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## **FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE**

Sir Knights,

I attended the Memorial Mass in West on Sunday, the 21st, after receiving an email from our Supreme Fourth Degree Master in New Haven asking for all Sir Knights who were able to attend the services. 110 Sir Knights attended the mass with most from the Austin and Dallas Districts. We had two or three Sir Knights attending from our District 1. The turnout consisted of as many red capes as white, yellow, and purple capes. The State Treasurer, Secretary, and Advocate were there also.

It was an emotional mass with Bishop Joseph Vasquez from the Austin Diocese comparing Christ's crucifixion and death to the suffering that occurred in West this last week. They had 14 die, over 200 injured, and so many unable to return to their homes as a result of the blast. My wife said she saw so many of the parishioners crying after receiving communion at the mass.

Five of those deaths were knights who were first responders to the fire that preceded the explosion. Many of the residents who live in the north side of the town were not yet able to go back to their houses to see what was damaged and if their houses were even there. A town council member provided the parish with the current status of who and when residents could return to their homes to pick up their belongings and to come back out. The police had all of the streets blocked to that part of town.

In addition to the Bishop, the Past District Master, the Faithful Navigator, and the Commander from the West Assembly and Council gave emotional speeches both before and after the mass in thanking all of the Sir Knights who attended the turnout and for all of the help that the Knights have already offered. They stated that both representatives from Supreme and our state council arrived earlier that week with checks to help in the recovery. They also mentioned that they were having their meeting the night of the explosion, and just six minutes before the start of their meeting, they all heard a loud blast. Realizing what had happened, they all left to assist in getting the residents and elderly from the houses and retirement community that were close to the plant without hesitation to what could happen to them.

This is just another example of what our Knights can do to aid each other in times of disaster.

Fraternally,  
Don Payne, Faithful Navigator

## Knights of Columbus Mobilize to Help in West, Texas after Devastating Blast

*To supplement local efforts K of C Charities accepting donations to help victims*

Following the terrible blast at a fertilizer plant in the town of West, Texas, the Knights of Columbus is accepting donations to help those in need.

In addition, Knights of Columbus Council 2305 in West, Texas is working with local groups and the authorities to assist with disaster relief. The council is particularly well positioned to help since it counts more than 500 members in a town of fewer than 3,000 people.

Donations to assist in relief efforts can be made to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. online at: [www.kofc.org/texas](http://www.kofc.org/texas)

One hundred percent of all donations collected by Knights of Columbus Charities will be sent to those affected by the disaster.

In addition to online donations, donations can also be made by mail. Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. "Texas Fund" should be listed in the memo line and the checks should be mailed to:

**Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.  
Texas Fund  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06510**

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson issued the following statement in the wake of the tragedy in West, Texas and the attack on the marathon in Boston: *"The thoughts and prayers of the Knights of Columbus are with all of those killed or injured in the terror attack on the marathon in Boston and in the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas. May God provide eternal rest to the deceased and comfort to all those affected, and may all of us be inspired by the witness and courage of the emergency personnel and bystanders who rushed to the aid of those who were injured at the risk of their own lives."*

**Fraternal Year 2013/2014 Assembly Elections June 4....** Elections to fill the offices of the assembly will be held at the regular business meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

Currently the announced candidates are:

|                         |                            |                         |                             |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Faithful Navigator      | - Deacon SK Johnny Salinas | Faithful Captain        | - SK Clint Mendonca         |
| Faithful Admiral        | - SK Wm. D. Florez, PFN    | Faithful Pilot          | - SK Shawn Reichhardt       |
| Faithful Scribe         | - SK Gary Loth             | Faithful Comptroller    | - SK Robert "Bob" Cage, PFN |
| Faithful Purser         | - SK Leonard Kasowski      | Faithful Outer Sentinel | - SK Maxie Mendoza          |
| Faithful Inner Sentinel | - SK H. K. Hogans          | 3 Year Trustee          | - SK Gregory Gallardo       |

Any Sir Knight in good standing is eligible to seek an assembly office. A candidate should seriously evaluate their skill sets, time availability, and passion to serve so they match the requirements and expectations of the office you seek. Contact me at 713-861-6347 or via email at [jurbanovsky@att.net](mailto:jurbanovsky@att.net) if you have interest in a specific office and I will add your name to the list. Nominations from the "floor" will be accepted based on assembly by-laws during the election period at the June 4<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

James Urbanovsky, PFN - Election Coordinator

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MSGR. GEORGE A. WILHELM ASSEMBLY 1094  
PILOT'S REPORT, MAY 2013



Past Turnouts

- Saturday, 04/06/13**      **Family Fun Day Kickoff Mass at Council 2917 Hall**  
Don Payne, Joe Escalona, Chris Felix, Rafael Canamar, Michael Kloss, Greg Gallardo, Maurizio Croce, Shawn Reichhardt, Leonard Kasowski (9)
- Saturday, 04/20/13**      **Helpers of God's Precious Infants Monthly Mass at Holy Ghost Catholic Church**  
Don Payne, Louis Morones, Bill Florez, H.K. Hogans, Greg Gallardo, Joe Escalona, Maurizio Croce, Bill Mudry, James Theisen, Frank Babineck, Christian Garza, Doug Ramirez (13)
- Sunday, 04/21/13**      **Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights of West, TX at St. Mary the Assumption Catholic Church**  
Don Payne (1)

Upcoming Turn Outs

- Sunday, 05/12/13**      **Annual Vietnamese Marian Celebration and Mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Church**  
3617 Milam, Houston, TX 77002. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz. Please line up by 6:00pm in the Religious Education building. We will have a procession in the streets beginning at 6:30pm, followed by an open-air mass in the Holy Rosary parking lot. This is a district turn out.
- Monday, 05/13/13**      **96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima Mass at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral**  
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002. Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo at 7:00pm, please line up by 6:15pm in the bride's room. Parking will be available in the Amegy Bank building when the yellow Co-Cathedral parking signs are displayed. This is a district turn out.
- Saturday, 05/18/13**      **Helpers of God's Precious Infants Monthly Mass at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church**  
8200 Roos Road, Houston, TX 77036. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15am, line up by 7:45am. Following mass, a procession and rosary for life will be prayed outside Planned Parenthood off 7324 Southwest Freeway.
- Saturday, 05/18/13**      **Ordination of Transitional Deacons Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**  
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz at 10:00am, please line up by 9:00am in Room 341 of the Cathedral Centre. This is a district turn out.
- Sunday, 05/26/13**      **Confirmation Mass at St. Dominic Catholic Church**  
8215 Reservoir Street, Houston, TX 77049. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Roger Estorque at 4:00pm, please line up by 3:30pm.
- Saturday, 06/08/13**      **Summer Exemplification at Mary Queen Catholic Church**  
606 Cedarwood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546. This is the annual winter fourth degree exemplification. Registration will begin at 9:30am in the Parish Hall, line up by 9:00am. Mass will follow the exemplification at noon, line up by 11:45am. Please show up to support our candidates!
- Sunday, 06/09/13**      **Bi-Monthly Visitation and Mass at Michael E. DeBaakey Veteran's Affairs Medical Center**  
2200 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030. We will be having our regular veterans visitations followed by a mass. Sir Knights are requested to wear their Wilhelm Assembly shirts. Meet at the chapel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 8:30am; visitation begins at 9:00am; mass at 10:00am.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** to all Sir Knights celebrating God's gift of life this month!

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 - Christian E. Garza        | 3 - Walter O. Paschall       | 12 - James O. Tracy       | 26 - Innocent J. Aluka           |
| 1 - Msgr. James L. Golasinski | 4 - Victor J. Longo          | 14 - Lawrence E. Mills    | 26 - Michael J. Kloss            |
| 1 - Kasmier T. Nowaski        | 5 - Boniface I. Okoli        | 16 - Gustave A. Mistrot   | 27 - Fidel A. Bermudez           |
| 1 - Robert L. Roeder          | 7 - Adan Mata                | 18 - James K. Shipley     | 28 - Francis D. Nikel            |
| 2 - Reynolds C. Contreras     | 7 - Emmitt Shorter           | 20 - Gonzalo Oviedo       | 29 - Richard Stovall             |
| 2 - Ernesto Perez             | 8 - David J. Broeckelmann    | 21 - Patrick I. Nwachukwu | 30 - Noe C. Cervantes            |
| 3 - James L. Azzarello        | 12 - Reynaldo P. Garcia      | 21 - David A. Wright      | 30 - James L. Venarske           |
| 3 - Alexander Charles         | 12 - Rev. Anthony Kluckman   | 24 - Robert L. Igbonusi   | 31 - Rev. Ian G. Bordenave, O.P. |
| 3 - Cruz C. Ortiz, PFN        | 12 - Dominic A. Psencik, PFN | 24 - Carl B. Southern     |                                  |

**FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S PRAYER LIST**

**OREMUS** - Let us pray for all Sir Knights and family who are in need of our prayers.

Msgr. Bill Pickard, SK Norman Arguello and his wife Pauline, SK PFN James L. Connor and his wife Georgiana, SK PFN Raymond L. De-laHoussaye, Sr., Dorothy Fikac - wife of SK Dcn. Marvin Fikac, Dino Florez - brother of SK PFN William Florez, Mary Jane Florez - wife of SK PFN William Florez, Josephine D. Florez - mother of SK PFN William Florez, Bernice Hogans - wife of SK H. K. Hogans, Gloria Jackson - sister of SK John Frasher, Cynthia Jones - wife of SK PFN Jerry Jones, Richard D. McGinty - PGK of Council 803, Faye Ortiz - wife of SK PFN Cruz C. Ortiz, JoAnn Psencik - wife of SK PFN Don Psencik, SK Ruben Santillan, Doloros Sylvie - wife of SK Roy Sylvie, and all others sick or in distress.

*We ask God to give them strength in their suffering.*

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of our brother Knight*

Sir Knight Alfredo G. Castellano †

We will automatically be removing names from the prayer list after a two month period. Names shall remain if the request is renewed to show the desire for continued prayer. Please feel free to contact me.

Faithful Captain Deacon Johnny Salinas

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**SIR KNIGHTS of the Msgr. George A. Wilhelm Assembly**  
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**by placing an advertisement.**

Contact Faithful Comptroller Bob Cage, PFN  
[rcagejr@houstonisd.org](mailto:rcagejr@houstonisd.org)

**NEW Fourth Degree Hats** will be available at the General Business Meeting. Caps are the traditional Navy color with the Fourth Degree Logo and Monsignor George A. Wilhelm Assembly 1094, Houston, Texas in gold lettering; Hats are \$20.00, cash or check.

Please see the Faithful Comptroller Bob Cage, PFN.

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