

Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph Assembly No. 2246
Milpitas, CA



THE CARPENTER'S EDGE

July 2011 Newsletter

Website: <http://www.KofCAssembly2246.org>

Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph Assembly, No. 2246
SK Andrew B. Dyson, Jr., Editor
1662 Grand Teton Dr.
Milpitas, CA 95035-6536

**ADDRESS CORRECTION
REQUESTED**





Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Assembly #2246

Newsletter



July 2011

Assembly Officers for 2011-2012 Columbian Year:

Faithful Navigator	SK Skipper Yenchik	408-332-7556	ConnieYenSkip@comcast.net
Faithful Friar	Father Leonard Traverso	408-799-7229	vt32799@yahoo.com
Faithful Captain	SK Greg Dessel	408-433-1651	gdessel@ix.netcom.com
Faithful Pilot	SK Julio Galvan	408-945-0603	sopitogal09@gmail.com
Faithful Admiral	SK Tim Crews	408-802-8324	crewstj@comcasr.net
Faithful Comptroller	SK Ed Blake	408-263-0247	ebacal@sbcglobal.net
Faithful Purser	SK Andy Dyson	408-263-5156	adysonjr@att.net
Faithful Scribe	SK Gwan Ali-Santosa	408-263-4638	g_alisantosa@hotmail.com
Inner Sentinel	SK Dave Marshall	408-586-8980	dmarshall1954@att.net
Outer Sentinel	SK Marciano Estioko	408-259-3272	mrejr@comcast.net
One Year Trustee	SK Paul Dismuke	408-292-6808	pauldis@yahoo.com
Two Year Trustee	SK George Southland	408-238-9232	kiowageo1@sbcglobal.net
Three Year Trustee	SK Guillermo Uribe	408-332-7556	skguillermo@gmail.com
Color Corps Commander	SK Ed Blake	408-263-0247	ebacal@sbcglobal.net
Newsletter Editor	SK Andy Dyson	408-262-5156	adysonjr@att.net
Master, Northern Calif. District	SK Romeo D. Quevedo	650-255-8441	romeoquevedo@sbcglobal.net
Vice Supreme Master	SK Ross W. Willour, (PSD)	760-318-3622	rwill6462@aol.com
Webmaster	Hung Nguyen	408-933-8791	hung_nguyen@gmail.com

FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING 2011



In Saint Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians he wrote: "Pray without ceasing." I wondered how it's possible to pray without ceasing, since we must concern ourselves with other things, as well as making a living. Henri Nouwen (priest, author, and teacher) shares a story written by a Russian monk

which teaches a way of arriving at unceasing prayer. A Russian peasant went from church to church to listen to sermons but did not find the answer he desired. Finally, he met a holy man who told him that: ceaseless interior prayer is a continual yearning of the human spirit toward God. To succeed in this consoling exercise we must pray often asking God to teach us to pray without ceasing. Then the holy man taught the peasant the Jesus prayer: "**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.**" While traveling through Russia, the pea-

sant repeated this prayer thousands of times with his lips. He even considered the Jesus prayer to be his companion. And then one day he had the feeling that the prayer by its own action passed from his lips to his heart. He said: it seemed as though my heart in its ordinary beating began to say the words of the prayer at each beat. I gave up saying the prayer with my lips. I simply listened carefully to what my heart was saying. The prayer continues to pray even when i am talking with others or concentrating on manual work. The prayer became the active presence of God's Spirit guiding me through life. Remember Luke 18: 10; how Jesus praised the tax collector praying in the temple. His prayer was simply: "o God, be merciful to me a sinner." Either of these prayers teach us a way to pray without ceasing as Saint Paul urged us to do. And they are humble prayers pleasing to the Lord.

Chaplain,

Rev. Leonard Traverso

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE



Worthy Sir Knights,
Another Columbian Year is upon us. Thank you to the thirteen (or so) Sir Knights that confirmed my election as Faithful Navigator for the 2011-2012 term. More to the point, thank you to the other Sir Knights who

stood for election to offices within the Assembly. They will make it possible for our Assembly to continue to field a Color Corps, support our Flag program, and start our Combat Rosary program. Without them, we would not be able to conduct the business of the Assembly. They and I know, however, that we stand in and stand up for all Sir Knights of St. Joseph Assembly who do not have the time to attend every meeting, whether we are talking Officer or Business. As your Faithful Navigator, I would be happy with your attendance at one Business meeting per quarter for those who have not signed on to be an Officer. Trust me, I know how meetings can quickly become an onerous task. On the other hand, we need to get your input to know that we're headed in a direction that a majority of our members agree with.

My philosophy on the 4th degree is simple, the Assembly exists to support the Color Corps. We need to be able to field an Honor Guard on very little notice, especially for funerals and to honor Clergy. While we want to be inclusive and have 4th degree members appear at events in Tuxedo and social baldric, which should normally be reserved for those Sir Knights who have done their duty in the Color Corps and are now "semi-retired" from active service. I understand each Sir Knight has his own journey to full Knighthood. Some will buy Regalia as soon as they are qualified. Others will buy it when they retire from their full time job, thinking that now they will finally be able to "help out" the Color Corps, still others will not be able to or want to put out the money for Regalia.

For each of those journeys I say, we need all the Color Corps we can muster. The Color Corps can go for months, sometimes more than a year without a "call out". Then suddenly we are tasked without an end in sight. Trying to fill all those "tasking's" with the same seven or eight Sir Knights is not only difficult, it is unfair. The point of this pa-

ragraph is that each Sir Knight needs to talk to our Worthy Color Corps Commander, SK Ed Blake. He has Regalia that have been turned in by former Color Corps members. He is also an expert in the sizing of Regalia, including capes, gloves, and baldrics. He has proven ability to instruct anyone in the finer points of the Drill Manual (available on line from Supreme for perusal or printing), and a willingness to go the extra mile to get an answer to a question.

You can learn the Manuel of the Sword with a borrowed sword. You can march with the group in blue jeans, a t-shirt, tennis shoes, and a baseball cap for a chapeau. Our award winning Color Corps did just that in the train up to the both the Nor Cal championship and the second place finish at the State competition at our State Convention held in San Diego this (just) past May. One of the things we learned as a group is that in order to win competitions you have to practice as a group, then work on looking good with your uniform (Regalia). I'm not asking every SK to be competition ready. However, we are required to be certified by the District Master or his Marshals on a yearly basis. The certification process is simple: (be able to) perform the basic Manuel of the Sword, and be inspected in Regalia. The members of our competition Color Corps can help you learn what you need to know for certification. When you perform the duties of Honor Guard, except in competition, you will take your cues from those SK's around you. Practice does not make you perfect, it makes you comfortable. Perfect practice makes you perfect, along with critiques, both self and from your brother SK's.

Returning for a moment to the topic of meeting attendance, I would like very much to move the meetings around to a location near you. I don't know how this would be accomplished. The Chapter is able to have Councils "host them on a monthly basis". They are a State construct, not really recognized by Supreme, but are put in place to help the State manage Councils. Assemblies on the other hand, recruit their members from several Councils. My quandary is how do I get space for a meeting in a given Parish that has had their meeting space reserved for Parish ministries for at least a month ahead of my being installed as the Faithful Navigator. I would be grateful for any inputs, especially in regards to moving our Business meeting on a quarterly basis to a meeting room near you! I think I can

get the Board to travel without a mutiny, but I can't guarantee that. Hopefully I'll get feedback from them before I lose the SK's who are dedicated enough to act as Assembly Officers.

Lastly, the Officers of St. Joseph Assembly, #2246 will be installed in a ceremony at St. Lawrence the Martyr in Santa Clara on July 20th at 7 PM. Sir Knights, your ladies are invited to attend also. They do not have a speaking part in the ceremony, however, I seem to remember Lady Connie (my wife) placed the jewel of office around many of my fellow SK's necks last year.

Until next month.....

God bless,

SK Skip Yenchik, FN,

St. Joseph Assembly #2246

COLOR CORPS COMMANDER

July 2011 Edition



We begin a new Columbian Year. We take this opportunity to congratulate SK Skip Yenchik, a member of our Color Corps and a member of the competition team, on his election to Faithful Navigator of St. Joseph Assembly.

The Color Corps pledges its full support to you for the 2011-2012 Columbian Year.

Compared to the month of May, June was a bit laid back. Our activities were few.

On June 12th, St. Victors asked for Color Corps to participate in the Mass offered by newly minted Msgr. Steve Perata, former pastor at St. Victor's. I want to take this opportunity to recognize those Sir Knights who participated:



From left to right: Sir Knights Dave Marshall, Marciano Estioko, Ruben Esguerra, Ralph Manfredo, Ed Blake, Color Corps Commander, Greg Dessel, Eduardo Heras, and Eric Tigmo.

We take this opportunity to formally welcome SK Eduardo Heras into the Color Corps as this was his very first activity and we hope the first of many to come.



Our next activity occurred on Saturday, June 26th at St. John the Baptist Church in Milpitas. At the 5:00 PM Mass, a contingent of our Assembly's Color Corps had the honor of presenting the memorial chalice, engraved with the name of Sir Knight William Quitalg to Fr. Joselito (Jojo) Page, Parochial Vicar of St. John's Church.

I had to create a ceremonial based on the eulogy service that we conduct for a fallen Sir Knight with some additions to incorporate the presence of the Sir Knight's family.

I want to take this opportunity to call out and recognize Sir Knight Ruben Esguerra, incoming Grand Knight of St. John's Council #5796, for doing the leg work in getting this presentation arranged. Originally, soon to be departing Pastor Fr. Norman was thinking of a Sunday at their 9:00 AM Mass but there were some conflicts in our schedules. SK Ruben then arranged for us to do the presentation at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass. Furthermore, despite his efforts, SK Ruben was unable to get in touch with the Quitalg family so unfortunately, no family member was present.

Our next scheduled chalice presentation, this one honoring the memory of SK Gil Martinez, will occur at Most Holy Trinity Parish in San Jose. We're working with Pastor Fr. Eddie on the details for that presentation and as of this minute, the date will be

Sunday, July 10th at the 12:30 Mass. The recipient of this chalice will be newly ordained Fr. Radmar Jao, SJ.

For this event, I have sent out an invitation for ALL Fourth Degree members who are affiliated with Most Holy Trinity Parish to be present in full tuxedo and social baldric for the non-Color Corps members as well as those members of the Color Corps who will make themselves available.

As an aside, these two presentations will be the last where we have a one-on-one (one name) to a recipient. Because of budget constraints, we are going to adapt the practice that other Assemblies are employing and that is putting multiple names on a chalice and then doing a single presentation to a recipient. Nonetheless, when the presentation occurs, we will make it a point to recognize and proclaim the names of those Sir Knights that are engraved on the chalice.

We need to remind ALL members of the Color Corps that our annual inspection and certification will be occurring sometime in either July or August as part of the installation of officers. For those of you who haven't gone through this before, we all assemble at a designated parish, last year it was St. Lawrence the Martyr, get into our regalia and fall in.

When our turn comes up, we are inspected by one of the three district marshals. Upon completion of the inspection, we, with the marshal present, go through the Manual of the Sword. All members of the Color Corps need to be certified in order to participate in provincial activities.

Prior to this annual inspection and certification make sure that your regalia has been properly cleaned and pressed, including your sword baldric. For my part, I will make sure that all present are in possession of the new combined flag/emblem pin which is now worn by all members of the Color Corps. Cost of this pin, including tax and shipping is \$5.00.

Be watching your e-mails for as soon as we know the exact date and time of the certification and inspection, we will start going through some practice drills on inspection maneuvers and the Manual of the Sword.

Respectively submitted,

Ed Blake, Color Corps Commander

St. Joseph Assembly # 2246

Ph: (408) 263-0247 ~ ebacal@sbcglobal.net

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS:

Unless otherwise noted in the calendar, the Assembly **officers' meetings** are held on the **second Monday** of each month at **7:30 PM.** in the St. Christopher Room at St. Elizabeth Church. The Assembly **business meeting** is held at the same location on the **third Monday** of each month at **7:30 PM.**

NOTES FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR:



The deadline for newsletter inputs normally is the **25th of each month (for the following month).** Inputs are accepted at Assembly meetings, by mail or email sent to: advsonjr@att.net, email being the preferred method. **If at all possible, please use the Times New Roman, 12 point font.**

The Newsletter is scheduled to be published by the first week of each month.

If you know of anyone who is sick or in distress, please let me know and I will include them in our prayer list.

PRAYER LIST

Brother Hung Nguyen – our Webmaster

Lady Beth Crews - RIP

Rev. Mike O'Conner - RIP

Sir Knight Gilbert Martinez - RIP

Sir Knight Titus Cascara - RIP

Sir Knight Bill Quitalig - RIP

Sir Knight Simon Lopez – RIP

Lady Cherri Poehlman – RIP

Sir Knight Manuel Esteban

Sir Knight Lud Indihar

Sir Knight Bill Poehlman

Sir Knight Ed Kantack and Lady Doris Kantack

Sir Knight Michael Wilhelmi

Sir Knight Lou Horyza

Sir Knight Bruce Poehlman

Lady Sharon Manfredo

Lady Barbara Donnelly

Please remember and pray for the victims of war and abortion; for our young men and women who are valiantly protecting our freedom in around the world; for those who died on September 11,201 and for all deceased members of our assembly.

July 2011

St. Joseph Assembly #2246 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Jun 2011</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Aug 2011</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				1	2 Harrison Tran Birthday
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
			1	2	3	4																																																																																				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18																																																																																				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25																																																																																				
26	27	28	29	30																																																																																						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
			1	2	3	4																																																																																				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18																																																																																				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25																																																																																				
26	27	28	29	30	31																																																																																					
3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7:30 PM Council 8993 Bus. Mtg.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7:30 PM Council 9718 Bus. Mtg.</div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Independence Day</p>	4	5	6	7 Federico Gomez, III Birthday	8 Chuck Gullo Birthday Dave Marshall Birthday	9 Jim Kiehm Birthday																																																																																			
10 12:30 Mass & Chalice Presentation At Most Holy Trinity	11 7:30 PM Assembly Officers Mtg.	12	13 7:30 PM Council 8747 Bus. Mtg.	14 7:30 PM Council 4112 Bus. Mtg. 7:30 PM Council 5796 Bus. Mtg.	15	16																																																																																				
17 Jorge Arreola Birthday	18 7:30 PM Assembly Bus. Mtg. 7:00 PM Mandatory Color Corp Practice	19	20 6:00 PM Cert. of Color Corp - 7:00 PM Installation of Assembly Officers At St Lawrence the Martyr Church	21 Bob Mirolo Birthday	22 Ralph Manfredo Birthday	23																																																																																				
24	25 Fr. Paul Weisbeck Birthday	26	27	28	29	30 Emil Meregillamo Birthday Julio Galvin Birthday																																																																																				
31																																																																																										