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Knight Talk

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From the Grand Knight Will Quintanilla

Brothers,

I'd like to start off by saying thank you to the many many hands that helped during the Fall Festival. There were too many of you to count. I can't tell you how happy this makes me!

I am an active Knight; heck, I'm YOUR Grand Knight because I have a strong passion to serve. I think it's absolutely great that I've managed to surround myself and lead a group of guys with the same passion.

Catholic Gentlemen that care about our Lord, our families, and our parish community.

Speaking of which, I recently attended the Into the Breach program that is being led by several Brother Knights. It deals with how we can be better Catholic Men. I highly recommend attending these weekly meetings, even if you haven't already.

Again, thank you for your help in volunteering the past few months.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you,

Grand Knight
Will Quintanilla



From our Chaplain Fr. Jason Cargo

Two Crucial Points of the Message of Guadalupe

**BY SUPREME CHAPLAIN
ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI**

*The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Dec. 12.
Here are two crucial points — adapted from a homily
given to Knights of Columbus leaders, June 14, 2014 —
to reflect on when sharing the story with Knights.*

Point #1: Don't avoid the hard stuff; Our Lady will not be deterred. You and I can only imagine how Juan Diego felt when Our Lady appeared to him. He wasn't looking for notoriety, quite the contrary. He was a pious man, on his way to Mass, concerned about his sick uncle. The last thing he expected was to encounter Our Lady and to become her messenger to the bishop.

Indeed, when his mission became complicated, he tried to evade the Blessed Mother by going around the other side of the hill, but Our Lady intercepted him, gently chided him with the words, "Am I not here who am your Mother?" — "¿No estoy yo aqui que soy tu madre?"

No doubt, you will meet up with many different kinds of obstacles. Some of your responsibilities will be enjoyable but some will be difficult. There will be problems that need to be addressed, fraternally yet frankly. There will be opportunities to grow the Order and advance its mission but with the opportunities there will also be complications.

So, we should pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe to ask for her help in the mission that the Order and your brother Knights have entrusted to you. She will help us to resist the temptation simply to enjoy our positions in the Order, to go along to get along, to take a victory lap, not addressing the challenges and the opportunities that are before us.

Point #2: Be convinced that Our Lady urgently wants you to succeed. Until the time of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church's mission of evangelization was moving slowly.

The Gospel was encountering still headwinds in the New World.

I would imagine that Bishop Zumarraga and his fellow missionaries must have discussed frequently the challenges that they were facing. Yet when he encountered the unmistakable evidence of Our Lady's presence in the roses and in her image on Juan Diego's cloak — everything changed. There was still caution and opposition from various quarters, but the Church's mission of evangelization exploded. Because of Mary's presence and prayers, millions heard the Gospel, encountered Christ and became members of Christ's Body, the Church. Her impact was not merely on individuals but on the culture, which was transformed from the inside out.

Sometimes we can be like the Spanish missionaries who discussed among themselves the problems they were facing. We too can feel stymied in advancing the mission of the Knights of Columbus. We can think of difficult personalities and situations that came long before we ever assumed leadership positions in the Order.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is our patron for a reason: When we open our hearts to her in prayer, when we sense her presence in our midst as our Mother, she will change everything for us. She will give us new confidence and a new sense of urgency in the mission that is ours.

For the mission you have been given is to share in a special way in the Church's mission of evangelization. Our Lady of Guadalupe is calling upon you, as she called upon St. Juan Diego and Bishop Zumarraga — to increase membership, to establish new councils, to set new records of charity — in a word to grow the Order because there are so many men and so many families that could find their way to Christ and the Church through us, the Knights of Columbus, and through our witness to the faith.

The Blessed Mother doesn't want any one of us to be content to do business as usual, content to be cautious, secure in excuses — rather she wants to touch our lives, deeply and personally, so that as leaders of the Knights we can be intentional disciples of her Son who in turn will advance the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel. Vivat Jesus!



A stained glass window of the Virgin of Tepeyac at Villa Maria Guadalupe.



Council Calendar

Into the Breach program

Saturday, Nov 16 6:30 pm Rm 124PC

First Degree

Monday, Nov 18 7:30 pm Upper Room

VA Hospital Visit & Bingo

Wednesday, Nov 20 5:30 pm Meet at
Flagpole
(Depart at 6:00 pm)

Thanksgiving Social

Thursday, Nov 21 6:30 pm Dining Hall

Into the Breach program

Saturday, Nov 23 6:30 pm Rm 124PC

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, Nov 28

Into the Breach program

Saturday, Nov 30 6:30 pm Rm 124PC

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec 1

Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 3 6:30 pm Boardroom

Business Meeting

Thursday, Dec 5 7:30 pm Upper Room

1st Saturday Mass & Rosary

Dedicated to Deceased Knights

Saturday, Dec 7 8:00 am Sanctuary &
8:45 am Chapel

Into the Breach program

Saturday, Dec 7 6:30 pm Rm 124PC

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, Dec 8

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec 14 6:30 am Dining Hall

Nativity Scene Setup

Saturday, Dec 14 9:00 am Courtyard

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Pray for the Sick and Distressed



Joe Horan	Kristi Lyons
Bridget Horan	Mark Unger
Nkwako Osong	Johnny Pacheco
Pat Behanick	Tyler Stark
Steve Ducote	Ray Richardson
Alice Ducote	JoAnn Mann
Celeste Gozzala	Chloe Lozano
Peter Genera	Cuong Nguyen
Connie Garza	Bill Perry
Pat Sheppard	Nancy Perry
Gary Olson	Hoang Nguyen
Karen Ohler	Matthias Preble
Ed Farendorf	Gary Preble
Loretta Smith	Michael Olivares
Penny Tucker-	Jim Doran
Shreve	Vanessa Kilgore
James Roberts and	Esther Chiazor and
Family	Family
The Winniford	Mother and family of
Family	missing airman

Please remember them in your prayers

Council Calendar cont'd

Christmas Social

Thursday, Dec 19 6:30 pm Dining Hall

Christmas Carols

Saturday, Dec 21 TBD Courtyard
Sunday, Dec 22 TBD Courtyard

Parish Christmas Eve Photos

Tuesday, Dec 24 Nativity Scene

Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec 25



Community: Program Director - Will Quintanilla

NUNS OF ST. JOSEPH

Patio Project



Thanks to donations from members of our council, Brothers Johnny Tejada, Harold Hansen, Miguel Cervantes and Brian Tooley constructed the stone patio for Nuns of St. Joseph on October 19.



Sister Mary was very excited and sent a picture to Sister Demetra, who is still in Tanzania. Sister Demetra expressed her thanks! There is approximately \$100 remaining from donations collected which will be used to for patio furniture.

Thanks also to Brother Johnny Tejada, and Josie, along with the team providing transportation to and from work on a daily basis for Sister Mary while Sister Demetra is away.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thanks to Brother Joe Unger and all those who supported the Pancake Breakfast on October 6. It was a great success!



Brothers Eric Lagneaux, Ad Cometa and Steve Snyder man the pancake grill.



Brothers Urban Heitmeyer, Moses Guddah and Joe Unger at the serving window (above). Parishioners in fast-moving line and enjoying breakfast (below).



Faith: Program Director - Brian Tooley



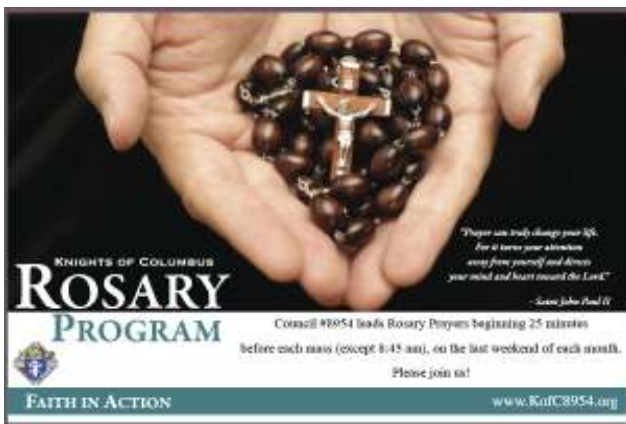
INTO THE BREACH

'A Call to Battle'

Weekly meetings continue as Brothers David Lane, Rob Mauga, Johnny Tejada and Art Perez facilitate discussion and lead prayers based on the apostolic exhortation of Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, Into the Breach.

Join us on Saturdays at 6:30 pm in room 124PC through December 14.

For more information or to join the group, please contact Brother Johnny Tejada at 469-628-6105 or jtejada314@gmail.com.



As Knights of Columbus, we are asked to keep our Rosary with us always and pray it often.

If you would like to join the Rosary Program team, please contact Brother Kevin Daigrepoint at 214-202-8138 or daigrepoint2001@sbcglobal.net (Note: additional Spanish speakers needed)



LIVING ROSARY



Brothers from our Council formed a human cross during the annual Living Rosary on Monday, October 7. Thanks to Brothers Bob Procsal, Don O'Bryan, Johnny Tejada, Bill Button, Eric Lagneaux, Ken Ducote, Isaac Sandoval and Ken Myers for participating in this wonderful, annual ceremony.



Thanks to Brother Kevin Daigrepoint, his wife and family for their dedication and work in constructing and maintaining the Rosary Garden, located in the kids playground. This is a beautiful tribute to our Holy Queen and teaches our children how to pray the Rosary.



Life: Program Director - Don Delorenz

Several Pro-Life activities took place last month where our Council was actively participating and leading the parish, including the Pro-Life Rosary on Saturday, October 12 and the 24-hour vigil on Sunday, October 13.



Knights preparing Baby Banks for distribution.



Brother Eric Lagneaux and Patti Sherod prepare to hand out Baby Banks after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 12.



Brothers Don Delorenz and Urban Heitmeyer hand out Baby Banks after masses on Sunday, October 13.



Brothers Johnny Tejada and Harold Hansen transported parishioners to and from the abortion clinic for the Pro-Life Vigil on Sunday, October 13.



Brother Ojas Inmar receives Knight of the Month award for July (left).



Brothers Jonathon and Michael Wagner receive Family of the Month award (right).

FALL FESTIVAL

Many Knights supported the Fall Festival on October 26 & 27, from setup to Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo to Burgers and Brats to clean up. Thanks again to all those Brothers for outstanding support!



Brothers Brian Roeten, Ad Cometa, Jon Hagarman, Don O'Bryan and John James slave over a hot stove cooking delicious spaghetti sauce!



Brothers Johnny Tejada and Art Perez cook burgers and brats with Brother Randall Smith looking on and photo-bombed by Knight unknown in back...



For the Good of the Order by Lecturer, Brother Ken Ducote



At this month's meeting, for the Good of the Order was dedicated to our deceased Brother Knights by praying one decade of the Rosary and reading the names of those deceased members of our Council.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen



Tornado Clean Up

Thanks to those Knights who responded to a call from our Emergency Response Coordinator, Brother Kevin Daigrepoint, to assist with clean up of the church and football field after the tornado that hit on October 21.



50/50 Drawing: Brother Roger Flesch

\$100 Member Drawing: Brother Neil Ducote
(must be present to win) (not present)



Miscellaneous News & Info

Did You Know: 27 Brothers have October birthdays (see Calendar on website; Click on 'Show Birthdays')

Officer's Meetings: 1st Tues of each month at 6:30 pm
(room varies)

Business Meetings: 1st Thur of each month at 7:30 pm
(Upper room)

- Meeting Minutes are posted at www.kofc8954.org under Council Meeting Minutes Library and the Members Only Section.



Welcome New Knights

Please welcome our newest Brothers Jonathon Wagner, Michael Wagner, Scott Fontenarosa and Luis Salazar, pictured with GK Will Quintanilla.



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