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Faithful Navigator's Log

Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:

With 2023 ending, please let us reflect upon existing war conflicts and how it affects conflicts throughout the World: Statically reported by [continued on page 2]

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez:

Thunderbird Council 6711 sold 300 dozen empanadas and plans to do the same, along with menudo, in January. The Council assembled and distributed 350+ Christmas Baskets to the Area's needy. In early January, the Council will also be providing a spaghetti dinner for, and issue certificates of appreciation to, altar servers.

Council 10788 Grand Knight Santiago Ogeda:

Shepherd of the Valley Council 10788 had nothing to report.

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Chavarria:

Franklin Mountains Council 12160 held a Coats for Kids event at Charlie Clark Nissan and distributed 250 coats to Canutillo elementary and high school students. The Council supported Saint Luke's Posada by setting up and ushering that event. Finally, the Council had a Christmas party for Knights and their guests.

Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton:

Rio Grande Council 14413 hosted fellowships for Parishioners after all Masses on one weekend. In January, the Council will host a Holiday Party, conduct a Wheelchair Fund event and host another fellowship after all Masses.

Council 17420 SK Grand Knight Eric Zubia: San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 prepared food for 250 migrants, provided after-school food for children in Ciudad Juarez, and provided 83 blankets to a Church school in Ciudad Juarez. In January, the Council will conduct a food drive for needy families.

Assistant Diocesan Deputy's Desk

SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy John Danley:

As we celebrate Christmas with family, friends and our fellow Brothers, I am reminded of the message Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly shared at the [continued on page 2]



During the period March 21-25, 1965, the non-violent Civil Rights movement, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (right of man in white shirt and tie), marched from Selma to the Alabama Capitol, Montgomery. This march, which followed two others that encountered acts of violence against the marchers, was protected the by Federalized Alabama National Guard. The Federal holiday honoring Dr. King will be observed this year on Monday, January 15, 2024.

Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: The American Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, led by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., had a profound impact on American Society. The Movement encountered much violence against it by people who were truly racist (a term today callously used by some against people with whom they disagree). The Movement never resorted to violence yet accomplished their goal of equal opportunity for all Americans, manifested in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. The Civil Rights Movement risked much and some lost their lives in the belief that "all men are created equal." We can wistfully look back at this Movement and wish today that current social movements would be non-violent and are based on the moral principles that reflect that

WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN!



Faithful Navigator's Log (Continued)

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: *[continued]*

Russo and Ukraine War news sources there are now over 10,000 casualties, with the death count rising as other Nations join in the conflict to support the war. Conflict also creates anger in the Family and especially in the workplace, where coworkers discuss personal and political views with each other. Our prayers to God must request unconditional love towards a neighbor, family member or a co-work. Jesus was clear when He said, one of the greatest commands I can give to you is **love thy neighbor as yourself.** Relevant to this discussion is a brilliant statement once made by President John F. Kennedy **on conflict** when he said, "Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind."

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

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

Supreme Convention: Great works of Charity performed by the Knights must be matched with great works of Faith. The Knights must be very deliberate about Faith formation and forming Catholic men – and the Knights have the reach into tens of thousands of Parishes. How can this be achieved? Through the Cor program. To get started, visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/who-we-are/our-faith/cor/11500-startup-guide.pdf>.



Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

Dr. King was a Baptist minister who was inspired by his Christian beliefs and the non-violent activism of Mahatma Gandhi to lead the peaceful resistance against racial discrimination in the United States. His father, Michael King, was the pastor at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. In 1934 during a trip to Germany, King, Sr. was so impressed by the history of Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther that he changed not only his own name, but the name of his five-year-old son Michael. King Jr. graduated from Morehouse College at the age of 19 and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1951 (age 22). In 1955 he earned a Doctorate of Systematic Theology from Boston University. In 1954, at the age of 25, he became the pastor of a Baptist church in Montgomery, Alabama. In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat and was arrested, leading to the Montgomery Bus Boycott which lasted for 385 days and ended with a Federal Court ruling ending racial segregation on all Montgomery public buses. Dr. King's life was threatened several times, he was arrested once, and his home was firebombed. Due to his role in the bus boycott, he became a national figure and best-known spokesman for the Civil Rights Movement. At the request of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he moved back to Atlanta and served until his death as the Assistant Pastor (his father was the Pastor) of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. In addition to his 1963 March on Washington and his 1965 March on Montgomery, Dr. King was involved in many other Civil Rights activities. He was present in the Oval Office when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. In 1968, in one of his many Civil Rights activities, he went to Memphis, Tennessee to support Black sanitary public works employees in their quest for higher wages and better treatment. On April 4, 1968, Dr. King was assassinated by James Earl Ray as he stood on the second-floor balcony of the motel at which he was staying.

I HAVE A DREAM



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

On August 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and before a crowd of 250,000 people, Dr. King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, a portion of which is to the right.

Excerpt from "I Have a Dream"

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

Assembly's Knights in Action



Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Coats for Kids



On December 1, 2023 at Charlie Clark Nissan, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 held its annual Coats for Kids event for Canutillo School District elementary school children who were designated as needy by their teachers. Getting prepared were (left to right) SK Armando Uranga, Yoli Uranga, Martha Silva, Knight Manny Silva, SK Gus Erler, SK GK Mike Chavarria and SK PGK Mike Doblado. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



While they waited, the school children had entertainment, music and food. The children were called out by name (as they had been pre-measured for coat size) and each picked up a stuffed animal, coat (large bag) and knit cap and gloves (small bag). Greeting one child and distributing the above items to him were (left to right) Sir Knight Gus Erler, Sir Knight Armando Uranga, Yoli Uranga, and Martha Silva. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Upon receiving their stuffed animal, coat (large bag) and knit cap and gloves (small bag) from (left to right) SK Armando Uranga, Yoli Uranga, and Martha Silva, SKs Gus Erler and Paul Richeson guided the children to Santa Claus for a picture with him (SK Joe O'Connor)

The school children with their new winter items were directed toward Santa (SK Paul Leenheer). Helping guide the children were SK GK Mike Chavarria (center) and Knight Manny Silva (right). Coats were issued to 147 school children at the dealership while 103 more coats were given to middle and high school children at their schools. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Each child sat on Santa's lap for his or her picture, clutching their new coat, knit cap, gloves and stuffed animal. Santa was played by Sir Knight Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer, who has played Santa at several annual Coats for Kids events. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Meanwhile, outside the dealership building, three bouncy houses were set up to entertain the school children. Sir Knight Jorge Andazola (right) supervised the bouncy houses. Here Sir Knight Jorge went over the Coats for Kids schedule with a Canutillo school teacher. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul West Side Food Distribution



On December 6, 2023 in the upper section of the Saint Luke Parking Lot where hundreds of vehicles were lined up, Sir Knight Dr. Fernando Jimenez registered one of the Food Distribution recipients. SK Fernando worked from 6 to 8 AM, then went off to UTEP to teach his Marketing classes. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Before the start, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Financial Secretary and Food Distribution Manager Ed Ehbar (left) coordinated with Sir Knight Gus Erler (center) and Thunderbird Council 6711 Knight Gerry O'Brien (right). The Food Distribution gave out 35 pallets of food to 467 households that day. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Thunderbird Council 6711 Christmas Baskets Assembly



During the period December 11-16, Thunderbird Council 6711 assembled 350 Christmas Baskets in the Saint Matthew Dining Hall. From left to right, a Cathedral HS student filled bags of rice, Knights Gilbert Estrada (hat) and John Slape (blue shirt) filled bags of oranges while Volunteers Robert Chavera (dark shirt) and Dolores Chavera filled bags of apples. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Coronado HS students (left) filled bags of beans while supervised by Knight Joe Mrozinski (dark vest). Knight John Slape (blue shirt) brought out more boxes of apples for bagging while Knight Gerry O'Brien surveyed the operations. Hundred-pound bags of rice and beans were emptied into containers and then scooped into two-pound bags of rice and five-pound bags of beans. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



The bags of rice, beans, apples and oranges were then boxed up separately until the 350+ Christmas Baskets could be filled. On the left side from left to right Knights James Barela, Joe Mrozinski and Gerry O'Brien ensured the boxes were properly filled, and on the far right Knight John Slape waited to bring more boxes of apples and oranges to be bagged by adult Volunteers. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Left: Sir Knight Faithful Friar Father Astry Deraly (right) discussed the operations with Knight Thomas Michael (left). Right: One of 350+ Christmas Basket complete boxes assembled by the Council. The Council distributed the Christmas Basket boxes to Catholic Churches in La Union, NM, Canutillo, TX, and Westway, TX, so that they, in turn, could give the food to needy area families. (Photos: Left-SK FC/S Joe O'Connor, Right-SK Grand Knight PFN Chuy Perez)



Assembly's Knights in Action

Queen of Peace Security



Every Monday afternoon from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., September to December, Rio Grande Council 14413 Knight Jesus "Jesse" Saenz has performed security at the Queen of Peace Parish Center for 300 first-through sixth-grade students attending various religious classes, e.g., First Communion, Conformation. Knight Jesse monitored the arrival and departure of students and safeguarded them while they were there. (Photo: Knight Jesse Saenz)

Saint Luke Posada



On December 15, 2023, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 set up and ushered the Saint Luke Posada in the Parish Hall. Council Knights involved included (left to right) Frank Gandara, SK Paul Leenheer, Mark Byers, SK GK Mike Chavarria, St. Luke Pastor SK Father Ed Carpenter, Feliciano Sol and SK Armando Uranga. (Photo: SK GK Mike Chavarria)

Council 6711 Empanada Sales



During the December 16-17, 2023 weekend after all Masses at St. Matthew, Thunderbird Council 6711 sold 300 dozen empanadas to Parishioners. Selling the empanadas were SK Adrian Muñoz (2nd from right) and Knight Rudy Garcia (right). (Photo: SK GK Chuy Perez)

Council 12160 Christmas Party

On December 16, 2023, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 held its Christmas Party at Great American Steakburger. Thirty-one Knights and their guests attended the Party. Sir Knight Leonel "Doc" Ortega (left), and his granddaughter Arlette (center) attended, as did Council Financial Secretary Ed Ehrbar (right). (Photo: Knight Ed Ehrbar)



Fallout for Sir Knight Father Fidel Cervantes: Vigil and Rosary



On December 19, 2023, there was a Vigil and Rosary for Sir Knight Father Fidel Cervantes at Sunset Funeral Home East. For the Rosary's First Decade (and later Fifth Decade), District Marshal (DMar) Jesus Granado (center) posted District Master (DMstr) Giovanni Hyppolite (left) and Diocesan Deputy (DD) Art Aguirre (right) next to SK Father Fidel's casket. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



The 10 Sir Knights who made the Fallout gathered for a photo after the Rosary (left to right, Assembly number in parantheses): CCC Frank Ortiz (1113), Joe O'Connor (1970), DMar Jesus Grenado (1113), ADD John Danley (1113), Efrain Ruiz (3944), DMstr Giovanni Hyppolite (1113), Our Lady of Assumption Pastor Father Mark Salas (1113), DD Art Aguirre (2968), FN Luis Ortiz (3944) and Aubrey Semien (3944). (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)