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Faithful Navigator's Log

Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:

The Faithful Navigator's February Commentary Theme is "Assembly Sir Knights leave no 3rd Degree Brother Knight behind". Earlier, a 3rd Degree Knight and an El Paso Deacon petitioned Assembly 1970 to for endorsement as a 4th Degree Sir Knight through Exemplification. The Deacon's application was processed and an Exemplification date was set. However, on that date, due to *[continued on page 2]*

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez:

In January, Thunderbird Council 6711 had a very successful empanada sale *[see page 3]*. On February 19, the Council will host a meet and greet *[cont'd on page 2]*

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Doblado:

Franklin Mountains Council 12160 has kicked off its raffle ticket sales with five prizes ranging from \$100 to \$800. Drawing will be on April 23 *[continued on page 2]*

Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton: In January, Rio Grande Council 14413 hosted fellowship for parishioners with free refreshments, doughnuts and cookies in the Parish Hall. The *[cont'd on page 2]*

Council 17420 SK GK Alejandro Gamboa: San Francisco de Asis Council 17420 has cancelled its Valentine Dance schedule for February 11, 2023.

District Deputy's Desk

SK District Deputy John Danley: El Paso Knights are asked to support Migrant with Dignity, an initiative proposed and supported by Bishop Mark Seitz as a response to the current immigration situation. It is an effort in line with Pope Benedict's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* ("God Is Charity") that asserted there is a need for the Church to show God's love through works of charity to others *[see article on page 2]*. El Paso Knights who wish to volunteer need to be Virtus-certified. To become Virtus-certified, contact your Parish Office and the Parish Virtus Coordinator will contact you regarding the next training *[cont'd on page 2]*



"Creation of Adam," Fresco by Michelangelo, Painted c. 1508-1512 on Sistine Chapel Ceiling, Vatican City. (Photo: Dr. Jörg Bittner Unna, 2011)

Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: February is a month that we associate with expressing human love—to our sweetheart and other family members. Yet there is a love that transcends human love: God's love for each one of us. We may be amazed that God can love each of us as imperfect human beings, but those of us who are parents know that love for our children is unconditional—we love them even when they mess up! God as our Father is no different in his love for us and his love is unconditional and unending. (See *article on page 2.*) So not only on Valentine's Day but every day, remember to send God a spiritual thank-you for his everlasting love.

Prayer Thanking God for His Love

Holy and heavenly Father, I come to you today thanking you for your love. Your love is so pure and so true. It fills my heart with happiness and peace. Knowing that you love me unconditionally gives me the strength to face each day. Your love is what motivates me to be a better person. I strive to show Your divine love to others in everything I do. Thank you for giving me the greatest gift of all, your love. I will never take it for granted. I am eternally grateful. Amen.
<https://prayrs.org/divine-prayer-for-thanking-god/>

Faithful Navigator's Log [continued]

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: [cont'd] illness, the Deacon was unable to attend the ceremony. The Assembly made a request through the District Master, within our Chain of Command, that the 3rd Degree Deacon be awarded 4th Degree Sir Knight status via an Exemplification at another location by way of a live Electronic Virtual Attendance. This crusade resulted in the award to the 3rd Degree Deacon Knight the honor of the 4th Degree offer. As previously said, "Assembly Sir Knights will leave no 3rd Degree Brother Knight behind".

Grand Knights' Notes (Continued)

Council 6711 SK PFN GK Chuy Perez (cont'd): fellowship coffee and doughnuts in the Saint Matthew Parish Hall. During the six Fridays of Lent, excluding Good Friday, the Council will be offering fish fries from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Doblado (cont'd): after the 11 AM Mass. During Lent, the Council will be offering three fish fries on 2/24, 3/17 and 3/31.

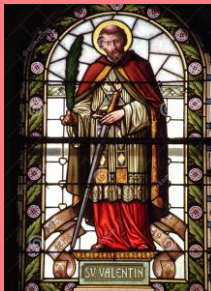
Council 14413 SK GK Dan Fenton (cont'd): Council is planning to offer six fish fires during Lent, including every Friday except Good Friday.

District Deputy's Desk (Continued)

SK District Deputy John Danley (cont'd): session. Grand Knights should lead this effort and have one of their Program Directors serve as coordinator and main Council contact person for the Diocese. To volunteer, go to www.915migrant.org and click "Serve". Show God's love through your works!

Who Was Saint Valentine?

Saint Valentine (Valentinus) was a third-century priest in the Roman empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was martyred and buried in a Christian cemetery on Via Flaminia in Rome in 269 AD on February 14, which was established as the Feast of Saint Valentine in 496 AD by Pope Gelasius I. The Catholic Encyclopedia mentions three different Saint Valentines in connection with February 14: One was a Roman Priest, another was the Bishop of Temi, and the third was martyred on the same day along with companions in the Roman Province of Africa. Arrested for evangelizing, Valentinus was sent to the Emperor Claudius III whom he tried to convert to Christianity. The Emperor condemned him to death. While waiting to be executed, Valentinus wrote a note to a girl whose blindness he had cured. The note was signed "from your Valentine" which is said to have "inspired today's romantic missives."



God's Love for Us



God's Love: Unchanging, Unending, Unconditional!
(© Andrew Womack Ministries, 2019)

"God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him" (1 John 4:16, New American Bible (Revised Edition)). God's love for us was the subject of the late Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* ("God Is Charity"). The first part of Pope Benedict's encyclical dealt with God's love while the second part addressed love of neighbor; hence, there is need for the Church to show God's love through works of charity to others. Pope Benedict noted that "there is a certain relationship between love and the Divine; love promises infinity, eternity—a reality far greater and totally other than our everyday existence." He also noted that the *Shema*, a fundamental prayer of the Israelites, implies that "God loves man" and that He "loves with a personal love." Pope Benedict pointed out Old Testament events that showed "God's passionate love for his people—for humanity—is at the same time a forgiving love." Pope Benedict then turned to the New Testament where Jesus Christ is "the incarnate love of God" and that Christ's death on the Cross "is the culmination of that God turning against himself in which he gives himself in order to raise man up and save him. This is love in its most radical form. By contemplating the pierced side of Christ (cf. 19:37), we can understand the starting point of this Encyclical Letter: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8)." Pope Benedict concluded Part I of his Encyclical by stating: "Love is "divine" because it comes from God and unites us to God; through this unifying process it makes us a "we" and transcends our divisions and makes us one, until in the end God is "all in all" (1 Cor 15:28)." In his general audience on June 14, 2017, Pope Francis said "God's first step towards us is that of an anticipated and unconditional love. God loves first." He also stated "God loves us because He Himself is love, and love tends to spread and gives by its nature. God does not even tie his benevolence to our conversion; if anything this is a consequence of God's love."

Assembly's Knights in Action

Council 6711 Empanada Sale



On January 14-15, 2023, Thunderbird Council 6711 sold 1,800 empanadas after all Masses at Saint Matthew Church. Selling the empanadas were Knights (left to right): Rudy Garcia, Gerry O'Brien, SK Robert Mota and Adam Muñoz. (Photo: SK Inner Sentinel Marc Carrillo)

Assembly 1970 Earned Civic Award

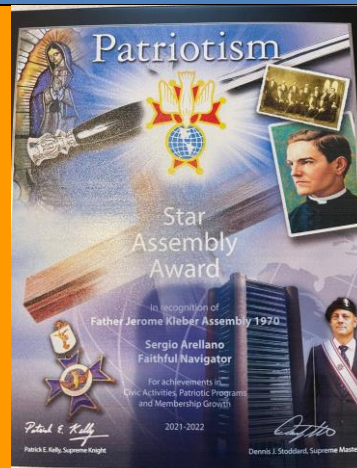
At the Assembly's meeting on January 16, 2023, Sir Knight District 5 Master Giovanni Hyppolite (left) presented Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar (right) with the Civic Award for Fraternal Year (FY) 2021-2022. The Civic Award was for completion of four varied Patriotic Projects: three flag ceremonies at a veterans retirement home for the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day weekends, Veteran SK/Knight grave flag plantings on those three days, sponsorship of four active-duty soldiers at Council 12160's Golf Outing, and a Patriotic Essay Contest for St. Matthew School students. (Photo: SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



FY 2021-2022 Star Assembly Award Presented to Assembly 1970



On January 16, 2023, Sir Knight District 5 Master Giovanni Hyppolite (left) presented the Star Assembly Award to Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar (right) for FY 2021-2022. (Photo: SK FS Joe O'Connor)



Assembly 1970 earned the Star Assembly Award (left) for completing four varied Patriotic Projects (Civic Award), entering one of them to the To Be a Patriot Award contest, submitting several reports in a timely manner, achieving the Fraternal Year 2021-2022 recruiting goal of six new Sir Knights, and publishing a monthly newsletter for the Assembly's Sir Knights. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

2023 March for Life in Las Cruces

On January 28, the 2023 March for Life was held in Las Cruces, NM. The March began with a Rally in Plaza de Las Cruces, attended by several hundred people from Las Cruces, other



parts of New Mexico, and El Paso. About a dozen El Paso Knights were seen, including Knights on Bikes and several Sir Knights who attended the Pro-Life Holy Hour later on at Our Lady of Assumption Church in El Paso [see page 5]. Pro-abortion protestors mingled with the crowd holding their posters, some of which were obscene. (Photo: Sir Knight FS Joe O'Connor)

Taking the stage at the March for Life Rally, Bishop Mark Seitz gave a stirring speech about how abortion diminishes the personhood of women in our society. Bishop Seitz was followed by Kelly Lester, a former abortion



worker, who said that the "saddest place on earth" was the abortion center's recovery room filled with women who regretted their abortions. Leading the March for Life, Bishop Seitz was joined by Las Cruces Bishop Peter Baldacchino, several Priests and Christian Pastors. (There was no Fourth Degree Color Guard as in past-year El Paso Marches for Life.) (Photo: SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

Assembly's Knights in Action

2023 March for Life in Las Cruces (Continued)



After the Rally at Plaza de Las Cruces concluded, the March for Life began, led by the clergy present. The March for Life did not receive a parade permit from the City of Las Cruces, so the marchers had to use the sidewalks. (Shown above was the end of the marchers; front was 2 blocks ahead). (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

First stop on the March was the Las Cruces City Hall (to left of the picture). The marchers stopped on the City Hall's front sidewalk to pray. Marchers heard the pray-



ers by listening to an audio conference line that they called in using their cellphones. (The clergy leaders were in the far right group in the picture above. Approximately four fifths of the marchers were shown in foreground and background.) Knights, mostly from El Paso, served as road guards for the March. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



The remaining one fifth of the marchers are shown next to the front entrance of Las Cruces' City Hall. In addition to not granting the March a parade permit, there were no police officers seen throughout the March, unlike El Paso Marches for Life in past years. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



As the marchers approached the nearby abortion center, one young woman was seen dressed in Antifa-style black, standing on a car next to the marchers' sidewalk. She did not bother the marchers. Fortunately, she was the only Antifa-dressed person the marchers faced.

CatholicVote.org has reported that at least 80 pregnancy resource centers and pro-life groups have been attacked and vandalized since a draft Supreme

Court opinion overturning Roe v. Wade was leaked in early May. Such attacks have continued. The only arrests made so far were in Florida. There, a man and woman were arrested for three of these attacks. The woman's social media accounts showed an affiliation with Antifa. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

Full Circle Health Center is one of three abortion providers in Las Cruces, NM. New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham plans to spend \$10 million of NM taxpayers' money to fund the construction of a fourth abortion center for Las Cruces. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



The last of the marchers walked past the abortion center where over a dozen pro-abortion supporters were holding signs. The pro-abortion supporters appeared to be college students. The marchers returned to the Plaza de Las Cruces where prizes were given out to the best homemade signs promoting the Pro-Life Movement. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



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Pro-Life Holy Hour at Our Lady of Assumption Church



On January 28, 2023, at Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Church, SK District 9 Deputy John Danley (center) carried the Silver Rose up to the altar, with the Honor Guard saluting as it passed. Assembly 1970's SKs Chuy Perez (left, first) and Joe O'Connor (right, third) served in the Honor Guard. (Photo: SK Oscar Villalva)



After the Procession, the Holy Hour began with the Rosary. After each Decade, the Honor Guard replaced its Sentinels. Here the Honor Guard saluted the Silver Rose and the Host displayed in the Monstrance during the changing of the guard. SK Father Mark Salas, OLA Pastor, knelt behind the farthest right SK. (Photo: SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)



SKs FS Joe O'Connor (left) and PFN Chuy Perez (right) stood guard over the Silver Rose while a Rosary Decade was recited. (Photo: Sir Knight Oscar Villalva)



Following his Homily, Sir Knight Father Mark Salas, Our Lady of Assumption Pastor (holding censor), concluded Holy Hour with Benediction. Sir Knights stood ready to serve as Honor Guard for the Recessional. (Photo: Sir Knight Oscar Villalva)

Like they did for the Procession, Sir Knights formed an Honor Guard for the Recessional and saluted the three Priests and Deacon involved in the Holy Hour. (Photo: Susan Danley)



All Sir Knights participating in the Holy Hour Fallout posed with the Silver Rose. Some Sir Knights included District 5 Master Giovanni Hyppolite (top row far left), District 9 Deputy John Danley (at top next to Crucifix), Father Mark Salas (clerical garb), Diocesan Marshal Jesus Carrasco (just right of Fr. Mark), Oscar Villalva (brown coat at top), PFN Chuy Perez (first row, second from right), and FS Joe O'Connor (first row, far right). (Photo: Sir Knight FS Joe O'Connor)