



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

- SK Fr. Jack Whitley, Chaplain Galveston Houston Chapter
- SK Larry Zapalac, State Deputy for the Texas State Councils
- SK Javier Martinez, State Secretary
- SK Tony Herreth, State Treasurer
- SK Jim Collins, State Membership Director
- SK Robert Yur, State Director - Vocations/Seminaries
- SK Duke Marasigan, Diocesan Deputy Galveston-Houston Chapter

"For more than a century the Knights of Columbus have carried out the mandate of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, to practice charity, to love as Christ loved, to be people of sincerity and to share our Order with other men that they might be better husbands, better fathers, better citizens of our beloved Country. I think this constitutes an agenda for the new fraternal year. With God's grace we can accomplish this and much more."

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

**Faithful Navigator Comments:**

Thank you very much for the confidence you have placed in me as your newly elected Faithful Navigator. I shall do my best to maintain your trust and confidence. I try to be reasonably open and flexible and certainly welcome any suggestions for the overall improvement of our Assembly. Please let me know when you have something to consider.

Father Roy Oggero continues to improve. I talked with Al Ewer at the Basilian Missions a couple of days ago and he said that Fr. Roy is back home and is getting better each day. Please continue to keep Fr. Roy to your daily prayers.

As you can see with this newsletter, I plan to have a printed monthly newsletter. I need the support of our officers and members. There is only so much 'news' I can create on my own. I solicit and welcome input on various topics of interest to our Assembly.

My first attempt at a post card meeting schedule for our nearby members failed. By now the local members should have received a 'corrected copy' of the meeting dates. Just to re-emphasize our dates for the remainder of this year – **the third Tuesday of each month – July 17<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. The September and December meetings will be OPEN MEETINGS. The September meeting will welcome new candidates and their wives. The December meeting will celebrate Christmas with all Knights and their families.

Very recently the financial accounts for Assembly 2243 were audited and found to be in good order. A report will be made at our July meeting. We are awaiting the June close out bank statement to complete the audit and forward it to Supreme.

On June 16, 2007, Joseph P. Schultz, Supreme Master wrote: The Committee on Charters approved the establishment of **Eucharistic Adoration Assembly No. 3053**, Houston, Texas, 1st District. Our Worthy Master of the First District, Joe Galvan, asked us to provide an Assembly Banner for Eucharistic Adoration Assembly #3053. The cost is roughly \$540. It was not in our draft budget and we adjusted the budget to accommodate this item. We should also pray for SK Henry Majoue for strength in leadership to get his new Assembly off to a successful start.

I've talked with our PFN and current Admiral, SK Chip Buczo, about actively soliciting candidates for membership into our Assembly. Chip and I will be attending at least one Council meeting in each of the Councils within our Assembly during the month of August. I feel that a 'personal' request is needed sometimes to help make decisions.

I do not have a scheduled date yet for the new Officers' Installation. Typically this date comes with very little notice. We will be responsive once we are alerted. The Fall 2007 Exemplification date has been set for the last weekend in October. Hotel details and agendas will be available at future meetings. It amazes me that many times a simple invitation to join is all it takes to recruit a member into the Knights of Columbus. This same process works for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree also. We have many solid, contributing 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members just waiting for a personal invitation to consider joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. It's up to all of us to close that loop with these excellent Knights.

Turn-outs are the bread and butter for our organization to recruit. We show up in our full regalia and people notice. Most of the time prospective candidates don't know our requirements to join the Knights of Columbus or the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. I've found that the 'buddy' system works well for me to actively participate much more than I would normally do. Follow-up phone calls to another Sir Knight regarding a future event and, 'who is going to drive?' usually is all it takes for me to commit to that event. Most of the time it's in the back of my mind, or even written on my calendar. I need the reinforcement of my good friend and fellow Sir Knight, Mike Mikulenska, to adjust my priorities to make that event. Consider who you might be able to 'team up with' and coordinate driving to future events. It's like many things in our lives, there's some difficulty associated with carving time out to do something, but once we're done doing it we feel significantly rewarded for having done it. Full regalia events provide that inner satisfaction of 'doing it.' Put on your 'to do' list to do one full regalia event more than you did last year. You might be surprised how easy it is to exceed that goal.

There are two things, at this time, I would like to add to our annual agenda for our Assembly. I would like to have a group Rosary honoring the Virgin Mary, to be said between our meal and meeting at the October meeting. October traditionally is the month dedicated to saying the Rosary to Mary, the Mother of Christ. The second event is to conduct a Memorial Service for the deceased members of our Assembly in November. I have some thoughts on this that I will share those as we get closer to November.

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 July

Sylva Ofoh – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Vicente Mier – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Harold Brent – 27<sup>th</sup>

Dan Villarreal – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Yur – 29<sup>th</sup>  
John Beier – 29<sup>th</sup>

### Faithful Comptroller Comments:

A number of certificates have been earned but not presented. Please stop by our July meeting and receive your certificate. If this is not possible send an email and I will mail your certificate. While you are at the meeting congratulate our Past Faithful Navigator Chip Buczo on two successful years of service and wish our new Faithful Navigator Red O’Laughlin success in the next fraternal year.

#### New Sir Knights

**Jose Uribe      Juan Uribe**

#### New Life Member

**Julian Villarreal**

During our 15<sup>th</sup> year celebration we updated our Service Awards list. Service Awards were prepared for members with 25 years of service or more. The following earned a Service Award but were unable to attend a recent meeting.

**Robert Schumann – 45 years**  
**John Francese – 40 years**  
**Raymond Meleton - 40 years (will mail)**  
**John Beier – 35 years**  
**Robert Thornton – 30 years**  
**Don Wenglar – 30 years**  
**Richard Shrun -25 years**  
**George Reznicek -25 years**  
**Armando Vela -25 years**  
**Deacon Don Burns -25 years**  
**Jerry Peters -25 years**  
**Paul Crissman -25 years**  
**Abraham Zermeno -25 years**

Service award certificates will be presented on 5 year increments starting at 25 years. We plan on presenting the certificates at the September and March open meetings preceding the spring and fall exemplifications.

A number of members are not current on their dues. I ask those members to take care of this matter soon. If a hardship exists a waiver can be granted. All waivers are handled in a discrete manner. Contact myself or the Faithful Navigator Red O'Laughlin. It is our preference to issue a waiver then suspend a Sir Knight who may need a little help.

*Dan Rega, Faithful Comptroller*

## **Commander's Corner**

### **Past Turnouts – June, 2007**

**Saturday, June 2, 2007** – Ordination of two priests – St. John Vianney Church – Approx. 36 SK's – 4 SK's from our assembly – Jim Collins, Mike Mikulenska, Rick Matte and Henry Majoue.

**Saturday, June 2, 2007** – Insurance Agents Convention Mass – Hilton Americas Hotel – Approx. 15 SK's, 3 SK's from our assembly – Jim Collins, Mike Mikulenska and Tony Herreth.

**Sunday, June 10, 2007** – Feast of Corpus Christi – St. Theresa Church – 11:30 AM Mass – 4 SK's from this assembly – Al Guerra, Ernesto Ramirez, Jim Collins and Mike Mikulenska.

**Sunday, June 10, 2007** – Feast of Corpus Christi – Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral – 7:00 PM Mass and procession on the streets of Houston. Approx. 26 SK's, 2 SK's from this assembly – Jim Collins and Mike Mikulenska.

**Monday, June 11, 2007** – Wake for Bill Fowler – St. Francis de Sales Church – 8 SK's from this assembly – Chip Buczo, Jim Holzhauser, Delbert Taylor, Paul Kahlich, Tom Norman, Justin Schramm, John Shelander and Joe Welsh.

**Tuesday, June 12, 2007** – Funeral Mass for Bill Fowler – St. Francis de Sales Church – 7 SK's from this assembly – Jim Collins, Jim Holzhauser, Paul Kahlich, Tom Norman, Justin Schramm, Joe Welsh and Tim McCroy.

**Sunday, June 24, 2007** – Fullness of Truth Catholic Evangelization Ministries Conference – Inter-Continental Hotel – Galleria – 1 SK from this assembly – Jim Collins.

### **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.

**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 of exemplification date.

*Mike Mikulenska, 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

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.