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## Faithful Navigator Report — SK Michael Moreno

Reverend Fathers, Sir Knights of Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099, Gentlemen all;

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

**May the Miracle of His birth that holy night bring Joy and Hope to your life this Christmas and throughout the New Year.**

### **ASSEMBLY BBQ FUNDRAISER, SUNDAY November 20**

*For the benefit of one Seminarian. Jose-Miguel Guevara-Hernandez, CSC*

This was a success. We were able to raise funds to support our seminarian. We sold Chicken, Pork Ribs and Pork Tenderloin. All the smoked product was sold out after the 11:am mass. The fire pit crew started before 4:am and other volunteers "split" the chickens in halves. It was a very cool morning, about 39 degrees, but it didn't rain. Faithful Captain SK John Massey brought the morning breakfast to feed the crew. Other volunteers stayed after mass to help sell; and finally clean up the tools and re-stock the shed. The financials will be reported by our Comptroller. Thank you, Gentlemen, for supporting this fundraiser. A detailed list of volunteers will be read at the Assembly meeting. Another Big Thank You to Council 8156 for allowing this fundraiser and to Grand Knight Darryl Vinklarek.

#### **Christmas Party Committee**

According to an email issued November 21st, our Christmas party was moved to Friday, December 16.

**Cost \$25.00 per member, \$50.00 with spouse+**

**The catered meal will be a First Class Fajita Dinner.**

The Christmas Party Committee asks that everyone bring a dessert item.

Our Assembly will sponsor our Widows and Priest.

Dress Code: Sunday best or feel comfortable to wear the uniform or Tuxedo, or suit and tie.

**Please RSVP Text, phone or reply to this email: to [Moreno8156@gmail.com](mailto:Moreno8156@gmail.com)**

**Phone 512 658 4697 by Friday, Dec 9, 2022 for a good number for the caterer.**

Turn-out for this enjoyable fun event. No Santa Claus at this event. Mature audiences only.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 12th @ St Catherine of Siena.

It is "Our Lady of Guadalupe" Day.

Come to the meeting and we will have something to eat and drink afterwards.

Fraternally,

SK MICHAEL F MORENO, PGK, PFN, FDD

Faithful Navigator

Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099

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

- James Benavides
- Steven Daigle
- Trevor De Martini
- Rev. James Evans
- Robert Fonseca
- Arturo Gonzalez
- Rogelio Ibarra
- Daniel Kaiser
- Manuel Moreno
- George Reynes Jr.
- James Russell
- Jimmy Smith
- Timothy Sullivan
- Jesus Tristan
- Joseph Vaz

**Saint of the Month—SK Giacomo Leone**

# St. Nicholas

**Feastday:** December 6

**Patron of:** Bakers, Pawnbrokers, Sailors, and Children

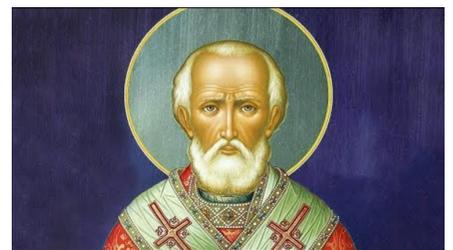
The great veneration with which St. Nicholas has been honored for many ages and the number of altars and churches all over the world that are dedicated in his memory are testimonials to his wonderful holiness and the glory he enjoys with God. As an episcopal see, and his childhood church falling vacant, the holy Nicholas was chosen bishop, and in that station became famous by his extraordinary piety and zeal and by his many astonishing miracles. The Greek histories of his life agree he suffered an imprisonment of the faith and made a glorious confession in the latter part of the persecution raised by Diocletian, and that he was present at the Council of Nicaea, and there, condemned Arianism. It is said that St. Nicholas died in Myra and was buried in his cathedral.

St. Nicholas, also known as "Nikolaos of Myra," was a fourth century saint and Greek bishop of Myra. Nicholas was born in Asia Minor in the Roman Empire as an only child to Christian parents. Nicholas would take nourishment only once on Wednesdays and Fridays, and that in the evening according to the canons. "He was exceedingly well brought up by his parents and trod piously in their footsteps. The child, watched over by the church, enlightened his mind and encouraged his thirst for sincere and true religion." Both of his parents tragically died during an epidemic when he was a young man, leaving him well off, but to be raised by his uncle - the Bishop of Patara. Nicholas was determined to devote his inheritance to works of charity, and his uncle mentored him as a reader and later ordained him as a presbyter (priest).

Coming to the city of Myra when the clergy and people of the province were in session to elect a new bishop, St. Nicholas was indicated by God as the man they should choose. This was during the time of persecutions in the beginning of the fourth century and "as he [Nicholas] was the chief priest of the Christians of this town and preached the truths of faith with a holy liberty, the divine Nicholas was seized by the magistrates, tortured, then chained and thrown into prison with many other Christians. But when the great and religious Constantine, chosen by God, assumed the imperial diadem of the Romans, the prisoners were released from their bonds and with them the illustrious Nicholas, who when he was set at liberty returned to Myra."

According to other traditions St. Nicholas was not only a member of the Council of Nicaea in 325, but so far forgot himself as to give the heresiarch Arius a slap in the face. The conciliar fathers deprived him of his episcopal insignia and committed him to prison; but our Lord and His Mother appeared there and restored to him both his liberty and his office.

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## Our Lady of Guadalupe Province —S K Michael Moreno

### TRADITION FULLFILLED

#### ETERNAL REWARD

Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez assigned to the Cathedral St. Mary announced that his wife Fiona Dallas McMinn Rodriguez of 30+ years passed away, Sunday, November 27th. She suffered from congestive heart failure. Deacon has served the Knights of Columbus as a Chaplain and guest speaker for the Austin Chapter meetings. A fallout/turnout request for the rosary 6:30pm Friday, December 2nd at Gabriels Funeral Home, Georgetown. Fallout/turnout for the 1:30pm funeral mass, Saturday, December 3 at St Mary Cathedral.

#### DISTRICT 2 – FORMER MASTER GREG TATUM

It is with real sadness that I learned of the passing of this Former Master. I understand that one of his daughters tried to contact her dad. When he did not reply by phone or message, she went to his home where she found that he was not responsive. Former Master Greg served the 2nd District of the Guadalupe Province (San Antonio & Victoria Dioceses) from September 2010 to August 2014. He served in numerous positions In the Texas State Family of the Knights of Columbus. I remember he served PSD Ken Otte in a communication committee. Greg was originally from Philadelphia served in the U.S. Army almost all his life. He, many times, jumping out of airplanes in the middle of the night over a foreign country. The last time I saw him was at the Provincial Meeting in Frisco, Tx in September. He had been secretly serving in Ukraine, training the Ukrainian army in weapons. The military, to retain his service, proposed an advancement to Brigadier General. Rosary will be December 15, 6pm @ Porter Loring Funeral Home in San Antonio. Funeral Mass December 16, 11am at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Internment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



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## 2023 Membership Dues Notice Coming Soon

As we approach the new year please be on the lookout for your 2023 dues notice that will be arriving in the Mail in December. You can pay your dues at our December or January meeting or just mail it to the address shown on the dues notice. If you pay at the meeting with cash please bring the exact amount if possible.

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## Faithful Navigator Report — Continued

### Charity to Bishop Reicher Assembly

It has to be noted and recognized, that several members of this assembly worked together on a October weekend to cook and serve food to some University Students at a college dormitory. The Scottish Rite Dormitory celebrated their Centennial Celebration and Reunion. In appreciation for their serve, the SRD Staff donated to Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099 for \$1,000. Thanks to those Sir Knights for their volunteer work. A detailed list of workers will be read at our next meeting.

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

#### ***Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Pearl Harbor Day – Never Forget***

Thurs, December 8 – the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 9 – St. Juan Diego

Monday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly meeting @ St. Catherine

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Assembly Christmas Party

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas

Sunday, January 1 – Holy Day – Feast Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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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.

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**Meetings for Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099**

**Meeting Schedule:**

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

St. Catherine of Siena

4800 Convict Hill Road

Austin, TX 78749

Parish Activity Center

2nd Floor Room 233

## Saint of the Month — Continued

As against Arianism so against paganism, St. Nicholas was tireless and often took strong measures: among other temples he destroyed was that of Artemis, the principal in the district, and the evil spirits fled howling before him. He was the guardian of his people as well in temporal affairs. The governor, Eustathius, had taken a bribe to condemn to death three innocent men. At the time fixed for their execution Nicholas came to the place. He stayed the hands of the executioner and released the prisoners. Then he turned to Eustathius and did not cease to reproach him until he admitted his crime and expressed his penitence.

St. Nicholas' presence was found in a separate occasion involving three imperial officers simply on their way to duty in Phrygia. When the men were back again in Constantinople, the jealousy of the prefect Ablavius caused them to be imprisoned on false charges and an order for their death was procured from Emperor Constantine. When the officers heard this, they remembered the example they had witnessed of the powerful love of justice of the Bishop of Myra, and they prayed to God that through his merits and by his instrumentality they might yet be saved. That night St. Nicholas appeared in a dream to Constantine and told him with threats to release the three innocent men, and Ablavius experienced the same thing. In the morning the Emperor and the prefect compared notes, and the condemned men were sent for and questioned. When he heard they had called on the name of the Nicholas of Myra who appeared to him, Constantine set them free and sent them to the bishop with a letter asking him not to threaten him anymore, but to pray for the peace of the world. For a long time, this has been the most famous miracle of St. Nicholas, and at the time of St. Methodius was the only thing generally known about him.

The accounts are unanimous that St. Nicholas died and was buried in his episcopal city of Myra, and by the time of Justinian, there was a basilica built in his honor at Constantinople.

All Christians, young and old, men and women, boys and girls, reverence his memory and call upon his protection. And his favors, which know no limit of time and continue from age to age, are poured out over all the earth; the Scythians know them, as do the Indians and the barbarians, the Africans as well as the Italians." When Myra and its great shrine finally passed into the hands of the Saracens, several Italian cities saw this as an opportunity to acquire the relics of St. Nicholas for themselves. There was great competition for them between Venice and Bari.

Bari won and the relics were carried off under the noses of the lawful Greek custodians and their Mohammedan masters. On May 9, 1087, St. Nicholas' relics safely landed in Bari, a not inappropriate home seeing that Apulia in those days still had large Greek colonies. A new church was built to shelter the relics and the pope, Bd. Urban II, was present at their enshrining.

Devotion to St. Nicholas has been present in the West long before his relics were brought to Italy, but this happening greatly increased his veneration among the people, and miracles were as freely attributed to his intercession in Europe as they had been in Asia.

The image of St. Nicholas is, more often than any other, found on Byzantine seals. In the later Middle Ages nearly four hundred churches were dedicated in his honor in England alone, and he is said to have been represented by Christian artists more frequently than any saint, except our Lady.

St. Nicholas is celebrated as the patron saint of several classes of people, especially, in the East, of sailors and in the West of children.

The legend of the "three children" is credited to his patronage of children and various observances, ecclesiastical and secular, connected there with; such were the boy bishop and especially in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, the giving of presents in his name at Christmas time.

This custom in England is not a survival from Catholic times. It was popularized in America by the Dutch Protestants of New Amsterdam who converted the popish saint into a Nordic magician (Santa Claus = Sint Klaes = Saint Nicholas) and was introduced into this country by Bret Harte. It is not the only "good old English custom" which, however good, is not "old English," at any rate in its present form. The deliverance of the three imperial officers naturally caused St. Nicholas to be invoked by and on behalf of prisoners and captives, and many miracles of his intervention are recorded in the Middle Ages.

Curiously enough, the greatest popularity of St. Nicholas is found neither in the eastern Mediterranean nor north-western Europe, great as that was, but in Russia

St. Nicholas became recognized as a saint long before the Roman Catholic Church began the regular canonizing procedures in the late 10th century. Therefore, he does not have a specific date of canonization, rather records of him exist in a gradual spread until his stories became widely known and celebrated. St. Nicholas' feast day is December 6.