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## GIOVANNI da CAPISTRANO



John of Capistrano (Giovanni da Capistrano) (June 24, 1386 – October 23, 1456) was a Franciscan priest from Italy. As was custom in this time, Giovanni took his name from his birthplace: the village of Capestrano, in the diocese of Sulmona in the Abruzzi, Kingdom of Naples. He lived at first a wholly secular life, studied law at the University of Perugia, married, and became a successful magistrate. In 1412, Ladislas of Naples appointed him governor of Perugia. When war broke out between Perugia and Sigismondo Malatesta in 1416, John was sent as ambassador to broker a peace, but Malatesta threw him in prison. During the captivity, in despair he put aside his new young wife, never having consummated the marriage, and started studying theology with St. Bernardine of Siena.

Capistrano entered the Franciscan order at Perugia. At once he gave himself up to the most rigorous asceticism, violently defending the ideal of strict observance and orthodoxy, following St. Bernardine as he preached, and from 1420 onwards, preaching himself with great effect in many cities. The largest churches could not hold the crowds, so he preached in the piazzas: at Brescia, he preached to a crowd of 126,000. While he was not preaching, he was writing tracts against heresy of every kind. While he was thus evangelizing, he was actively engaged in assisting Bernardine in the reforms of the Franciscan Order, largely in the interests of more rigorous hierarchic discipline. Like St. Bernardine, he strongly emphasized devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, and was accused of heresy on this account. In 1429, John, together with Other Observant friars, was called to Rome on the charge of heresy, and he was chosen by his companions to defend them. The friars were acquitted by the Commission of Cardinals.

After the Fall of Constantinople, Pope Calixtus III sent him at the age of seventy, to preach and lead a Crusade against the invading Turks at the Diet of Frankfurt in 1454, and he succeeded in gathering together enough troops to march onto Belgrade. These troops managed to raise the siege of Belgrade, with the old and frail Capistrano actually leading his own contingent into battle. This feat earned him the moniker of 'the Soldier Priest' and although Capistrano survived the battle, he fell victim of the bubonic plague, which shortly afterwards flourished in the unsanitary conditions of the battlefield. He died at nearby Ilok, Kingdom of Hungary-Croatia.

St. John Capistrano found time to work at the reform of the order of the minor Franciscans, and to uphold both in his writings and his speeches the most advanced theories upon the papal supremacy. Elevated to sainthood, he is the patron saint of jurists. As a Franciscan reformer preaching simplicity, Capistrano became the namesake of two Spanish missions founded by the Franciscans in the north of the then-Spanish Americas: Mission San Juan Capistrano in today's Southern California and Mission San Juan Capistrano just outside the city center of today's San Antonio in Texas.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Our Regular Monthly Meeting will be held in the San Marcos KC Hall at 7:30 PM. Please make every effort to attend.

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – FALLOUT at Santa Cruz Church in Buda, TX for the 9:00 AM Mass to support the candidates who will be taking their Major Degree Initiations. We will assemble at 8:30 AM in the Father Joseph Deane Hall. All Sir Knights are requested to attend. Please contact all the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights in your Councils and encourage them to take this next step up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.



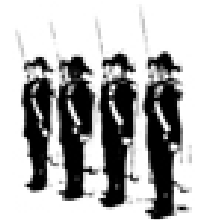
Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Try to make an effort to pray the rosary with your family today.

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – is the official celebration of Christopher Columbus Day. The Knights of Columbus was named to honor this Catholic discoverer of America.



Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – National Boss Day is celebrated in the United States. Try to do something nice for your boss today (lunch, maybe) even if he doesn't deserve your appreciation.

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – FALLOUT at St. Anthony's Church in Kyle, TX for the Centennial Celebration of the parish at the 10:00 AM Mass. We will assemble at 9:30 AM. Let's try to get a large turnout to help St. Anthony's Church celebrate 100 years as a parish.



Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Next month's Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM in the San Marcos KC Hall.

## COMMENTS FROM YOUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

I wish to thank all the Sir Knights from our Assembly as well as those from Bishop Reicher and Fr. Ferrer Assemblies who attended the FALLOUT for Father Joseph Deane's Farewell/Retirement Mass. We had a fantastic turnout of 27 Sir Knights. Fr. Deane was very appreciative and expresses his sincere thank you to all of you.

My sincere thanks to the Kyle Council #7975 and the San Marcos Council #3458 for their generous donations of \$200.00 each to our Assembly. We really appreciate their generosity.

I ask those of you who have not provided me with your e-mail address to please do so. I can then send you the Monthly Newsletter via e-mail rather than snail mail. This will help reduce our postage, paper and printing costs. Please forward your e-mail address to me at [rburas@austin.rr.com](mailto:rburas@austin.rr.com). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our attendance at last month's meeting was extremely low. We barely had enough attendees to conduct a meeting. I strongly encourage all Sir Knights to please make an attempt to attend our meetings. They do not last very long – usually not more than one hour. Attending meetings shows your commitment to the Assembly and to your duties and obligations as 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights. We would like to see more of you as active members of the Assembly. I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting this month.

Fraternally yours,  
Bob Buras

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Please pray for the following:

SK John McHugh's mother who has heart problems and his wife who has serious medical problems.

SK Juan Gomez who is suffering with diabetes.

SK Paul DeBarro's wife who is recovering from recent surgery.

SK Ed Castilleja's brother who is recovering from a recent hip replacement.

Deacon Richard Decker who is very ill.

SK Paul DeBarro who is recovering from recent prostate surgery.

SK Ray Joyce's wife who dislocated her shoulder and requires surgery.

**PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD, OUR HOLY FATHER POPE BENEDICT XVI, AND ALL OUR MILITARY SERVING OUR COUNTRY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

**OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE  
MOST HOLY ROSARY**



**PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT  
TO PRAY THE ROSARY WITH  
YOUR FAMILY THIS MONTH**