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Faithful Navigator's Log

Sir Knight Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar:

This issue's theme is Patriotism, a quality diminishing in America as of late. It is also what the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is all about. As Sir Knights, we have the duty to rekindle Patriotism among those around us. The article on page 2 talks about focusing on the younger generation. I will be even *[continued on page 2]*

Grand Knights' Notes

Council 6711 SK PFN Grand Knight Chuy Perez:

In August, Thunderbird Council 6711 supported two St. Vincent de Paul Food Distributions at Saint Matthew and sold empanadas after all Masses one weekend.

Council 10788 Grand Knight Santiago Ogeda:

Shepherd of the Valley Council 10788 will be participating in the Novena to Saint Jude in September.

Council 12160 SK Grand Knight Mike Chavarria:

In August, Franklin Mountains Council 12160 continued planning and preparations for its October Golf Outing.

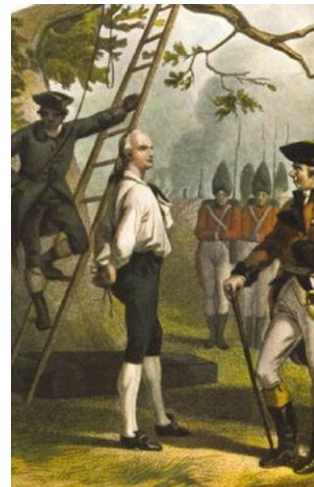
Council 14413 SK Grand Knight Dan Fenton: In August, Rio Grande Council 14413 honored Father McGivney on his Feast Day with a Mass procession, hosted a CUF Exemplification, and supported the Queen of Peace Parish Festival (see pages 3-4).

Council 17420 SK Grand Knight Eric Zubia: San Francisco de Asís Council 17420 will be supporting St. Anthony's Bazaar over the Labor Day weekend by grilling hamburgers and hotdogs for the attendees.

Assistant Diocesan Deputy's Desk

SK Assistant Diocesan Deputy John Danley:

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is planned for October 7, 2023 at Queen of Peace Church and Parish Hall. Encourage your Third Degree Knights to join the Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus. Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre is emphasizing that El Paso Councils need to reinforce their youth programs, e.g., Essay Contest, Keeping Christ in Christmas, Free Throw Contest, and appoint a Youth Chair who must be certified in the KofC Safe Environment Program.



I only regret
that I have one
life to lose for
my country.

Nathan Hale

"Hanging of Nathan Hale," engraving by Alexander Hay Ritchie, 1858. Captain Nathan Hale was executed as a spy for General George Washington on September 22, 1776, at the age of 21.

Faithful Scribe's Script

SK Faithful Scribe Joe O'Connor: The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. What's the ultimate test of Patriotism? Most would say that highest form of Patriotism is being willing to die for your Country. Those of us who volunteered for combat did not have a death wish but we felt that our Country was more important than ourselves. The strength of a Nation is reflected in the degree of Patriotism found among its citizens. We can see how Patriotic the vast majority of Ukrainians are today in volunteering to defend their Country against Russian invaders; even those who have been wounded—some with amputations—make every effort to get back into the fight. While the World's admiration shines upon them, many peoples—including Americans—are not willing to fight for their Country. The inset on page 2 looks at a survey of Patriotism by country. As Fourth Degree Knights, we have an obligation to promote Patriotism among our fellow Americans to strengthen our Country as it defends Liberty.

Faithful Navigator's Log (Continued)

SK Faithful Navigator Jesus Quintanar: *[continued]*

be more specific—we should focus on our Third Degree Knights, who tend to be younger and some who are victims of an educational system that shuns Patriotism—some schools even consider wearing an American flag shirt as racist! One way to engage our Third Degree Knights is to invite them to participate in our Patriotic Projects. This has already happened in the case of our Flag Ceremonies where several Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Knights participated. We should continue to invite them to participate in this Project. Other Patriotic Project participation opportunities include helping plant flags on the graves of Veteran Knights and Sir Knights who were members of their Councils, grading Saint Matthew Catholic School students' Patriotic Essays, and shepherding active-duty soldiers supported by the Assembly in the October Golf Outing run by Franklin Mountains Council 12160. As Leaders in their Councils, Sir Knights could encourage their Councils to sponsor patriotic essay contests for children in their Parishes, support Patriotic Rosaries, help the Disabled American Veterans plant flags at Fort Bliss National Cemetery on Patriotic holidays, and be involved in the annual El Paso Veterans Day Parade. Lastly, we should encourage all Sir Knights and Knights to exercise the most precious gift possessed by an American citizen—the right to vote! God Bless America! Vivat Jesus!

Would you be willing to fight for your Country?

<u>Nation</u>	<u>%Yes</u>	<u>Nation</u>	<u>%Yes</u>
Morocco	94	Nigeria	50
Pakistan	89	Brazil	48
Vietnam	89	Poland	47
Azerbaijan	85	United States	44
Afghanistan	76	Argentina	43
India	75	South Korea	42
Finland	74	Latvia	41
Turkey	73	Switzerland	39
Philippines	73	Ireland	38
China	71	Romania	38
Indonesia	70	Denmark	37
Kenya	69	Canada	30
Israel	66	Australia	29
Panama	64	France	29
Ukraine	62	United Kingdom	27
Russia	59	Bulgaria	25
Mexico	56	Italy	20
Sweden	55	Germany	18
Greece	54	Japan	11



Would you be willing to die for your Country?

In August 1776, General George Washington was in a jam. His Army had just been beaten by the British in the Battle of Long Island and he was desperate to find out where the British were going to invade Manhattan which the Continental Army currently held. He called for a spy to go behind British lines. Only Captain Nathan Hale volunteered. He knew that if he was caught as a spy it meant certain death. Accounts vary on how he was discovered but the end result was the same: Death by hanging. The British officers present at the hanging were impressed by Hales' composure as he met his fate.

Would you be willing to fight for your Country?

In 2015, WIN/Gallup International, polled 62,398 people in 64 countries and asked if they would be willing to fight for their homelands: 61% said "Yes" while 27% said no. An abridged list of the survey results are shown in the box in the lower left of this page.

Would you stay and fight or flee if invaded?

In March 2022, a Quinnipiac University poll asked 1,374 Americans if their Country was invaded like Ukraine would they stay and fight or flee the Country: 55% said they would fight while 38% said they would leave.

What can we do to promote Patriotism?

As Fourth Degree Knights what can we do to promote Patriotism in our Community and in our Nation? First, focus on the younger generations who often lack patriotic education. Second, promote a learning of American history including how the Country got its independence, the system of Republican government with checks and balances set up by the Constitution unique to the world at that time, how Slavery common around the world was overcome in America through our Civil War and Reconstruction, and how the rights of minorities and women have been advanced. Third, educate others in civics: How Americans elect their government officials, how laws are made, and how the Courts adjudicate differences. Fourth, show how immigrants from many lands legally came to our Country, assimilated as Americans, and achieved their dreams for success and happiness. Fifth, recount how, in the First and Second World Wars, and in later Wars, Americans fought for freedom for our Country and for other nations as well. Sixth, show how America's success as a Nation came from a reliance on God: In God We Trust. 🇺🇸 🇫🇷 🇮🇹

Assembly's Knights in Action

Franklin Mountains Council 12160 Honored Deceased Vincentians



On July 29, 2023 at Saint Luke Catholic Church, there was an unveiling and blessing of two benches honoring departed Vincentians. Franklin Mountain Council 12160 Knights participating included (left to right): SK Grand Knight Mike Chavarria, *Ed Ehrbar, Saint Luke Pastor SK Father Ed Carpenter, SK Paul Leenheer, SK Gus Erler, *Tony Mireles and *Alfredo Ortega (*also Vincentians). (Photo: SK GK Mike Chavarria)

One of the two benches honored SVdP El Paso Diocesan Council President Sherry Rios who passed away last Fall. The other bench honored all other deceased Vincentians. Sir Knights Grand Knight Mike Chavarria and Roman Bustillos erected the memorial plaques behind the benches. (Photo: SK GK Mike Chavarria)



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul West Side Food Distribution



On August 2, 2023 at the St. Luke Parking Lot, Knight Ed Ehrbar (center, white shirt) thanked the volunteers, many of whom have served since the Food Distribution's start in June 2020. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



On Side B, SK Gebhard "Gus" Erler (right) delivered boxes of cucumbers to a needy family while another volunteer had chicken parts to hand out. That day, 22 pallets of food were distributed to 370 households. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



Blessed Father Michael



McGivney's Feast Day



On August 13, 2023, Blessed Father McGivney's Feast Day, Rio Grande Council 14413 Knights processed in at the 9 AM Mass (left to right): SK Bill Sutton, George Guebara, Joe Palomo, Patrick Ross, Alan Cooksey, SK GK Dan Fenton, Jesus Saenz, SK Joe O'Connor and SK DGK Jeffrey Fretland. (Photo: Mary O'Connor)

On August 13, 2023, Queen of Peace Pastor Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka (left) celebrated the 9 AM Mass, assisted by Sir Knight Deacon Adolfo Rubio (right). Knights provided the ushers, brought up the Hosts and wine, and served as Eucharistic Ministers. In the left background (in red vest) was Sir Knight Past Grand Knight Robert Valvidiez, 9 AM Mass Head Usher.



(Photo: Mary O'Connor)

Assembly's Knights in Action

Rio Grande Council 14413 Charity-Unity-Fraternity Exemplification



On August 19, 2023, Rio Grande Council 14413 hosted a Charity-Unity-Fraternity Exemplification in the Queen of Peace (QoP) Parish Hall for five Knight candidates from three different Councils. QoP Pastor Sir Knight Father Allan Alaka (podium) said the Opening Prayer. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



After Lessons on Charity, Unity and Fraternity were presented, Presiding Officer Sir Knight Grand Knight Dan Fenton (podium) led the Promises while the Knight candidates and all Knights in attendance raised their right hands and made their Promises to the Knights of Columbus. (Photo: Sir Knight Joe O'Connor)



Conferring Officer Sir Knight District 9 Deputy Frank Garcia (center), assisted by Knight Eric Geedey (back to camera), presented the five Knight candidates with their Rosaries (left to right, Council in parentheses): Lambert Cabales (144584), Will Copeland (14413), Gerry Cochrane (14413), Sebastian Hincapsse (14413), and Randy Lucero (6711). (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



After the Closing Prayer (Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Father McGivney) was said by SK Father Allan Alaka (center), the Exemplification Team posed with the new Knights (left to right): Randy Lucero, Sebastian Hincapsse, Patrick Ross, SK Tim Sievek, SK GK Dan Fenton, SK Father Allan, SK PGK Robert Valdiviez, SK DD Frank Garcia, Will Copeland, Gerry Cochrane, and Lambert Cabales. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)

Rio Grande Council 14413 Support to Queen of Peace Parish Festival



On August 26, 2023, Rio Grande Council 14413 supported the Queen of Peace Parish Festival by grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. Preparing to marinate another batch of hamburgers were Knights (l-r): George Guebara, Eddie Urquiza, SK GK Dan Fenton and SK PGK Robert Valdiviez. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)



The Council supported the Parish Festival by grilling 400 hamburgers and 400 hot dogs. Working the grill were Knights (left to right): Sebastian Hincapsse, Patrick Ross and SK Jeffrey "Scooter" Fretland. Inside the Parish Hall, many compliments were heard about how delicious the marinated, grilled hamburgers were. (Photo: SK Joe O'Connor)