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**Faithful Navigator Report — SK Miguel Torres**

Happy and Prosperous New Year! Greetings fellow Sir Knights! May the Peace and Joy of Our Lord always be with you and your families. I pray this newsletter finds you all in good health.

January is devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus. January is also “March for Life”. Continue to Pray with the fervor of the Saints for our Nation, communities, and families, and for the end to abortion.

A huge “Thank You” to SK Giacomo and SK Juan for coordinating and preparing our wonderful Christmas party and white elephant. Thank you all who attended.

Our Faithful Comptroller, SK Albert, has sent out Annual Surveys and our yearly dues. Please take a moment to submit both as soon as possible.

I continue to encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and support our fallouts as needed. Send in your prayer request. Let me know how we can continue to improve our Assembly. So come out and join us!

On behalf of my family and I, we wish you all a Joyful and Prosperous New Year. Thank you for Volunteering in serving Our Lord, through our Assembly.

Our next meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Zink room. Officers, we will meet in the Fr Zink room.

Your Brother in Christ, Vivat Jesus!

Miguel A. Torres

Faithful Navigator

Bishop Louis J. Reicher Assembly 1099

“In Service to God and Country”

Bishop Reicher  
 Assembly 1099



**Happy Birthday  
Sir Knights !!!  
May you have many more**

Alfred	Benavides
Stephen	Dillon
William	Esker
Rene	Gaytan
Ramon	Gomez
Hipolito	Gonzalez
William	Greve
Robert	Hesselbrock
Paul	Hilt
William	Jensen
Buford	Lowery
Franklin	Mendez
Ruben	Molina
Larry	Odom
Paul	Sanchez
Edward	Schleicher
Cruz	Villegas

## Saint of the Month—SK Giacomo Leone

**Feastday:** January 24

**Patron:** of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education

Birth: August 21, 1567

Death: December 28, 1622

Beatified: January 8, 1661 by Pope Alexander VII

Canonized: April 19, 1665 by Pope Alexander VII

St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood but kept it from his family. His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics.

In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24-years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua.

All the time, he never lost his passion for God. He studied theology and practiced mental prayers, but kept quiet about his devotion. To please his father, he also studied fencing and riding.

God made his will clear to Francis one day while he was riding. Francis fell from his horse three times that day. Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard, and every time it came out, the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the Christian cross.

After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

During the time of the Protestant reformation, Francis lived close to Calvinist territory. He decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinists back to the Catholic Church.

For three years, he trudged through the countryside, had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. In the bitter winters, his feet froze so badly they bled as he tramped through the snow.



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## Snack Providers Meeting Schedule

10836	Jan-22
14166	Feb-22
10148	Mar-22
11695	Apr-22
10209	May-22
8156	Jun-22
10131	Jul-22
10836	Aug-22
14166	Sep-22
10148	Oct-22

## Faithful Trustee Report —SK Michael Moreno

Consideration should be given to the approaching “District Meeting” held bi-annually in March or April by our District Master. Election of delegates from each assembly in the district to represent the assembly should be conducted. Two very important matters for discussion will be presented; one, the nominations for District Master and second, the submittal of resolutions to be forwarded to the Vice Supreme Master. Subject one: District Master – a position appointed for a term of two years. Our District Master SK Don Ream has served two terms and will conclude on August 31, 2022. Our delegates to the District Meeting will nominate 3 candidates to submit to the VSM for his consideration to the Supreme Master. Subject two: Resolutions to amend the by-laws of the Fourth Degree can be introduced and voted on at the District Meeting. If passed by the District Delegates, these resolutions will be forwarded on to the VSM for his disposition and passed on to the Supreme Assembly for action. Date and site of the District Meeting to be determined by our District Master.

Sir Knights that passed away for the calendar year 2021:

SK Dale Shuck – February 5, 2021  
 SK Steven Boiko – July 1, 2021  
 SK Daniel Goertz – August 31, 2021  
 SK Ronald Crain – September 1, 2021  
 SK Abel Kennedy – September 16, 2021  
 SK Deacon Michael Gesch – November 16, 2021

Fraternally,  
 SK MICHAEL F MORENO  
 Third Year Trustee  
 Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099  
 FORMER MASTER - DISTRICT 6

## Attendance Drawing

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### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROVINCE

**January Memories** Let us remember these Sir Knights. They were members of our Assembly, good active members who would turn-out for a Rosary, a Funeral Mass, Christmas Midnight mass at the Cathedral with our Bishop, the Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day, Corporate Communion Mass, even a Fourth Degree Exemplification in the District. Let us celebrate their service to family, to Country, to God and the Knights of Columbus.

#### DOWN MEMORY LANE

SK ISHMAEL GONZALEZ - Eternal Life granted January 9, 2018, born December 9, 1942 in San Antonio; he was 75 years old. He grew up in Austin, graduating from Johnston High School in 1963, where he lettered in track and played percussion in the band. He married his high school sweetheart in November 1963, celebrating 54 years together and 3 children. He was employed by Artcarved and retired after 35 years. He was a CB radio ham, KB5AVB, joining in 1970 as the “Blue Crusader” channel 13. He was an accomplished guitar player and taught many how to play. He was very involved in Church life at his parishes of St. Julia, Dolores, St. Catherine, and St. Paul. He joined the Knights of Columbus at Santa Julia Council 10426 in December 1989. He later transferred and was a charter member of SK Gerry Gauthier Council 10209. He joined the Fourth Degree and Bishop Reicher Assembly in September 1992. As I remember, he would turn-out at functions in Tuxedo and Social Baldric, handsome. Today, he would be 80 years old. He was the World’s Best Dad.

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**50/50**

SK Bill Roberts

Council 8156 won

\$ 7.00

## Faithful Admiral - Robert "Chappy" Chaplin

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and you are equally well prepared for this New Year. Time has certainly rushed away with our family. It is time for us to refocus on what this time of year is really about and that is our Faith. God gave us His Son to redeem us, He suffered for us, He taught us and rose from the dead to lead us. As Knights of Columbus we take up his cross as we assist our church and one another using Christ's examples of Faith and Charity. As Catholic men, we are the examples every time we step up to get involved as husbands, fathers, and work in the different church ministries. I want to wish each of you the best New Year! Stay safe and healthy. Continue your support to the KofC and God our Father.

And from today's reading in part,

Say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon

you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and  
give you peace!

Regards,

Vivat Jesus!

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## Assembly Prayer List

Pray for those on last month's prayer list.

Pray for the victims of the recent tornados.

Pray for the Miguel Torres family.

Pray for Giacomo's son.

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Knights of Columbus Bishop Reicher  
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SK Walt Graner

**Color Corp Commanders**

SK Giacomo Leone

The 4th Degree Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus is open to Third Degree Knights. Contact your Council Financial Secretary if you are interested or email the Faithful Navigator or Captain.

**If you want your council events to be included in the Assembly Minutes Please submit them online at:**

<https://form.jotform.com/201934972934060>

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**Meetings for Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099**

**Meeting Schedule:**

**The Second Monday of the Month at 7:30 pm**

St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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Austin, Texas 78704

Fr. Hal Zink Room

Enter through the Knights Door on the Side

## Faithful Trustee Report —Continued

SK HUGO MEURER – Eternal Life granted January 13, 2016, was born April 23, 1922 was 93 years old. Hugo, born in Fredericksburg, Texas; he joined the military and served in World War II. First in the invasion of Sicily, serving on board the USS Maddox and later, in the Normandy invasion, serving on the USS Nelson. Hugo later served the State of Texas, State Board of Insurance for 29 years. He joined the Knights of Columbus in October 1988 and made his Fourth Degree September 1989. He and his wife Susie, of 71 years, had two children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. If Hugo were alive today, he would be 100 years old. He was the World's Best Dad.

SK HERMAN BUNN – Eternal Life granted January 27, 2014; Herman was 80 years old. Born March 26, 1933; he served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force. He retired after 26 years with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was married to Agnes for 54 years and had 5 children. He joined the Knights of Columbus, Council 10209 in November 1999 and made his Fourth Degree in March 2002, joining Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. Today, Herman would be 89 years old. He was the World's Best Dad.

SK OSCAR LENERTZ, PGK – On January 12, 2013; Oscar entered Eternal Life at the age of 98 in Kerrville, Texas. He was born in Remsen, Iowa on April 15, 1914. He moved to Austin, Tx in 1934; got married in 1939 to Cecile and worked as an officer for City National Bank of Austin. From 1942 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Army in Egypt during World War II. He and Cecile had two children and attended St. Mary Cathedral. In 1951, he moved to Port Lavaca, Tx where he and his brothers built an industrial, auto and marine wholesale supply company. Oscar joined the Knights of Columbus in 1938; but in Port Lavaca is where he served as Grand Knight for Council 3253 and joined the Fourth Degree. He was an Honorary Life Member. Cecile passed away in 1967; and Oscar re-married in 1980 to Mildred Seifert and retired in Lakeway. He was an active member of Emmaus Catholic Church. Mildred passed away in 1996. Later, in 1999 he married Julia Moynihan and she passed away in 2006. Finally, he moved to Kerrville to be closer to family. Somewhere in all his activities, Oscar transferred his KC membership to Council 10209 and Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. If Oscar was alive today, he would be 108 years old. He was the World's Best Dad.

SK ADRIAN MUNOZ, Sr., PGK- Eternal Life granted January 1, 2013; Adrian was 79 years old. He was born on October 15, 1933 on the "King Ranch" in south Texas. Adrian married Maria Gracelia (Gracie) Rivas, in March 10, 1956 in Falfurrias, Tx. Together they were married 56 years with 5 children. Adrian was draft by the U.S. Army, worked in the National Guard, and total military service 39 years. He was awarded numerous medals, awards, and recognition certificates throughout his career. He enjoyed dancing, camping, hunting, being with family and was a huge Texas Longhorn fan. Sometimes he would dress up as a clown. He was a musician, playing the guitar, drums, and accordion. Adrian joined the Knights of Columbus SK Gerry Gauthier Council 10209 in July 1989 and made his Fourth Degree and Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099 in September 1990. Adrian served his council as Grand Knight from July 1994 to June 1995. Fr. Paul McCallum, Council Chaplain, tasked him with building the KC BBQ pit. He spent much time to researching the different styles of BBQ pits, calculating the cost of the pit, and raising the necessary financial resources for the project. If Adrian was alive today, he would be 88 years old. He was the World's Best Dad.

SK AQUILES (ALEX) MUNOZ – Eternal Life granted January 20, 2007 at the age of 91. He was born on August 2, 1915 in Morenci, Arizona. He finished high school and attended UCLA. He worked for over 40 years with the Army Corps of Engineers. He is preceded by his wife, Celia of 54 years of which they had three children. Alex was a member of the Knights of Columbus Capital City Council 1017 and Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. If Alex were alive today, he would be 106 years old. He was the World's Best Dad.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

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## Saint of the Month —Continued pages 8-11

Francis' unusual patience kept him working. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, Francis found a way to get under the door. He wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. This is one of the first records we have of religious tracts being used to communicate the true Catholic faith to people who had fallen away from the Church.

The parents wouldn't come to him, so Francis went to the children. When the parents saw how kind he was as he played with the children, they began to talk to him.

By the time Francis returned home, it is believed he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church.

He forged wonderful alliances with Pope Clement VIII and Henry IV of France, and in 1601 Francis joined Henry IV on a diplomatic mission. He was to give Lenten sermons at the Chapel Royal. Henry grew attached to Francis and saw him as a "rare bird" who was devout, knowledgeable and a gentleman.

In 1602, Bishop Granier died, and Francis was consecrated Bishop of Geneva, although he continued to reside in Annecy. He only set foot in the city of Geneva twice -- once when the Pope sent him to try to convert Calvin's successor, Beza, and another when he traveled through it.

In 1604, Francis took one of the most important steps in his life -- the step toward extraordinary holiness and mystical union with God.

In Dijon, Francis saw a widow listening closely to his sermon -- a woman he had seen already in a dream. Jane de Chantal was a dedicated Catholic Christian on her own, as Francis was, but it was only when they became friends, they began to become saints.

Jane wanted him to take over her spiritual direction, but, not surprisingly, Francis wanted to wait. "I had to know fully what God himself wanted. I had to be sure that everything in this should be done as though his hand had done it." Jane was on a path to mystical union with God and, in directing her, Francis was compelled to follow her and become a mystic himself.

Years after working with Jane, he made up his mind to form a new religious community. In 1610, he founded The Order of Visitation.

Francis was overworked and often ill because of his constant load of preaching, visiting, and instruction -- even catechizing a deaf man so he could take first Communion. He believed the first duty of a bishop was spiritual direction and wrote to Jane, "So many have come to me that I might serve them, leaving me no time to think of myself. However, I assure you that I do feel deep-down- within-me, God be praised. For the truth is that this kind of work is infinitely profitable to me." For him active work did not weaken his spiritual inner peace but strengthened it.

He gave spiritual direction to most people through letters, which attested to his remarkable patience. "I have more than fifty letters to answer. If I tried to hurry over it all, I would be lost. So, I intend neither to hurry or to worry. This evening, I shall answer as many as I can. Tomorrow I shall do the same and so I shall go on until I have finished."

During this time, it was wrongly thought that achieving real holiness of life was a task reserved for only for the clergy and those in religious life, and not for lay men and women. In addition, that only contemplatives, people who withdraw from active participation in the world, could really achieve holiness.

Francis insisted that every Christian was called to holiness and sanctity, lived within their own state in life. In holding that belief, he reflected the teaching of Jesus and the early Church Fathers.

Francis laid the groundwork for the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on what is now called the "universal call to holiness. It reaffirms the teaching of Jesus and the early Church that every Baptized Christian is called to sanctity, no matter what their career or state in life. In every career and state in life, Christians can become more and more like Jesus Christ. That is, after all, what holiness really means.

Francis gave spiritual direction to lay people who were living real lives in the real world. He had proven with his own life that people could grow in holiness while involved in a very active occupation. He also recognized that Christian marriage and family life is itself a call to holiness.

His most famous book, *INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE*, was written for ordinary lay people in 1608, not just the clergy and religious. Written originally as letters, it became an instant success all over Europe -- though some clergy rejected the notion that lay men and women could achieve holiness in the experience of their daily life. Some tore it up because Francis encouraged dancing and jokes!

For Francis, the love of God was like romantic love. He said, "The thoughts of those moved by natural human love are almost completely fastened on the beloved, their hearts are filled with passion for it, and their mouths full of its praises. When it is gone, they express their feelings in letters, and can't pass by a tree without carving the name of their beloved in its bark. Thus, to those who love God can never stop thinking about him, longing for him, aspiring to him, and speaking about him. If they could, they would engrave the name of Jesus on the hearts of all humankind."

The key to love of God was prayer. "By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God."

For busy people living in the world, he advised, "Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in discussions or transactions with others and talk to God."

The test of prayer was a person's actions. "To be an angel in prayer and a beast in one's relations with people is to go lame on both legs."

He believed the worst sin was to judge someone or to gossip about them. Even if we say we do it out of love we're still doing it to look better ourselves. We should be as gentle and forgiving with ourselves as we should be with others.

As he became older and more ill, he said, "I have to drive myself but the more I try the slower I go." He wanted to be a hermit, but he was more in demand than ever. The Pope needed him, then a princess, then Louis XIII. "Now I really feel that I am only attached to the earth by one foot..." He died on December 28, 1622, after giving a nun his last word of advice: "Humility."

St. Francis de Sales was beatified on January 8, 1661, and canonized on April 19, 1665, by Pope Alexander VII.

He is often featured with the Heart of Jesus and a Crown of Thorns. In 1923, Pope Pius XI named St. Francis de Sales the patron saint of Catholic writers and the Catholic press because of the tracts and books he wrote. He is also the patron saint of the deaf, journalists, adult education, and the *Sisters of St. Joseph*. His feast day is celebrated on January 24.