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Faithful Navigator's Log

Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:

The Faithful Navigator's April and Easter's Commentary focuses upon the true meaning with respect to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As devout Believers, we hold this major premise as the solid foundation to authenticate our unequivocal certainty concerning our religion: 1) That Jesus Christ was delivered by Man to his death for our sins, and was raised to life to justify that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 2) The Bible stipulates that Jesus died on a cross on a day called Good Friday. Most importantly and written, is that Jesus was then resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday (3-days). Consequently, *[continued on page 2]*

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez:

In March, Thunderbird Council 6711 offered five Friday fish fries, with March 17th sales dented by the Saint Patrick Feast Day Bishop's abstinence *[cont'd on page 2]*

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Doblado:

Franklin Mountains Council 12160 conducted two Friday fish fries in the month of March.

Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton:

In March, Rio Grande Council 14413 held four Friday fish fries, with sales similarly reduced on *[continued on page 2]*

Council 17420 SK GK Alejandro Gamboa: San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 offered two Friday fish fries in March. Council 17420's fish fries offered both fried and grilled tilapia.

District Deputy's Desk

SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy and District 9

Deputy John Danley: The Knights of Columbus Texas' 119th State Convention will be held May 5-7, 2023 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel and Convention Center in Dallas, Texas. My wife and I have been attending the convention since it came to El Paso in 2002 and it is truly the one time where you can meet your brothers and sisters in Christ under the umbrella of Columbianism from literally every *[continued on page 2]*



The Civil War spanned five Aprils from 1861 to 1865. President Abraham Lincoln, who advanced the Emancipation Proclamation and later the Thirteenth Amendment ending slavery in the United States, was assassinated and died on April 15, 1865. ("First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation," Francis Bicknell Carpenter, 1864, United States Capitol, Washington, DC)

Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: When we think of April, our thoughts turn to Easter, when our Savior triumphed over death through His Resurrection. However, April also recalls a pivotal period in our Nation's history that spanned five Aprils: the Civil War, fought by the Union first to keep the Country together and later to abolish slavery while the Confederate States fought for states' rights to maintain slavery as their economic engine. While considering the contemporary and politically contentious subject of reparations to descendants of former slaves, keep in mind that 360,000 Union soldiers (including nearly 40,000 Black soldiers) died to end slavery in the United States. Recalling the last refrain from the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*: "Glory, glory, hallelujah! Our God is marching on." *[See the inset and article on page 2.] We wish all Sir Knights, their fellow Knights, and their families a very Blessed and Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Vivat Jesus!*

Faithful Navigator's Log [continued]

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: [continued] the Easter message from the FN is that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has risen as our Savior with an unimaginable amount of love for us. All we must do, is ask Christ, through our earnest prayers, to help us in the future, with our problems. God bless you all!



Jesus Resurrected, St. Patrick Cathedral, El Paso, Texas

Grand Knights' Notes (Continued)

Council 6711 SK PFN GK Chuy Perez: (cont'd) dispensation. The Council held its monthly empanada sale after all Masses at Saint Matthew Church and sold 168 dozen (2,016 empanadas)!

Council 14413 SK GK Dan Fenton: (continued) March 17. The Council also conducted a membership drive, coupled with offering coffee and doughnuts after all Masses at Queen of Peace Church.

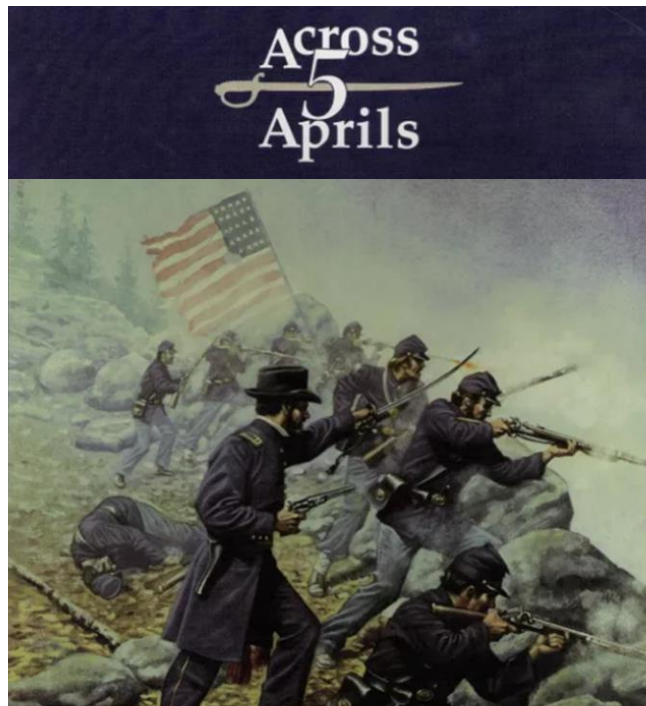
District Deputy's Desk (Continued)

SK District Deputy John Danley: (continued) corner of the state. True "Fraternity" is felt as stories and ideas are shared, common beliefs discussed and voted on and at the end of the day we break bread at Saturday Mass and enjoy each other at the State banquet (can't forget the Hospitality rooms, too). The trip is long from El Paso but I can tell you that the State really, really appreciates it when the El Paso delegation attends en masse. I hope to see you all there!

Thirteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



The American Civil War spanned across five Aprils, from April 1861 when Fort Sumter, South Carolina was bombarded, to the Battle of Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia which led to the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia. The 620,000 Americans who died in the Civil War eclipsed the 405,300 Americans killed in World War Two, and dwarfed the 25,000 who died in the eight-year American Revolutionary War. The Civil War ended with a reunified Country and the abolition of slavery. While heralded as the savior of the Union, President Lincoln considered the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 to be his greatest achievement. Later, he worked tirelessly to get the Thirteenth Amendment passed in Congress to end slavery throughout the United States. [See the critically-acclaimed 2012 movie **Lincoln** to see the obstacles he had to overcome.] The Senate passed it in August 1864 and the House passed it in January 1865. On February 1, 1865, Lincoln approved the Joint Resolution of Congress submitting the Thirteenth Amendment to the State legislatures. [See box to left.] Tragically, in April 1865 Lincoln was assassinated, depriving the South of a benevolent President ("...with malice toward none and charity for all..."). The necessary three fourths of the States ratified it by December 6, 1865, an achievement Lincoln did not live to see. The Fourteenth Amendment, adopted on July 9, 1868, made the former slaves United States citizens. The Fifteenth Amendment, adopted on February 3, 1870 gave them the right to vote.

Assembly's Knights in Action

Sir Knight Father Fulgencio Mayorga, S.J.'s Vigil and Rosary

On March 3, 2023 at Sunset Funeral Home-West, a Vigil and Rosary was held for Sir Knight Father Fulgencio Mayorga, S.J. As the Rosary began, Sir Knights (left-right) Armando Uranga, Diocesan Marshall (DM) Jesus Carrasco and Color Corps Commander (CCC) Jesus Granado saluted the casket of SK Father Mayorga. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



The SKs followed their salutes with the inverted sword (forming a cross). Having posted SKs Armando Uranga



(left) and CCC Jesus Granado (right) for the first decade of the Rosary, DM Jesus Carrasco (center) retired to the back of the room. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Sir Knights Armando Uranga (left) and CCC Jesus Granado (right) honored Sir Knight Father Mayorga (see his photo at left) while the first/fifth decades of the Rosary were recited. (Photo: SK FS Joe O'Connor)



After each Rosary decade, a song was sung while Sir Knights changed the Honor Guard. SKs Alfonso Holguin and Joe O'Connor (not shown) stood watch while the second decade of the Rosary was recited. Sir Knights PFN Sergio Arellano (left) and Frank Ortiz honored Sir Knight Father Mayorga (see photo at left) while the third decade of the Rosary was recited. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Sir Knight Deacon Guillermo Jiron (left) led the Vigil and Rosary. Sir Knight Fernando Jimenez (not shown) said the readings before SK Deacon Guillermo read the Gospel. SK Father Mayorga's sister and husband (first row on left) represented the family. SK Father Mayorga was from Nicaragua where the Church is currently being persecuted. (Photo: SK FS Joe O'Connor)



Nine Sir Knights served in the Vigil/Rosary Honor Guard (left to right—Assembly number in parantheses): First Row (4) CCC Jesus Granado (1113), David Carbajal (1113), DM Jesus Carrasco (2828), and Frank Ortiz (1113); Second Row (5) Joe O'Connor (1970), Armando Uranga (1970), Alfonso Holguin (1970), PFN Sergio Arellano (1970) and Jesus Leyva (1113). (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Sir Knight Father Fulgencio Mayorga, S.J.'s Funeral Mass



On March 4, 2023, El Paso's Knights on Bikes (KoB) escorted the hearse (back right) containing SK Father Mayorga's casket from the Funeral Home to Saint Luke Catholic Church. Leading the KoB were SK Mike Chavarria (left) and KoB President SK Arturo Aragon (right). (Photo: SK FS Joe O'Connor)



Standing ready to receive SK Father Mayorga's casket at the entrance to Saint Luke Catholic Church were Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Knights serving as pallbearers (left), the Knights on Bikes (right) and Sir Knights PFN Sergio Arellano (back left) and Joe O'Connor (back right). (Photo: Council 12160 Knight Alfredo Ortega)



Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Knight pallbearers lifted and carried SK Father Mayorga's casket from the hearse to the gurney by the entrance to Saint Luke. (Photo: Council 12160 Knight Alfred Ortega)



Sir Knights PFN Sergio Arellano (left) and Joe O'Connor (right) saluted SK Father Mayorga's casket as it entered Saint Luke. For the exit, they employed the inverted sword (cross) and bow. (Photo: Council 12160 Knight Alfredo Ortega)



Sir Knight Father Ed Carpenter, Saint Luke Pastor, was the main celebrant at the Funeral Mass for Sir Knight Father Mayorga. Concelebrating with SK Father Ed were Fr. Richard Sotelo, S.J. (left), Fr. Rafael Garcia, S.J. (2nd from right), and SK Fr. Allan Alaka, Queen of Peace Pastor (right). Assisting was SK Deacon Carlos Viesca (2nd from left). (Photo: SK FS Joe O'Connor)



Serving at SK Father Mayorga's Funeral Mass were the following Knights (left to right): Feliciano "Chano" Sol, Waldo Terrazas, SK Joe O'Connor, SK PFN Sergio Arellano, SK Gus Erler, Ed Ehrbar, Alfred Stell, Manny Silva, SK Juan Morales, SK Hilario Diaz, SK KoB VP Art Navarro, SK Mike Chavarria, and SK KoB President Arturo Aragon. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests, Sir Knights and Knights

On March 5, 2023 at Saint Matthew Catholic Church, the Memorial Mass ceremony began at 9:45 a.m. with the reading of the names of Deceased Priests, Sir Knights and Knights. As each name was said, Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor rang the bell with a hammer. Relatives of Deceased Sir Knights and Knights were present to hear their loved ones' names. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek)



Father Ed Roden-Lucero, former Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Pastor, celebrated the Memorial Mass at Saint Matthew Catholic Church. During the Prayers of the Faithful, the congregation prayed for all Knights and their families. Sir Knights (not shown) led the procession at the beginning of Mass and made the presentation of the Hosts and Wine at the beginning of the Offertory. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Four Sir Knights prepared to honor the Priest and Deacon at the Recessional (left to right): Wally Piatek, Armando Uranga, PFN Chuy Perez (hidden) and Joe O'Connor. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



Four Sir Knights saluted the Priest and Deacon during the Recessional (left to right): PFN Chuy Perez, Armando Uranga, Joe O'Connor and Wally Piatek. (No-swords-out policy was in place for this Mass.) (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek and Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)

After saluting the Priest and Deacon in the Recessional, four Sir Knights brought up the procession's rear (left to right): Armando Uranga, Past Faithful Navigator Chuy Perez,

Four Sir Knights posed for a picture at the Memorial Mass (left-right): Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor, Armando Uranga, Past Faithful Navigator and



Thunderbird Council 6711 Grand Knight Chuy Perez and Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek. (Photo: Yolie Uranga)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Sir Knight Blas Herrera's Vigil, Rosary and Chalice Presentation



On March 6, 2023, at Funeraria de Angel Restlawn, a Vigil and Rosary was held for Sir Knight Blas Herrera. Sir Knights District 5 Master Giovanni Hyppolite (left) and Color Corps Commander PFN Jesus Granado (right) served as the Honor Guard for the Rosary's first decade. (Photo: Sir Knight FS Joe O'Connor)



After the Rosary, Assembly 1113's Sir Knight Color Corps Commander PFN Jesus Granado (right) read the Proclamation of Condolences while Sir Knight District 5 Master Giovanni Hyppolite (left) held the Chalice that had Sir Knight Blas Herrera's name etched in the Chalice baseplate. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Sir Knight District 5 Master (DM) Giovanni Hyppolite presented Sir Knight Blas Herrera's Chalice to his family who occupied the front rows on both sides. Sir Knight Herrera, 92, was a US Army Veteran (see flag on casket) and was buried at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Sir Knights (in regalia only) who served in the Honor Guard included (left to right): PFN Frank Garcia (2828), David Carbajal (1113), Alec Espendez (2828), Jesus Leyva (1113), Francisco Flores (1113), DM Giovanni Hyppolite (1113), Robert Diaz (1113), Joe O'Connor (1970), Bruce Harrelson (1113), Will Garza (2828), PFN Jesus Granado (1113). (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Rio Grande Council 14413 Second Lenten Fish Fry



On March 10, 2023, Rio Grande Council 14413 held its second Lenten Fish Fry. Knight Eric Geedy (left) transferred fried tilapia to a container

held by Knight Alan Cooksey (right). Knight Alan was also responsible for preparing the baked tilapia. Both forms of tilapia received praise from Queen of Peace Parishioners (Photo: Sir Knight FS Joe O'Connor)



Rio Grande Council 14413 Knights prepared to serve many Queen of Peace Parishioners (left to right): Patrick Ross, Eduardo Urquiza, Adam Blessinger and Sir Knight Tom Beeman. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Council 6711 Empanada Sale

On March 17-18, 2023, Thunderbird Council 6711 held its monthly empanada sale and sold 168 dozen. Offering apple, guava, pineapple, pumpkin and strawberry empanadas were (l-r): SK PFN GK Chuy Perez, SK Marc Carrillo and Knight Gerry O'Brien. (Photo: SK PFN Sergio Arellano)



40 Days for Life (40D4L)

On March 24, 2023, a Kof C "Choose Life" poster was shown in the reflection of the entrance to the Santa Teresa abortion clinic. Four Rio



Grande Council 14413 Sir Knights and their wives participated in 40D4L weekly prayer vigils there: Butch Francisco, Joe O'Connor, Tim Sievek and Bill Sutton, as well as Council 14413 Knight Leo Hernandez. (Photo: SK FS Joe O'Connor)

Rio Grande Council 14413 Fourth Lenten Fish Fry



On March 24, 2023, Rio Grande Council 14413 offered its fourth Lenten Fish Fry. While the tilapia fried and baked, (l-r) Knights Alan Cooksey, Joe Palomo, SK P/DGK Robert Valdiviez and Jacob Cooksey conferred. SK PGK Mike Bodgan (near right) prepared French fries while SK Jeffrey Fretland (far right) thawed more tilapia for frying and baking. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

On March 24, 2023 Rio Grande Council 14413 offered its fourth Lenten Fish Fry in the Queen of Peace Parish Hall. Knight Patrick Ross (left) served fried and baked tilapia while Knight Jesus Saenz (right) served French fries Sir Knight Past/-



Deputy Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez (center, seated) took a break from the Parish Kitchen. On March 25-26, 2023, at all Masses the Council held a membership drive with a presentation and video clip in the Church, followed by coffee, cookies and doughnuts in the Parish Hall. On March 31, 2023, the Council held its fifth and last Lenten Fish Fry. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVdP) West Side Food Distribution



Side B. On that day, 22 pallets of food were distributed to 410 families. Photo: SK FS Joe O'Connor

On March 29, 2023, at the Saint Luke Parking Lot, Sir Knight Gephard "Gus" Erler (center) placed food into a vehicle on



Alfredo also serves as the SSVdP Saint Luke Conference President. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

On March 29, 2023, outside the Saint Luke Parish Hall, Council 12160 Knight Alfredo Ortega collected food distribution packaging for recycling. Knight