



# Gallagher's Gazette

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## A Word From Our Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights of Assembly #3222,

Happy Spring. I pray that this newsletter finds you in good health and you are having a safe and blessed 2024 so far. We had a good time at our April Social at Mimi's Café in Ft. Worth. Our May Assembly Social which is on May 2nd, will also be at Mimi's in Ft Worth. See calendar for more information. It's the perfect time to spend quality time with your Brother Sir Knights and their families.

Don't forget to go to the uknight website to see minutes from our April meeting along with the Purser's report of our financials.

Please let me know if there is something you want to see in our newsletter that we aren't including.



The following Slate of Officers for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year was presented at our April

Business Meeting and will be voted on at our May Business Meeting:

Faithful Navigator – SK Mark Von Rosenberg  
Faithful Captain – SK Richard Acosta  
Faithful Admiral – SK Mark Schreiner  
Faithful Pilot – To be Assigned  
Faithful Comptroller – SK Michael Hereth  
Faithful Purser – SK Mike Cox  
Faithful Scribe – To be Assigned  
Faithful Inner Sentinel – SK Benjamin Martinez  
Faithful Outer Sentinel – SK Duane Oefinger  
Faithful Trustee 1 Year – SK John LaFleur  
Faithful Trustee 2 Year – SK Michael Winn  
Faithful Trustee 3 Year – SK Michael Kennedy

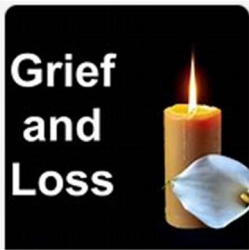
As you can see, we are still in need of a Pilot and Scribe. Please let me know prior to our May meeting if you are interested in filling this position.

Per our by-laws, we are required to have 10 members at the meeting to have a quorum. Please plan on attending our May meeting to show your support for the current Officers, who have graciously agreed to continue for another year.

Look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Mark Schreiner  
Faithful Navigator  
James Gallagher Assembly #3222

## Committee Chair Reports:



**Bereavement Committee Chair – Sir Knight John Rogers, PGK, PFN**

No April report.



**Flag Retirement Chair - Sir Knight Drew Armentrout, PGK, PFN**

The date for this year's Flag retirement is confirmed as November 9, again at the Pax Center in St Francis Village.



**Social Committee Chair – Sir Knight Michael Kennedy, PGK, PFN**

Per SK Mark von Rosenberg, the next social will be May 2 (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) at Mimi's in Fort Worth at 6:30.



**Color Corps Committee Chair – Color Corps Commander Sir Knight Michael Winn, PGK, PFN**

Thank you to those Sir Knights that turned out for the Funeral for longtime 9868 Knight Manuel Gasca.

The Assembly is always in need of more members with the new uniform and in support the Assembly will subsidize the cost, 50%, with submittal of a commitment form. Currently 6 Assembly #3222 SKs have the new uniform: SK Mark Schreiner, FN, SK Mark von Rosenberg, FC, SK Michael Kennedy, FA, SK Michael Winn, FT and Color Corp Commander, SK Drew Armentrout, PFN, and SK Jim Bossert.



### Report of the Third Degree Councils:

**Council 2813: Bishop Dunne, St. Francis Village, Crowley**

Monthly sandwich night. Sold council hall with profits put into account, Paid out about \$1 No Sir Knights were present at the meeting. Subsequent to the meeting it was noted that SK

Drew Armentrout was in the hospital due to issues from his cancer treatment. Please keep him in your prayers.

### **Council 7175: St. Ann, Burleson**

Report provided by SK Kevin Schwann, GK. 1. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday the Council is providing Ushers and Conducting the Rosary prior to Masses. 2. \$1,025 was donated to the Burleson Medical Clinic. 3. \$400 was donated to the Next Step Women's Center. 4. The Council collected over 3,000lb of food last year for the House of Folk Food Pantry. 5. The next Blood Drive is 9 June. 6. The Council assisted with the renovation of pews and the placement of temporary chairs. Note that the Council has 9 new members in the current fraternal year.

### **Council 8347: St. Joseph, Cleburne**

No Sir Knights present at the meeting. No members in the Assembly?

### **Council 9868: St. Andrew, Fort Worth**

Report provided by SK Richard Acosta, GK. 1. \$1,000 donated to the Bowie High School Special Needs program and support provided for their Prom. 2. Supported the Cub Scout Pack Blue and Gold Banquet with a meal.

### **Council 17039: TCU, Fort Worth**

No Sir Knights present at the meeting.

## **Volunteer Opportunity – SOTX**



There are plenty of opportunities available for helping out in 2024.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at [alchase44@hotmail.com](mailto:alchase44@hotmail.com) or via telephone, 817-975-9196.

### **Area 10 Cedar Hill Track and Field Competition**

Friday and Saturday April 26 and 27

Longhorn Stadium  
1 Longhorn Blvd  
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

### **Area 11 Equestrian Competition**

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Born 2 Be Therapeutic Equestrian Center  
12146 FM 2450  
Sanger, TX 76266

### **Area 11 Cycling Competition**

Saturday, May 4, 2024 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

BNSF Campus  
2650 LouMenk Dr.  
Ft. Worth, TX 76131

## Springtime in Texas



In the heart of Texas, bluebonnets paint the landscape, heralding the arrival of springtime. Across the state, cobalt hues adorn roadsides and expansive pastures – but wait, amid the iconic blooms of the Texas state flowers, a striking red hue stands out against the predominantly blue blanket of wildflowers.

The rumors are true: There are Texas maroon bluebonnets — and, to absolutely no one's surprise, Aggies are the ones behind it.

Here's what we know about the Texas maroon bluebonnet, a hybrid cultivar of the traditional state flower.

The Alamo Fire bluebonnet, originally named the Texas Maroon, symbolizes the culmination of a multidecade initiative led by various individuals associated with Texas A&M University. According to the university's horticultural department website, professor Jerry Parsons and horticulturist Greg Grant, an alumnus of the class of 1984, were tasked with designing a Texas flag layout using bluebonnets to honor the state's sesquicentennial in 1986 at the San Antonio Botanical Garden.

Realizing the absence of red-hued bluebonnets, Parsons and Grant resolved to develop them. They initially examined a field

containing pink bluebonnets, hoping to discover red ones. While they didn't find any with red tints, they did discover pink bluebonnets with a faint blue hue, which Grant believed resembled maroon, according to a feature in *AgriLeader Magazine* — a student magazine at the university.

"When Grant saw that maroon bluebonnet, he fell out of the truck humming the 'Aggie War Hymn,'" Parsons told *AgriLeader*. "It was a magical moment in Grant's life."

They gathered seeds from the pink and blue flowers, and, with the assistance of local farmers, successfully produced an entire crop that transitioned from pink with a blue tinge to dark pink, and ultimately to a deep maroon hue resembling the university's color.

In addition to the Texas Maroon bluebonnet, Parsons has cultivated three other bluebonnet colors:

- Abbott Pink in 1993, named for the late naturalist Carroll Abbott.
- Barbara Bush lavender in 1994.
- Lady Bird Johnson Royal Blue in 2011.

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