



**Inside this issue:**

- ◇ Birthdays. **2**
- ◇ Saint of the Month **2**
- ◇ Trustee Report
- ◇ Winners & Losers **3**
- ◇ Faithful Admiral **4**
- ◇ Officer Elections **4**
- ◇ Prayer List **5**
- ◇ Officers **6**
- ◇ Blank Page **7**
- ◇ Saint of the Month **8**  
Continued

**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 13th of June at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Zink room. Officers will meet in the Fr Zink room at 7pm.

Knights Love Jesus! And because WE LOVE JESUS! We serve Jesus in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism! I encourage you to come and participate with us in serving Jesus BECAUSE WE LOVE JESUS! June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for our Country with the fervor of the Saints as we stand in solidarity with our Priest and our Brother Knights around the world.

Congratulations for all of our New Officers, my thoughts and prayers are with you all as you enter the new fraternal year. Continue to grow in faith and patriotism.

The next 4th Degree Exemplification is scheduled for June 18 2022 at St. Elizabeth, in Pflugerville, Tx. Get your F4s in.

You are all invited to this upcoming fallout:

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

A note of thanks and gratitude: Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Faithfull Navigator. Thank you for your mentoring, guidance, and commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Thank you for keeping this Assembly active. I encourage you to seek and bring men of faith closer to God. Thank you for a great year!

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

Harold	Benkoski	Jr
Robert	Campos	
David	Czarnecki	
Darrell	Debish	
Edward	Empero	
Antonio	Garcia	Jr
Christian	Gonzalez	
Kenneth	Moore	
Robert	O'Connor	
Pete	Rangel	
Aaron	Smith	
Miguel	Torres	
Oswaldo	Villalva	
William	Wack	
Brian	Wellinghoff	
Wilmore	Williams	

## Saint of the Month—SK Giacomo Leone

### St. Germaine Cousin

Feast day: June 15

Patron: victims of child abuse

Birth: 1579; Death: 1601



When Hortense married Laurent Cousin in Pibrac, France, it was not out of love for his infant daughter, Germaine. Germaine was everything Hortense despised. Weak and ill, the girl had also been born with a right hand that was deformed and paralyzed. Hortense replaced the love that Germaine has lost when her mother died with a life filled with cruelty and abuse.

Laurent, who had a weak character, pretended not to notice that Germaine had been given so little food that she learned to crawl in order to get to the dog's dish. He wasn't there to protect her when Hortense left Germaine in a drain while she cared for chickens -- and forgot her for three days. He didn't even interfere when Hortense poured boiling water on Germaine's legs.

With this kind of treatment, it's no surprise that Germaine became even more ill. She came down with a disease known as scrofula, a kind of tuberculosis that causes the neck glands to swell up. Sores began to appear on her neck and in her weakened condition to fell prey to every disease that came along. Instead of awakening Hortense's pity this only made her despise Germaine more for being even uglier in her eyes.

Germaine found no sympathy and love with her siblings. Watching their mother's treatment of their half-sister, they learned how to despise and torment her, putting ashes in her food and pitch in her clothes. Their mother found this very entertaining.

Hortense did finally get concerned about Germaine's sickness -- because she was afraid her own children would catch it. So she made Germaine sleep out in the barn. The only warmth Germaine had on frozen winter nights was the woolly sheep who slept there too. The only food she had were the scraps Hortense might remember to throw her way.

The abuse of Germaine tears at our hearts and causes us to cry for pity and justice. But it was Germaine's response to that abuse and her cruel life that wins our awe and veneration.

Germaine was soon entrusted with the sheep. No one expected her to have any use for education, so she spent long days in the field tending the sheep. Instead of being lonely, she found a friend in God. She didn't know any theology and only the basics of the faith that she learned the catechism. But she had a rosary made of knots in string and her very simple prayers: "Dear God, please don't let me be too hungry or too thirsty. Help me to please my mother. And help me to please you." Out of that simple faith, grew a profound holiness and a deep trust of God.

[Continued on Page 8](#)

## Faithful Trustee Report —SK Michael Moreno

Regarding the Spring 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification; an admissions committee meeting was held Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> with the attendance of 5 candidates. Completed applications and monies were received. Our Faithful Admiral should present the applications at our June meeting.

The District 6 Spring Exemplification is Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at St Elizabeth Catholic Church in Pflugerville. Candidates should [check-in](#) between 9:am to 10:30am

[Exemplification](#) begins at 11:am

[Mass](#): New members should assemble 4:30pm for 5:pm     [Social](#): 6:pm     [Banquet](#): 7:pm

Find the new current “Tri-fold” for details of the June Exemplification, from the Master on the chapter website.

For all Sir Knights, this is an opportunity to renew your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree obligations and witness this exemplification one last time before Supreme revises the degree format. Remember, if you attend, make sure you have your membership cards.

[Note](#): Sat. June 18<sup>th</sup> our Bishop Joe Vasquez will host a Corpus Christi procession from St. Ignatius to St. Edwards University. If you are not attending the Exemplification, please make yourself available.

Assembly Audit Form 1315 - This function must be submitted to Supreme by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Your trustees, Comptroller and Purser should attend to this matter. A date for the audit is being planned.

The Form 186 – Election of Officers for the fraternal year 2022-2023 has been electronically submitted to Supreme.

Other News around the State: Grand Knight June Ybarra of Council 3245 in Uvalde lost his cousin, Jose Garcia and his wife, Irma Garcia, one of the Teachers killed last week May 24<sup>th</sup>. Funeral mass was held Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Also, related to this event, PGK Ray Mata of Council 3245; lost his granddaughter Tess Mata May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROVINCE

Remembrance of the dearly departed Sir Knights from our assembly for the months of June past are listed in our assembly newsletter, June 2021. See this document online in our website.

My report for June 2022

Fraternally,

SK MICHAEL F MORENO, PGK, PFN, FDD

Third Year Trustee

Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099

FORMER MASTER - DISTRICT 6



FEAST OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

50/50

SK Bill Roberts won \$8

## Faithful Admiral - Robert "Chappy" Chaplin

Our world just seems to continue a downward spiral which is highlighted by all the negative behaviors the media keeps putting in front of us. Gun violence, LGBTQ + and attacks on our religion are never ending. As Catholic men and SKs, we must continue our efforts to pray, attend mass, and keep our faith to thwart Satan and all he represents. We live in a different world today. I know my parents from the WWII era wanted a better world for me and the same for me and my children. But it appears the reverse has been realized by the evil one's activities. Nations have allowed God to be pushed out of our homes, our leadership and our church. You and I must push to get God back! Not an easy task but we owe it to those that follow us to promote God everywhere. Profess your faith and pray especially during June as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Please pray for all the people directly touched by the murders committed by sick people. Pray for all the lost souls to PRIDE activities, even our State Department raising their flag at the Vatican. Finally, pray for the evil one's attack on the tabernacle and destruction of the hosts in Brooklyn New York

---

## Results of the Officer Election for 2022-2023

Officer Title	2022-2023
Faithful Navigator	SK Michael Moreno
Faithful Captain	SK John Massey
Faithful Scribe	SK Juan Cano
Faithful Purser	SK Gordon Smith
Faithful Comptroller	SK Greg Nelson
Faithful Pilot	SK Darrell Vinklarek
Faithful Admiral	SK Bill Roberts
Faithful 3 Year Trustee	Pete Donahoe
Faithful 2 Year Trustee	Armand Gagnon
Faithful 1 Year Trustee	Juan Tavarez
Faithful Outside Sentinel	Rayford Carter
Faithful Inside Sentinel	Jim Luhrman

---

## Assembly Prayer List

## Prayer for Sid

SK ROBERT BOCANEGRA, PFN

~~SK~~ LADY TONI BOCANEGRA

SK LARRY SANCHEZ, PFN

SK ROBERT FONSOCA, PFN

LADY GEMMY FONSOCA

SK NEF ZANDEROS, PFN

SK FRANK AVILLAR

LADY CAROLYN AVILLAR

ANDREA PETERSON

Andy Cardenas

SK Arnold ALONZO

SK Tom Poe

Cyrena Villegas

SUSAN WHITEHEAD

Jay Wood

Chris Lane

Mary Ann Ekarr

THERESA MASSEY

SK Tom Natali

**Knights of Columbus Bishop Reicher  
Assembly 1099**

**Patriotic Degree of the Order**

**Officers**

**Faithful Friar**

Fr. Felipe Campos

**Faithful Navigator**

SK Miguel Torres

[mike.torres1681@icloud.com](mailto:mike.torres1681@icloud.com)

**Faithful Captain**

SK Jesus Tristan

[tristanj1774@gmail.com](mailto:tristanj1774@gmail.com)

**Faithful Pilot**

SK Darrell Vinklarek

[vinklareksrus@yahoo.com](mailto:vinklareksrus@yahoo.com)

**Faithful Comptroller**

SK Albert Villegas

[villegas3732@yahoo.com](mailto:villegas3732@yahoo.com)

**Faithful Purser**

SK Gordon Smith

[gordonhsmith60@gmail.com](mailto:gordonhsmith60@gmail.com)

**Faithful Scribe**

SK Greg Nelson

[gnelson8156@outlook.com](mailto:gnelson8156@outlook.com)

**Faithful Admiral**

SK Robert Chaplin II

[rchaplinii@yahoo.com](mailto:rchaplinii@yahoo.com)

**Trustee One Year**

SK Bill Roberts

**Trustee Two Year**

SK Michael Carrizales

**Trustee Three Year**

SK Michael Moreno

**Faithful Inner Sentinel**

SK Jimmy Winkler

**Faithful Outer Sentinel**

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.

**From the Editor**

Contact the Editor: [gnelson8156@gmail.com](mailto:gnelson8156@gmail.com)

Webmaster for the Assembly [bk@kraft.im](mailto:bk@kraft.im)

**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

This Page is Blank

---

## Saint of the Month —Continued

And she had the most important prayer of all -- the Mass. Every day, without fail, she would leave her sheep in God's care and go to Mass. Villagers wondered that the sheep weren't attacked by the wolves in the woods when she left but God's protection never failed her. One day when the rains had swollen the river to flood stage, a villager saw the river part so that she could cross to get to the church in time for Mass.

No matter how little Germaine had, she shared it with others. Her scraps of food were given to beggars. Her life of prayer became stories of God that entranced the village children.

But most startling of all was the forgiveness she showed to the woman who deserved her hatred.

Hortense, furious at the stories about her daughter's holiness, waited only to catch her doing wrong. One cold winter day, after throwing out a beggar that Germaine had let sleep in the barn, Hortense caught Germaine carrying something bundled up in her apron. Certain that Germaine had stolen bread to feed the beggar, she began to chase and scream at the child. As she began to beat her, Germaine opened her apron. Out tumbled what she had been hiding in her apron -- bright beautiful flowers that no one had expected to see for months. Where had she found the vibrant blossoms in the middle of the ice and snow? There was only one answer and Germaine gave it herself, when she handed a flower to her mother and said, "Please accept this flower, Mother. God sends it to you in sign of his forgiveness."

As the whole village began to talk about this holy child, even Hortense began to soften her feelings toward her. She even invited Germaine back into the house, but Germaine had become used to her straw bed and continued to sleep in it. There she was found dead at the age of 22, overcome by a life of suffering.

With all the evidence of her holiness, her life was too simple and hidden to mean much beyond her tiny village -- until God brought it too light again. When her body was exhumed forty years later, it was found to be undecayed, what is known as incorruptible. As is often the case with incorruptible bodies of saints, God chooses not the outwardly beautiful to preserve but those that others despised as ugly and weak. It's as if God is saying in this miracle that human ideas of beauty are not his. To him, no one was more beautiful than this humble lonely young woman.

After her body was found in this state, the villagers started to speak again of what she had been like and what she had done. Soon miracles were attributed to her intercession and the clamor for her canonization began.

In this way, the most unlikely of saints became recognized by the Church. She didn't found a religious order. She didn't reach a high Church post. She didn't write books or teach at universities. She didn't go to foreign lands as a missionary or convert thousands. What she did was live a life devoted to God and her neighbor no matter what happened to her. And that is all God asks.

**In Her Footsteps:** Do you make excuses not to help others because you have so little yourself? Share something this week with those in need that may be painful for you to give up.

**Prayer:** Saint Germaine, watch over those children who suffer abuse as you did. Help us to give them the love and protection you only got from God. Give us the courage to speak out against abuse when we know of it. Help us to forgive those who abuse the way you did, without sacrificing the lives of the children who need help. Amen

G. Leone, ed.

From: Catholic Online Saints & Angels