



# *The Knight Star*

*Newsletter for Our Lady of the Pines Assembly 1759  
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## Faithful Scribe's Report

Sir Knights,

First and foremost let me start off by thanking you for allowing me to be part of this great organization. It is truly a blessing to partake with such a fine group of gentlemen. Except for that one Liberal that's out there, yes, you know who you are! Lol !

As you can see before you, one of our Faithfull Navigator's campaign promises was that we would bring back our Assembly's Newsletter. I for one thought it was a good idea. The concept of having print media to inform and keep Sir Knights up to date with the meetings and events sounded good. Little did I know that when the FN said "we" he actually meant "me". He asked "me" to bring back this newsletter and run with it.

Even though I have a Degree in Communications, I have never undertaken or been asked to participate in this type of project before. Well, at least not in the real world. I don't think a school assignment compares to writing for my fellow Sir Knights but I will try my best.

I believe that with the Lord's help and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit anything is possible. Amen!!

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## **REPORT OF THE 2016 OUR LADY OF THE PINES ASSEMBLY 1759 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Party was held on Dec 16, 2015. Great fellowship between wonderful people of like minds to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas

85 SK's and spouses in attendance. The breakdown on attendance, there were 94 RSVPs. Of that group, 3 called in sick, 15 did not find their way to the hall & 8 others showed up that fail to respond to the RSVP call out, but we are happy they came out, everyone is welcome.

The menu consisted of an assortment appetizers and snacks, with Chicken Breast with hunter sauce catered by Mel's Country Café in Tomball, and an assortment of desserts. Conroe Council handled the beverages, Spring Council handled the appetizers and snacks, and Woodlands Council handled the desserts. It was a group effort that handled the cleanup duties.

The party was free. We had a 50/50 drawing, a drawing for a Holiday Wreath, a silent auction item and a drawing for the basket of cheer. In addition, we had number door prizes, everyone left with something.

The money made by the 50/50 - \$239, Wreath - \$30.00, and the Basket of Cheer- \$325.00 & \$75.00 from the silent help reduce the cost of this event. Mel's donated 2 gift card that enhanced the raffle total.

Joe Fougere won the 50/50, Ray Simper won the basket of cheer & Rich Eimer won the wine basket. Many thanks to Bill Cepica & his wife who donated the Holiday Wreath, Fernando & Rosa Hess who donated the hand crafted cross for the silent auction. Rich LaBoda for the many attendance prizes. Set up crew, James & Valerie Mullally along Rich LaBoda. For my family that assembled the hot chocolate jars for the tables. Jerry Leiker & his friend, who handled the drawing tickets & 50/50, thanks to the bar staff. 2 great guy that where in multiple places & there until the end, Tom Moslener & Jim Lombardi. Also to the many that helped in the cleanup, it was done, picked up & the trach out & lights out in record time. Many thanks to my wife that assisted in organizing, setup, serving, assisted in the drawing, selling a second round of tickets, cleaning up, this was a reflection as to who she is. Again, a big thanks to everyone that helped in any way. One name that is always there to help, the Ledwigs, Jim & Maryann who set the appetizers, help with drawing & remained until everything was cleaned up, a big shout out for your unselfish volunteerism.

All of this being said, I think everyone had a nice time at our Christmas celebration & everyone should have went home with a gift.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mark Votsmier,  
Faithful Captain



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## Commander's Corner

On July 29<sup>th</sup> of this year retired Houston Astros great Jeff Bagwell will be inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. Bagwell had 6 consecutive seasons of 30 home runs and 30 RBIs. In an interview, he credited Astro's hitting coach Rudy Jamarillo with teaching him how to put back spin on the ball while hitting. This caused the ball to travel much further resulting in his ability to hit home runs with less effort. How did Bagwell translate what Jamarillo taught him to his batting in a game? Practice. I can't imagine how many reps in the batting cage it took him to be able hit the ball with back spin consistently. Practice helps us translate what we have been taught and make it routine. I would like encourage all Sir Knights to make practice with your sword a routine. Just 10 minutes in front of a mirror a few times a week will help you become proficient with handling of your sword during turnouts. Also, feel free to bring your sword, baldric and gloves to the meetings. Color Corps Co-Commander Gary Boye and myself are usually there by 6:15 to provide instruction for those who feel they need it. We go over basic sword handling that is used during turnouts and the instruction last about 15-20 minutes giving you plenty of time socialize and enjoy a beverage before the meeting starts afterwards. However, please practice on your own. It will help you become proficient with your sword to the point you can do it with your eyes closed.

Vivat Jesus,  
Ray Rolison  
Color Corps Co-Commander



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## Fall Golf Summary 2016

The Knights of Columbus Fall Golf League finished its 15 weeks season on December 21, 2016. Robert (Bob) Anderson of Woodlands Council 12327, finished on the top of the leaderboard. As the season winner, Bob chose the Montgomery County Right to Life organization to receive the \$1000.00 charity prize. Rounding out the top 5 on the leaderboard were Brad Spurlock, Spring Council 6557, Carl Busbee, Conroe Council 6456, Steve Kane, Spring Council 6557, and Bob Stegge, New Waverly Council 5921. Thirty seven golfers competed over the 15 week league, with weekly attendance averaging 17 per week. Members play 9 holes weekly and have handicaps based on their league play. Allowances are made for age differences. Those 80 years of age, hit from the Red tees, 70 years of age from the Black tees, and everyone under 70 hits from the White tees. The handicaps and distance allowances make for a competitive golf outing, although very friendly in nature, you get to golf at your own level, and still be in the running to finish at the top of the leaderboard. The League plays at Panorama Village golf club on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30pm. Cost is \$15.00 for golf, cart and range balls, plus a \$5.00 charity fee for the prize money. At the end of all seasons, there is a mini tournament with prizes awarded for different skills. This season ended with a dinner at Spring Creek Barbeque, paid for by the league. The Knights of Columbus Golf League is open to all Knights, regardless of skill level. Please do not hesitate to come out and join the fun, whether 1 game, or the entire season. You are always welcome. Since its founding in 2010, The Knights of Columbus Golf League has donated \$12000.00 to local charities.

Rich LaBoda  
K of C Golf League President