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Bishop Reicher
 Assembly 1099



Faithful Navigator Report — SK Miguel Torres

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.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, the 15th of February at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Zink room. Officers, we will meet in the Fr Zink room.

The Texas Pro-Life March was a huge success. We had over 37 SKs in Regalia with some of them traveling from as far as San Angelo, San Antonio and Floresville, Tx. Thank you all who attended. We must continue to Pray with the fervor of the Saints for our Nation, our communities, our families, and for the end to abortion.

I encourage you to read the great articles in the Columbia Magazine. The article "You, O Man of God" I found particularly interesting. "St Paul lays out the virtues that men need to fight the good fight of faith." These virtues are so much needed today more than ever. Evil lurks everywhere and we must remain ever vigilant and in prayer.

The world remains a place of great conflict and evil. Please pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia for peaceful resolutions within their governments. Pray the Rosary for world peace!

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!

Our deepest condolences to the O'Daniel's family on the loss of SK John O'Daniel, may he rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon him. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to the following SKs for Falling-out at SK John O'Daniel's Rosary and Mass:

SK Michael Moreno, SK Robert Chaplin, SK Greg Nelson, SK Bill Roberts, SK Walt Graner, SK Rayford Carter, SK Frank Avillar, SK Darrel Vinklerek, SK Jimmy Winkler, SK Miguel Torres, and all SK who were also in attendance.

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, plan accordingly!

Your Brother in Christ, Vivat Jesus!

Miguel A. Torres

Faithful Navigator

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"In Service to God and Country"

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

Adam	Alvarez
Jamie	Baca
Lenn	Catley
Stephen	Curran
Mario	Garcia
William	Hoagland
Lawrence	Larson
John	Malone
Paul	Mc Callum
Donald	Moss
Vernon	Pohlmeier
Joseph	Richter
Marvin	Shepherd
Joseph	Tomei
James	Wissel
Nef	Zendejas

Saint of the Month—SK Giacomo Leone

St. Valentine



Feast day: February 14

Patron: of Love, Young People, Happy Marriages

Death: 269

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology.

The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man. **Continued on Pages 8 & 9**

Snack Providers Meeting Schedule

- 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

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROVINCE

February 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 DALE SHUCK Eternal Life began on Feb 5, 2021; Dale was 86 years old. Dale’s life began on March 27, 1934; in Fergus Falls, Minnesota born to George & Margaret Shuck. After High School he joined the US Air Force and was stationed in Libya, Germany, Morocco and England. In England he met Antonia Garcia Abad and were married for 56 years. They adopted one daughter. After a tour of Vietnam, he retired from the Air Force with 20 years of service. He worked another 20 years for the US Post Office. He liked to run and competed in many Capitol 10K races. Dale joined the Knights of Columbus in January 1982, first Capitol City Council 1017, then transferred to Fr. Gene Dore Council 10131. He made his 4th Degree in March 1988, joining Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. Council 10131 annually would have a Casino Knight usually before Lent. Dale would shuffle the cards and deal Black Jack, lots of fun. In the K of C, Dale earned the title “Honorary Life”. Dale would be 88 years today. Dale’s wife, “Toni” preceded him to eternal life. Dale was the World’s Best Dad.

SK WILLIAM “BILL” BOIKO Eternal Life began Feb 8, 2018; Bill was 88 years old. Bill was born in Medford, Massachusetts on January 6, 1930. Bill graduated with a Bachelor degree in 1954 from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He received a second Bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering in 1967 from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Finally, a Master’s Degree in Education from SWTSU. After graduation from Annapolis, Bill transferred to the US Air Force and retired after 22 years of service achieving the rank of Major. He did one tour of Vietnam. Once retired he taught at the University of Texas, Westlake High School, Austin Community College and substituted for AISD. Bill volunteered many hours of service for St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, the Boy Scouts of America and was a precinct judge for a voting location. Bill joined the Knights of Columbus in April 1972 and made his 4th Degree joining Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099 in October 1977. He achieved the title of “Honorary Life” member. One act of service to the Knights; once a year Council 8156 would host the Chapter meeting of the K of C. Bill would chair the event and always, his menu for the meal was Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans and chocolate pudding with a cherry on top. Also, he would monthly get up early for the Council BBQ’s to make breakfast for the workers. Bill’s wife of 55 years Margaret Mary June preceded him. Together they had 6 children. If Bill were alive today, he would be 92 years old. Bill was the World’s Best Dad.

Attendance Drawing

NA

50/50

NA

SK ED KRUCZEK, GK Eternal Life - Feb 28, 2013; Eddie was 63 years old. He was born in Donora, Pennsylvania on January 15, 1950. Eddie served in the U.S. Navy for 8 years. Next, he worked for Lockheed-Martin for 18 years, then retired from Dell in 2007 after 11 years. Somewhere he met Lori and they were married for 42 years with two children. Ed joined the Knights of Columbus Council 8156 in April 2008. Later, he made his 4th Degree joining Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099 in May 2009. Ed was very active in his council and was elected in 2012 to be Grand Knight of his council, a position he held until his passing. Today, Ed would be 72 years old. He was the World’s Best Dad.

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Faithful Admiral - Robert "Chappy" Chaplin

This past week's activities have made me even more excited to be a Fourth Degree Sir Knight more than ever!

First, I was personally involved in the Texas Pro-Life walk with many other SKs and clergy plus a mile long of Pro-Life Catholics. What a beautiful group of folks to look at and be with! The chants of "We are – Pro Life" are still ringing in my ears. The one protestor was finally led to the side of the marching group and corralled by DPS. But the spirit of the people that we led was invigorating. Each year I feel the same but having missed last year, it was even better this year! We again were leading the Pro-Life movement!

And then we gathered to serve and honor our fellow Sir Knight John O'Daniel. I'm continually amazed about what we learn about fellow SKs at the Visitation/Rosary's and Funeral Masses for our fallen SKs! I become even more committed to serving them and their families during this time of sorrow yet knowing they are no longer suffering in this world. We had 11 SKs in attendance as we listened to the acknowledgements of his life. Born in 1942, a farm boy, a strong youngster, a worker, a believer in the Church, in the Army as enlisted and an officer, took an experimental vaccine -suffered and nearly died, did his duty regardless. Became a husband and father, set an example ... and on! What we can learn about folks AFTER that pass through life. And then the family thanks us for doing our duty to serve SK John – it is our duty and an honorable duty. They have tears of gratitude for each of us as they pass by. Comments of "that was beautiful", " thank you for being here", " we love you", all words that we don't need to serve another SK or Brother Knight or spouse. We did our duty. I felt so worthy to be at a family's service that I did not even know!

Please join us as we support our fellow SKs! Please purchase your regalia and let us move forward to support our Assembly and fellow SKs. We need to join together to support our Church and our Brotherhood as Knights of Columbus. I firmly believe and see Catholics recognize and support Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. More important, I see the Faithful wanting us to fulfill our role as Fourth Degree Sir Knights.

Visitation for SK John O'Daniel



Posting at the casket during the visitation



Adding the 4th degree pin to SK John's Lapel

Assembly Prayer List

Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099

Prayer List

~~Nov 2021~~, 2020

Jan 10th 2022

1. Ed Minnich	17. Victoria Salazar
2. Jimmy Waller	18. PFN LARRY SANCHEZ
3. John O'Daniel	19. PFN ROBERT BOCANEGRA
4. Jesus Tristian	20. SK Pilar NATAL
5. Rosario Tristian	21. SK TOM POE
6. Richard Ramirez	22. SK George L Van Ecken
7. Martha Cortes	23. Gabe MALDONADO
8. Herman Cortes	24. Luis Ortiz
9. Ramona Trillo	25. Roger Ibarra
10. Vicky Trillo	26. Bill Harris
11. Gabriel Cortes	27. Lane Harris
12. Vivian Mendez	28.
13. Daisy Cortes	29.
14. Dalia Cortes	30.
15. Myriel Torres	31.
16. ISABELLA Torres	32.

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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

120 Oltorf St.

Austin, Texas 78704

Fr. Hal Zink Room

Enter through the Knights Door on the Side

Faithful Trustee Report —Continued

SK JOSEPH ANTHONY MANGARELLA Entered his eternal live Feb 28, 2010, he was 93 years old. He was born in Easton, Pennsylvania on January 7, 1917. He was the youngest of six children. His family moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts after his father died when he was 11 months old. Later, he moved to New York and met the love of his life Nina Lombardo in Manhattan, NY. They were married for 68 years. He served his country in World War II with the US Army and returned in 1945. He worked for the City of New York for 20 years, then he worked for Morgan Guarantee Trust. In 1980, the family moved to Port Richey, Florida where he joined the Knights of Columbus. Later, he made his 4th Degree. Joe and Nina loved to travel, every part of these United States. They loved to take sea cruises, ballroom dancing, big band music, and Sunday morning Bloody Marys. In 1998, they moved to Austin to be closer to family and continued his activities in the Knights of Columbus. I remember Joe as a host/bartender/waiter for Council 8156 Annual Wives Appreciation Dinner. He loved pouring the wine, a real gentleman. His wife Nina preceded him April 24, 2008. He was the World's Best Dad.

SK LARRY JUERGENS Eternal Life on Feb 24, 2010, he was 72 years old. Larry was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on August 8, 1937. He graduated from high school in 1955, then joined the US Army. He graduated from Texas A & I in 1960 and received a Master's Degree in Science from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He worked for 15 years with Coastal States Gas Producing Company which turned to Valero Energy in San Antonio. He worked 23 years for the State of Texas – Rehabilitation Commission, this work required Larry to travel the state of Texas. Larry joined the Knights of Columbus and later made his 4th Degree joining Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. Sometime, somewhere he met and married Mary Christine and had 6 children. He loved to hunt, fish and sail. He was the World's Best Dad.

SK LARRY GILBERT Entered Eternal Life Feb 15, 2008; he was 60 years old. Born in Austin, Texas; September 7, 1947, he served in the US Navy in the late 1960's. He started working in the electrical field, then switched to the automobile industry. Larry took pride in all his work and enjoyed BBQ'ing. He was had a contagious love for the Texas Longhorns. A devout Catholic, he prayed for guidance throughout his worldly adventures. He married Jeanette Frietsch, June 1, 1967 in Schulenburg, Texas. Together they had two sons and a sister that he treated as a daughter. Larry was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. He was the World's Best Dad.

SK JOHN MALLOY Entered Eternal Life Feb 1, 2006; he was 75 years old. John was born in New York, December 11, 1931. He served our country as a air traffic controller for the US Air Force from 1951 to 1973. He retired as a Chief Master Sargent. He was married to Doris for 50 years, until her passing. Later, he married Barbara in June 2003 for 2 ½ years. John joined the Knights of Columbus and was a 4th Degree member of Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. Today John would be 91 years old. He was the World's Best Dad.

SK ALBERT SCHRICK Known by his friends as "Scooter"; he entered Eternal Life Feb 13, 2000; he was 96 years old. Born in Nortonville, Kansas, February 2, 1904; he had a long life as a farmer. He also worked for Wilson and Company for 10 years, then Benedictine College for 10 years and for SAGA Food Service until his retirement. His wife of 24 years, Martha E Neumann preceded him in 1951. He moved to Austin, Texas in 1988 to live with his son Tony Schrick. He loved to travel with his son. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Capitol City Council 1017 and 4th Degree member of Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. Today, Scooter would be 118 years old. He had five sons, the World's Best Dad.

SK RAYMOND VILLAGOMEZ Eternal Life began Feb 14, 1998. [Editor's note: Not too much is known about Sir Knight Ray. In his later years, his daughters brought him to the 4th Degree meetings at the time at St. Peter Catholic Church. He always sat in the first-row chairs on the right-hand side.]

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.

Saint of the Month —Continued pages 8-9

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.

St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44-member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). According to the popular hagiographical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became raged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. However, other tales of St. Valentine's life claim he was executed either in the year 269, 270, 273 or 280. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

Pope Julius I is said to have built a church near Ponte Mole in his memory, which for a long time gave name to the gate now called Porta del Popolo, formerly, Porta Valetini.



The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have derived during the Middle Ages, when it was believed that birds paired couples in mid-February. According to English 18th-century antiquarians Alban Butler and Francis Douce, Valentine's Day was most likely created to overpower the pagan holiday, Lupercalia.

Although the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, it is widely recognized as a day for love, devotion, and romance.

Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

Relics of St. Valentine can be found all over the world. A flower-crowned skull of St. Valentine can be found in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In 1836, other relics were exhumed from the catacombs of Saint Hippolytus on the Via Tiburtina and were identified as Valentine's. These were transported for a special Mass dedicated to those young and in love.

Fr. John Spratt received a gift from Pope Gregory XVI in 1836 containing a "small vessel tinged" with St. Valentine's blood. This gift now stands placed in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland.

Other alleged relics were found in Prague in the Church of St Peter and Paul at Vysehrad; in the parish church of St. Mary's Assumption in Chelmno Poland; at the reliquary of Roquemaure in France; in the Stephansdom in Vienna; in Balzan in Malta and also in Blessed John Duns Scotus' church in the Gorbals area of Glasgow, Scotland.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, beekeepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.