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### Newsletter



**REMINDER: Officers meet 3rd Monday; Membership 4th Monday  
August 2012**

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#### FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE



Chaplain, Rev. Leonard Traverso

##### POWER IN WEAKNESS

The Corinthian people wanted to see signs and hear of miracles and revelations to prove that God was really strong and powerful. St. Paul tried to discourage such thinking. Finally, Paul is resigned to the necessity of having to reveal his personal experiences and revelations from God. However, in the middle of his list of personal strengths, Paul suddenly stops to change his course, saying: "To keep

me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh. "we don't know what that thorn was, but whatever it was, it tormented St. Paul without end. God did not leave St. Paul alone in his struggle. The word of God to Paul during his struggle was: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." By the end of Paul's letter he was boasting of his weakness rather than his strengths, because he had come to realize: "for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." St. Therese of Lisieux explains the meaning of St. Paul's realization. She wrote: "Our faults make us realize the need we have for God. In this way our faults keep us humble. Our faults make us seek-out Christ for support. Then, we grow closer to Him and our love is strengthened. Instead of holding on to the illusion of human perfec-

tion, we should humbly accept our human weakness with the assurance that Christ is working with them to strengthen us." Our trust in Christ blesses us to realize two things: one, He understands our weakness and knows why we have that particular weakness. Secondly: He is creating something new out of our faults. God is like a potter. Our faults are clay in his creative hands.



#### NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sir Knights:

The Dog days of August may be upon us, but they will not affect our Assembly. For instance, we are surging forward with our Combat Rosary Program. Last month after the Business meeting, we had four Sir Knights learning from SK Greg Dessel the correct way to construct the sturdy Rosaries. We will put together another work party at the Officers' meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August at St. Elizabeth's. SK's Greg Dessel and Ralph Manfredo will be instructing and providing the materials. Please come to the meeting and help us reach our goal of one hundred Rosaries to send to our Troops. Speaking of August, as we mentioned last month, SK Paul Dismuke, Assembly Trustee and Grand Knight of Council #8993 acquired a meeting Hall at St John Vianney's for our regular Business meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. Please come to the meeting and thank SK Paul for

“bringing an Assembly Meeting to a Parish near you!” Because of their move to St. John Vianney Parish last year, Council #8993 was not able to host an Assembly meeting. This year, they are the first Council (other than #8747) to host a meeting. I’m sure other Councils in our Assembly are working on hosting an assembly meeting. Please contact me or our Bulletin Editor/Comptroller/Color Corps Commander SK Ed Blake to forecast the date your Council would like to host an Assembly meeting. Remember, I’m only asking for one alternative Parish to host a Business Meeting per Quarter. Thank you for your fine work.

I also owe thanks to the Sir Knights who provided Color Corps/Honor Guard for departed Brother Gus Martinez. Brother Gus was a long time Parishioner at St. Elizabeth’s. He worked with his hands and his heart. The skill of those hands has graced St. Elizabeth’s for more than thirty years. His family notified the Assembly that it was Gus’ wish to have the Knights of Columbus involved in his funeral. Thank you to the following SK’s who answered the call to honor Gus at his viewing and Rosary: acting Color Corps Commander Tim Crews assisted ably by SK Greg Dessel, SK ‘s Learnardo Garcia-Araiza, Ed Kantack, Julio Galvan, Dave Marshal, Guillermo Uribe, and Me. The following day we had a full Squad of Color Corps to escort Brother Gus at his funeral Mass. I acted as Color Corps Commander. Thanks to SK’s Learnardo, Julio, Dave, Ed, Greg, and Marciano Estioko for their support and flexibility. I’m afraid I need more practice as a CCC, but I promise to put in the required practice time. (For those who don’t know, CCC SK Ed Blake had unavoidable scheduling conflicts. He was there in spirit and he put in extra time this month making sure our new members were ready for the Detail!)

Thanks are also in order to SK Tim Crews. He has single handedly brought the Past Faithful Navigator dinner to life this year. I had a brain freeze and said ‘we don’t have an immediate PFN so we don’t need a PFN dinner.’ While true, it does disservice to the tradition and to our PFN’s who have worked so hard over the years to make St. Joseph’s Assembly the strong, respected, representative of the Patriotic Degree that it is. I’m sure there is more information elsewhere in the Bulletin, but the PFN dinner is to be held at Zahir’s Bistro on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. Please come out and enjoy the camaraderie and congratulate the PFN’s. By the way, Zahir is a very gracious host. He likes the Knights of Columbus and moves mountains to give us value and great service. Councils, please consider inviting and sponsoring your chaplain to the PFN dinner. If they are not 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, maybe this would be a good way to invite them to take the time to go to Rohnart Park in February! Until next month.....

God Bless,  
Skip Yenchik, Faithful Navigator  
St. Joseph’s Assembly, #2246

## COLOR CORPS COMMANDER MESSAGE

Dear Sir Knights:



July had some activities that combined different spectrums of sadness and joy. The sad part was our Color Corps being requested for both the vigil and funeral for Brother Gus Martinez. While not a member of the Fourth Degree, Brother Gus exemplified himself in his tireless work around the church with his skills as a master brick mason. To say that he left his mark on St. Elizabeth Church would be an understatement.

On a category that we didn’t report on last month, kudos need to be shouted out to SK Greg Dessel and Julio Galvan for their work on the Flag Committee. Both Sir Knights are members of our Color Corps. Both of these Sir Knights located business establishments in Fremont and Alviso who proudly flew the American flag. Noticing that their flags were getting a bit on the tattered side, they came back to the Assembly, obtained replacement flags and made the presentations to the business owners.



SK Greg Dessel presents a new American flag to the proprietors of Taqueria Las Vegas which is located in Fremont on Fremont Blvd. right across the street from the Tesla Automotive Assembly plant.



SK Julio Galvan presents the proprietor and staff of Rosita’s in Alviso with their replacement American flag. Rosita’s is located at 5168 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Alviso.

As the month progressed, we had an opportunity to actually participate at an event held at St. Elizabeth’s Church. The event was the feast day for our parish’s namesake, St. Elizabeth of Portugal.

I’m very happy to say that we had an excellent turnout of Knights, 11 in total and that’s the way to provide a positive impression on your parish. The Mass was offered by Rev and Brother Stasys and Deacon and Brother John Vu.



From left to right: Sir Knights Leonardo Garcia-Araiza, Julio Galvan, Marciano Estioko, (Milpitas Mayor) Jose Esteves, Greg Dessel, Faithful Navigator Skip Yenchik, Fr. Staysis, Deacon John Vu, Color Corps Commander Ed Blake, Ed Kantack, Dave Marshall, Guillermo Uribe, and Steve Renteria from Fra Crespi Assembly

As we got toward the end of the month, we had another request for our services, that being the concluding Mass at St. John Vianney for the 9-day novena to Our Lady of Antipolo (Good Voyage) that was sponsored by the St. John Vianney FilAm group.

The Mass was offered by Rev and Sir Knight Steve Kim and eight other priests. After the Mass, the Color Corps escorted the statue of Our Lady of Antipolo to their parish hall where a reception was to take place.

The month of August has an event coming up that is NOT Color Corps specific but Assembly particular and that is the Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner which will be held at Zahir's Bistro on S. Main St., Milpitas CA on August 25<sup>th</sup>. No host bar at 6:30 PM. Dinner is \$45.00 per person and it would behoove all to get your reservations placed with SK Ed Blake, Faithful Comptroller at [ebacal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ebacal@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 408-263-0247.

If you are marking your calendars, please make sure to set aside Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, which will have the opening Mass of the St. Elizabeth Parish Festival. Report time will be 10:30 AM, Mass at 11:00 AM

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Respectively submitted,  
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At St. John Vianney's Viewing this as two columns: 1st Row: SKs Greg Dessel and Guillermo Uribe; 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: David Marshal and Color Corps Commander Ed Blake; 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Faithful Navigator, Skip Yenchik, Marciano Estioko, Michael McKenzie from Portola Assembly; 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Leonardo Garcia-Araiza and Steve Renteria from Fra Crespi; at the top of the stairs and just barely visible, Paul Dismuke.

**If you know of anyone who is sick or in distress, please let me know and I will include them in our prayer list. On a parallel note, if someone has recovered, please let me know as well so that I can remove their name from the Prayer List.**

**PRAYER LIST FOR THE DECEASED**

- Lady Beth Crews
- Lady Doris Kantack
- Lady Cherri Poehlman
- Lady Janie Herffernan
- Sir Knight Richard Mizgorski
- Sir Knight Gilbert Martinez
- Sir Knight Titus Cascaro
- Sir Knight Bill Quitalig
- Sir Knight Simon Lopez

**PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK**

- Brother Hung Nguyen – our Webmaster
- Patrick Esteban, son of SK Manuel Esteban
- Sir Knight Lud Indihar
- Sir Knight Bill Poehlman
- Sir Knight Ed Kantack
- Sir Knight Michael Wilhelmi
- Sir Knight Lou Horyza
- Sir Knight Bruce Poehlman
- Sir Knight Bernard McGuinness
- Lady Sharon Manfredo
- Lady Jovita Villena

*Please remember and pray for the victims of war and abortion; for our young men and women who are valiantly protecting our freedom.*

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