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Faithful Navigator's Log

Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: In June, the Faithful Navigator's written commentary emphasizes asking all Catholics to dedicate this month to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To ask the devoted to show absolute veneration and gratitude to the merciful heart of Jesus for His unconditional love towards humanity. Religiously, I am asking that we pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to ask Him specially to bring about peace to the world. War has taken far too many lives of innocent victims in foreign lands. [continued on page 2]

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez: In May, Thunderbird Council 6711 sold empanadas and grilled hot dogs and hamburgers after [cont'd on page 2] Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Doblado: In May, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 completed a lucrative raffle and offered a bake sale (donations only) with coffee. The Council was awarded [cont'd on page 2] Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton: Rio Grande Council 14413 supported the May 6-7 Health Fair (see page 3) by offering nachos, hot dogs and hamburgers. The Council committed [cont'd on page 2] Council 17420 SK GK Alejandro Gamboa: San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 is currently holding elections for its Fraternal Year 2023-2024 officers.

District Deputy's Desk

SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy and District 9
Deputy John Danley: The Knights of Columbus is launching a new initiative, Cor: Catholic Men's Fellowship. For more information on Cor (=Heart in Latin), see https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/knights-launch-initiative-to-bring-men-to-heart-of-christ/. Please try to start the Cor program in your Assembly and Councils. Council SP-7s are due June 30 but don't wait until then because they are required to earn Star Council. The Texas State Council recognized the great turnout from El Paso at the Texas State Convention. Sir Knight Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre expressed [cont'd on page 2]



The Feast of the Holy Trinity is June 4. This Holy Trinity mosaic is located at the Trinity Dome, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. (Photo: Jim Rode, Friday Night Art, 2018)

Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: The Sunday after Pentecost is the Feast of the Holv Trinity. One of the core beliefs of true Christians is that there are three Persons in one God. While the perception is that God the Father dominates the Old Testament and that God the Son, Jesus, is all over the New Testament (and the Old Testament as well, as will be covered in the November 2023 issue), the Holy Spirit is often acknowledged in passing. (The Holy Spirit is a "He" not an "It".) However, beginning with the second verse of the Bible (Genesis 1:2), the Holy Spirit is mentioned throughout the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testaments, all of the Prophets were inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). In fact, the Prophet Joel prophesized the Pentecost (Joel 3:1-2) as St. Peter noted on that day (Acts 2:16-18). When Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descended upon him (Mark 1:10). Read the page 2 article for more information about the Holy Spirit.

Faithful Navigator's Log (Continued)

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: [continued] Patriotically, June is a powerful month where Patriotism is then openly shown by Patriotic Americans on June 14th. This specific day is known as National Flag Day in the United States. By tradition, this holiday allows this nation to commemorate the sanctioned adoption of the United States flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777. Lastly and most importantly, this day allows us to remember those who fought in wars or conflicts to protect our religious and personal freedoms here in the United States of America.

Grand Knights' Notes (Continued)

Council 6711 SK PFN GK Chuy Perez: (cont'd) the last Confirmation Class at Saint Matthew Parish.

Council 12160 SK GK Mike Doblado: (continued) the St. John Paul II Charity Award by the Texas State Deputy for its 25 straight years of donations to Texas State Charities (see bottom of page 4). Planning for the October Golf Outing continued.

Council 14413 SK GK Dan Fenton: (continued) \$5,000 toward the construction of a Memorial to the Unborn to be located at the Queen of Peace Grotto. The Council is planning to hold a car wash/menudo and breakfast burrito sale in the near future.

District Deputy's Desk (Continued)

SK District Deputy John Danley: *(continued)*His appreciation for the Sir Knights and Knights who attended. I was impressed by the great showing of the El Paso delegation. Thanks for a great Fraternal Year!

Come Holy Spirit





Come, Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful,

and enkindle in us the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created,

and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen.



Holy Spirit (www.catholicsun.org)

As one of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit is co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son. He is the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ. The Holy Spirit has been described as a mighty wind (Genesis 1:2, Acts 2:2). After His Resurrection. Jesus breathed on His disciples and said "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 21:22). The Holy Spirit has had physical manifestations as a dove (Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22)—represented in the Fourth Degree symbol—and as tongues of fire (Acts 2:3-4). Even with all of these appearances, Christians have difficulty seeing the Holy Spirit as a Person. Yet He has a mind (Romans 8:27), has a will (1 Corinthians 12:11), has emotions (Isaiah 63:10), gives joy to others (Luke 10:21), teaches others (John 14:26), testifies of Christ (John 15:26), convicts (John 16:8), leads (Romans 8:14), reveals Truth (John 16:13), strengthens and encourages (Acts 9:31), comforts (John 14:16), helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us (Romans 8:26), searches for the Things of God (1 Corinthians 2:11), sanctifies (Romans 15:16), bears witness (Romans 8:16), and forbids (Acts 16:6-7). The Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of true believers (John 14:17). Throughout the Gospels we see many of the main actors filled with the Holy Spirit: Elizabeth, Zechariah, John, Jesus, Peter, Stephen, as examples. Jesus' last words to His Apostles before he ascended into Heaven were: "... you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In his homily at the 2015 Pentecost Mass, Pope Francis said the Scriptures assure Christians that the Holy Spirit continues to be at work in the Church and in the world doing what Jesus promised the Spirit would do: "he guides us into all the truth, he renews the face of the earth, and he gives us his fruits."

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Queen of Peace Health Fair



On May 5, 2023, 12 Queen of Peace (QoP) Vincentians and one spouse set up tables and chairs for 80 healthcare vendors, 43 in the Parish Hall and 37 in adjoining classrooms, as well as tables for attendees to rest and eat food provided by Rio Grande Council 14413. Sir Knight Joe O'Connor (left) is the SVdP QoP Conference President. (Photo: Rick Mojica)



On May 6, 2023, Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka, Queen of Peace (QoP) Catholic Church Pastor, opened the first annual QoP Heath Fair in the QoP Parish Hall. Everything at the Health Fair was free, including vaccinations, screening, information and presentations. Many QoP Parishioners, their neighbors and friends attended the weekend Health Fair. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



At the entrance to the Health Fair, attendees picked up a sheet listing all 80 healthcare vendors to be eligible for door prize drawings. In background to right of SK Joe O'Connor (left center), Rio Grande Council 14413 was grilling in the courtyard. (Photo: SK Tim Sievek)



On May 6, 2023, SK Joe O'Connor (center), SVdP QoP Conference President, directed an attendee to a classroom where Immunize El Paso offered free vaccinations. To the right of SK Joe was Frank Gutsch, previous SVdP QoP Conference President. (Photo: Sir Knight Tim Sievek)



On May 6; 2023 Council 14413 Knights (left to right) Joe Palomo, Alan Cooksey and SK PGK Robert Valdiviez grilleed tasty hamburgers and hot dogs for Health Fair attendees. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



On May 7, 2023, Councl 14413 Knights continued to prepare hamburgers, hotdogs and nachos for Health Fair attenddees (left to right): SK Tim Sievek, SK Tom Hicks, Eddie Urquiza and Eric Geedy. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



2023 Texas State Convention







On May 6, 2023 in Dallas, TX, two Assembly 1970 Sir Knights, PFN Sergio Arellano (left) and Elais Rodriguez (right), met up with Sir Knight Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre at the 2023 Texas State Convention. (Photo: Sir Knight DD John Danley)



On May 6, 2023 at the Texas State Convention, El Paso Sir Knights got together (left to right): District Master Giovani Hyppolite, Faithful Navigator Father Mark Salas, Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Pastor, and Council 12697 (OLA) Deputy Grand Knight Robert Aranda. (Photo: SK DD John Danley)



On May 6, 2023 after the Mass, District Masters formed up for a Eucharistic Procession. Sir Knight District 5 Master Giovani Hyppolite (center) lined up with his fellow DMs. (Photo: SK DD John Danley)

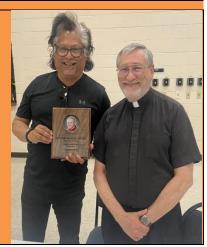


On May 6, 2023 after the Mass, Color Corps Commanders (CCCs) formed up for a Eucharistic Procession. SK CCC Jesus Granado lined up with his fellow CCCs. (Photo: Sir Knight District Deputy John Danley)

On May 5, 2023 at the Texas State Convention, Sir Knight **District 9 Deputy John** Danley (center) accepted the St. John Paul II 25 Year **Charity Award for Franklin Mountains Council 12160.** Beth Frugé (left) and her husband Sir Knight State **Deputy Terry Frugé (right)** presented the Award to Sir **Knight DD John as Council** 12160 members had not yet arrived at the Convention. (Photo: Sir Knight District **Deputy John Danley)**



On May 11, 2023, Sir Knight **DD John Danley presented Franklin Mountains Council** 12160 with its St. John Paul II 25 Year Charity Award for the Council's 25 straight years of contributing to Texas State Charities. Accepting the Award was Sir **Knight Council 12160 Grand Knight Mike Doblado (left)** and Sir Knight Father Ed Carpenter (right), Saint Luke **Catholic Church Pastor.** (Photo: Sir Knight District **Deputy John Danley)**



Patriotic Essay Contest Awards Ceremony at Saint Matthew School



On May 11, 2023, in the Saint Matthew School Library, Sir Knight FN Jesus Quintanar congratulated a student who entered the Assembly's 2023 Patriotic Essay Contest and gave her a Certificate of Achievement while Sir Knights PFN Chuy Perez (left) and Joe O'Connor (right) looked on. (Photo: SK Paul Leenheer)

Sir Knight PFN Chuy Perez, also Grand Knight of St. Matthew's Thunderbird Council 6711, presented a Certificate of Achievement to a sixth-grader at Saint Matthew School. The Patriotic Essays submitted by 54 students from the 6th-8th grades presented the pros and cons of the Electoral College and argued whether it should be abolished or retained.



The 54 essays were graded by Sir Knights Efren Meza and Joe O'Connor using a standardized rubric that followed the guidelines contained in a contest flyer given to the students in December 2022. Observing were Sir Knightds Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar (left) and Joe O'Connor (right). (Photo: Sir Knight Paul Leenheer)



Sir Knight Faithful Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer congratulated another student essayist and gave her a Certificate of Achievement. The 54 extracurricular essays submitted were distributed evenly across the three grades under the guidance of Ms. Oriana Pfeil, Grade 6-8 English Language Arts Teacher. (Photo: Evelyn Quintanar)



The 54 Saint Matthew School essayists posed with Ms. Oriana Pfeil (front), their Grade 6-8 English Language Arts Teacher, along with Sir Knights (front left to right) Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor, Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar, Past Faithful Navigator Chuy Perez, and Faithful Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer. The students were very polite and extremely well-behaved. (Photo: Evelyn Quintanar)



The three winners of the Patriotic Essay Contest, along with their Teacher, held up their framed Certificates of Award (left to right: grade): Ms. Oriana Pfeil, Grade 6-8 English Language Arts Teacher; Miguel Selbach (8th) — 1st Place (\$100 gift card); Genevieve Wieland (7th) — 2nd Place (\$75 gift card); and Noelle Bombach (8th) — 3rd Place (\$50 gift card). (Photo: Evelyn Quintanar)



On May 15, before the monthly Assembly meeting in the St. Matthew Dining Hall, a reception was held for the Patriotic Essay Contest winners and their parents. Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar gave the winners gift cards that he personally donated that equalled original award amounts. The reception was enjoyed by the winners, their families and the Sir Knights present. (Photo: Sir Knight FS Joe O'Connor)

Memorial Day Patriotic Projects

Flag Ceremony@Legacy at Cimarron

On May 26, 2023, at The Legacy at Cimarron, the Assembly held a Flag Ceremony. SK PFN Sergio Arellano (left background) led the Ceremony, followed by SK FN JQ Quintanar (podium) who said prayers and later remarks. SK Paul Leenheer (right background) led the Pledge of Allegiance. Many of the residents attending were Veterans. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Veteran SK/Knight Grave Flag Plantings

On May 29, 2023 at Mt. Carmel Cemtery, SK Joe O'Connor (left) presented SK District Master Giovani Hyppolite with several VFW/KofC poppies that SK PFN Sergio Arellano had obtained. SK District Master Giovanni was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery for the Diocesan Memorial Day Mass while SKs Joe and Sergio were there to plant flags on the graves of two Veteran Knights buried there. (Photo: SK PFN Sergio Arellano)





After Dr. Charles Leinberger, Professor of Music, The University of Texas at El Paso (left background), played the Star Spangled Banner on his bugle, Sir Knight Joe O'Connor (podium) read four poems regarding fallen soldiers, while Sir Knights FN JQ Quintanar and Paul Leenheer (right background) listened. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Sergio Arellano)



On May 29, 2023 at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Sir Knight Joe O'Connor planted a flag at the grave of Veteran Knight Luis Martinez Sr. (US Coast Guard). Meanwhile, at Memorial Gardens of the Valley Cemetery, Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Ruben Gallegos (not pictured) planted flags on the graves of three Veteran Sir Knights, Alfonso Borunda (US Marine Corps), Joseph Maresca (US Air Force) and Henry Gallegos Sr. (US Navy). On Memorial Day 2023, Assembly 1970 planted a flags on the graves of 22 Veteran Sir Knights and Knights. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Faithful **Navigator Sergio Arellano)**



After the four poems were read (the last one about hearing Taps), the Flag Ceremony concluded when Dr. Charles Leinberger (left) played Taps on his bugle, while Sir Knights (left to right) PFN Sergio Arellano, FN JQ Quintanar and Paul Leenheer saluted. The residents thanked the Sir Knights for their Flag Ceremony and said that they had enjoyed it. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

On Memorial Day at **Fort Bliss National** Cemetery, (left-right) SK Jorge Andazola, and his sons Nicholas and Alexander, SK PFN Sergio Arellano and SK Joe O'Connor planted a flag at the grave of SK Peter Tovar (US Army), who passed away in September 2022. A total of of 17 flags were planted by them on the graves of Veteran SKs/Knights at that cemtery. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

