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Faithful Navigator's Log

Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:

The significant historical and religious events for the month of March are overwhelming. March is the first month of Spring and marks the 1) anniversary of Vermont becoming the fourteenth state, 2) the passing of the 11th Amendment (prohibits the federal courts from hearing certain lawsuits against states), and 3) the creation of the United States [continued on page 2]

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez:

In February, Thunderbird Council 6711 sold empanadas. In March, the Council will host four fish fries and another empanada sale.

Council 10788 Grand Knight Santiago Ogeda:

In February, Shepherd of the Valley Council 10788 had a successful enchilada sale.

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Chavarria:

In February, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 offered one fish fry and will provide two during March..

Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton:

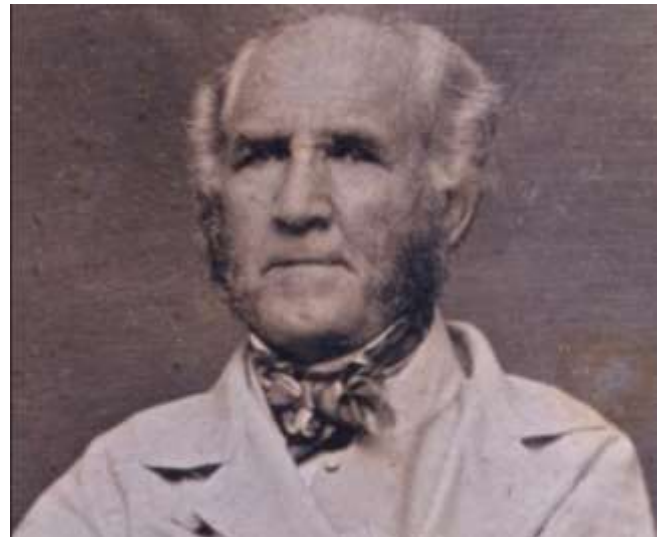
In February, Rio Grande Council 14413 hosted two fish fries and will offer 4 more in March, along with a Fellowship (coffee/doughnuts) after all Masses one weekend..

Council 17420 SK Grand Knight Eric Zubia: In February, San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 had an enchilada sale to benefit a young woman injured in an automobile accident.

Assistant Diocesan Deputy's Desk

SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy John Danley:

Dear Worthy Sirs, I would like to quote our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori (Archbishop of Baltimore) who compared Lent to our upcoming new season and favorite past time, Baseball: "Well, now it's time for spring training in the Church's life. We call that "Lent." Often, Lent is depicted as a dreary season when we give up things we like for reasons we don't understand. I'd like to offer another view [continued on page 2]



Sam Houston. Getty Images / Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Sam Houston's 232nd birthday will be celebrated on March 2, 2024. Also, the Battle of the Alamo ended on March 6, 1836, a defeat that was soon avenged by Texans led by Houston over Santa Ana's Army at the Battle of San Jacinto 46 days later.

Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: Our periodic historical review of American Patriotism has up to now focused on the Federal level. In this issue we go closer to home with one of Texas' Founding Fathers: Sam Houston. Houston's colorful life culminated in his leading Texans to victory over Santa Ana's Army at the Battle of Jacinto, serving as the second and fourth President of the Republic of Texas, representing the State of Texas as a United States Senator, and serving as Texas' seventh Governor who refused to let Texas join the Confederacy at the beginning of the Civil War. This remarkable man burnished Texas' reputation as a giant among the States and through the years has instilled pride in those of us

PROUD TO BE CALLED TEXANS!



Faithful Navigator's Log (Continued)

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: *[continued]*

Department of Labor. Most importantly, March is the month that maintains the most important religious holy day in the Catholic Church and is **Easter**. Easter Sunday manifests the Catholic Churches' unequivocal credence that Jesus Christ died on the cross and that after 3-days after his burial, he resurrected from the dead to bring spiritual-eternal life to his followers. God bless those that have read this article and to all of those that need God's assistance currently.

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

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

of Lent: It is a time to ensure that our spiritual life is in top-notch coordination. But it's not just eye-hand coordination; it's mind, heart and hand coordination" [CatholicReview.org; 02/12/24 "Lent provides spiritual spring training"]. I want to remind you all that Bishop Seitz, as did the USCCB, called on the Knights to be leaders in our parish and welcome back our parishioners and followers to the church when they opened their doors, post Covid pandemic. That mission has not changed. Check in on your neighbor, help with your food basket drives, volunteer at your church for home bound ministry service, and most important, invite that new parishioner you see at church who moved to El Paso a few weeks ago to join your council (I work in real estate, El Paso is growing and growing).



Surrender of Santa Anna, William Henry Huddle, 1886, Oil on Canvas, Texas State Capitol, Austin, TX (General Sam Houston, wounded in the ankle and lying down, takes the surrender of General Santa Anna [left in private's uniform of white trousers] after winning the Battle of San Jacinto.)

Born in Virginia in 1793, Sam Houston's family moved to Tennessee when he was a teenager. He ran away from home and spent three years with Cherokee Indians. In the War of 1812, he served in General Andrew Jackson's Army. With the help of Jackson, he was elected to the US House of Representatives in 1823. In 1827 he was elected as Governor of Tennessee. In 1829 after divorcing his first wife, he resigned as Governor and moved to Arkansas Territory. Houston settled in Texas in 1832. After the Battle of Gonzales in October 1835 he helped organize Texas' provisional government and was selected to lead the Texas Army. General Sam Houston led that Army to victory in the Battle of San Jacinto, paving the way for Texas' Independence. In 1836 he was elected President of the Republic of Texas and left in 1838 due to term limits. In 1841 Houston was elected President of the Republic again. He played a key role in the United States' annexation of Texas 1845 and in 1846 was elected to the United States Senate to represent the State of Texas. Houston supported President James Polk's conduct of the Mexican-American War. He supported the Compromise of 1850 which settled many of the territorial disputes arising from the Mexican-American War and the annexation of Texas. While he was a slaveholder throughout his life, he was a centrist on the issue of slavery. Houston was opposed to the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 which allowed those two brand-new states to decide to permit slavery since he believed that it would increase sectional tensions. His opposition led him to leave the Democratic Party because it supported the expansion of slavery. Houston was elected Governor of Texas in 1859 but his opposition to joining the Confederacy in 1861 led to his ouster. He died in 1863.

**Texas'
First
Flag
(1835)**



Remember the Alamo!



**Battle of Gonzales
(October 2, 1835)**



**War of Texas
Revolution
1835-1836**



**Battle of the Alamo
(March 6, 1836)**



**Battle of San Jacinto
(April 21, 1836)
(Gen. Houston on Horseback)**

Assembly's Knights in Action

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas

On February 2, 2024, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (in the Temple), also known as Candlemas, was celebrated by Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka (right), Queen of Peace Pastor, assisted by Sir Knight Deacon Adolfo Rubio (left). Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka blessed the Candlemas candle before lighting it. The Candlemas candle represented Jesus as the Light of the World. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



After lighting the Candlemas candle, Sir Knight Father Allan lit the candles of several Parishioners who brought them to the First Friday Mass. In the Mass, Sir Knight Deacon Adolfo Rubio read the Gospel of Luke (2:22-40) which reported the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, where the holy man Simeon and the prophetess Anna recognized and praised the child Jesus as the Messiah. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Ash Wednesday 2024



At the end of the 8:30 a.m. Mass on February 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka, Queen of Peace Pastor, anointed a Parishioner with ashes to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Assisting Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka, Queen of Peace Pastor (background), in the distribution of ashes was Sir Knight Deacon Adolfo Rubio (left), who said "Repent and believe in the Gospel" to each Parishioner as he gave out ashes. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)

Ash Wednesday at Saint Matthew



Sir Knight Father Frank Lopez, Saint Matthew Pastor (left), distributed ashes to Parishioners at the end of an Ash Wednesday Mass. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Grand Knight Chuy Perez)

Fourth Degree Recognition

At the Rio Grande Council 14413 meeting on February 15, 2024, Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton (right) presented Sir Knight Alan Cooksey (left), Council Treasurer, with his Fourth Degree certificate signed by the District 5 Master and the Vice Supreme Master for the Fourth Degree Our Lady of Guadalupe Province (Texas and Oklahoma). (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Assembly's Knights in Action

Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Lenten Fish Fry

On February 16, 2024, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 offered its first of three Lenten fish fries. Preparing for the meal in the Saint Luke Catholic Church Parish Hall, Sir Knight Grand Knight Mike Chavarria set out the condiments for the meal. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek)



In preparing for frying the tilapia, Sir Knight Paul Richeson prepared the batter for the fried fish in the tent outside the Saint Luke Catholic Church Parish Hall. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek)



Council 12160 Knight Chano Sol (red kerchief) lit the grill for the fried fish in the tent outside the Saint Luke Parish Hall while Sir Knight Faithful Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer observed. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek)



Sir Knight Faithful Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer (right) posed with his son Logan as the two fried tilapia in the tent outside the Saint Luke Catholic Church Parish Hall on February 16, 2024. (Photo: Sir Knight Leonel "Doc" Ortega)



Putting the French fries in fish fries were Council 12160 Knight Chano Sol (left) and Sir Knight Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek (right), along with three Confirmation candidates. (Photo: Sir Knight Leonel "Doc" Ortega)



The tilapia frying crew included (left to right): Sir Knight Armando Uranga, Knight John Hernandez, a Confirmation candidate, Sir Knight Paul Leenheer and Knight Chano Sol. (Photo: Sir Knight Leonel "Doc" Ortega)

Assembly's Knights in Action



Rio Grande Council 14413 Lenten Fish Fry



On February 16, 2024, Rio Grande Council 14413 offered the first of six Lenten fish fries. Thawing the frozen tilapia were Knight Gerry Cochrane (left) and Sir Knight Scoter Fretland (center). In the courtyard, the French fries crew was working. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



In the Queen of Peace Parish Center Courtyard, the French fries crew worked their magic (left to right): Knight Jesse Saenz, George Guebara, and Eric Geedy. The French fries seemed to be as popular as the fried and baked tilapia. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



In the Queen of Peace Parish Kitchen, part of the Kitchen crew posed (left to right): SK Joe O'Connor (baked fish), Knight Gerry Cochrane (thawed fish), SK PGK Robert Valdiviez (Kitchen Boss, fried fish) and SK Jeffrey "Scooter" Fretland (thawed fish). (Photo: Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton)



In the Queen of Peace Parish Kitchen, Knight Jacob Cooksey (left) coated the tilapias prior to their frying as Sir Knight PGK Robert Valdiviez (center) received another customer order over his smartphone while Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton (right) listened in. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



Awaiting the crowd from Stations of the Cross, Knights George Guebara (left) and Eric Geedy (right) kept the supply of French fries going. The majority of orders that night were take-out rather than eat-in. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



In the Queen of Peace Parish Hall, Knight Patrick Ross (left), in charge of the serving line, posed for the camera. By the front doors, taking the customers' monny, were Sir Knights Alan Cooksey (left) and Tom Hicks (right). Sir Knight Bill Sutton was seated to the right. (Photo: SK GK Dan Fenton)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Sir Knight PGK Mike Bogdan's Vigil/Rosary & Chalice Presentation



On February 22, 2024, a Vigil/Rosary was held for Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Mike Bogdan at Sunset Funeral Home-West. Sir Knight Deacon Orlando Sanchez (left) led the Liturgy and the Rosary. Sir Knights Assistant Diocesan Deputy John Danley (center) and Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek (right) were posted next to Sir Knight Mike Bogdan's Urn during the Rosary's second decade. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Changing the Honor Guard between the Rosary's second and third decade, District Master Giovanni Hyppolite (center) led the sword salute followed by the inveted sword. Relieving Sir Knights John Danley and Wally Piatek (two on the right) were Sir Knights Davd Cabral and Jesus Leyva (two on the left). Sir Knight Deacon Orland Sanchez (partially seen behind DM Giovanni) led the Rosary. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez)



After the Rosary, Sir Knight Joe O'Connor (not shown) read the Proclamation of Condolences and the Chalice Presentation Proclamation while Sir Knight District Master Giovanni Hyppolite (right) presented Sir Knight Mike Bogdan's Chalice to Mrs. Lizette Bogdan. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez)



Next, Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor presented the framed Proclamation of Condolences and the Chalice Presentation Proclamation to Mrs. Lizette Bogdan. Thereafter, all Sir Knights shook the hands of the family in the front pew. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez)



Rio Grande Council 14413 Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton (center) presented a Knights of Columbus Bible to Mrs. Lizette Bogdan (seated in front pew), assisted by Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez (left). (Photo: Sir Knight FC/S Joe O'Connor)



The Sir Knights comprising the Honor Guard posed after the Fallout (left to right. Assembly in parenthese): Wally Piatek (1970), Jesus Leyva (1113), David Cabral (1113), John Danley (1113), District Master Giovanni Hyppolite (1113), and Joe O'Connor (1970). (Photo: Sir Knight FC/S Joe O'Connor)