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Empress of the Americas

by Brian Caulfield Editor of Fathers for Good

Did you know that in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, tiny human figures are seen in her eyes, one of them appearing to be the Bishop of Mexico at the time of Mary's appearance in 1531? Or that scientists have discovered that the eyes of the image possess the three effects of image refraction in a living eye?

You can find these and other facts -- as well as false rumors debunked -- at a new website sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, called "Truths of the Image".

This is a companion site to the new Guadalupe Festival website, which tells about the first International Marian Congress dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Congress will be held next August in Phoenix, Arizona, near the Mexican border, following the Knights of Columbus' annual Convention.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is so popular in Mexico that Catholics in that country consider themselves "Guadalupanos," a people devoted to Our Lady.

The devotion has also caught on in the United States, especially among pro-life advocates who take her as the patron of the Culture of Life. She is also known to the Church as the patroness of all the Americas, North, South and Central.

Personally, I have a great devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. When I learned of the miraculous image that was imprinted on the tilma of Juan Diego, I knew that God had taken a special action in the "New World" for the conversion of millions of indigenous people. God literally painted the image of the Blessed Mother with his own power on the rough cloak of a simple peasant man, and the image is still on display at the Basilica in Mexico City.

If you want to see the hand of God, look at an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Let us pray to her today, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask God to write her image on our own hearts, so that we may be faithful as she to the Lord's call.

Lay Dominican Inquirers Group Forming at Holy Rosary Parish

Lay Dominicans have been a part of the Order of Preachers almost from its beginning. The first rule for the lay order was promulgated by the seventh Master of the Order, Munio de Zamora, in the year of our Lord 1285. We have had an illustrious history serving our God and His Church. It is a vocation, a lifetime commitment to serve God and our fellow human beings where ever and whoever they are.

The group meets in the Holy Rosary REC bldg from 2PM to 5PM at every second Sunday. For Information, contact Mr. Wayne Andrews, OP at 281-391-9610.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Letter

Brothers,

You have received our newsletter either by e-mail or by the mail and have an idea of what is happening in our council. We have to emphasize that only a few brothers are attending our monthly meetings or participating in the events that we engage in for our parish. In order for our council to grow and prosper over the coming years, we need you to get involved. Come to the meetings and voice your opinions and ideas as to what you want done with our council. I was a District Deputy before moving to downtown Houston and becoming a parishioner with my wife at Holy Rosary, and I have seen other councils like ours that are either stagnant or are growing and prospering. In either case, it depends on what their brothers are willing to do to support their councils. We need you out there to raise funds to pay for the activities and charities that we can offer our parish, and we need you out there to recruit new brothers for our council to grow. Come and participate and let's turn our council around and let it become a key part of our religious community.

Don Payne, DGK

Critical Issues

Pay Your Annual Dues

You are going to receive a letter from our Financial Secretary billing you for your annual dues. Please respond to the first letter and send in your dues as soon as possible. If you are in financial distress, please let our Financial Secretary know. If you don't care to continue to be a member of the Knights of Columbus, please contact the Grand Knight or the Deputy Grand Knight, and they will take the needed steps to have you removed. In any case, please contact us.

We have a third of our council who haven't contacted us during the last year. We have attempted to contact them a number of times, but they are not responding to our letters. It's costing your council money that it does not have, attempting to get in touch with these brothers. Please contact us as soon as possible concerning whatever decision that you may wish to make.

New Meetings and/or Days

At our last meeting, we discussed the possibility of holding our meetings on a different day and time after receiving a recommendation from our Diocesan Deputy to reschedule our meetings to a weeknight. A number of our brothers stated from prior experience that turnout at meetings scheduled for weeknights resulted in no more brothers attending than what we currently have at our Saturday morning meetings. Most councils hold two meetings each month. A business meeting can be held during a weeknight to get the views, ideas, and participation from a different variety of our brothers. We'd like to get your views concerning this change. Would you be interested in attending the business meetings?

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The Council's Doin's

Fundraising Activities

In order to provide assistance to our church and funding for our council, we need to come up with additional activities and means to raise more money. Our only means of raising funds has been through annual dues and the hot dog sales. We started selling Nativity Scene Magnets in November and December and that has resulted in an additional \$400. We are sponsoring the sale of \$500 discount coupons at supermarkets such as Kroger's or WalMart and at gas stations such as Exxon or Sam's. These are money makers for both our council and the people who buy them. We are introducing tamales to our hot dog sales menus. Hopefully, this will increase our revenue and get more people to come by and talk to us. We are also considering holding spaghetti and steak dinners in the coming months at our parish. In any case, we need your participation. If you can come up with any other fund-raising ideas, please let us know.

Recruiting New Brothers

Over the last year, our recruitment of new brothers has been minimal. We need to get out there and talk to practicing Catholics to become a part of our council. We need to advertise that we are Knights by wearing our K of C shirts, hats, and name tags. Show up for our hot dogs sales. Be available to help at events at our church. Too often, brothers have recently been asked as individuals to participate instead of participating as Knights of our council. Let's get involved and show our parish community that we can play an important part in all of the activities in our community. Please respond to the e-mails that you may receive asking for assistance at the parish. Let us know if there are any events or committees that you may want to become an active member in at our church. Get involved.

We have the new Form 100's that are replacing the old forms as of January 1st. Please come to our next meeting and pick some up. Help us to recruit new members for our council.

New Plans from Our Insurance Agents

Jack Charrin, the insurance agent for our council, attended our last meeting and discussed the new annuity plans that the Knights have to offer. It may only cost \$100 to get it started and it offers interest rates of 4.5%. If you are interested, please contact Jack to see what the Knights have to offer its membership. They are continually increasing the plans that they have to offer you.



We have a number of social activities coming up in the near future. They include:

- Clergy Appreciation Night in Stafford on January 30 for our clergy and a number of brothers who signed up for this gala at our last meeting,
- Attend the M.D. Anderson Blood Drive on February 15th,
- Participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade,
- Participate in community Sunday in which our 4th Degree Knights attend mass in full regalia with all of our council members and their spouses, and
- Assist in cooking and serving at our Pancake Breakfast that hopefully will be held on Palm Sunday this year.

We can have a lot more events on our calendar if we can get you involved and join committees to sponsor these activities.

Editor's note:

Aristotle once noted that the rigorous are no better than the lazy during one half of life, for all men are alike when asleep.

JOIN US AT THE MEETINGS

Brothers in Distress

brother Arthur Mason

Helen Kolb wife of brother Fritz Kolb

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