy Mass at 210-601-9496. Thanks and God bless.

Buddy Mass	Fernando Rivera
Council 11596	Council 11596
Retreat Director	Retreat Co-Director

The website and flyer is available at http://satkc.org/retreat_men.htm

WHEEL CHAIR UPDATE

During the week of August 10th a check in the amount of \$32,000 will be sent to the Wheel Chair Foundation. The cost of a wheel chair to the Foundation is \$150. A contribution of \$75 is subsidized by that Foundation through philanthropists and other sources. Therefore, the amount of \$32K will purchase over 400 wheel chairs!!

When Chris Lewis, the Director of the Wheel Chair Foundation, was advised of the amount of our contribution he informed us that we are the first parish outside the State of California to have made a donation of this size. He further stated that only 5 parishes in California have made donations of an amount between \$20,000 to \$30,000!! So, thanks to the members of St. Mark Parish—the bar has been raised.

If there are parishioners still desiring to make a contribution, you may do so. Such funds will be held in a parish account to be sent to the Wheel Chair Foundation at a later date. Just make your check payable to St Mark Church and annotate it to the Wheel Chair Foundation.

Once the Foundation receives our funds it will take about 120 days for delivery to a place of our choice. At this time coordination is being made by Deacon Gil Hernandez and Luis Luis. They are working through Dave Hernandez who is a US citizen living in San Antonio but who is in the business of working with medical institutions in Mexico. Through his many years of business he has established numerous contacts with hospitals, churches and voluntary organizations such as Rotary International, Lions Club and the Mexican DIF. He has been advised that Nuevo Laredo is our destination of choice.

When the Wheel Chair Foundation is advised of the destination of our choice, they will take over coordination and will work with their points of contact in Mexico. Of course, this also includes Mr. Dave Hernandez, Deacon Gil Hernandez and Luis Luis.

It may be noted that 120 days from now means the wheel chair delivery will occur sometime during the month of December. Sounds like a wonderful opportunity to present Christmas gifts to many needy people!!

Finally, the Wheel Chair Foundation encourages representatives of the organization making the donation to provide individuals to help distribute the chairs. We have not developed a plan yet, however, when a plan is developed in the near future, we will open the opportunity to members of the Knights of Columbus and to members of our parish to participate in what is expected to be a very rewarding experience. (More Later)

Here is an article that will be going into St. Mark's Bulletin.
Our Assembly is associated with this a great project.

HELP CHILDEN IN IRAQ

Gonzalo Acosta, a member of the St. Mark Knights of Columbus, is serving in Iraq. He is a member of an Air Force engineer unit that is building schools and other facilities in Iraq. Gonzalo has recently sent us a request describing a need that children have for school supplies and soccer balls. This need is at schools that his unit is building. KC members at St Mark have begun collecting items but we would like to open this opportunity to members of our parish who are always so very generous. Your generosity will make it possible for Gonzalo's unit to share our generous spirit with some of the children of Iraq. He will take pictures of the presentation event and provide them to us.

Parishioners willing to assist may bring school supplies and soccer balls and place them in a container in the Gathering Area. The container will be clearly marked and will remain in the Gathering area until September 21st. Cash donations may be made payable to St Mark Church annotated for Children of Iraq. KC members will make purchases using these cash donations. Arrangements are being made to ship these items via USAF aircraft departing from Kelly AFB. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

KEEP THE 11TH OF OCTOBER OPEN

Worthy Grand Knight,

Agustin Mora, nephew of St. Rafael, and I visited today and he is asking if there will be any celebration at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish on the 2nd anniversary of the canonization of St. Rafael. There will be a Mass on Thursday, October 9 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Helotes and one at St. Cecilia on Sunday, October 12. His question was that Saturday, October 11 is still open and was inquiring thusly. He agrees that keeping the time as the regular Saturday Mass at your church would be fine with the St. Rafael Foundation. I told him I would check with you since you are the GK and a member of the St. Rafael Assembly.

Archbishop Gomez has expressed an interest in celebrating one of the Masses but has not clarified which one and Agustin felt that St. Mark should have the right to celebrate one as well.

Please advise. Thanks Don.

Rudy Escamilla

Rudy,

I talked to Catherine and we can mention St. Rafael and have the 4th Degree present. Let me know what else we can do....the sooner St. Mark knows, the better.
If Archbishop Gomez is coming, we need to plan ASAP.

Thanks

Don Williams
210-494-1606

Websites

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www.kofc7613.org

ASA Chapter

www.satk.org.

State Council

www.tkofc.org

Supreme Council

www.kofc.org

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please remember our Brother Sir Knights and Family Members in your daily Prayers. If you know of a Brother Sir Knight or Family Member sick or in distress, Please call the Faithful Navigator or Faithful comptroller right away.

Brother Sir Knights

Sir Knight Phil Brookes

Sir Knight Frank Ayala

Family Members

Barbara Thabet, wife of Sir Knight John Thabet

Deceased Brother Sir Knights

Sir Knight John (Jack) Lawlor

Deceased Family Members

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Schedule of Events

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August

August 14 *7:00 PM* *Assembly Meeting (Holy Trinity)*

September

September 11 *7:00 PM* *Christopher Hall*