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Faithful Navigator Report

**Frank Smaldino
Faithful Navigator**

My Brother Sir Knights,

Thank you for voting me to being your Faithful Pilot, Faithful Captain and now your Faithful Navigator. I appreciate the opportunity to get to know more of you at each meeting and activity I attend.

In the way of some background about myself: I come from a large Catholic Italian family with much exposure at baptisms (being a Godfather twice), First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, and Funerals. I attended Our Lady of Loretto Grammar School, Cathedral High School and St. Mary's College of Moraga, graduating in 1965 with a degree in accounting. Partied for number of months. Then spent four years serving our country in the United States Army. Honorably Discharged as a First Lieutenant.

I found an accounting job, but early on, I realized that accounting was not for me. I luckily found a job as a trainee salesman for selling mainframe computers to corporations. That was the start of my business career in computer technology of which I had little technical knowledge. But with the accounting background, I learned why and how corporations made decisions. Over time with many up and downs, I became successful selling, then moved into sales management, then 2nd and 3rd level management. Business traveled a lot throughout the United States and Europe and Asia. When I got to age 65, I retired and took up golf (big mistake). I still play a round a week on Tuesday mornings. So, I do not answer my phone while playing golf but I do follow up after the round. Oh, I was raised in downtown Los Angeles, and I am a Dodger and Rams fan. Anybody got a problem with that?

Two other important events in my life:

1. On a blind date meeting a beautiful and wonderful lady. It took me nearly three years to convince her to marry me. She would probably say it the other way around. Donna and I have been married for 51 years this month.
2. I pretty much left the Catholic religion after I got out of college. It took me heading into a major surgery in 2011 to realize that something was missing in my life. I went to reconciliation (confession) and coughed up all the sins I could think of and got a fresh start spiritually speaking. Not long after, I realized I wanted to give back to others for all the goodness God brought my way. I knew He had a path for me to travel, and I truly want to follow it.

In so doing, God guided me to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. It was a perfect fit for what I wanted to include in my life. Growing up I watched my father being involved at St. Peters Italian Church as a member of the Sons of Italy and his involvement in fundraising and fellowship. Didn't think much of it at the time but later realized that I wanted that feel good satisfaction I saw my father have.

Well, all of this brings me to hopefully provide to the Assembly the enthusiasm and energy and experience I have gained along the way so far in my life. I see a tremendous amount of talent in our membership. But then, a small percentage do all the work, while the remaining members do not. While I find that odd, the reality is those that do not, need to find something besides their couch, that excites them. I will continue to provide to those members, areas to get involved that might excite them. I pray I do.

I would like to make it clear, that I will focus on the following six areas:

Military (Active, Veterans, & Charities Supporting Them)

Honor Guard (Grow from 16 Sir Knights to 30 SKs)

Chalice Fund (Keep the fund ample enough to support the half of our membership over 70 years of age)

Increase our Membership (Grow the organization and become more active and productive)

Visit our sick and aged Sir Knights

Communicate with our deceased SKs surviving widows

I hope you enjoy the section in this newsletter named, "Assembly Activities". This is what the active Sir Knights are doing.

What about you?

Why did you join the Knights?

What did you expect to accomplish as a Knight?

Have you accomplished that?

As your Faithful Navigator, I want to find some activity that interests and excites you. Talk to me about yourself and let's see what value you can bring to the Assembly. Most importantly, what does God want you to be doing? Are you willing to do that?

Vivat Jesus!

SK Frank Smaldino

Faithful Navigator

St. Jude Assembly #2375

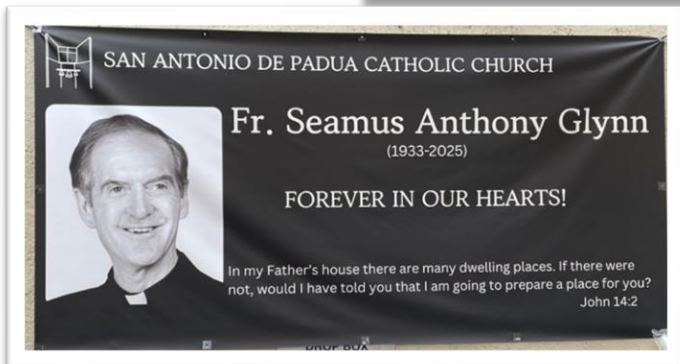
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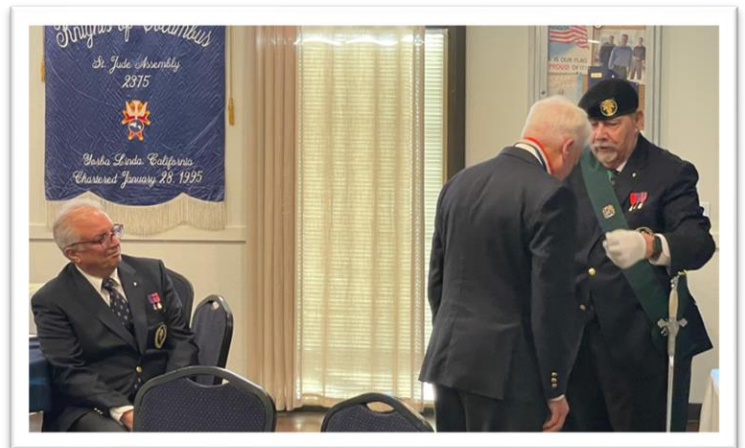


July 14, 2025

Founding Father of San Antonio de Padua Church, Father Seamus A. Glynn, passes away

July 21, 2025

Installation of Assembly Officers. Faithful Admiral Jack Haney being installed by DM Tom Arias with Two Year Trustee Steve Michael looking on.



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August 1, 2025

SK Frank Baca, Faithful Comptroller, returns from trip to Florida with a just purchased Motor Home. His three daughters warmly greeted his return. Not so much about the Motor Home.

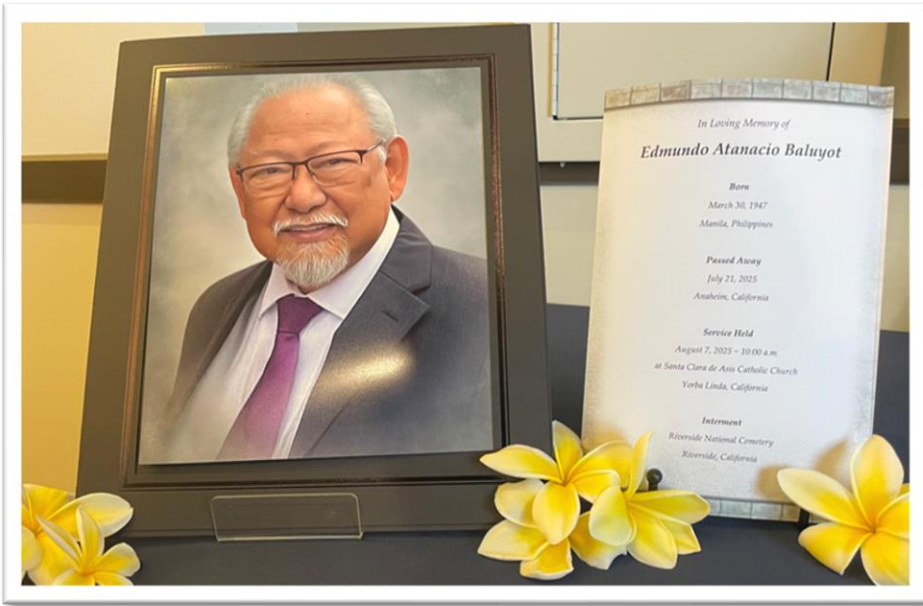
August 1, 2025

First Friday Adoration



August 6, 2025

Rosary Service for SK Ed Baluyot, PFN with five of our Assembly Honor Guard attending.



August 7, 2025

Mass service at Santa Clara de Asis Church with Committal Burial Service at Riverside National Cemetery for a Veteran with Military Honors.

SK Edmundo Atanacio Baluyot was a Sir Knight for 26 years of the 78 years of his life. He served as our Faithful Navigator from 2011 – 2012. He also served as Color Corps Commander for numerous years.

August 15, 2025

Father Zibi at St. John Paul II Church consoling deceased SK Frank Corrillo's wife, Dora, following the Funeral Mass service.



SK Frank H. Carrillo display of his earned accommodations in the United States Army during World War II.





August 30, 2025 -- Honor Guard that served at the Burial Mass for Father Seamus A. Glynn along with 65 priests and nearly 2,000 parishioners from surrounding churches.

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September 15, 2025

Assembly Meeting at the Polish Enjoing the fried chicken, potato salad, beans and dessert.



**September 20, 2025**

Honor Guard served at the Burial Service Mass for SK Andy Ronquillo Sr. at St. Joseph Church in Placentia. And then many of them went to volunteer at the Kielbasa booth at the Dozynki Festival.

Andy and Emma on their wedding day. SK Andy Ronquillo Sr. was a Sir Knight for 37 years of his 97 years of life.



The cremated ashes of SK Andy Ronquillo, who served in the United States Navy, and his wife Emma received a full Military Burial with Honors at Riverside National Cemetery.



Dozynki Festival 2025



September 20 & 21

The Dozynki Festival at the Polish Center.

Hungry attendees excited and ready for Polish food!



Time for a break and picture taking.



While holding up the tent with one arm, Shift Captain SK Joe Martinazzi gets a wrist band for special treatment at the beer booth.



BBQ'ing the Polish Sausage.



Towards the end of the day, we had served it all and there were no Kielbasa Sandwiches left. So, the red cups came out. All in all, it was a great two days of fellowship while helping out the Polish Center with their annual 47th year fundraiser.

See you next year at Dozynki !!!

Color Corps Commander Report

Color Corps Commander, David Mehegan

Introduction and Message from Your New Color Corps Commander

Dear Sir Knights,

As the newly appointed Color Corps Commander for St. Jude Assembly #2375 for the 2025 Columbian Year, I would like to formally introduce myself.

I'm a California native, born and raised in Long Beach. Although I wasn't born into the Catholic faith, I was gently encouraged by my wife to explore it. After 35 years of her loving guidance—and 42 years of marriage—I finally saw the light. That means I've been Catholic for 7 years now.

Soon after joining the Church, I became active in my local Council. I've served as Treasurer, Grand Knight for 3 years, and now as Financial Secretary. Being appointed as Color Corps Commander is a great honor, and I pray that I can live up to your trust by faithfully representing the Color Corps, the Fourth Degree of Patriotism, and the values of the Knights of Columbus.

Honoring Service to the Faith & Families

Below is a list of recent funeral events and the Sir Knights who generously gave their time in service:

AUGUST

- **Funeral for SK Ed Baluyot**
Frank Smaldino, Jack Haney, Frank Baca, Idovino Artifon, Stephen Michael, Benjamin Macaraeg, German Medel, Horace Galindo, Scott Mosher
- **Funeral for SK Frank H. Carrillo**
Frank Smaldino, Idovino Artifon, David Mehegan, Benjamin Macaraeg, Curt Horner, Hugh Lynch, Larry Wells
- **Funeral for Reverend Seamus A. Glynn**
Frank Smaldino, Frank Baca, Idovino Artifon, Stephen Michael, David Mehegan, Benjamin Macaraeg, Curt Horner, German Medel, Horace Galindo, Hugh Lynch, Hunter Piper, James Schlosser, Larry Wells

SEPTEMBER

- **Funeral for SK Andy Ronquillo**
DM Thomas Arias, Frank Smaldino, Jack Haney, Kennie McCanless, David Mehegan, Benjamin Macaraeg, German Medel, Hugh Lynch, Hunter Piper, Larry Wells

Thank you to all the Sir Knights who gave their time in service to our faith and families. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

Purpose of the Forth Degree Honor Guard

The Color Corps is one of the most visible and respected aspects of the Knights of Columbus. We are:

- The Knights who salute the Bishop when he visits your parish
- The Knights who stand by your widow at your funeral
- The Knights who enhance special Masses and ceremonies at your Church

We exemplify the core principles of our Order:

- **Charity** – Giving our time and energy to prepare and perform ceremonies
- **Unity** – Working together in disciplined drill for the good of the Church and the Order
- **Fraternity** – Building strong bonds through shared service and brotherhood
- **Patriotism** – Honoring God and country through precision and purpose

Want to Join the Color Corps?

We welcome new members who are ready to serve with honor. Here's what's required:

- Be a member in good standing of your local Knights of Columbus Council
- Be a Fourth Degree member in good standing of St. Jude Assembly #2375
- Own the official Fourth Degree Uniform and a Knights of Columbus sword



Uniform Package: <https://www.kofcuniform.com/home/>

Sword Package: <https://www.kofcsupplies.com/Item/SP100>

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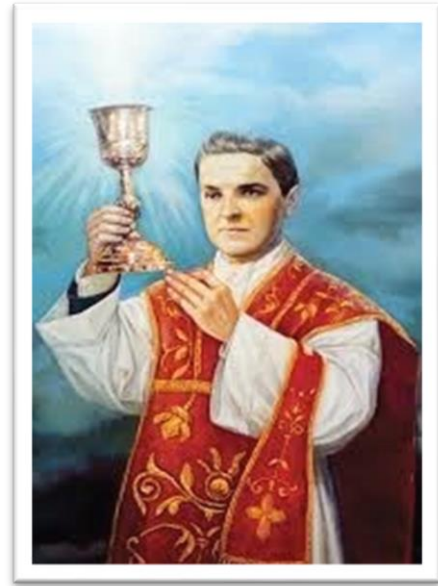
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Steve Michael	Two Year Trustee	(714) 390-1710	stmichael107@gmail.com
Joseph Martinazzi	One Year Trustee	714) 203-4736	jmartnav@outlook.com
David Mehegan	Color Corps Commander	(714) 401-8191	curt779@yahoo.com

PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS

PFN Edward Baczynski †	1994 – 1995	PFN John Cleary	2010 - 2011
PFN Thomas Shewman	1995 – 1996	PFN Ed Baluyot †	2011 – 2012
PFN Joe Thompson †	1996 – 1997	PFN Dave Vezzatti †	2012 – 2013
PFN Lou Carwright †	1997 – 1998	PFN Roberto Garcia	2013 – 2014
PFN Armond Tavianini †	1998 – 1999	PFN Tom Madracki †	2014 – 2015
PFN Jeffrey Bigonger	1999 – 2000	PFN Rick Giddens	2015 – 2016
PFN Jerry Nicassio	2000 – 2001	PFN Curt Horner	2016 – 2017
PFN Duke Ellington †	2001 – 2002	PFN Lenny Castillo	2017 – 2018
PFN Trini Torres †	2002 - 2013	PFN Mark Lanphar	2018 – 2019
PFN Chuck Hosick	2003 – 2004	PFN Bob Lanphar	2019 – 2020
PFN Jeff Runtz	2004 – 2005	PFN Scott Mosher	2020 – 2021
PFN Jim Giardino †	2005 - 2006	PFN Chris Curry	2021 – 2022
PFN Tom Arias	2006 - 2007	PFN Steve Michael	2022 – 2023
PFN Gary Murray †	2007 – 2008	PFN Joe Marinazzi	2023 - 2024
PFN Bill Archer – Burton	2008 – 2009	PFN Jack Haney	2024 - 2025
PFN Bill Schafer	2009 - 2010		
† Rest in Peace			

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sent to membership with last Assembly Meeting Agenda. Please
Pray for our Brothers in need.



Q2 St. Jude Assembly Calendar

October

10/18	Knight 2 Remember	Dinner Dance for ID	SK George Alfaro
10/20	General Meeting	Dinner & Meeting	SK Frank Smaldino
10/25	Exemplification	Patriotic 4 th Degree	SK Frank Baca

November

11/17	Memorial Mass	7pm JPll Center	SK Frank Smaldino
11/10	250th Year Anniversary of the Marine Corps.		
11/10	Marine Corps Ball	Camp Pendleton	SK Bob Jones