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Faithful Navigator's Log

Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:

On August 15, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, where she reigns as Queen. As the account of Blessed Catherine Emmerich reveals after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension (see story on page 2), Mary served as the Spiritual Leader of the Apostles, blessing them as they departed on their evangelical missions and upon their return. While Saint Peter led the early Church, [cont'd on page 2]

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez:

Thunderbird Council 6711 sold empanadas after each Mass July 15-16 and supported the new biweekly Food Distribution at St. Matthew that started July 17.

Council 10788 Grand Knight Santiago Ogeda:

Shepherd of the Valley Council 10788 backed St. Jude Parish Kermes by grilling/selling hamburgers/hotdogs.

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Doblado:

Franklin Mountains Council 12160 continued planning for the October 20, 2023 Golf Outing.

Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton: Rio Grande Council 14413 offered a Pancake Breakfast and sold empanadas on July 16 (see pages 5-6). Later, the Council hosted coffee and doughnuts after each Mass to promote Queen of Peace Parishioner fellowship.

Council 17420 SK GK Eric Zubia: San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 held a Silver Rose Adoration and Rosary on Sunday, July 30, at Saint Francis of Assisi.

Assistant Diocesan Deputy's Desk

SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy John Danley:

Have your Councils mark the date: Saturday, August 26. That is when the next Knights of Columbus Biannual Diocesan Conference will be held. The Conference will cover important information that no Council should miss. Councils will learn from each other on how to revitalize their four Programs: Faith, Life, Family and Community. In addition, Councils will receive tips on how to grow their Councils, how to handle their [continued on page 2]

Assumption of the Virgin by Peter Paul Rubens (1616-1618). Oil on panel, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf. (The Apostles are shown below the Blessed Mother.) The Feast of the Assumption is August 15.



Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: Catholics often wonder what happened to Mary, our Blessed Mother, after Jesus' Crucifixion. The article on page 2 explores what she did and where she lived up until the time of her Assumption. Mary is covered the most in the Gospel of Luke. (Did you ever wonder where Luke gained his accounts of the Infancy Narrative? Most likely it was first-hand accounts from our Blessed Mother. [See The Chosen's "The Messengers" episode of Mary giving her accounts of the Annunciation and the Nativity to Luke.]) The Acts of the Apostles is considered the second Gospel of Luke. In it, Luke (Acts 1: 12-14) mentioned that Mary was with the Apostles in the Upper Room (Cenacle), praying. The Apostles were honored that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was praying with them. She played no role like Peter; rather, her role was the discipleship of prayer. (In her many apparitions, she has always urged those to whom she appeared to pray.) She is regarded by the Church as the Queen of the Apostles. Ave Maria!

Blessed Father McGivney's Feast Day is August 13.

Faithful Navigator's Log (Continued)

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: *[continued]*

Mary served as the Church's heart and soul, always encouraging the Apostles and others to pray. (That's why one of Mary's many titles is Queen of the Apostles.) It is noteworthy that in all of Mary's many apparitions, she has always urged those to whom she appeared to pray. There is no better vehicle of prayer than the Rosary! We also learn from Blessed Catherine's account that Mary was assumed bodily into Heaven, although it was not in the dramatic fashion as Jesus. Instead, in her quiet way, she was raised up into Heaven, as the Apostles found out the day after her entombment. In August, as we celebrate Blessed Father Michael McGivney's Feast Day on August 13, let us also rededicate ourselves to our Blessed Mother, who as Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

Asst. Diocesan Deputy's Desk (Cont'd)

SK Asst. Diocesan Deputy John Danley: *(cont'd)*

membership issues, and opportunities to perform works of charity. Ways for Councils to evangelize in all of their endeavors will be covered. Also, Councils need to heed the call from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Supreme and the Texas State Council to promote Eucharistic Processions in each Parish. Eucharistic Processions involve many Parish ministries and planning for them takes a lot of effort. Councils should start planning for their Parishes' Eucharistic Processions for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Supreme has published a detailed Guidebook on how Councils can take the lead in helping their Parishes prepare to conduct Eucharistic Processions: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/holy-hour/11348-eucharistic-procession-guidebook.pdf>. Lead your Councils to higher levels of KofC excellence!

Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich

She was born in 1774 into a poor farming family in Westphalia, Germany. She had a limited education but it was noticed that she was especially drawn to prayer. When words from prayers were recited, she would have visions, e.g., when "Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" was said, she would see the Holy Trinity in Heaven. At a young age, she thought at first that everyone could see them but when she recounted what she said, the other children would make fun of her so she kept her visions to herself. As she grew older, she worked on a large farm and later as a seamstress. In 1802 at the age of 28, she joined the Augustinian nuns. In 1811, she began to suffer illnesses and great pain that she would endure the rest of her life. In 1813, she received the stigmata but in 1818 the wounds to her hands and feet healed. At that time she developed a Y-shaped cross on her breastbone similar to a cross at a local church. She also developed wounds on her head akin to Christ's crown of thorns. During her last five years of life, a writer recorded all of her visions beginning with Adam up to Jesus and Mary. She died in 1824. The process of her beatification began in 1892 by the local bishop. In 2004, she was beatified by St. John Paul II.



House of the Virgin Mary near Ephesus, Turkey
Dark stones at bottom are originals; the rest were reconstructed. (Photos: SK Joe O'Connor, 11/04/2022)

The last two references to Mary, our Blessed Mother, in Scripture were at the Crucifixion (John 19:26-27) and at Pentecost (Acts 1:13-14). What happened to Mary after that? Happily, at the very end of the 4-volume set entitled "The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations," as told by Blessed Ann Catherine Emmerich [see inset below], 27 pages are devoted to Mary's life between the Crucifixion and her Assumption into Heaven. After Jesus' Ascension, Mary stayed with the Apostles in Jerusalem blessing them as they went forth and returned. After a few years, when Christian persecution flared up again, Mary allowed John to take her to a cross-shaped stone house that he had built for her near Ephesus (see above). *[In 1881 and 1891, Mary's house was discovered using the detailed description found in Blessed Catherine's last volume. It was found later that the little ruins (destroyed by the same earthquake that destroyed Ephesus in 262 AD) had been venerated for centuries by a distant mountain village populated by descendants of the Christians of Ephesus.]* Pope Pius XII designated the house as a Holy Place and three Popes have visited it: Paul VI in 1967, John Paul II in 1979 and Francis in 2006.] Mary lived in one apartment and her maidservant in the other. She created a Crucifix and built 12 Stations of the Cross at each where she and her maidservant meditated and prayed. At the end of the Stations was a cave that represented Christ's Sepulcher (later her tomb). After three years, she visited Jerusalem and its Holy Places, and then returned to her home near Ephesus. One and one-half years before her death, she again visited Jerusalem and became deathly ill. She recovered and returned to Ephesus. Nearing death, she summoned the Apostles via prayer. Peter, John, Andrew, Simon, Jude Thaddeus and Matthias were present when she was anointed by Peter and given her last Holy Communion. She passed away in her house and Jesus welcomed her to Heaven. At the time of her death, it was 13 years after Christ's Ascension and 48 years after His Birth (she was 15 years old at the time), so she died at the age of 63. She was prepared for burial, placed into a casket, and carried to the cave by the six Apostles. The next day, Thomas, who had been in India, arrived and was heartbroken that he did not see Mary before she died. When the Apostles took Thomas to the cave and opened the casket, only her burial wraps in the shape of her body were found.

Assembly's Knights in Action

Fourth of July Patriotic Projects

Flag Ceremony@Legacy at Cimarron



On June 30, 2023, in preparation for the Fourth of July weekend, Assembly 1970 held a Flag Ceremony at The Legacy at Cimarron, an assisted living facility that has a large number of Veterans. Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Sergio Arellano (podium) served as Master of Ceremonies for the Flag Ceremony. (Photo: Sir Knight Scribe Joe O'Connor)

Veteran SK/Knight Grave Flag Plantings

On July 1, 2023, at Memorial Gardens of the Valley Cemetery, Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Chuy Perez saluted the flag at the grave of Sir Knight Alfonso Borunda (US Marine Corps Veteran) after planting that flag on Sir Knight Alfonso's grave. At Memorial Garden of the Valley Cemetery that day, Sir Knight Chuy also planted flags at the graves of Sir Knight Henry Gallegos Senior (US Navy Veteran) and Sir Knight Joseph Maresca (US Air Force Veteran). (Photo: Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Chuy Perez)



Sir Knight Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer (podium) led the recitation of Prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance at the Flag Ceremony. (Photo: SK PFN Sergio Arellano)



On July 4, 2023, at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Sergio Arellano stood by the grave of Council 6711 Knight Salvador Cortez (US Army Veteran) after planting a new flag to join others previously planted at the grave site. In addition, a flag was planted at the grave of Council 6711 Knight Luis Martinez Sr. (US Coast Guard Veteran). (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor (podium) read four poems as preduces to Prayers, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Declaration of Independence (which he read in full) and to the final song "God Bless America." Joe also introduced recordings of Whitney Houston who sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and Kate Smith who sang "God Bless America." (Photo: Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Sergio Arellano)

On July 4, 2023, at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor stood by the grave of Sir Knight Edward McCullough (US Army Veteran) after a flag was planted, joining the flags from previous flag plantings. That day, a total of 17 flags were planted on the graves of Veteran Sir Knights and Knights at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Sergio Arellano)



Assembly's Knights in Action



Installation of Assembly Officers



On July 15, 2023, before the Installation of Assembly Officers at Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Catholic Church Assembly 1970 Sir Knights posed for a picture (left to right): Wally Piatek, Marc Carrillo, JQ Quintanar, Paul Leenheer, Sergio Arellano and Joe O'Connor. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Before the Installation began, Sir Knight District 5 Master Giovanni Hyppolite (right) appointed Sir Knight Jesus Granado (left) as El Paso Diocesan Marshal. Sir Knight District Master Giovanni's District 5 included all Assemblies in the Dioceses of Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo (includes Midland-Odessa) and El Paso. Sir Knight Diocesan Marshal Jesus will assist Sir Knight District Master Giovanni in matters pertaining to El Paso Diocese Assemblies. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Before the Installation began, Sir Knight District Master Giovanni Hyppolite knighted OLA Deacon Wade Horsch as Sir Knight Diocesan Marshal Jesus Granado observed. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



After the Assembly Officer Jewels (medallions with red-white-and-blue ribbons) were blessed, each Officer position was called out with incumbents or proxies receiving their Jewels from the Faithful Navigators (FNs) (after the FN's received their own Jewels from the Diocesan Marshal) while the District Master read the Officers' duties and responsibilities. In the photo above, SK Faithful Inner Sentinel Marc Carrillo (left) had his Officer Jewel bestowed on him by SK Faithful Navigator JQ Quintanar (right) while SK Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek took a picture of it. (SK Joe O'Connor)



At the end of the Installation, all Assembly Officers raised their right hands and affirmed that they would faithfully carry out their assigned duties (left to right): Sir Knights Paul Leenheer, Luis Rojas, Marc Carrillo, John Danley, Sergio Arellano, Wally Piatek, and JQ Quintanar (second from right). (Photo: Susan Danley)



After the Installation, Officers of Assemblies 1113, 3944, and 1970 posed with Sir Knight District Master Giovanni Hyppolite (left) and Sir Knight Diocesan Marshal Jesus Granado (second from right). Assembly 1970 Officers were located generally on the right except for SK Sergio Arellano who placed himself in the center. (Photo: Susan Danley)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Rio Grande Council 14413 Empanada Production and Sale

On July 15, 2023 in the Queen of Peace Kitchen, Knight George Guebara kept two mixers busy making empanada batter. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



In the Queen of Peace Parish Hall, Rio Grande Council 14413 Knights assembled the fruit-filled empanadas (left to right): Jacob Cooksey, SK Tom Hicks, SK Bill Sutton, and Jesus Saenz. A total of 350 empanadas were made in 2 ½ hours. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



After the empanadas were baked and then cooled down, three empanadas each were placed into plastic bags. Bagging the empanadas in the Queen of Peace Parish Hall were (left to right): Sir Knight Jeffrey "Scooter" Fretland, Knight Jacob Cooksey, Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton, and Sir Knight Bill Sutton. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



On July 16, 2023, Rio Grande Council 14413 sold fruit-filled empanadas after the 11:00 and 1:00 Masses. The Council offered their empanadas with three fillings: apple, cherry and pineapple. Prepared to sell were Sir Knight Tom Hicks (left, also soliciting for the Wheelchair Fund) and Knight George Guebara. A total of 115 bags of empanadas (at \$5 per bag) were sold that day. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Empanada sales were brisk. Selling them to Queen of Peace Parishioners were (left to right): Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez, Knight Alan Cooksey, Knight George Guebara and Sir Knight Jeffrey "Scooter" Fretland. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



In addition to empanada sales, the Council solicited donations for the Wheelchair Fund. Knights on the sales team included (left to right): Alan Cooksey, George Guebara, Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez, and Sir Knight Jeffrey "Scooter" Fretland. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Rio Grande Council 14413 Pancake Breakfast



On July 16, 2023, Rio Grande Council 14413 offered a Pancake Breakfast. Working in the Queen of Peace Parish Kitchen were Knights (left to right): Adam Blessinger (pancakes and potato casserole), George Guebara (bacon), Jacob Cooksey (partially hidden) and Alan Cooksey preparing pancake batter. SK Joe O'Connor scrambled eggs. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Queen of Peace Parishioners enjoyed the Pancake Breakfast offered by Rio Grande Council 14413. Working the serving line were Knights Mark Phillips (left) and Patrick Muus (right). At the entrance to the Parish Hall (left background) three Sir Knights greeted Parishioners and took their money (left to right): Tom Hicks, Bill Sutton (hidden) and PGK Robert Valdiviez. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul West Side Food Distribution



Preparing for the July 19, 2023 Food Distribution, Sir Knight Leonel "Doc" Ortega (right) bagged hundreds of small potatoes, working with ten Franklin High School Volunteers. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Sam Gutierrez delivered fruits and vegetables at the July 19th Food Distribution on Side B in the Saint Luke Parking Lot. On that day, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank delivered 22 pallets of food that were broken down and passed out to 325 households. A total of four Sir Knights and three Knights supported the Food Distribution that day. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Rio Grande Council 14413 Coffee and Doughnuts Fellowship



After all Masses during the July 29-30, 2023 weekend, Rio Grande Council 14413 hosted get togethers for Queen of Peace Catholic Church Parishioners. The Council offered refreshments including coffee and doughnuts, lemonade, iced tea, water, cookies and snack packs. Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton (left in black shirt) manned the serving line while chatting with Parishioners. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Working the get togethers for Queen of Peace Catholic Church Parishioners to make new acquaintances were several Rio Grande Council 14413 Knights in red KofC vests (left to right in background): Sir Knight Jeffrey "Scooter" Fretland, Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez and Knight Alan Cooksey. Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton (partially hidden in black shirt) managed the get togethers. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)