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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 Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Zink room. Officers, we will meet in the Fr Zink room at 7pm.**

Easter will be upon us very soon. We have three more weeks to get closer to our Lord through Penance, Prayer and Fasting.

I encourage you and your families to pray the Rosary for the end to abortion and for world peace. Pray with the fervor of the Saints for the peace in Ukraine and Russia.

The next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification is scheduled for June 18 2022 at St. Elizabeth, in Pflugerville, Tx.

You are all invited to these two fallouts:

12 Apr 2022, Chrism Mass, St Vincent de Paul, Austin, Tx. Mass starts at 10:30am, report by 09:15am.

11 June 2022, Presbyteral Ordination also at St. Vincent de Paul. Mass starts at 10:30am, report by 09:15am.

**Note: Officer nominations are here! Consider becoming an officer within our Assembly.**

Come out and join us at 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.

Your Brother in Christ, Vivat Jesus!

Miguel A. Torres

Faithful Navigator

Bishop Louis J. Reicher Assembly 1099

“In Service to God and Country

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

Geronimo	Aguirre
Nathaniel	Aniekwu
Frank	Avillar
Peter	Carrizales
Robert	Dankworth
Guy	Desrochers
Robert	Donathan
Gerald	Garcia
Craig	LaRobardier
Giacomo	Leone
Ian	Manzak
Johnny	Martinez
Arthur	Martinez
Edwin	Mazurek
David	Moore
Thomas	Natoli
Raul	Ramirez
Reynaldo	Rodriguez
Tony	Ross
Michael	Vandermate
Darrel	Vinklarek
Francis	Zordilla

## Saint of the Month—SK Giacomo Leone

### St. Bernadette Soubirous

**Patron:** of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, shepherdesses, and Lourdes, France

Birth: January 7, 1844

Death: April 16, 1879

Beatified: 1925

Canonized: by Pope Pius XI on December 1933



St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, France on January 7, 1844. Her parents were very poor, and she was the first of nine children. She was baptized at St. Pierre's, the local parish church, on January 9. As a toddler, Bernadette contracted cholera and suffered extreme asthma. Unfortunately, she lived the rest of her life in poor health.

On Thursday, February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette was sent with her younger sister and a friend to gather firewood, when a very beautiful lady appeared to her above a rose bush in a grotto called Massabielle (Tuta de Massavielha).

The woman wore blue and white and smiled at Bernadette before making the sign of the cross with a rosary of ivory and gold. Bernadette fell to her knees, took out her own rosary and began to pray. Bernadette later described the woman as "uo petito damizelo," meaning "a small young lady." Though her sister and friend claimed they were unable to see her, Bernadette knew what she saw was real.

Three days later, Bernadette, her sister Marie, and other girls returned to the grotto, where Bernadette immediately knelt, saying she could see "aquero" again. She fell into a trance and one girl threw holy water at the niche and another threw a rock that shattered on the ground. It was then that the apparition disappeared.

On February 18, Bernadette said "the vision" asked her to return to the grotto each day for a fortnight. With each visit, Bernadette saw the Virgin Mary and the period of daily visions became known as "la Quinzaine sacrée," meaning "holy fortnight."

When Bernadette began to visit the grotto, her parents were embarrassed and attempted to stop her, but were unable to do so. On February 25, Bernadette claimed to have had a life-changing vision.

The vision had told her "To drink of the water of the spring, to wash in it and to eat the herb that grew there" as an act of penance. The next day, the grotto's muddy waters had been cleared and fresh clear water flowed.

On March 2, at the thirteenth of the apparitions, Bernadette told her family the lady said "a chapel should be built and a procession formed."

During her sixteenth vision, which Bernadette claims to have experienced for over an hour, was on March 25. Bernadette claimed she had asked the woman her name, but her question was only met with a smile. Bernadette asked again, three more times, and finally the woman said, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

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**Snack Providers Meeting Schedule**

11695	Apr-22
10209	May-22
8156	Jun-22
10131	Jul-22
10836	Aug-22
14166	Sep-22
10148	Oct-22
11695	Nov-22
10209	Dec-22
8156	Jan-23
10131	Feb-23
10836	Mar-23
14166	Apr-23
10148	May-23

**Attendance Drawing**

NA

**50/50**

NA

**Faithful Trustee Report —SK Michael Moreno**

**FAITHFUL TRUSTEE REPORT –APRIL 2022**

This month of April, the District Master has scheduled his “District Meeting”. In preparation for that, our Assembly has prepared a resolution to submit with the intention of “Grandfathering” the old regalia.

Find below that resolution that was read at our March Assembly meeting.

Resolution to the District Master at the District meeting, April 2, 2022.

WHEREAS: The Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, August 1, 2017; announced the change in the Official Dress for the Fourth-Degree members from the **Regalia** to the **Uniform**, and

DEFINITION: REGALIA vs. UNIFORM

REGALIA - The official dress of the Black Tuxedo and cumber bun, black bowtie, black shoes, tuxedo shirt, Social/Service Baldric, Ceremonial Sword, Cape, Chapeaux, white gloves.

UNIFORM – Gray Trousers, Blue Sport Jacket, white shirt, blue 4<sup>th</sup> Degree tie, black beret, service baldric and ceremonial sword.

WHEREAS: Thousands of Brother Sir Knights have invested a small fortune in their Regalia, and

WHEREAS: The wives and Ladies of these Sir Knights, ask “Why can my husband not wear his regalia if it is his and he bought and paid for it?” and

WHEREAS: They are volunteers and live on a fixed income and cannot afford to purchase the new Uniform, and

WHEREAS: Conservative estimates, over 50% of the Sir Knights do not have the new uniform, and

WHEREAS: this affects in an adverse way, the morale and recruitment; consequently, Sir Knight participation continues to decrease and

WHEREAS: The new uniform restriction has limited the participation of Sir Knights in Knights of Columbus events, functions, activities, programs, and

WHEREAS: Today’s official dress for new candidates for the Fourth Degree do not wear the Uniform, and they are not required to purchase the Uniform, and

WHEREAS: It has been noted that the new uniform has not been worn in a consistent manner, and

WHEREAS: the decision to change to the “uniform” has done nothing to benefit the Order but has done a lot to damage it, and

WHEREAS: the “uniform” is not recognizable as part of the Knights of Columbus causing bystanders and observers to say, “Those are not the Knights of Columbus”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Supreme Master allow all 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members who possess or own, the Regalia; “Grandfather in” the use of the Regalia for all Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree events, functions, activities, and programs; until those members pass on to their Eternal Reward, and

FURTHER RESOLVED: that this resolution will show a greater opportunity to show flexibility and solidarity with our older and seasoned Brother Sir Knights, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sir Knights at their discretion with no time limit, they may purchase the new “Uniform”, and

FURTHER RESOVLED that this will allow all 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight members, 100% participation in all Knights of Columbus events, programs, activities, and functions, and

FURTHER RESOVLED that this is for the Great Honor and Glory to God the Father.

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## Faithful Admiral - Robert "Chappy" Chaplin

A world in Turmoil

No report for April 2022

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### Memorial Day Mass and Reception Notice

Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Mass to honor those who paid the ultimate price and to honor our fallen Knights for the past 3 years.

Date: Memorial Day, May 30

Mass: 9:00 AM; Fallout 8:30 AM

Location: St. Ignatius Catholic Church

Reception and Plaque Presentation Ceremony: Immediately following Mass in the St. Ignatius Parish Center (Gym)

We hope to see you there!

The Committee

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Assembly Prayer List

Sick

FRANK AVILLAR eyes

CAROLYN AVILLAR BACK PAIN

SK TOM POE Heart Issues

SK Pilar Nater AGE

CHRISTOPHER LEONE

Knights of Columbus Bishop Reicher  
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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

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROVINCE

**April Memories** Do you remember these “guys?” or respectfully, Sir Knights? I remember these Gentlemen; putting on their tuxedos, their gloves, Social Baldric or Service Baldric (that held their sword), their Cape and Chapeau. 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 PAUL TILEY** – Eternal Life began April 11, 2020. Paul passed away just when the Covid Virus was getting out and human lives were dying. Our churches and funeral homes were closed. If there was a funeral, it was probably only limited to immediate family. This is what happened to Paul. Paul was born June 28, 1942, maybe someplace in Kansas. He met his wife Nancy in Arkansas; both from military families that were constantly moved around the globe. Paul was very active in his local parish St. Catherine. He was the man-in-charge for the 7:30am Mass. At the time of his death, he was the Faithful Comptroller for Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. Previously, he was the Financial Secretary for Council 8156. I know Paul was a retired military serviceman. At a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification held in Harker Heights, he was enjoined in a conversation with other Vietnam Veterans. This is where I learned that Paul was a Air Force pilot and flew the F-4 Phantom jet. Paul was a good guy, the World’s Best Dad. At church he was affectionately call “hugga”

**SK PAUL PALMER** - Eternal Life began April 2, 2018. This Paul was born January 25, 1932 in Moline, Kansas. He grew up on a farm and participated in high school sports; basketball and football. He attended El Dorado Junior College, then transferred to St. Benedict’s College in Atchison, Kansas. There he met the love of his life, Theresa Jeanette Rice. He graduated in 1954 with a BBA with a emphasis in Accounting and Economics. Paul and Jeanette were married June 18, 1955 and enjoyed 63 years of marriage. They had five children. The last 45 years were spent at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church. He was a Boy Scoutmaster, member of the Men’s Club, an officer on the Parish Council and Finance Council, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, RCIA Sponsor. He joined the Knights of Columbus, April 1, 1966 and made his Fourth Degree September 1989. He was a Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. Paul was the World’s Best Dad.

**SK LOU PARKER** – Eternal Life began April 2, 2012. Lou was a member of the Knights of Columbus Capital City Council 1017 for a long time, he joined November 1947. He made his Fourth Degree April 1959, joining Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. He served as the First Texas State Executive Secretary of the Knights of Columbus. Later, he transferred to Council 8156 at St Catherine of Siena.

**SK ELIAS LEMUS, Jr.**- Entered Eternal Life April 19, 2004, he was 24 years old. Elias was born in Austin, Texas October 26, 1980. He graduated from William B Travis High School in 2001. He joined the Knights of Columbus, making his First Degree, January 2000 joining Fr. Houser Council 10148. Later, he made his Fourth Degree March 2002, joining Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. Today, Elias would be 41.

**SK CRISTOBAL LUNA** – Eternal Live began April 27, 2003. Little is known about Chris, he was a member of the San Marcos Council 3458. He joined Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099 when it was the only assembly for all of Austin down to San Marcos and the surrounding area, the “Capitol Area”.



FEAST OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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Though many townspeople believed she had indeed been seeing the Holy Virgin, Bernadette's story created a division in her town. Many believed she was telling the truth, while others believed she had a mental illness and demanded she be put in a mental asylum. Some believed Bernadette's visions meant she needed to pray for penance.

Church authorities and the French government rigorously interviewed the girl, and by 1862 they confirmed she spoke truth. Since Bernadette first caused the spring to produce clean water, 69 cures have been verified by the Lourdes Medical Bureau, and after what the Church claimed were "extremely rigorous scientific and medical examinations," no one was able to explain what caused the cures.

The Lourdes Commission that initially examined Bernadette, ran an analysis on the water but were only able to determine it contained a high mineral content. Bernadette believed it was faith and prayer that was responsible for curing the sick.

Bernadette asked the local priest to build a chapel at the site of her visions and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is now one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. Many other chapels and churches have been built around it, including the Basilica of St. Pius X, which can accommodate 25,000 people and was dedicated by the future Pope John XXIII when he was the Papal Nuncio to France.

Following the miracles and constructions, Bernadette decided she did not like the attention she was getting and went to the hospice school run by the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, where she was taught to read and write. Though she considered joining the Carmelites, her health was too fragile.

On July 29, 1866, Bernadette took the religious habit of a postulant and joined the Sisters of Charity at their motherhouse at Nevers. Her Mistress of Novices was Sister Marie Therese Vauzou and the Mother Superior at the time named her Marie-Bernarde, in honor of her grandmother.

Bernadette spent the rest of her life there working as an infirmiry assistant, and later a sacristan. People admired her humility and spirit of sacrifice. Once a nun asked her if she had temptations of pride because she was favored by the Blessed Mother. "How can I?" she answered quickly. "The Blessed Virgin chose me only because I was the most ignorant."

Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis of the bone in her right knee and was unable to take part in convent life. She died in the Sainte Croix (Holy Cross) Infirmary of the Convent of Saint-Gildard at the age of 35 on April 16, 1879, while praying the holy rosary.

Even on her deathbed Bernadette suffered severe pain and keeping with the Virgin Mary's admonition of "Penance, Penance, Penance," she proclaimed "all this is good for Heaven!" Bernadette's last words were, "Blessed Mary, Mother of God, pray for me. A poor sinner, a poor sinner."

The nuns of Saint-Gildard, with the support of the bishop of Nevers, applied to the civil authorities for permission to bury Bernadette's body in a small chapel dedicated to Saint Joseph, which was within the confines of the convent. Permission was granted on April 25, 1879, and on April 30, the local Prefect pronounced his approval of the choice of the site for burial. On May 30, 1879, Bernadette's coffin was transferred to the crypt of the chapel of Saint Joseph, where a very simple ceremony was held to commemorate the event.

Thirty years later, on September 22, two doctors and a sister of the community exhumed her body. They claimed the crucifix and rosary she carried had been oxidized but her body remained incorrupt. The incorruption was cited as one of the miracles supporting her canonization.

## Saint of the Month —Continued

The group washed and redressed Bernadette's body then buried it in a new double casket. The Church exhumed her body again on April 3, 1919, and the doctor who examined her said, "The body is practically mummified, covered with patches of mildew and quite a notable layer of salts, which appear to be calcium salts ... The skin has disappeared in some places, but it is still present on most parts of the body."

In 1925, Bernadette's body was exhumed yet again. This time relics were sent to Rome and an imprint of her face was molded, which was used to create a wax mask to be placed on her body. There were also imprints of her hands to be used for the presentation of her body, which was placed in a gold and crystal reliquary in the Chapel of Saint Bernadette at the mother house in Nevers.

In 1928, Doctor Comte published a report on Bernadette's exhumation in the second issue of the *Bulletin de l'Association Medicale de Notre-Dame de Lourdes*, where he wrote:

"I would have liked to open the left side of the thorax to take the ribs as relics and then remove the heart which I am certain must have survived. However, as the trunk was slightly supported on the left arm, it would have been rather difficult to try and get at the heart without doing too much noticeable damage.

"As the Mother Superior had expressed a desire for the Saint's heart to be kept together with the whole body, and as Monsignor the Bishop did not insist, I gave up the idea of opening the left-hand side of the thorax and contented myself with removing the two right ribs which were more accessible.

"What struck me during this examination, of course, was the state of perfect preservation of the skeleton, the fibrous tissues of the muscles (still supple and firm), of the ligaments, and of the skin, and above all the totally unexpected state of the liver after 46 years. One would have thought that this organ, which is basically soft and inclined to crumble, would have decomposed very rapidly or would have hardened to a chalky consistency. Yet, when it was cut it was soft and almost normal in consistency. I pointed this out to those present, remarking that this did not seem to be a natural phenomenon."

Saint Bernadette is often depicted in prayer with a rosary or appealing to the Holy Virgin. She was beatified in 1925 and canonized by Pope Pius XI in December 1933. Saint Bernadette is the patroness of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, shepherdesses, and Lourdes, France.

[from Catholic Online, Saints and Angels]

## **Faithful Trustee Report —Continued**

SK MELVIN WALTER MAKELBUST, PGK, PFN - For Mak, eternal life began April 28, 1998. He was born December 10, 1918 and raised in Ames, Iowa. He served his country in the U.S. Navy as a “SeeBee” in World War II. After the war, he worked at Ames Laboratory as a construction manager. He retired after 32 years. Also, while in Ames, he was a member of the Ames Fire Department. It is said that the last 14 years were in Austin, Texas; so, about 1983, (according to Bonnie) they relocated here and attended St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. Somewhere or sometime, Mak met Yvonne Bernice Baxter Smith in Ames. They were married for 58 years and had two daughters and son Michael. Mak joined the Knights of Columbus Council 8156 and served twice as Grand Knight. Later, he joined the Fourth Degree, Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099 and served as Faithful Navigator from July 1996 to June 1997. Personally, I knew Mak, I served as Faithful Purser when he as F. N. He was a tough guy, fighting cancer. At one Assembly meeting, Mak came late, and explained his tardiness was due to the Doctors had to pull out his bladder, and they scrapped the cancer off and stuffed his bladder back in and sowed him up. Mak was also a life member of the Elks Lodge, a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign War Highland Hills Post 4443 and a member of the Amigos Club at St. Catherine. Today, Mak would be 103 years old.

SK SCOTT O ANDRUS, PGK - Eternal Life began April 14, 1996. Not too much is known about Scott born in 1947. He worked for a book Publishing Company, was married to Gloria and had one son we called Andy. He had a beautiful home (Oak Park subdivision) with a swimming pool in the yard. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 10209, when it was known as the St. Paul Council. He served as Grand Knight from July 1992 to June 1993. He worked at the parish festivals and hosted the Council summer lawn party at his home and swimming pool. He was a great guy.

### **WE REMEMBER THEM**

**In the rising of the Sun and it’s going down, “We remember them”.**

**In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of the winter, “We remember them”.**

**In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer “We remember them”.**

**In the beginning of the year and when it ends, “We remember them”.**

**When we are lost and sick at heart, “We remember them”.**

**So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, “We remember them”.**

My report for April 2022

Fraternally,

SK MICHAEL F MORENO, PGK, PFN, FDD

Third Year Trustee

Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099

FORMER MASTER - DISTRICT 6