



Bishop John L. Morkovsky Assembly 2243

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### Master of the 1st District of Texas - SK Joe Galvan

#### Sir Knights Who Serve on the Texas State Council

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- SK Duke Marasigan, Diocesan Deputy Galveston-Houston Chapter

As we enter into the second half of our fraternal year, I look forward to our fall-blitz and an opportunity to bring new members into our Assembly. On September 18th, our Assembly will host an open meeting so that many of our Third Degree Brother Knights will learn more about the highest degree in our Order.

The word "vocation" is generally understood as a call to the religious life. However, we all have a vocation. Jesus said: "Go out into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This is a mandate to all of us, religious and lay. "Vocation" is the calling by Our Blessed Lord to fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, married and single, through which we save our souls. We are all sons and daughters of God and He has a mansion in Heaven awaiting us if we be faithful to Him in this world.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is truly a vocation. It is a grace from God enabling us to do His will. We are seen by our neighbors, fellow parishioners, our coworkers as an example of a Catholic man truly living his Faith. Some may think that they can not do much, that evangelization is not their style, that they are not temperamentally suited to be outgoing, to get involved, to promote the Knights of Columbus. Why not let the Lord do the work but you make the first contact. God often works through us to do His will. You can be an instrument of the Lord in giving other Catholic men the opportunity to belong to a fraternal organization of the Catholic Church, an opportunity to come one day to everlasting life.

Through the Sacrament of Penance, by adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, by praying the Rosary to our Blessed Mother, we will follow in the footsteps of Fourth Degree Knights who have gone before us. Let us share our beloved Order with our Third Degree friends so that they too will be led by Christ into the promised land. God bless you always.

***SK Reverend Jack Whitley, CSB, Faithful Assistant Friar***

**Faithful Navigator Comments:**

We had a small turn out to the Installation of new officers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Many times the date of the Installation is announced after our meeting and it is difficult to plan things at the last minute. I asked our Worthy Master Joe Galvan what was required to sponsor an Installation and he was very specific. Let me go over those requirements right here:

- Room to host four or five assemblies*
- Better still, a facility to host maybe eight or nine assemblies*
- Approximately 100 officers and 60 plus wives*
- Wives are invited to the installations*
- Schedule should start in July and finish in August*
- The ceremony would take place first*
- A social and meal usually follows*
- Dressed is regalia and ladies in Sunday attire.*
- The wives are usually invited to place the respective jewels on spouses*

*If done early Saturday morning (10:00 AM) might want to consider a Mass Ceremony will conclude with comments from Master and newly installed FNs and Faithful Friar followed by social and lunch.*

*Everything would be over by 1:00 PM.*

*Hosting assembly could always charge a fee for the meal.*

I plan to bring to the Assembly at our next meeting a discussion to host the next Installation. We have two or three Councils with space adequate to meet the requirements stated above.

Father Roy Oggero continues to improve. I have heard he is limiting his visits to popular eating establishments in Sugar Land because his social calendar is full. Please continue to keep Fr. Roy to your daily prayers.

Recruiting season has started and I have attend Council meetings at St. Laurence, St. Thomas Aquinas and Holy Family. I plan to attend Council meetings at St. Basil on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and St. Francis De Sales on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. I've found that 'asking' directly and personally from outside the Council usually results in more new candidates. SK Chip Buczo and SK Mike Mikulenska will join me as their schedules permit.

Our Worthy Master has indicated that he is available to talk to the various Assemblies regarding the Fall Exemplification. I am hoping that his schedule will permit a visit to our open meeting in September. We will have the information packets at our August meeting to answer all questions regarding who, what, where, how much, etc.

Two items for new business at our next meeting are a group Rosary honoring the Virgin Mary, to be said between our meal and meeting at the October meeting and a Memorial Service for the deceased members of our Assembly in November. Please give some thought to these two items and be prepared to discuss.

To wrap up my inaugural Faithful Navigator message – our website is <http://www.kc2243.org>. I realize that everyone does not have internet access, but there are many of us who do. We will keep that website as up to date as we can as new and breaking news occurs.

***SK Red O'Laughlin, FN***

### **Councils within our Assembly**

St. Basil Council 4204, Notre Dame Council 7036, St. Thomas Aquinas Council 7382, Holy Family Council 7728, St. Francis de Sales 10995, St. Laurence Council 11343

**Sir Knight Birthdays in August**

Kenneth Thies	2	Rafael Gijon y Robles	9
Chico Montes	3	Michael Hanley	9
Thomas Norman	4	Benito Raymundo	11
Carlos Trejos	5	Gerry Shuman	12
Evaristo Marcella	7	Domingo Llagostera	19
Ferdinand Boudreau	7	Fred Meyer	22
Rev Joseph Kalladan	8	Thomas Lycka	24
Peter Eberhard	8		

**Faithful Comptroller Comments:**

The Fall Exemplification is scheduled for October 26th and 27<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to start recruiting the candidates. When explaining the Fourth Degree to the new candidate please review the fees with becoming a Sir Knight. Too often when the fees are reviewed at the open meeting in September some are not prepared to spend that sum of money. This puts everyone in an uncomfortable position. Second, please direct all paper work to my attention. This includes the Sir Knights that will attend the dinner Saturday evening. Let's have a good showing of Candidates from Assembly 2243 for the Fall Exemplification.

In October of 2006 Supreme switched to a new computer system for membership records. One issue with the new system has been reporting address changes to the Assemblies. Our records are in good shape with only four known bad address on record. If you change your address, email, phone number, PLEASE forward the changes to my attention. This will insure Assembly information is provided to you in a timely fashion and saves me time in hunting down the new information. Thanks for helping keep our records current.

Replacement name badges have arrived for Steve Hanshaw and Cletus Nwachukwu. Please pick them up at the next meeting.

*Dan Rega, Faithful Comptroller*

**Commander's Corner**

**Past Turnouts – July, 2007**

**Thursday, July 19, 2007** – Wake for SK David Williams – St. Cyril of Alexander Church – 2 SK's – Red O'Laughlin and Mike Mikulenka.

**Friday, July 20, 2007** – Funeral Mass for SK David Williams at St. Cyril of Alexander Church and burial at Memorial Oaks Cemetery – 1 SK – Mike Mikulenka.

**Future Turnouts**

**Saturday, August 11, 2007** – Major Degree – St. Francis de Sales Church – 8200 Roos – Houston – Assemble in full regalia no later than 8:00 AM for the 8:15 AM Mass.

**Sunday, August 12, 2007** – St. Thomas Aquinas Church – Sugar Land – Corp. Communion – Assemble in full regalia no later than 9:15 AM for the 9:30 AM Mass.  
**Sunday, August 19, 2007** – Holy Family Church – Installation of new Pastor Mass – Assemble in full regalia at 5:00 PM for the 5:30 PM Mass. Reception following Mass.  
**Sunday, September 23, 2007** – St. Laurence Church – Sugar Land – Corp. Communion – Assemble no later than 8:45 AM for 9:00 AM Mass.  
**Friday through Sunday, October 26 – 28, 2007** - Fall Exemplification – St Vincent de Paul facilities – Buffalo Spdwy. & Holcombe Blvd. - more on this later.

To order regalia, call Lynch & Kelly, Inc., at 1-888-548-3890. All Sir Knight's are asked to obtain their full regalia within 90 days after their exemplification date.

*Mike Mikulenka, Faithful Captain/Commander*

### Cooking Schedule for remainder of 2007

June 19, 2007	St. Francis de Sales 10995
July 17, 2007	St. Basil 4204
August 21, 2007	St. Laurence 11343
September 18, 2007	Holy Family 4428
October 16, 2007	Notre Dame 7036
November 20, 2007	St. Thomas Aquinas 7382
December 18, 2007	St. Laurence 11343

### General Information

Any Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree.

For the last four years Supreme Knight Nestor Barber has given dispensation by allowing members in good standing with six months service from their First Degree date to become eligible for Fourth Degree membership. This is not a change to the by-law and is approved on an annual basis. In addition, the District Master must submit a dispensation request by individual for his approval.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups (called "Assemblies"). Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.

For more information about the 4th Degree, please contact our Faithful Comptroller SK Dan Rega.