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Marian Apparitions

By Will Friesen, Grand Knight

I was talking about my trip to Guadalupe with my Lutheran friend.

I was telling him about the boy that saw Mary multiple times. On one occasion, it was winter when the blessed mother appeared. In spite of it not being the time of year when roses bloom there were hundreds of flowers. He remembered that the bishop had asked him for proof of the miracle, so he picked bunches of them and carried them in the front of his tilma (poncho).

He brought the flowers down the hill to show them to the bishop. When he released the bottom of the tilma to allow the roses to fall to the ground, there was a beautiful image of the blessed mother on the front of the tilma.

For almost 500 years the tilma remains intact. It even survived a terrorist attack. In 1921 a bomb was set off at the altar of the church. The tilma hung above the altar. The fire was so hot that 4-inch diameter candle stick holders were twisted like pretzels, yet the tilma was not harmed.

My friend said that this is a nice story, but it was not Mary.

I asked, “How can you know that?”

He answered, “I do not believe in ghosts. If God wanted to give us a message, he would appear as himself like he did with Moses.”

I asked, “If I showed you evidence in the Bible would you believe?”

He answered, “Yes, of course.”

March Calendar

March 2

Cornhole Tournament, 6 p.m., SI

March 5

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

March 7

Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m., SI

March 8

SI 70th Anniversary/Fish Fry, 5:30 p.m.

March 12

Dinner and Business Meeting, 6 p.m.,
St. John's Hall, OLA

March 15

Soup and Stations, 5:30 p.m., SJE

March 16

California State Northern Regional Free
Throw Competition, 8:30 a.m., OLA
Camp ReCreation Trivia Night, 5 p.m., SI

March 19

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

March 21

Ladies Luncheon, Christ the King, 12 p.m.
Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m., SI

March 26

Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
St. John's Hall, OLA

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We went to the living room to open the Bible. I said that she appeared to John in a dream. In chapter 12 of the book of Revelations, "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." I explained that to this day, many statues of Mary in Catholic churches shows her standing on a ball, trampling a serpent. That ball is the moon from John's dream.

He was not convinced. He answered, "You do not know that the woman was Mary and she only appeared in a dream. God would only appear as himself to someone that is awake."

I asked my friend to turn to the gospel of Mark, Chapter 9. I said start reading but tell me what verse 4 says.

He read, "Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus."

I paraphrased. "Elijah and Moses appeared to Peter, James and John and they spoke with Jesus. If God could send Elijah, why is it so hard for you to believe that God would use the mother of Jesus to send us a message?"

He replied, "Why does she only appear to Catholics?"

I said, "Juan Diego was a pagan peasant. I think that you are trying very hard to find an excuse not to believe. Moreover, her message is always, pray for the conversion of people to Christianity. Would anyone other than God want us to pray for more followers of Jesus?"

I am not sure that I made a dent, but I will not give up on my friend. Thanks for reading.

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The Road to the Finals Continues

By Loren Wallen, Past Grand Knight, Free Throw Chair

It was an eventful month for our students participating in the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. Here's a recap of this month's action:

District 9 Championship

Our 12 Council winners went on to compete at the District 9 Contest, hosted by our Council and Interim District Deputy Louis Salvatore at the St. Ignatius gym on Saturday, Feb. 17. St. Robert's Council 11724 was the only other council in our District that held a contest. Many thanks to Joe Romanazzi, Steve Millner, Peter Kilkenny, Frank Consulo, Michael Corcoran, Bill Davis, Gary Mello, and free throw chairmen Matthew Brennan from St. Robert's council for being there and helping out. There were a total of 17 boys and girls that participated at this contest that night. These District winners went on to compete at the Northern California Chapter Contest on Feb. 24th at St. John the Baptist Parish in Folsom. Here are the District 9 winners, their scores, councils and schools;

Age 9 – Girls: Mackenzie Marino – (15/25) – 4970 – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Boys: Theo Swanston ----- (17/25) – 4970 – Our Lady of the Assumption

Age 10 – Girls: Emma Luppino ---- (15/25) – 4970 – St. John the Evangelist

Boys: Gavin Burns ----- (21/25) – 4970 – Our Lady of the Assumption

Age 11 – Girls: Paige Stradford ---- (12/25) – 4970 – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Boys: Rafael Palamiano - (24/25) – 4970 – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Age 12 – Girls: Araceli Unzueta --- (12/25) – 11724 – St. Roberts

Boys: Jax Richter ----- (16/25) – 4970 – St Ignatius of Loyola

PRAYER LIST

Please remember these intentions in your prayers:

**All children lost to abortion
All unborn children and their mothers**

**All Caregivers of the sick
Deceased of Council 4970**

Joe Kievernagel

Dan Aseltine

Pope Francis

Pope Benedict (dec)

Michael Aseltine (dec)

Christopher Scott (dec)

Jacintha Ezeudoye (dec)

John DePiazza (dec)

Robert Sholtes(dec)

Rick Di Regolo (dec)

Frank Gianattasio (dec)

Georgia Royal (dec)

Michael Profumo (dec)

Joan Cotton

Carolyn "Susie" Fonteyn (dec)

Bob Akers

Anthony Praxel (dec)

Kenneth Scribner (dec)

David Bland (dec)

Danielle Corcoran (dec)

Ben Dougherty (dec)

Fred Garrison

Parishioners of SI, SJE, and

OLA Parishes

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Age 13 – Girls: (no participants)

Boys: Beckett Nelson ---- (15/25) – 4970 – Our Lady of the Assumption

Age 14 – Girls: Joie Dickerson ----- (12/25) – 4970 – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Boys: Joseph Pescetti ---- (21/25) – 4970 – St. Ignatius of Loyola

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Northern California Chapter Free Throw Championships

The 2024 Northern California Chapter Free Throw Championships were held on Saturday, February 24 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Folsom. Ten of our Council 4970 winners who also won the District 9 contest were eligible to continue on and compete at this Chapter contest. Seven of these kids from our Council won 1st place honors in their age groups at the Chapter contest. One boy took 2nd place. Here are the results of our Council's representatives at the Chapter contest.

Age 9 -- Boys – Theo Swanston (1st place – 20/25) – Our Lady of the Assumption

Girls – Mackenzie Marino (1st place – 12/25) – St. Ignatius

Age 10 – Boys – Gavin Burns (1st place – 20/25) – Our Lady of the Assumption

Girls – Emma Luppino (1st place – 11/25) – St. John the Evangelist

Age 11 – Boys – Rafael Palamiano (2nd place – 20/25) – St. Ignatius

Girls – Paige Stradford (1st place – 11/25) – Our Lady of the Assumption

Age 12 – Boys – Jax Richter (1st place – 20/25) – St. Ignatius

Age 13 – Boys – Beckett Nelson (10/25) – Our Lady of the Assumption

Age 14 – Boys – Joseph Pescetti (7/25) – St. Ignatius

Girls – Joie Dickerson (1st place – 14/25) – St. Ignatius

These 7 boys and girls, after winning our Council 4970 free throw contest, the District 9 contest, and the Nor Cal Chapter contest, will continue on and compete at the 2024 California State Northern Regional Free Throw Competition scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at Our Lady of the Assumption in Carmichael.

God Calls Brother Knight Benjamin “Ben” Dougherty Home

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight



Our Council 4970 Fraternal Brother Benjamin “Ben” Dougherty passed away on December 17, 2023, at the age of 49. Brother Ben was a member of the Knights of Columbus since June 2019. He proudly served the people of God in the Arden-Carmichael community. He was an active and dedicated participant in various programs and activities of our Council at all three parishes we serve, including Our Lady of the Assumption (OLA) in Carmichael, his home parish. He particularly enjoyed helping at pancake breakfasts, BBQs and St. Vincent de Paul food lockers. One of his notable achievements was assisting with the remodeling of the OLA Hospitality Room with his dad, PGK Michael Dougherty and PGK Peter Kilkenny. Ben served as an officer in our Council as a door guard at our meetings and assisted with the sale of our official apparel. His ready smile and eagerness to volunteer when needed served him and our Council well.

Brother Ben had a number of challenging health issues during his relatively short lifetime. These health problems culminated on December 9th when he suffered a massive stroke while visiting his mom and dad at their Carmichael home. He was in ICU in a deep coma and on a respirator until his passing on December 17th.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. About 30 Council 4970 Knights and Lady Knights joined Brother Ben’s family, friends and fellow parishioners at the service to celebrate his life. Our Council Chaplain, Pastor Fr. Eduino Silveira, celebrated the Mass. Members from Council 4970 presented a *Resolution of Condolence* to the family, along with a pair of rosary beads blessed by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori. A reception followed the conclusion of the Mass and took the form of a birthday party in celebration of what would have been Ben’s 50th birthday a few days prior to his funeral. There was lots of cake, balloons, and stories told about Ben’s life and the joy he brought to others.

Although his earthly journey ended about two months short of his 50th birthday, we take solace in knowing that Brother Ben’s earthly suffering has also ended and his new life in Heaven has begun. One aspect of this new life will be the reunion with his grandfather, Vince La Bate. Brother and Sir Knight Vince was a charter member of our Council and passed away four years ago at the age of 94. While walking the halls of Heaven reminiscing, an entertaining exchange may occur if they should run into our Order’s Founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. After Ben is introduced to Father McGivney by his grandfather, they may very well hear our Founder say “Well done faithful servant, Brother Ben Dougherty! Thank you for living out the principles of our Order-- Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Now let’s all go and share a plate of crispy, golden brown Tater Tots.” That’s a motion Brother Ben would not cast a NAY vote against.

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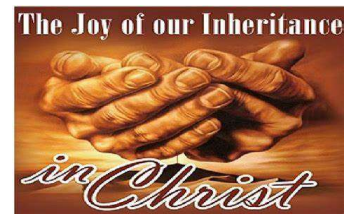
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The Prophet Isaiah tells us that God's ways are as different from ours as the heavens are above the earth. This often leads those of us left behind to question why a good, young person like Ben is taken away from us so soon. It is for times like this that the Lord gave us the **Gift of Faith**. This Gift tells us that death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life for those who have faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus came to save us from sin and the power of death by opening the gates of Heaven to all believers. As worthy Knights, we rejoice in His salvation and trust in His divine plan for our lives.

We grieve with Ben's father and mother, Past Grand Knight Michael Dougherty and Lady Knight Rosemary, and the rest of the Dougherty Family. ***May our Worthy Brother Ben's soul and all the souls of our departed Council 4970 Brothers and Lady Knights though the Mercy of God rest in peace. AMEN.***

JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

What is our Real Inheritance?

The distribution of inherited wealth varies among different cultures and legal traditions. Our country has a complicated system of inheritance that can be difficult to understand. When the word inheritance or one of its metaphors comes up, most people think in terms of a legal gift which usually refers to actual property or goods received after a family member's death. A *2019 Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF)* found that the average inheritance in the U.S. is \$110,050 for the middle class. It was noteworthy to me that research shows the average inheritance is spent within five years.

Consider Sam who lived all his life in the Florida Keys. He is on his deathbed surrounded by his "grieving" family and knows the end is near. His nurse, wife, two sons and daughter are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes and when all is ready, he begins to speak:

"My son, Doug, I want you to take the Ocean Reef houses"

"My daughter Kelly, you take the apartments between mile markers 100 and Tavernier."

"My son, Kevin, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Center."

"Cathy, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bay side on Blackwater Sound."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Sam slips away, the nurse says, "Your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property." The wife replies, "The idiot had a paper route."

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The short story you just read demonstrates one type of inheritance, but there are others. As Christians, particularly as Catholics, the most important for us should be the Biblical inheritance promised by our Lord for the eternal salvation of our souls. This inheritance means spending a joyful eternity with a God who provides material and spiritual blessings for his people. The **Bible** tells us in **Peter 1 1-4**, we are promised an irrevocable gift as God's adopted children. As co-heirs with Christ, we are assured an inheritance that can never be diminished because it is kept safely in Heaven for us.

My Brothers, unlike Sam's family who learned to their surprise on his deathbed that they all inherited a part of his paper route of all things, we have a **REAL INHERITANCE** with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The **Bible** tells us so frequently and in many places. Best of all there will be no deathbed surprises as long as we approach the Lord in this life with an attitude of childlike wonder and humility that Jesus requests in **Matthew 19:13-15**.

We can learn to increase our belief and trust in Jesus Christ by studying the Gospels and putting his commandments into action every day. If we carry out his dictates during our earthly lives and share in his sufferings, we will improve our likelihood of gaining claim to our glorious inheritance in the Kingdom of God. This is what God wants for us and His eternal gift is guaranteed to last for more than five years and never be subject to lawyers or government inheritance taxes.

District 9 Free Throw Contest Winners



L-R Bros. Gary Mello, Frank Consulo, Matthew Brennan (St. Roberts), Mike Corcoran, Bill Davis, Steve Millner, Peter Kilkenny, Loren Wallin and Joe Romanazzi with the winners.

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**ELECTRONIC SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo



Our March luncheon will start with Stations of the Cross, outdoors at the Christ the King Retreat Center (weather permitting), 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, starting at 12 noon, and from there go to the Back Forty Restaurant at 1201 Orlando Ave, Citrus Heights arriving around 1 PM.



Looking forward to our next meetings!

Any questions? Call either Glenda Macdonald at 916-524-8933 or myself Jean Gobbo at 916-283-5223.

PS: As in the past, Brother Knights are more than welcome to join the ladies in the Stations and lunch.