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Sir Knights of Father Jerome Kleber Assembly 1970

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Faithful Navigator's Log

SK Faithful Navigator Sergio Arellano: Brother Sir Knights, Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. Lent offers us an opportunity to repent for our sins and turn back to our truest selves in Christ. As we repent, it makes us feel bad about ourselves, but that is what brings us life rather than diminishes our spirit. On March 6th, we will offer a Memorial Mass for deceased *[continued on page 2]*

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez: Thunderbird Council 6711 held their pancake breakfast and empañada sale on February 20th in the Saint Matthew Dining Hall. *[continued on page 2]*

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Albert Gonzalez: Franklin Mountains Council 12160 will be offering Fish Fries on March 11 and 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Saint Luke Parish Hall.

Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Butch Francisco: On February 19th, Rio Grande Council 14413 provided free pancake breakfasts *[continued on page 2]*

Council 17420 Grand Knight Raul Carrillo: San Francisco de Asís Council 17420's Valentine's Dance on February 11th was enjoyed *[cont'd on page 2]*

Assistant Diocesan Deputy's Desk

SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy Roman Bustillos: The KofC Texas State Convention will be held April 29 to May 1 in Corpus Christi. You can register here: https://www.tkofc.org/blog/2022/texas-state-council-annual-state-convention-april-30th-may-2.

Memorial Mass
For Deceased Priests, Sir Knights and Knights
Sunday, March 6, 2022
9:40 AM (Precedes 10:00 AM Mass)
Saint Matthew Church

Pope Francis receives ashes from Cardinal Jozef Tomko at Ash Wednesday Mass at the Basilica of Santa Sabina in Rome on February 26, 2020. Lent this year starts on March 2. (Photo: Cristian Gennari/Catholic News Service)

Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: This month's theme is the Penitential Season of Lent. How Lent and its signature practices, Ash Wednesday and Stations of the Cross, evolved over time are addressed in an article on page 2. Lent is a time a lot us give up things. On Ash Wednesday 2017, Pope Francis suggested a different kind of fasting:

- *Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.*
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
- *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- *Fast from worries and have trust in God.*
- *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.*
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.*
- *Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

May your Lenten preparations enhance your joy at Jesus' Resurrection this Easter!

Faithful Navigator's Log *[continued]*

SK Faithful Navigator Sergio Arellano: *[continued]* Priests, Sir Knights and Knights. It is an ancient Catholic tradition that helps souls on their way to heaven. Saint Ambrose exhorted the faithful by preaching, "We have loved them during life, let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the House of the Lord." To have a Mass for the repose of the soul of someone who has passed away is a comforting expression of faith and love. We have also completed our first raffle fundraiser for the Assembly that turned out well and collected funds to support seminarians and purchase memorial chalices for deceased Sir Knights. *Sir Knights, may God's grace be with you all! Vivat Jesus!*

Grand Knights' Notes *[continued]*

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez: *[continued]* Council 6711 will offer Fish Fries from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Matthew Parish Hall on every Friday in Lent except Good Friday.

Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Butch Francisco: *[continued]* to 100 Confirmation Retreat attendees (82 candidates [high school sophomores] and 18 staff) at the Queen of Peace Parish Hall. Council 14413 will be offering Fish Fry Dinners on every Friday in Lent except Good Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Queen of Peace Parish Hall

Council 17420 Grand Knight Raul Carrillo: *[continued]* by all who attended. It will be presented again next year. Council 17420 will offer two Fish Fry Dinners during Lent, dates to be determined.

Assembly 1970 Raffle

The Assembly's fundraiser for Seminarians and Memorial Chalices culminated with raffle drawings on February 27, 2022. Raffle winners were:

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Statue:
  Marylynn Piatek
  Saint Luke Parish
- $150 †Cash:
  Luis Anzures
  Queen of Peace Parish
- $100 †Cash:
  Aurelio Arzola
  Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

†Pre-Paid Visa Card Per TX Law

Interesting Facts About Lent

The origins of Lent are not known for certain. While fifth-century Pope Saint Leo the Great believed that the practice came from the Apostles, there is no written evidence to support that belief. The earliest known reference to fasting before Easter came from the latter half of the second century, where Saint Irenaeus of Lyons in Gaul and Tertullian in North Africa stated that the preparatory fast lasted two days or forty hours, coinciding with the length of time Christ spent in the Tomb before his Resurrection. By the middle of the third century, Saint Dionysius of Alexandria (later the 25th Pope) spoke of fasting up to six days practiced by the devout in his diocese. The fifth canon of the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., responsible for the Nicene Creed that we pray today, fixed the length of Lent as 40 days. They also fixed the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring. (The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lenchten" which means "spring" and "lenctentid", the word for March in which the majority of Lent falls.) However, in the late fourth century many places observed 40 days of fasting before Holy Week, a period of more rigorous fasting. In the last decade of the sixth century, Pope Saint Gregory the Great set the current Lenten schedule of 46 days which included six Sundays where fasting was not observed, began Lent with Ash Wednesday, and was the author of its rite where ashes are distributed on the forehead to symbolize penance and mortality. Pope Gregory also established the rule of fasting, that Christians were to abstain from meat as well as things that came from flesh: milk, fat and eggs. (You can see why Easter eggs became prized objects.) Over time, the rules of fasting were relaxed. The Church not only urged fasting but also prayer, alms giving and works of charity. A popular Lenten observance is the Stations of the Cross, followed since the fourth century when Pilgrims visited Jerusalem. Forty years after the fall of Jerusalem to Saladin in 1187, Franciscans were allowed back into the Holy Land and Saint Francis founded the Custody of the Holy Land in 1217 to guard and promote holy places. A traveler to Jerusalem in the mid-15th century mentioned pilgrims following the footsteps of Christ to Golgotha. During the 15th and 16th centuries Franciscans built outdoor shrines across Europe to duplicate their counterparts in the Holy Land. In 1686, Pope Innocent XI granted the Franciscans permission to erect Stations of the Cross within their churches. In 1731, Pope Clement XII extended the right of all churches to construct Stations so long as a Franciscan priest did the work and local bishop consented. In 1862, the right to install Stations was extended to all bishops throughout the Church.

Assembly's Knights in Action

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

On February 2, 2022, 44 pallets of food were delivered and passed out at the SSVdP West Side Food Distribution at St. Luke. Council 12160 Knight Alfredo Ortega (left) and Sir Knight Leonel "Doc" Ortega (right) put away pallets used in the food distribution. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)

On February 2, 2022, Council 12160 Knight Ed Ehrbar, Food Distribution Operations Manager, checked the contents of a box on one of the 44 food pallets delivered that day by El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank. Ed surveyed and calculated the optimal allocation of items (cans, packages, boxes, etc.) for each pallet. That day, 532 households were served by Ed and the volunteers. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)

SK Vasquez's Chalice Donation

On February 6, 2022, Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Grand Knight Chuy Perez (right) presented Sir Knight Cruz Vasquez's Chalice to Father James Kofski (left), Assistant Pastor, Saint Patrick Church, Canutillo, as a donation to the Church. Sir Knight Cruz Vasquez passed away in 2017. (Photo: Sir Knight PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez)

Assembly 1970 Raffle Ticket Sales

On February 12, 2022 at Queen of Peace (QoP) Church after the 5 PM Mass, three Sir Knights sold raffle tickets to QoP Parishioners (left to right): GK Butch Francisco (partially hidden), FS/C Joe O'Connor and FN Sergio Arellano. Assisting SK Sergio was his granddaughter Collins (right). (Photo: Mary O'Connor)

San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 Valentine's Dance

On February 11, 2022 at Grace Gardens' Grand Hall, San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 held its first Valentine's Dance. Sir Knight PGK Eric Zubia (holding mic in center) introduced the Council's Knights to all the guests. To the right of SK Eric was GK Raul Carrillo. (Photo: SK PGK Eric Zubia)

On February 11, 2022 at Grace Gardens, Council 17420 Knight Father Alfredo Ramirez, OFM, Saint Francis of Assisi Pastor, said the benediction to the Dance's guests. To the right of Father Alfredo was Grand Knight Raul Carrillo. Behind Father Alfredo was the Rhapsody Band who played the live music throughout the Dance. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Eric Zubia)

Guests enjoyed fine food, drinks, music and dancing at the Valentine's Dance on February 11, 2022 at Grace Garden's Grand Hall. The Rhapsody Band (located to the left of the chandelier behind the dancers) played throughout the evening. (Photo: SK PGK Eric Zubia)

On February 11, 2022 at Grace Garden's Grand Hall, Thunderbird Council 6711 Sir Knight Marc Carrillo and his wife Rosie posed for a picture at the Valentine's Dance. Sir Knight Marc reported his experience by saying: "I personally thought it was great! Great music, food and spirits! [I] Personally told [SK PGK] Eric [that] it was awesome [-- I] will definitely go again next year." (Photo: SK Marc Carrillo)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Council 14413 Breakfast for Queen of Peace Confirmation Retreat

At 6:00 a.m. on February 19, 2022, 13 Knights of Rio Grande Council 14413 started making breakfast for 100 Confirmation Retreat attendees (82 candidates [HS sophomores]) and 18 staff. Knight Adam Blessinger (left) made pancakes while Sir Knight PGK Mike Bogdan (right) put in a new trash bag. (Photo: Sir Knight FP FS Tim Sievek)

Demand for eggs by the Retreat attendees was also brisk. Knight George Guevara (left) and Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Mike Bogdan (right) cracked 30 eggs for the fourth batch. Knight George looked over to his right to where Sir Knight Faithful Scribe/Comptroller Joe O'Connor (not shown—to left of picture) was cooking his third batch of scrambled eggs. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Purser Financial Secretary Tim Sievek)

The following Knights worked the serving line (left to right): SK PGK Robert Valdiviez, SK DD Jim Weber, SK Field Agent Tom Hicks (hidden), Eddie Urquiza (partially hidden), SK Tom Beeman and Joe Palomo. The Knights served pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and tater tots. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)

Queen of Peace Confirmation Retreat candidates and staff enjoyed their breakfast. In back, Council 14413 Knights worked the serving line. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Thunderbird Council 6711 Pancake Breakfast

On February 20, 2022 Thunderbird Council 6711 conducted a pancake breakfast for Saint Matthew Parishioners. Manning the grill were SK PFN Ruben Gallegos (left) and Knight Tom Michaels (right). The full breakfast was again offered after an inoperative refrigerator was replaced. (Photo: SK Marc Carrillo)

In addition to offering a full breakfast (menudo, pancakes, waffles, eggs, sausages and potatoes), empañadas were sold. Knight Rudy Garcia and SK PFN GK Chuy Perez prepared empañadas for sale to Saint Matthew Parishioners who responded enthusiastically. (Photo: Sir Knight Marc Carrillo)

Father Jerome Kleber Assembly 1970 Raffle Drawing

On February 27, 2022, Assembly Sir Knights met for the raffle drawing (left-right): Luis Rojas, Joe O'Connor, Marc Carrillo, Chuy Perez, Wally Piatek, Tim Sievek, Sergio Arellano and Jorge Andazola. SKs Luis, Joe, Wally, Tim, Sergio, Paul Leenheer, Mando Uranga and Eric Zubia (last three not shown) sold 407 raffle tickets in various venues. (Photo: Alexander Andazola)

On February 27, 2022, the Assembly's raffle drawing took place outside the old Knights of Columbus office at the Saint Matthew Parish complex. Alexander Andazola (center), son of Sir Knight Jorge Andazola, drew three winning tickets out of the 407 tickets in the raffle drum. Assisting Alexander in the raffle drawing was SK Faithful Admiral PFN GK Chuy Perez (left). Observing the drawing was SK Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek (right). SK PGK Eric Zubia (not shown) created, produced, distributed and sold the scratch-off raffle tickets. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)