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

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Assistant Friar's Corner

Shortly our Texas Knights Football Frenzy Sweepstakes will begin and we will be checking scores each week to see if we are a winner. I looked for my favorite teams and I think I might have pulled a winner. After all, we have ten weeks to help the odds along. The beginning of the pro football season reminded me of a story I used to tell way back in the olden days.

Tom Thorp was one of the greatest whistle tooters who ever refereed a football game. He used to work many of the games for the big colleges in the East in the early days, and later the first professional league games, when the pro league was getting its start. He was a favorite with the coaches, despite the fact that he made up a good many of his own rules as the games progressed. But he had a reputation for ruling fairly, and never showing partiality.

Now Tom was an intensely religious person, and he could not stand blasphemy or foul language in any shape or form. In one game, a certain lad was becoming more and more profane as the going got hotter. Finally Tom could stand it no longer. "You're out of the game," he ordered.

Coaches and players crowded around the adamant Tom as the player angrily demanded: "What rule did I violate?" Then the coaches took up the cry: "What rule did he violate?" Tom glared at them coldly before speaking. "The Second Commandment," he said simply and his ruling stuck.

Jesus said a great deal about not giving scandal, especially to the young. Many times bad language is a habit, not even realizing what we are saying. Bad habits need to be broken and that comes with the grace of God.

Fraternally,

SK Reverend Jack Whitley, CSB, Faithful Assistant Friar

District One Master

2007 District Memorial Mass

Last year we joined with The Catholic Daughters of the Americas for our District Memorial Mass and the Catholic Daughters hosted it. This year it is our turn to serve as hosts for the event. They will be invited to join us at a joint Memorial Mass for our deceased members and those of the Catholic Daughters and lunch afterwards.

As in the past years, we will gather together to pay tribute to the memory of those Sir Knights who have gone before us and we do this by coming together at Holy Mass. Let's turnout in large numbers to honor our deceased Sir Knights.

Please mail to me, no later than October 26, 2007, your list of your Sir Knights who have passed away since November 9, 2006. My mailing address is 10611 Sagerock Drive, Houston, TX 77089-5218.

Hosting: Bishop John L. Morkovsky Assembly #2243
Date: Saturday, November 10, 2007
Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
12627 W. Belfort
Sugar Land, TX 77478-1844
Assemble: 10:30 AM
Mass: 11:00 AM
Celebrant: Rev. Joseph K. Kalladan
Dress: Sir Knights – Full Regalia
Ladies – Sunday Dress

Lunch immediately following the Mass. Cost per plate: \$10.00.

Special Instructions: Navigators please provide a list of those attending and an Assembly check for Meal Reservations no later than November 1, 2007. Assembly checks should be made payable to Bishop John L. Morkovsky Assembly #2243 and mailed to SK Dan Rega, FC, 47 Penny Green Street, Sugar Land, TX 77479.

Joe Galvan, Master 1st District, Texas

Faithful Navigator Comments:

I remember growing up when the months of May and October were devoted to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. There were different events scheduled throughout each month, but I remember the Rosary being said nightly at Church. Today, we also celebrate October as a 'Pro-Life' month. We plan to say the Rosary after our meal and before our next meeting – circa 1940 (7:40 p.m.). If you can't make the meeting on Tuesday, the 16th, please set aside some time to reflect on Our Blessed Virgin Mother and, if possible, pray the Rosary with us at that same time.

The November meeting will focus on two key topics. The first is to welcome our new Sir Knights. The second is to honor our deceased 4th Degree Knights. The plan is to have a short celebration with all Knights attending in tuxedos and social baldrics. Mike Mikulenka has put together a really good draft plan for this event and we will discuss and lock in the actions that need to be taken at our next meeting.

Our Christmas meeting is not that far away. I don't have the details on that event yet, but I will work with Chip Buczo to have it well defined by our November meeting.

The Newsletter is a large month expense (in dollars) when you consider the printing, envelopes, stamps and labels. I sent out a post card in June to highlight the dates for the following six months (July through December). I plan to send out another post card in

lieu of the December newsletter which will identify key dates for the first half of 2008. The cost of post cards is less expensive than six pages of monthly printing and should help our budget. I don't believe that we loose that much 'content' by having ten months of newsletters and two months of post cards during our Fraternal Year.

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 October

Anthony Iwuorie	1	Armando Vela	11	Tim Haney	24
Leonard Neslony	1	Joseph Louis	12	Paul Kahlich	25
Cletus Nwachukwu	1	John Shelander Sr.	12	Larry Moller	26
Joseph Martino Sr.	2	Jason Williams	13	Rev S Plammootil	26
Paul Crissman	3	Dan Marek	14	Ignatius Awago	28
Maurice Marasigan	3	Robert Sullivent	15	Luis Lay Jr.	29
John Siffert	3	Andres Arias	16	Catalino Manahan	29
Rev Norberto Conde	8	James Pratt Jr.	19	Edward Sebesta	30
Lawrence Dupas	8	Gaudencio Santa Cruz	21	Nemesio Agustin	31
Ruben Luna	10	Robert Favorite	23	James Holzhauser Jr	31
Wilton Broussard	11	James Godlove	23		

Faithful Comptroller Comments:

Let's congratulate the seven brother knights who have elected to take part in the recent 4th Degree Exemplification. Please say an extra prayer that weekend that all seven will find the Exemplification a rewarding and memorable experience. We will welcome the new Sir Knights at our November 20th meeting. A full house at the November meeting would send out a warm welcome.

The final past due notices for 2007 will be sent out in October. Currently 28 Sir Knights owe dues. If you are one of the 28 please consider paying your 2007 dues before the 2008 dues is added to your account. While you are writing the check for 2007 add the 2008 dues, your 2008 card will be mailed in December.

Dan Rega, Faithful Comptroller

Commander's Corner

Past Turnouts – September 2007

Saturday, September 15, 2007 – Catholic Family Day with the Astros – Minute Maid Park – Presentation of the Colors at the pre-game ceremonies – Commander of the Color Guard – Mike Mikulenska.

Sunday, September 23, 2007 – St. Laurence Church – Corp. Communion – 9:00 AM Mass – 6 SK's – Tim Cullen, Steve Hanshaw, Joe Stucka, Ron Frerich, Andrius Kontrimas and Chip Buczo.

Friday, September 28, 2007 – Wake for Brother Angelo Zucco (3rd Deg.) – family requested a Brother Knight recite the rosary at the wake – Mike Mikulenska in full regalia.

Saturday, September 29, 2007 – Memorial Service for Fr. Ted Valencia – Holy Family Church – 10 SK's, 8 SK's from Assembly 2243 – Bert Gobencion, Reyes Aguilar, Mike Mikulenska, Manual Silva, Bob Paterno, Prince Anujulu, Ben Machalec, Lino Manahan.

Future Turnouts – (Note the first event below is before our next meeting)

Saturday, October 13, 2007 – Mass in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary – Notre Dame Church – 10:00 AM Rosary, 11:30 AM Mass – Assemble no later than 11:15 AM in full regalia. Procession after Mass, followed with fellowship at the Community Center.

Friday through Sunday, October 26 – 28, 2007 - Fall Exemplification – St Vincent de Paul Church facilities – 6800 Buffalo Spdwy. & Holcombe Blvd. 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Candidate & SK registration. 10:00 AM Exemplification begins. Attending SK's are to be in full regalia. All paperwork to be received by our District Master no later than Friday, Oct. 5, 2007.

Saturday Oct. 27, 2007, *Exemplification Mass, - Assemble in full regalia in Church parking lot at 4:15 PM. Mass at 5:00 PM. Families invited.*

Exemplification Banquet – Doubletree Hotel – La Salle Foyer – 400 Dallas St – Houston, TX, following Mass.

Saturday, November 10, 2007 – *Combined 4th Degree & Catholic Daughters of America Memorial Mass -for deceased members at St. Thomas Aquinas Church – Sugar Land – Assemble at 10:30 AM for the 11:00 AM Mass, followed with lunch (\$10.00/plate paid in advance by Nov. 1st.)*

Sunday, November 11, 2007 – *Veteran's Day Celebration – U of H Clear Lake Campus – Student Services and Classroom Bldg. (or Liberty Park Bayou Bldg if inclement weather). This is not a turnout, but rather the 4th Degree is being asked to attend the event wearing our Assembly shirts and cap, and to enjoy the activities, which will include an honor guard by the Jr. ROTC of Clear Lake High School, view photographic and story displays of veterans, observe a flyover by the 147th Air National Guard from Ellington Field, view vintage military vehicles and equipment preserved by the Bluebonnet Military Motor Pool, and hear a speech*

“What it Means to be a Veteran” by Pearl Harbor Survivor Geo. Hemingway, U.S. Navy, and much more. Call U of H Clear Lake - 281-283-2021 for more info if needed. Directions from Houston – I-45 South to Bay Area Blvd., turn East on Bay Area Blvd. – follow the signs 4 miles to UHCL, enter Entrance #1, follow signs to parking for Veterans Day Celebration Parking.

Sunday, December 16, 2007 – Corp. Communion – St. Laurence Church – 9:00 AM Mass – assemble in full regalia no later than 8:45 AM.

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 exemplification date.

Mike Mikulenska, Faithful Captain/Commander

Cooking Schedule 2007-2008

October 16, 2007	Notre Dame 7036
November 20, 2007	St. Thomas Aquinas 7382
December 18, 2007	St. Laurence 11343
January 15, 2008	St. Francis de Sales 10995
February 20, 2008	St. Basil 4204
March 20, 2008	Holy Family 7728

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 a 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.