



# Fourth Estate



A Monthly Newsletter for the

Sir Knights of Father Jerome Kleber Assembly 1970

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## Faithful Navigator's Log

### Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:

On April 6, 2024 at the District 5 Biennial Meeting in Midland, TX, I reported on the Assembly's accomplishments during the past two years: *[continued on page 2]*

## Grand Knights' Notes

### Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez:

In April, Thunderbird Council 6711 held three fish fries, sold empanadas, and grilled food for Confirmation students. The Council also supported a Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests, Sir Knights/Knights at Saint Matthew.

### Council 10788 Grand Knight Santiago Ogeda:

Shepherd of the Valley Council 10788 had no report.

### Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Chavarria:

In April, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 began planning for its Golf Outing and recruited 10-15 new Knights.

**Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton:** In April, Rio Grande Council 14413 conducted Fellowship (coffee/doughnuts+) after all Masses one weekend, ushered First Holy Communion, and sold Menudo/Burritos.

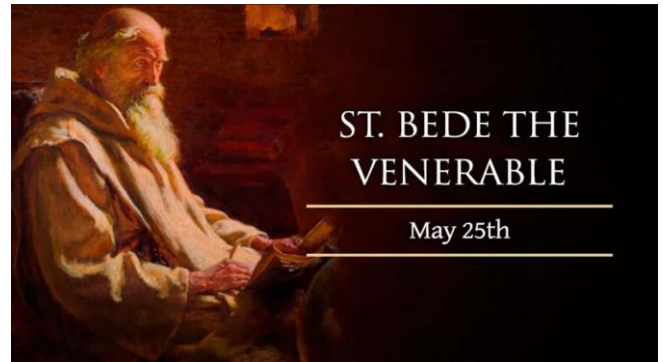
**Council 17420 SK Grand Knight Eric Zubia:** San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 had nothing to report.

## Assistant Diocesan Deputy's Desk

### SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy John Danley:



Texas State Convention El Paso Contingent: I am on the far right, next to SK Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre. In the center in the yellow shirt is SK District Master Giovani Hyppolite and in front of him to the right is SK Diocesan Marshal Jesus Granado. SK Paul Leenheer of Assembly 1970 is in the very back wearing a dark blue polo shirt.



ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

May 25th

A Portion of "The Last Chapter," James Doyle Penrose, 1902. (See full painting on page 2.) Saint Bede the Venerable's Feast Day is May 25.

## Faithful Scribe's Script

**SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor:** When we hear of Medieval scholars who kept the knowledge of Western Civilization alive by preserving Greek and Roman culture, we immediately think of the Irish monks who prepared the brilliantly illustrated Book of Kells, named after the monastery in Ireland where it was written, that contained the four Gospels of the New Testament. (For more information about the Irish monk's contributions, please read Thomas Cahill's "How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe.") But in the early 700s, in a northern English monastery in the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Northumbria, a Benedictine monk named Bede was performing original scholarly work entirely on his own, earning him the admiration of European kings and the Pope during his lifetime. Starting about 100 years after his death, he was called Bede the Venerable due to his holiness. See page 2 for a listing of his contributions to science, history and theology. See the inset on page 2 which describe his life of holiness and scholarship. Saint Bede the Venerable was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1899.

## Faithful Navigator's Log (Continued)

**SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:** *[continued]*

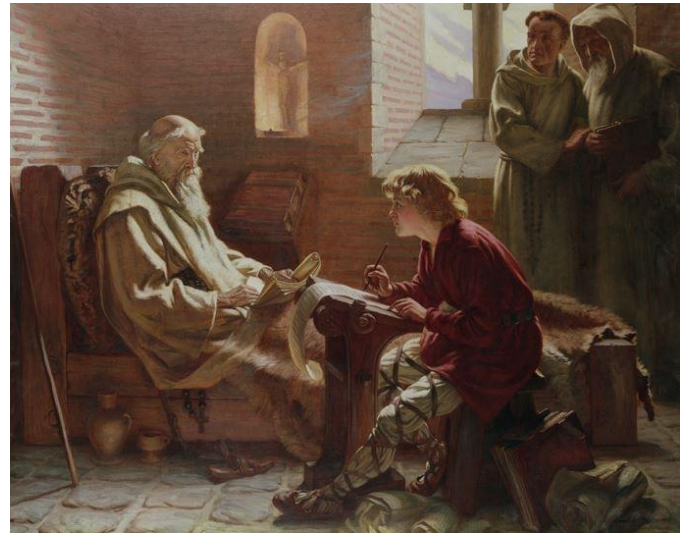
Conducted 3 Chalice Presentations with Chalices given to a newly-ordained Priest and 2 new Parishes in Kenya. Donated a total of \$3,000 to 4 Seminarians and to Warriors to Lourdes. Hosted 1 Fourth Degree Exemplification for the El Paso Area. Participated in a total of 23 Fallouts, including 10 Vigil/Rosaries, 4 Funeral Masses, 2 Ordination Masses, 2 Eucharistic Processions, 1 Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests and Knights, 1 Memorial Mass for Blessed Father McGivney, 1 Good Friday Procession, 1 Pro-Life Holy Hour, and 1 First Mass of Thanksgiving for a newly-ordained Sir Knight Priest. Published a monthly newsletter that highlighted patriotic and religious events and figures and included pages highlighting Assembly and Council Knights in action. Created a loan program for Sir Knights to purchase new regalia with 2 taking advantage of it so far. Supported 8 active-duty soldiers in Knights of Columbus golf outings, conducted 6 Flag Ceremonies at a retirement home populated by a large number of Veterans, planted 130 flags on the graves of Veteran Sir Knights/Knights, and held 2 Patriotic Essay contests involving 107 Catholic School students. Participated in 2023 March for Life in Las Cruces and 2024 March for Life in El Paso, as well as two Bishop's Hikes for Life up Mount Cristo Rey. Gained 10 new Sir Knights. Earned the Star Assembly Award for Fraternal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

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## The Life of Saint Bede the Venerable

Bede was born in March 672 near Jarrow in northern England, then part of the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Northumbria. At the age of seven, he was sent to a nearby monastery and in 682 joined the Monastery of Saints Peter and Paul at Jarrow where he lived for the remainder of his life. When he was 14, a plague broke out at the Monastery and only he and the Abbot survived. In 691 at the age of 19, he was made a Deacon at a time when the normal age to the Diaconate was 25. In 701 he wrote his first two works, the beginning of a scholastic career that included completing 60 books. In 702 at the age of 30 he was ordained a Priest and celebrated daily Mass for his Benedictine community. As a monk, Bede gave absolute priority to prayer, fasting and charitable hospitality. He regarded all other works as valueless without the love of God and of one's neighbor. Bede declined the request that he become Abbot to focus on his writing. In addition to his many publications, he taught hundreds of students at the Monastery and its school which became renowned throughout Britain. He was an accomplished singer and poet. He was invited to Rome by Pope Sergius I but never went. He died on the Feast of the Ascension, Thursday, May 25, 736, after he finished his translation of the Gospel of John. Bede became known as Venerable Bede in the 800s because of his holiness. Bede the Venerable is regarded as the greatest Anglo-Saxon scholar and the Father of English History. Bede was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1899 and named a Doctor of the Church.

## St. Bede the Venerable as Scholar



**"The Last Chapter," James Doyle Penrose, 1902.  
The Venerable Bede translating The Gospel of John on his deathbed.**

Bede was considered the most learned man of his time and is esteemed by the Church as the Patron Saint of Scholars. Yet he did not consider learning as his life's purpose; rather, it was love: love for his students, love for his Benedictine community, love for the Anglo-Saxon people, love for his Church, and love for his God. When he wrote his first two works in 701, they were materials intended for the classroom. In his lifetime he taught hundreds of students. Bede celebrated daily Mass for his Benedictine community and led them in song as he was an accomplished singer and poet. His works, drawing upon Latin, Greek and Hebrew sources found in his monastery's library and materials provided by his correspondents from all over England and from Rome, were translated into Old English, the vernacular of Anglo-Saxons, the access of which, in his clear manner, brought his people closer to God. His 5-book *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, considered his greatest work by many historians, chronicled the growth of the English Church. Bede's dating of Easter and Creation and his extensive use of *Anno Domini* (A.D.) in dating his historical accounts brought the birth of Christ to the forefront. Bede's biblical commentaries on the Old and New Testaments and homilies were widely distributed across Europe during the Middle Ages. On his death bed, just after completing his translation of the Gospel of John, Bede sang "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost" and then died. It was because of his theological writings that he earned the title of Doctor of the Church and why he was canonized.

# Assembly's Knights in Action

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Province District 5 Biennial Meeting



On April 6, 2024 in the St. Stephen Church Ballroom in Midland, Our Lady of Guadalupe Province District 5, comprised of 20 Assemblies from Amarillo to El Paso, held its Biennial Meeting, led by SK District Master Giovanni Hyppolite (right). (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Part of the El Paso contingent attending were (left to right, Assembly number in parentheses) Sir Knights Javier Gomez (3944), Luis Ortiz (3944), Jesus Granado (1113), Art Aguirre (2968), Robert Aranda (1113), Juan Torres (2968) and John Danley (1113). (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



As SK District Master Giovanni Hyppolite (right) listened, SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar (left) made his report on Assembly 1970's accomplishments during the past two years since the previous Biennial Meeting, the text of which can be found in his column on pages 1-2. (Photo: SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor)

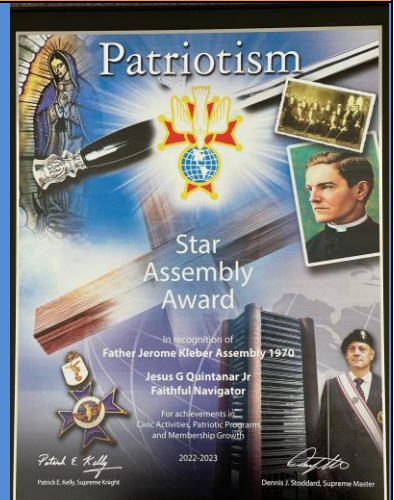


Sir Knight District Master Giovanni Hyppolite (left) presented Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar (right) with Assembly 1970's Civic Award for Fraternal Year 2022-2023 for satisfactorily completing four Patriotic Projects during that time. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



SK District Master Giovanni Hyppolite (left) presented SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar (right) Assembly 1970's Star Assembly Award for Fraternal Year 2022-2023. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Assembly 1970 earned the Star Assembly Award for Fraternal Year 2022-2023 based on achieving its recruiting goal, meeting all reporting requirements, publishing a monthly newsletter, submitting a To Be A Patriot Award Program application based on one of its Patriotic Projects, and achieving the Civic Award. Most Assemblies do not earn the Star Assembly Award. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)



# Assembly's Knights in Action

## SSVdP West Side Food Distribtuion



On April 10, 2024 in the Saint Luke Parking Lot, Council 12160 Knight Ed Ehrbar assembled the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVdP) Food Distribution volunteers for an update. Listening to the right of Ed was Sir Knight Jeffrey "Scooter" Fretland. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)

## † Knight Juan Martinez's Funeral †



On April 13, 2024 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, a funeral for former Rio Grande Council 14413 Knight Juan Martinez was held. Brother Juan had moved to Dallas and had transferred out of the Council. Attending his funeral were Council 14413 Knight Robert Houle and Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez. (Photo: SK Robert Valdiviez)

## Rio Grande Council 14413 Support to First Holy Communion



On April 20, 2024 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Rio Grande Council 14413 supported First Holy Communion at the 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses. Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka, Queen of Peace Pastor (center), distributed the Eucharist to children while Knights Patrick Ross (left) and George Guebara (right) ushered. (Photo: Sir Knight PGK Robert Valdiviez)



The Rio Grande Council 14413 Knights who supported First Holy Communion at the April 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses posed for a picture (from left to right): Mark Phillips, Patrick Ross, Sir Knight Alan Cooksey, Jesus "Jesse" Saenz, Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton, George Guebara, and Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez. (Photo: Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valdiviez)

## Faithful Navigator's Log (cont'd)

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: *[continued]*  
The note below from Confirmation student Nathanael Hinelspash was given to me by Saint Matthew Confirmation Leader Mickey Loweree, who asked that it be placed into my column in the Assembly's newsletter:

"On April 5th, 12th, and 19th, I attended the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry event. I rushed to Saint Mathew as soon as my baseball game ended. While there, I picked up people's plates and put food into bags. Being there made me want to research the Knights of Columbus. I learned that they are the largest Catholic Service Group in the world. It was a pleasure working for them."

## Council 12160 TSC Attendance



See pag 7 for more coverage of the Texas State Convention

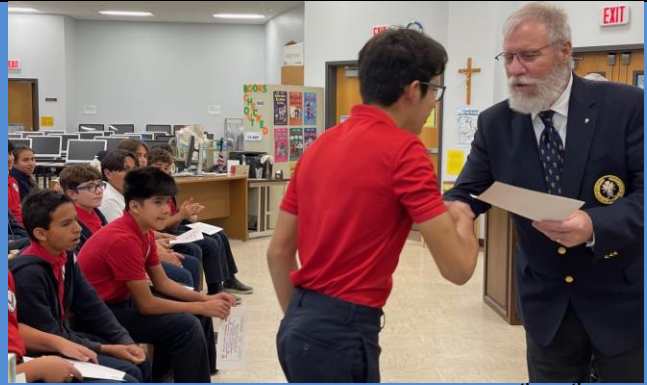
Two members of Franklin Mountains Council 12160 attended the Texas State Convention (TSC) in Houston, Texas. On April 27, 2024, Council 12160 Knight and Past Financial Secretary Manny Silva (left) and Sir Knight Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer (right) posed for a picture in the Convention Hall. (Photo: Sir Knight Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer)

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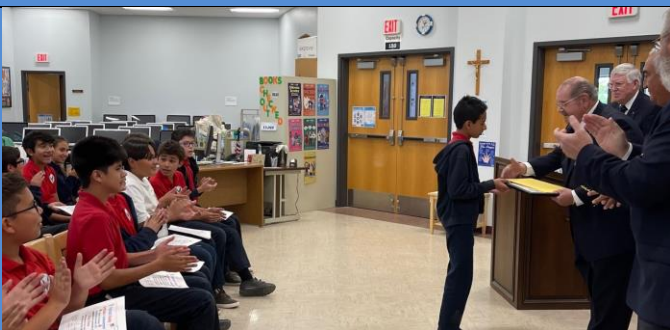
## Patriotic Essay Contest Award Ceremony at Saint Matthew School



On April 22, 2024, in the Saint Matthew Catholic School Library, 53 student contestants came to the Patriotic Essay Contest Award Ceremony. The 50 non-winners received Certificates of Achievement signed by Sir Knights Father Frank Lopez, Saint Matthew Pastor, and Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar. Sir Knight PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez handed out a Certificate of Achievement to a student. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



The 2024 Patriotic Essay Contest asked the 6<sup>th</sup>-, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students whether or not there should be term limits for US Senators and Representatives. Sir Knights Joe O'Connor and Paul Leenheer (above right) graded the 53 essays and combined their scores to identify the winners. Above, Sir Knight Paul gave out a Certificate of Achievement to another Saint Matthew student as sixth-grade students watched. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar honored the First-Place winner with a framed Certificate of Award and a \$100 Visa gift card as Sir Knights (left to right) Joe O'Connor, Chuy Perez and Paul Leenheer applauded, as did the winner's sixth-grade ecstatic classmates. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



The three Contest winners received framed Certificates of Award and Visa gift cards: Third Place - \$50, Second Place \$75, and First Place \$100. The Certificates of Award were signed by Sir Knights Father Frank Lopez, Saint Matthew Catholic Church Pastor, and Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Grades 6-8 English Language Arts Teacher Oriana Pfeil (white dress) and Saint Matthew Catholic School Principal Veronica De La Cruz (pink sweater) posed with the student contestants/winners and the four participating Sir Knights (left to right: Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor, PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez, Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer, and Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar) at the conclusion of the Award Ceremony. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



The three Patriotic Essay Contest winners posed with their framed Certificates of Award (left to right): First Place – Santiago Seal-Arreola (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Second Place – Genevieve Wieland (8<sup>th</sup> grade – won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place last year), and Third Place – Victor Oaxaca (8<sup>th</sup> grade). Participating Sir Knights stood with them (left to right): Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor, Past Faithful Navigator Grand Knight Chuy Perez, Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar, and Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)

# Assembly's Knights in Action



## Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests, Sir Knights and Knights



On April 28, 2024 at Saint Matthew Catholic Church, the annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests, Sir Knights and Knights was celebrated. Before the Mass began, the names of the Deceased were read. After each name was read, Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe (FC/S) Joe O'Connor rang the bell. Families of Deceased Sir Knights and Knights were in attendance to hear their loved ones' names. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



As the Mass began, Assembly Sir Knights hand saluated (swords were not authorized) the Celebrant Sir Knight Faithful Friar Father Astry Deraly (left to right): Inner Sentinel Marc Carrillo, PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez, Faithful Pilot Wally Piatek and FC/S Joe O'Connor. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)

Sir Knight Faithful Friar Father Astry Deraly delivered his homily that mentioned the Knights of Columbus. Sir Knight Father Astry prayed for the Knights and their families at the beginning of Mass, in the Prayers of the Faithful, and in his remarks at the Mass' conclusion. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



At the Offertory, the Assembly's Sir Knights brought up the wine and hosts (left to right): Marc Carrillo, Chuy Perez, Wally Piatek and Joe O'Connor. Sir Knight Faithful Friar Father Astry Deraly blessed the Sir Knights and their offerings. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)



At the conclusion of the Mass, the Assembly's Sir Knights hand saluated the Celebrant Sir Knight Faithful Friar Father Astry Deraly (left to right): Marc Carrillo, Chuy Perez (hidden behind an Altar Server), Wally Piatek and Joe O'Connor. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)

On April 28, 2024, while the Memorial Mass was going on, Thunderbird Council 6711 Knights were in the Saint Matthew Parking Lot grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for Saint Matthew Confirmation students who finished their preparations for that Sacrament. The Kitchen and Grill Crews' Knights posed for a picture (left to right):



Jesse Corvarubio, Sir Knight Mike Herrera, Sir Knight Ruben Gallegos, Gerry O'Brien and Sir Knight Adrian Muñoz. (Photo: Sir Knight Faithful Comptroller/Scribe Joe O'Connor)

# Assembly's Knights in Action



## 2024 Texas State Convention



On April 27, 2024 at the Texas State Convention in Houston, TX, Texas Knights heard from a variety of speakers, two of which included Supreme Advocate John Marrella (left) and Texas State Deputy Terry Frugé (right). (Photo: Sir Knight Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer)



For El Paso Knights, Saturday night was best spent in the El Paso Hospitality Room run by Sir Knight ADD John Danley (right). Enjoying the camaraderie were Sir Knight Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre (left) and Council 12160 Knight Manny Silva (center). (Photos: SK Paul Leenheer)



On April 28, 2024, San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller celebrated the Mass for the Texas Knights. Sir Knight PFN Father Mark Salas, Our Lady of Assumption Pastor (second from left on stage) concelebrated the Mass along with several Bishops. (Photo: Sir Knight Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer)

Sir Knights provide an honor guard for Archbishop Garcia-Siller and the other Bishops and Priests for the procession and recession of the Mass celebrated on April 28, 2024 at the conclusion of the Texas State Convention in Houston, Texas. (Photo: Sir Knight Outer Sentinel Paul Leenheer)



## Rio Grande Council 14413 Menudo-Burrito Sale



On April 28, 2024, Rio Grande Council 14413 sold menudo and four types of burritos after the 9 and 11 AM Masses. Conferring in the Queen of Peace Kitchen were Knights (left to right): Robert Houle (hidden), SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton, SK PGK Robert Valdiviez, Patrick Ross, Eric Geedey and Eddie Urquiza. (Photo: Knight Adam Blessinger)



The menudo and four types of burritos were sold inside the Queen of Peace Parish Hall and outside near the Queen of Peace Catholic Church entrance. Working the sales end were the following Council 14413 Knights (left to right): Jesus "Jesse" Saenz, Sir Knight Tom Hicks, Sir Knight Alan Cooksey, and George Guebara. (Photo: Knight Adam Blessinger)