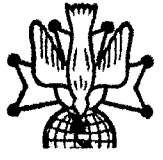




Bishop John L. Morkovsky  
Assembly No. 2243  
Sugar Land, Texas

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2004



*Sir Knight Joe Galvan, Master of the 1st District of Texas*

Sir Knight Larry Zapalac, State Secretary  
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Sir Knight Fr. Jack Whitley, Asst. State Chaplin,  
Chaplain, Galveston-Houston Chapter

Sir Knight Jim Collins, State Program Director  
Sir Knight Robert Yur, Director Vocations/Seminaries  
Sir Knight Duke Marasigan, District Deputy, District 65

The next meeting of  
Bishop John L. Morkovsky Assembly  
will be held at St. Basil Council #4204,  
702 Burney Road,  
adjacent to St. Theresa Catholic Church,  
on Tuesday, December 21, 2004.

The Sir Knights of St. Lawrence Council #1134 will  
prepare and serve a light meal from 7:30 to 8:00  
p.m., at which time the meeting will be called to order.  
In the following months, the cooking schedule will be:

January 18 - Notre Dame #7036

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

*Our thanks to St. Cyril of Alexander Council #8024. It was an excellent meal and service.*

*November is known for family gatherings, etc. Well, the Ford family spent 10 days in Orlando, FL, with 15 members—sons, sons-in-law, daughters, daughters-in-law, granddaughters and grandsons. And, it was great for Nana and Grandpa. Hope your Thanksgiving was as blessed as mine. Got lots to do in December. I'll let the Commander cover that.*

*I'd like to address our Open Meeting on Tuesday, December 21st. 7:00 p.m.—Refreshments, compliments of Assembly. 7:30 p.m.—Dinner will be served, compliments of St. Lawrence. Program to start at approximately 8:30 p.m., chaired by our Faithful Captain SK Chip Buczo, and a special guest...Santa Claus!*

*Please take time out to call your SK. You ask him to join our Assembly and invite him and his wife and small*

*children or grandchildren. Let's catch the Holiday Spirit! How about a SK you haven't seen in a while, someone who needs a ride...let's fill the place! Don't forget gifts for the House of Amos—wrapped and marked "Boy" or "Girl". That will make the children of Amos happy and you will feel great!*

*Looking forward to seeing many of you at the party and wishing all of you and your families a holy Christmas and blessed New Year!*

*Laureen and Harry*

*Remember to say the Rosary.*

*— A note from SK Peter Tan, Dioc. Deputy that Bishop Fiorenza was rear-ended by a drunk driver. Bishop Fiorenza is okay, apparently just sore with bruises. His car was totaled. Please pray for Bishop Fiorenza's quick recovery.*

*— A Reminder - The 2005 Membership Cards will be available at the December meeting. —Dan Rega*



## GOOD OF THE ORDER



Please remember the following knights and friends in the council's prayers:

<u>PRAY FOR:</u>	<u>REASON:</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY:</u>
Ray Rinchuiso	Cancer	SK Harry H. Ford
Consuelo McCoy, sister	Deceased	SK Ernesto Ramirez
Elizabeth Camp	Alzheimer disease	SK Jude McNamara
Bob Morgan	Stroke / cancer	SK Emil Zbranek
Art Parr	Deceased	SK Lee Meister
Catherine Smith	Very ill	SK Lee Meister
Crystal Morales	Brain surgery	SK Lee Meister
Pilar Villaneuva	Stomach cancer	SK Lino Manahan
Laureen Ford	Cancer	SK Harry H. Ford
Delphine Taylor Family	Delphine's death	SK Delbert Taylor

### ADMIRAL'S CORNER

On the subject of "Diminished Capacity"....

Is our assembly being sapped of its past enthusiasm to support our councils because of a diminished capacity as evidenced by the ever smaller number of Sir Knights showing up at our turnouts?

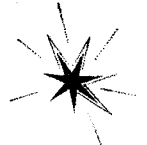
What is "diminished capacity"? It can be due to becoming physically disabled, or we can acquire a

debilitating mental or emotional condition. Or we can become morally entangled in a bad habit or in an addiction, i.e., T.V. programs/games, prescription drugs, personal pleasures, etc., etc., that blinds us to the needs of our families and our Knights of Columbus commitments.

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# REMEMBER SEASON



## SIR KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 2004

- 12/05 Kalliath Jacob
- 12/07 Joseph W. Celestain
- 12/07 Louis E. Hans
- 12/08 Allan D. Haynes
- 12/09 Curtis Osborne
- 12/10 Robert K. Thornton, Sr.
- 12/11 Timothy E. Sweat
- 12/11 Emil D. Zbranek
- 12/12 Jorge Marra
- 12/13 John M. Husch
- 12/13 Terry L. McClure
- 12/13 William M. Tallas
- 12/16 Daniel C. Naranjo
- 12/16 Rev. John F. Robbins
- 12/19 Mark J. Vacek
- 12/20 James L. Holzhauser
- 12/21 Deacon William E. Seifert, Jr.



- 12/23 Stephen C. Caras
- 12/23 Jerry J. Peters
- 12/23 Cornelius I. Nwokenaka
- 12/24 Joseph W. Azzarello, Sr.
- 12/24 Jude R. McNamara
- 12/24 Roberto S. Paterno
- 12/26 John S. Sudela
- 12/27 Ernest Teltschik
- 12/27 Jeff M. Baker
- 12/27 Joseph A. Holub, III
- 12/28 Jimmy G. Palacios
- 12/29 Thomas L. Pena
- 12/29 David G. Heredia
- 12/29 Rick Matte
- 12/30 Daniel E. Rega
- 12/30 Chris O. Nweke
- 12/31 Dennis W. Marek

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

### Past Turnouts

**November 5, 2004** - (Friday) Reliant Arena, Mass celebrating Bishop Fiorenza's 50th anniversary of ordination as a priest and 25 years of ordination as a Bishop. 62 Sir Knights, 10 SK's from Assembly #2243: Chip Buczo, Red O'Laughlin, Roberto Paterno, Manuel Silva, Tim Cullen, Ron Frerich, Reyes Aguilar, Carlos Trejos, Jim Holzhauser and Mike Mikulenka.

**November 14, 2004** - (Sunday) St. Thomas Aquinas Council 7382, Corp. Communion. 10 SK's: Nemesio Agustin, Fred Bernard, Ron Embry, Craig Juneck, Lino Manahan, Duke Marasigan, Maurice Marasigan, Lee Meister, Ernesto Ramirez and John Tierney.

**November 15, 2004** - (Monday) St Basil, Color Guard. 4 SK's: Dennis Marek, Dave Kiger, Bill Tallas and Alex Iglesias.

**November 18, 2004** - (Thursday) Holy Family Council 7728 Memorial Service. 11 SK's: David Heredia, Edgar Santiago, Reyes Aguilar, Mike Mikulenka, Red O'Laughlin, Lino Manahan, Sergio Bautista, Sam Gonzalez, Prince Anujulu, Tom Pena and Raul Basurto.

**November 21, 2004** - (Sunday) St. Ignatius Church, District Memorial Mass. Approximately 44 SK's, 4 from Assembly 2243: Jim Collins, Alex Iglesias, Carlos Trejos and Mike Mikulenka.

## ADMIRAL'S CORNER (Continued from Page 2)

Can we as Sir Knights reverse this trend by getting our wives more involved in our activities? Nowadays the suggestion that women should submit is backwards and even very un-American. Many of our wives have better judgment than we Sir Knights. Some are more gifted in making and managing money, religious matters and even fixing things around the house.

Should we question a woman's leadership abilities if her husband loses his ability to carry on due to a diminished capacity? Christ like leadership, whether expressed by a man or a woman, involves caring for others with the abilities and circumstances that God has given. Any physical strength or social opportunity is to be used to protect, provide, and compliment, not to control and dominate.

But, hold on, I am not advocating to let women become Knights of Columbus. However, the Bible is replete with stories of women solving problems and winning battles when their men failed because of diminished capacity. (Impaired reason, flawed judgment, pride, stubbornness, you name it.)

Sir Knights, invite your wives or female com-

### Future Turnouts

**December 5, 2004** - (Sunday) Guadalupe Association, George R. Brown Convention Center. Full regalia. Assemble at 4:15 PM — 5:00 PM mass.

**December 10, 2004** - (Friday) St. Laurence Church, mass in honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary. Bishop Msgr. Jose Vasquez to be present. Assemble 6:30 PM — mass at 7:00 PM.

**December 12, 2004** - (Sunday) St. Laurence Church, Corp. Communion Mass. Assemble at 10:15 AM — mass at 10:45 AM. Lite meal follows.

No dismantled drill on December 21 as this will be an open meeting and Christmas dinner for everyone.

**1-888-548-3890** is the toll free number to order full regalia.

Wishing all my fellow Sir Knights a Very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Mikulenka, Faithful Commander

panions to all turnouts and appropriate social events. There is a transformation that we can all share because it is a reason to look our best and our ladies to dress elegantly when they join us — whatever the occasion may be — in their flawless dresses and fashion hairdos.

No one, however, gives us a better example of how to respond to conditions of diminished capacity than Christ Himself. In heaven He was "with God" and "was God" (John 1:1). In the presence of His Father, angels obeyed his every word. Yet He willingly and lovingly stepped into man's history to become the Servant of servants and the Husband of our very imperfect and unfaithful church. Christ's self-limitation and submission were voluntary. His example was intentional.

"Lord, help us see how much we need each other  
As we walk along the Christian ways:  
In fellowship with sister and with brother,  
You will keep us growing day by day."

Faithfully submitted,  
SK Dr. Ernesto Ramirez, PFN, FA

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