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Faithful Navigator's Log

Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:

On October 7, 2023, Assembly 1970 is hosting a Fourth Degree Exemplification, dedicated to US Navy Veteran Carl Wendt. As the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1970, I will focus my knowledge and friendship of Carl Wendt, as a veteran US Customs and Border Protection Immigration Agent, whom I met at the Calexico Port of Entry (POE) in Calexico, California. *[continued on page 2]*

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez:

In September, Thunderbird Council 6711 supported the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Distribution at St. Matthew. On the Feast of Saint Matthew, the Council supported a reception in the Parish Hall after Masses.

Council 10788 Grand Knight Santiago Ogeda:

In September, Shepherd of the Valley Council 10788 supported Saint Jude's Parish Festival by offering hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos and popcorn.

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Chavarria:

In September, the Franklin Mountains Council 12160 held a Flu Shot Drive in the Saint Luke Parish Hall that gave 136 people free flu shots.

Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton:

In September, Rio Grande Council 14413 sold menudo and breakfast burritos after two morning Masses and encouraged a sense of community one weekend by offering food and refreshments after all Masses.

Council 17420 SK Grand Knight Eric Zubia: In September, San Francisco de Asis Council 17420 grilled hamburgers at the St. Anthony Seminary Kermes.

Assistant Diocesan Deputy's Desk

SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy John Danley:

On September 27, 2023, the El Paso Knights of Columbus had a Fallout for Sir Knight and Past Diocesan Deputy Roger Hovis at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Catholic Church (see page 3), who was called by our Lord on Saturday, September 16, 2023. We offer our deepest condolences to the Hovis *[continued on page 2]*



"Mother of God of Akita- Our Lady of the Snows," a painting by William Hart McNichols, 2017. Our Lady of Akita's last message of three came on October 13, 1973, 56 years after Our Lady of Fatima was last seen on October 13, 1917.

Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: Our Blessed Mother is persistent. As Our Lady of Fatima, she gave three warnings to the World in 1917, the third one not released (partially) until 2000. For the most part, the World ignored her and evils such as abortion began to spread around the World. So in 1973, as Our Lady of Akita, she delivered three messages as warnings to Mankind that echoed her Three Secrets of Fatima (see the May 2023 issue of the Fourth Estate). Miracles happened and Sister Agnes Sasagawa's encounters with Angels repeated those experienced in 1917 by Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the three children of Fatima. As Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Mark 4: 23). The Bishop of Akita has declared these events as supernatural and worthy of belief, Cardinal Ratzinger termed them as divinely inspired, but the Vatican has not recognized Our Lady of Akita.

Faithful Navigator's Log (Continued)

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: *[continued]*

Stationed at the POE, Carl first entered the ranks of Immigration Inspector, then later he was promoted to the POE Officer-in-Charge in Lukeville, AZ. Unquestionably, the exceptional personality traits possessed by OIC Wendt was his loyalty and courage to assist other brother law enforcement officers to effect arrests or seize ill-gotten goods, drugs, or property. Carl was a unique person, whose laughter was infectious amongst his peers and memorable to others as a "can do" guy that possessed a heart the size of Texas. May the soul of Carl Wendt live forever in almighty God's kingdom known as Heaven!

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

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

family. Sir Knight Roger served our El Paso Order with pride, enthusiasm and was a major supporter of our pro-life initiatives. He will be missed greatly. Please get your Councils and Assemblies to team up for the Bishop's Hike for Life on Saturday, October 14 at Cristo Rey at 8:00 a.m. The teams, in turn, need to raise donations from Parishioners to support the Hike for Life. Hike for Life then gives funds to pregnancy crisis centers to help women in crisis or unplanned pregnancies that choose to carry their babies to full term. El Paso Knights of Columbus are organizing the Cristo Rey Hike for Life, handling registration, speakers, music and color guard. They will be passing out water bottles to hikers and will serve hot dogs after the hike.

Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa

Sister Agnes was born prematurely and had a weak constitution. At the age of 19, she was paralyzed due to a botched appendectomy and was immobilized for 16 years. During this time, she was transferred from one hospital to another, undergoing a series of operations. At one clinic, she was nursed by a Catholic nun, who gave her some Lourdes water to drink. After that, her health improved, she converted to Catholicism and became a nun. She had previously lost hearing in her left ear and in March 1973, while she was answering the telephone, realized that she was totally deaf. In June 1973, she received the stigmata in her left hand after seeing Angels. In late July 1973, as her stigmata worsened, she went to the chapel to pray for strength. There an Angel told her that her pain would cease and the stigmata immediately healed. The statue ceased bleeding at the same time but the imprint of the wound remained in its hand. On October 13, 1973, her hearing was restored. It was permanently lost in 1975 (said the doctors) but fully regained in 1982 after her Guardian Angel told her it would be restored. She is still alive today at the age of 92.



Our Lady of Akita

Our Lady of Akita's first message occurred while the statue to the right was illuminated. The next day, the statue was inspected by Sister Agnes and another nun. The statue was seen bleeding in the right hand. Later, the right hand healed. From 1975 to 1981, the statue shed human tears 101 times. Its weeping was shown on Japanese national television.



In May 1973, Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa entered the convent of the Handmaids of the Eucharist as a 42-year old novice. She was completely deaf. In June 1973 as she entered the convent's chapel and opened the tabernacle, she saw a bright light. This happened two more times that month and on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, she saw Angels worshipping the Host. Alongside her, her Guardian Angel taught her prayers that turned out to be the same prayers taught to the Fatima children by the "Guardian Angel of Portugal" of which she had no prior knowledge. In early July, she arose early in the morning and heard Our Lady's voice who urged her to pray for Mankind's sins. She saw her Guardian Angel who led her to the chapel. She approached the statue (see above) of Mary and it was bathed in a bright light. Our Lady asked her to pray for the Pope, Bishops and Priests. In August 1973, she heard Our Lady speak from the statue. Our Lady said that God the Father was angered by the sins of men and that she and her Son were searching for souls to make reparations for sinners and for the ungrateful by offering up their sufferings and poverty to God on their behalf. Our Lady also said "Prayer, penance, honest poverty, and courageous acts of sacrifices can soften His anger." In September 1973, accompanied by another nun, they both saw the statue ablaze with light. The statue's hands glowed brightly and the stigmata imprint was removed. But, later that night, when the statue glowed again, human tears began flowing from the statue's eyes. The tears had a wonderful fragrance of flowers that persisted for 17 days. Our Lady spoke: "I am weeping because humanity is not accepting my motherly invitation to conversion. ... Man is becoming ever more corrupt, godless, wicked, and cruel. A chastisement worse than the flood is about to come upon this poor and perverted humanity. Fire will descend from heaven. This will be the sign that God in His justice has — as of now — fixed the hour of His great manifestation.... I am weeping because the Church is continuing along the road of division, of loss of the true faith ... I am weeping because, in great numbers, the souls of my children are being lost and going to hell...." On October 13, 1973, she warned that unless Man repents, "a great part of humanity"—good and bad--will be wiped out, she warned about Church corruption, and she urged everyone to pray the Rosary.

Assembly's Knights in Action

Saint Vincent de Paul Feast Day Celebration



Vincentians from across El Paso converged on Loretto Academy on September 23, 2024 to celebrate Saint Vincent de Paul's Feast Day (September 27). They attended a Mass celebrated by Father Ed Roden-Lucero (right) and concelebrated by Sir Knight Father Mark Salas (left), Our Lady of Assumption Pastor. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Five Vincnetian Knights attended the Saint Vincent de Paul Feast Day Celebration at Loretto Academy (left to right, Council in parentheses): Tim Barry (12160), Saint Luke Conference President Alfredo Ortega (12160), Past El Paso Diocesan Council President Tony Mireles (12160), Gerry O'Brien (6711), and Queen of Peace Conference President Sir Knight Joe O'Connor (14413). (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Fallout for Sir Knight and Past Diocesan Deputy Roger Hovis



On September 27, 2023 at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Sir Knights/Knights lined up as an honor guard for Sir Knight and Past Diocesan Deputy Roger Hovis' casket. In foreground was SK Color Corps Commander (maroon sash) Jorge "Maverick" Mendez. In photo to right, more SKs/Knights lined up, including SK District Marshal Jesus Granado (2nd from right wearing green sash). (Photos: SK PFN Chuy Perez)



During the Vigil/Rosary for Sir Knight and Past Diocesan Deputy Roger Hovis, Sir Knight Color Corps Commander Jorge "Maverick" Mendez (center wearing maroon sash) led the relief of two Sir Knights. (Photo: Sir Knight and Past Faithful Navigator Chuy Perez)



Sir Knight Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre (left at podium) read Sir Knight and Past Diocesan Deputy Roger Hovis' Chalice Proclamation while Sir Knight Mario Mallari (right) presented Sir Knight Roger's Chalice to family members. (Photo: Sir Knight and Past Faithful Navigator Chuy Perez)