



# 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:

In this monthly article, the Faithful Navigator recognizes that in the United States, November is blessed with a two-fold celebration: 1) The celebration of Thanksgiving, predicated upon people and relatives who gather to enjoy a delicious food-feasting, community parades, or the enjoyment of watching live streamed professional sporting events on various television networks; and 2) most importantly, to remember the Legacy of friends and relatives who have died and are now in Heaven sharing their presence with God Almighty. *[continued on page 2]*

### Grand Knights' Notes

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

In October, Thunderbird Council 6711 sold empanadas and supported Saint Matthew Parish's Halloween Trunk or Treat by grilling hamburgers and hotdogs.

#### Council 10788 Grand Knight Santiago Ogeda:

Shepherd of the Valley Council 10788 has nothing to report.

#### Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Chavarria:

In October, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 had a successful Golf Outing at Lone Star Golf Club, raising money for its December 1 Coats for Kids, and supported Saint Luke's Halloween Treat or Treat in the Parish Hall.

**Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton:** In October, Rio Grande Council 14413 fielded a Hike for Life Team that raised \$2,220, and provided food and refreshments for Parishioners after all Masses. In November, the Council will support the Ladies Guild's Christmas Bazaar with food and drinks.

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

### Assistant Diocesan Deputy's Desk

#### SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy John Danley:

Dear Sir Knights, I wish to take a moment to remember Sir Knight Enrique "Henry" Acosta. He was a faithful servant of the El Paso Knights of Columbus for 71 years. He held positions as Grand *[continued on page 2]*



**Abraham and the Three Angels, James Tissot, 1902, France.** "The Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebith of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot." (Genesis 18:1) The Feast of Christ the King is November 26, 2023.

### Faithful Scribe's Script

**SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor:** Most Christians associate the Old Testament with God the Father and the New Testament with Jesus Christ. But, as John 1:1 states, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." John 1:18 further states, "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him." When Moses asked if he could see God's face, the Father answered, "But my face you cannot see, for no man sees me and still lives." (Exodus 33:20). So who did the people in the Old Testament see when they saw God? Jesus, the Son of God. Man's encounters with deities are called theophanies, and those involving Christ are called Christophanies. In Abraham's Christophany above, only One (Lord) of the three men spoke with authority and told Abraham that Sarah would bear a son. Sarah laughed. "The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh ...? Is there anything too marvelous for the Lord to do?'" (Genesis 18: 13-14).

## Faithful Navigator's Log (Continued)

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

In management of this annual event on November 1, the Spanish song, "Recuerdame," was written by Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez in 2017 to preserve this date's sensitivity. The song amplifies the true suggestion of "Los Dias de los Muertos" as the Day of the Dead. In the motion picture, *Coco*, a Lead Mariachi is remembered by the Community and by his wife as to his Legacy: "musical talent" on the Day of the Dead. November is also shown Patriotic reverence by President Eisenhower, who signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. In 1968, a law was passed to approve the national commemoration of Veterans Day on November 11 as a monthly date having historic significance to Americans.

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

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

Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chalice Chairman, Exemplification Ceremony Team leader, and other officers positions but most impressive was his 35 years of service as Financial Secretary to Council 2592 and a member of Cristo Rey Assembly 1113. He was also instrumental in organizing the 2002 KofC State Convention in El Paso. Also, thank you to all the Councils and Assemblies who supported and came out to support the Bishop's Hike for Life. El Paso surpassed its goal of \$25,000 (\$27,615.31 was achieved). The El Paso Knights Diocesan team are reactivating San Elizario Council and looking at starting a council at San Lorenzo Parish in Clint. Finally, thanks go to Queen of Peace and its Pastor, Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka for, their graciousness and hospitality sponsoring our recent Fourth Degree Exemplification on October 7, 2023.

### Jesus Christ Is the Mediator

#### Between the God the Father and Mankind

"For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Jesus Christ, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all." (1 Timothy 2:5-6). In the six examples on pages 1 and 2, we see how Jesus mediated in the Old Testament. If Christ is the Mediator, why don't Catholics just go direct to Jesus like the Protestants? While Catholics pray directly to Jesus, they recognize that Jesus allowed His mediation to be worked through the Apostles and their successors in the Church. Protestants believe in justification by faith alone, i.e., once we are justified by God's grace, which is accepted by faith alone, our past, present and future sins have no bearing on our standing with God. Catholics, on the other hand, believe that faith is justified through love manifested through good deeds. Catholics also believe after baptism we can lose the grace of justification by sinning and that reconciliation is necessary to regain grace.

## Old Testament Christophanies

### Jacob Wrestling with God, Jack Baumgarten, 2017.



A second appearance of the Son of God was with Jacob. "Then some man wrestled with him until the break of dawn. When the man saw that he could not prevail over him, he struck Jacob's hip at its socket, so the hip socket was wrenched as they wrestled. The man then said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go until you bless me.' 'What is your name?' the man asked. He answered, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be spoken as Jacob, but Israel, because you have contended with divine and human beings and have prevailed.' Jacob then asked him, 'Do tell me your name, please.' He answered, 'Why should you want to know my name?' With that, he bade him farewell. Jacob named the place Peniel, 'because I have seen God face to face,' he said, 'yet my life has been spared.'" (Genesis 32: 25-31). A third Christophany was with Hagar after she fled Sarah's wrath after she conceived a son with Abraham. After an Angel of the Lord appeared to her and told her to return to Sarah. "To the Lord who spoke to her she gave a name, saying 'You are the God of Vision,' she meant, 'Have I really seen God and remained alive after my vision?'" (Genesis 16: 13). A fourth Christophany was with Moses at the burning bush. God tells Moses, "I am the God of your father," he continued, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.'" (Exodus 3: 6). God later added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Exodus 3: 14). When Jesus was asked in the temple who He was, He said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." (John 8: 58). A fifth Christophany was with Gideon. Gideon asked an Angel of the Lord why the Lord had not fulfilled the promises that he made to the Jewish people. "The Lord turned to him and said, 'Go with the strength you have and save Israel from the power of Midian. It is I who send you.'" (Judges 6: 14-15). The words "the Lord" are mentioned eight more times in Judges 6 and eight times in Judges 7. (The Midians were defeated by Gideon's forces.) A sixth Christophany is mentioned in the Book of Daniel, where King Nebuchadnezzar had Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego thrown into a fiery furnace for failing to worship an idol that he made. As he watched the trio stand impervious to the tremendous fire and sing praises to the Lord, he turned to his nobles and asked, "Did we not cast three bound into the fire?" 'Assuredly, O King,' they answered. 'But,' he replied, 'I see four men unfettered and unhurt, walking in the fire, and the fourth man looks like a son of God.'" (Daniel 3: 91-92).



# Assembly's Knights in Action



## El Paso Diocese Fourth Degree Exemplification



A Fourth Degree Exemplification for the El Paso Dioceses was held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church on October 7, 2023. Providing the early-morning refreshments (coffee, water, doughnuts) for Sir Knights, Knight Candidates and their friends and families were Sir Knights (left to right) Robert Valdiviez and Tim Sievek. (Photo: Sir Knight Marc Carrillo)



Celebrating the Mass before the Exemplification Ceremony was Sir Knight Father Mark Salas (second from left), Our Lady of Assumption Pastor. SK Father Mark was assisted by Sir Knight Deacon Orlando Sanchez (left) and the Mass was concelebrated by SK-Candidate Father Loyd Divinagracia (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka (right), Queen of Peace Pastor. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



At the end of Mass, Sir Knight Vice Supreme Master for Texas and Oklahoma Pat Conway (right) met Queen of Peace Pastor Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and thanked him for making his facilities available for the Exemplification. With SK VSM Pat were Sir Knights (left to right) District Master Giovanni Hyppolite and Father Mark Salas. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



No pictures were allowed during the ceremony. Assembly 1970 Sir Knights taking part in the Exemplification included (left to right with new SKs holding their membership cards) Wally Piatek, JQ Quintanar, Alfonso Holguin, Alan Cooksey, Gerald Michael, Mando Uranda, Paul Leenheer, Joe O'Connor, and Sergio Arellano. (SKs Marc Carillo, Luis Rojas and Waldo Terrazas were unavailable) (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



## Star Council Award



On October 11, 2023, SK DD Frank Garcia (right) presented the Star Council Award to Rio Grande Council 14413 for FY 2022-2023. Accepting the award was SK GK Dan Fenton (left). (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



## Rosary for the Nation



On October 14, 2023 at Crstmont Park, Queen of Peace Parishioners recited a Rosary for the Nation, including SK Joe O'Connor (red vest). Many Parishioners could not attend due to conflicts, e.g., wedding. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



# Assembly's Knights in Action



## 2023 El Paso Hike for Life



On October 14, 2023, Hike for Life marchers gathered at the Mount Cristo Rey parking lot, signed in, and were issued 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hike for Life t-shirts that stated Hike for Life's purpose: To raise funds for crisis pregnancy centers to help moms take their babies to full term. El Paso Hike for Life 2023 raised \$27,615.31 for this cause. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



The El Paso Hike for Life pre-Hike ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights of Columbus Color Guard was led by Sir Knight Diocesan Marshal Jesus Granado (left wearing green sash). (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Sir Knight Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre addressed the Hikers. The Knights of Columbus provided parking guides and cooked hot dogs for the Hikers when they finished. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)

Bishop Mark Seitz spoke to the Hikers about the importance of crisis pregnancy centers helping moms bring their babies to full term. Bishop Seitz began participating in the Hike for Life as a Seminarian when it was started in 1973 following the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision that permitted abortion nationwide. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



As the Hikers went up the trail to Mount Cristo Rey, Bishop Mark Seitz recited the Rosary and broadcasted it to the Hikers using a portable loudspeaker. Many Hikers stopped at Shrines along the way to pray for unborn children and to pray for their mothers to bring them to full term. Many teams followed Bishop Seitz's example and recited the Rosary as they walked. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

The Spartans Queen of Peace Team reached the statue of Christ the King at the top of Mount Cristo Rey and raised \$2,220 for Hike for Life. Team members included Rio Grande Council 14413 Knights and one Knight spouse (left to right): Sir Knight Jeffrey "Scooter" Fretland, Knight Jesus Saenz, Laura Cooksey, Knight Patrick Ross, Sir Knight Alan Cooksey, Sir Knight Joe O'Connor, and Knight Sebastian Hincapsse. (An unknown Knight was praying to Christ as the picture was taken.) (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)





# Assembly's Knights in Action

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVdP) Saint Matthew Food Distribution



On October 16, 2023 in the Saint Matthew Parking Lot, SSVdP Saint Matthew Conference distributed 10 pallets of food to area households. Thunderbird Council 6711 Knight Karl Kimball (right) delivered a box of sausage patties to a waiting car. (Photos: SK Joe O'Connor)



## Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Annual Golf Outing



On October 18, 2023 at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO), two Sheriff's Deputies from Commander Ryan Urutia's Patrol Bureau resented Sir Knight Armando Uranga with 130 cups with EPSO logos and filled with nutrition bars for insertion into goodie bags for Franklin Mountains Council 12160's Golf Outing at Lone Star Golf Club. (Photo: SK Armando Uranga)



Sir Knight Leonel "Doc" Ortega erected a lot of banners for the Knights and their sponsors. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Council 12160 Knight Manny Silva (left), assisted by SK Gus Ehrler (right), registered 132 golfers for the Outing. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Franklin Mountains Council 12160's Annual Golf Outing at Lone Star Golf Club on October 20, 2023 raised funds for several of the Council's charities, e.g., Coats for Kids. Council 12160's Coats for Kids event for Canutillo school kids will be held at Charlie Clark Nissan in December. Sir Knight Past Grant Knight Mike Doblado (not pictured) was the overall director for his Council's Annual Golf Outing.



As one of its four Patriotic Projects, Assembly 1970 sponsored four active-duty soldiers for the Golf Outing (left to right): PFC John Freeman, SGT Nicholas Thompson, SGT Dwight Mejia, and CPL Jonathan Regan. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Council 12160 Sir Knights grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for the golfers (left to right): Grand Knight Mike Chavarria, Alfonso Holguin (wearing coat), Paul Leenheer, Armando Uranga and Sir Knight Paul's son, Logan (far right). (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



# Assembly's Knights in Action

## Thunderbird Council 6711 Helped Install Stained-Glass Windows



During the period October 23-25, Thunderbird Council 6711 Knights helped install stained-glass windows at Saint Matthew Catholic Church. Council 6711 Knight Gerry O'Brien removed screws from a screw gun bandolier to avoid damaging the fragile stained-glass windows. The frames were then manually screwed together. (Photo: SK Grand Knight PFN Chuy Perez)

The original, rounded stained-glass windows, removed by the Knights from the old Saint Matthew Church in June 2021 (see [Fourth Estate](#) July 2021 pag 3), were sent to a Wisconsin firm to convert them into rectangular pieces. Council 6711 Knight Karl Kimball fastened the final screws into one of the several stained-glass window frames installed in St. Matthew Church. Other Council 6711 Knights who helped (not shown) included Ruben Estrada, Randy Lucero, Martin Smith and SK Chuy Perez. (Photo: Sir Knight Grand Knight Past Faithful Navigator Chuy Perez)



## Thunderbird Council 6711 Support to St. Matthew Trunk or Treat



On October 28, 2023, in the Saint Matthew Parking Lot, Thunderbird Council 6711 supported the Parish's Trunk or Treat by grilling and serving hamburgers and hotdogs. Working the grill were the following Council 6711 Knights (left to right): Randy Lucero, Sir Knight Marc Carrillo, John Slape, Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator (SK PFN) Ruben Gallegos, and SK PFN Sam Gutierrez. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



In the background of Thunderbird Council 6711's grilling tents were some of the vehicle trunks containing treats for children of Saint Matthew Parishioners. Working the grills were the following Council 6711 Knights (left to right): Rudy Garcia, John Slape, Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Ruben Gallegos, Sir Knight Past Faithful Navigator Sam Gutierrez, and Sir Knight Grand Knight Past Faithful Navigator Chuy Perez. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)

## Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Aid to St. Luke Trick or Treat

On October 28, 2023 at Saint Luke Parish Center, hundreds of Parishioners and their children, many in costume, participated in the Halloween Trick or



Treat. In addition to the Parish Hall containing hundreds of people where talent contests were being conducted and many varieties of food were offered, eight classrooms off the courtyard were employed to offer games and activities for parents and children. In the Parish Hall, Council 6711 Knight Gerry O'Brien (left) served soft drinks and water assisted by Council 12160 Knight Alfredo Ortega (right). (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Next door to the soft drinks and water booth was the popcorn booth manned by Council 12160 Sir Knight Gerald Michael, who was presented with his Certificate of Exemplification in the 4th Degree (see page 3). Sir Knight



Gerald served in Vietnam with Marine Force Recon (he wore a Gunnery Sergeant E-7 insignia on his cap) in the A Shau Valley in northern South Vietnam, one of the most bitterly contested areas in all of the Republic of Vietnam, which collapsed in 1975 after the US Congress cut off ammunition and spare parts to the at-the-time very effective Army of the Republic of Vietnam, conditions under which no Army in the world could have survived. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)