

First Tuesday Update...FTU...October 4, 2022



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BLESSINGS AND GREETINGS ON THIS MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI! We all share a beautiful bond of Love and Service in the Holy Land with the blessed Franciscans who have been in “custody” of the Lord’s home for over 800 years! As members of the EOHSJ we are eternally in bonded spiritual relationship with the descendants of this man of God born in 1182 and for over 800 years his presence is felt daily and he accomplished all this, with God’s

graces, in only 44 years!

In today’s FTU we can all celebrate the wonderful Annual Meeting held in Pasadena. Connie’s Corner will highlight this event. As members of the LV Council, we should be thrilled with the amazing number of Dames and Knights, who reconfirmed what we believed...our 2021 Conference is still a blessing to them! And how exciting to see the second “post-covid” Conference continue the momentum that Las Vegas Council was charged to begin.

In today’s Gospel we read from Luke 10:38-42 that life is a series of priorities. This passage is one of our favorites as we often call each other “MARTHA’S” in our household, when we get caught up in activities, important though they be, they should never interfere with our devotion and praising of our Lord. While Martha is truly one of the greatest figures in Scripture...even she was distracted and pointed here finger menacingly at Mary! It is our Lord’s very direct words that are actually comforting and have no room for wondering what he really meant...”Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about MANY things. There is need of only ONE thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will NOT be taken from her.” Wow...Jesus set the tone and priority for what matters in our lives...yes, Martha was doing things that needed to be done but never before what was most important. Bottom line for us, anxiousness and worry are not what Jesus wants for us, let us all try to “CHOOSE THE BETTER!”

Connie's Corner

How blessed we are here in Las Vegas! Returning from our recent Annual Meeting on a spiritual high with a renewed sense of community with our Dames and Knights from all of our Lieutenancy, but especially the closeness and warmth we feel as a Council. We were well represented with 83 members and guests attending. Friday, we worshipped together at our Travelers Mass which opened our weekend of worship, promotions, memorials and welcoming of our newest members, 11 of which came from our own Council. Five of our members also received their Pilgrim Shell! We learned about status of our Order and how we are helping in the Holy Land. Our speakers shared their knowledge of prayer and living a more spiritual life.

A fun time was enjoyed by all. Las Vegas cheered our city not surprising anyone! Sunday’s Grand Ball was beautiful and special. Monday morning closed as we began, worshipping together as we said our goodbyes traveling safely home with cherished memories looking forward to next year in San Bernadino. Thank you to those that attended. Hopefully next year we will see more of you! Welcome to our newest members. Please look around for 2023 invitation to formation!

In His Service,
 Connie



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From the Mersch's - Our Spiritual Leaders

“All vices when overcome grow feeble, and when beaten are day by day rendered weaker, and both in regard to place and time grow less and subside, or at any rate, as they are unlike the opposite virtues, are more easily shunned and avoided: but this one when it is beaten rises again keener than ever for the struggle; and when we think that it is destroyed, it revives again, the stronger for its death. The other kinds of vices usually only attack those whom they have overcome in the conflict; but this one pursues its victors only the more keenly; and the more thoroughly it has been resisted, so much the more vigorously does it attack the man who is elated by his victory over it. And herein lies the crafty cunning of our adversary, namely, in the fact that, where he cannot overcome the soldier of Christ by the weapons of the foe, he lays him low by his own spear.”

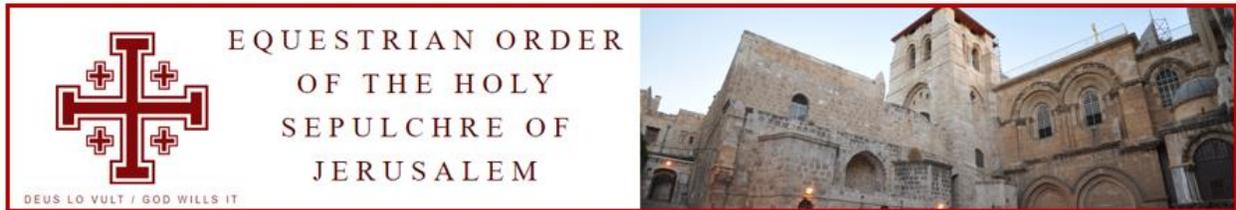
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ROSARY...we continue to be amazed (but should not with all the graces from God) with the Rosaries. Last evening, we had almost 70...67 if the count was correct and another 10 called with regrets! That is over 60% IN PERSON and 100% of all intentions were lifted to the Lord with Mary's blessed love. Please, invite friends and family and if you have been away a while...come on back. Next month's is on November 7, 6pm, at BGHS Chapel, and we will present some exciting FIAT updates.

NOMINEES FOR 2023...Dames and Knights...we your AC's are only a portion of the INVITATION TO FORMATION. It is your responsibility to prayerfully seek and find those you believe may be receiving the call. We especially need our KNIGHT CHAPLAINS to do the same. We are at nearly 12 folks who are likely going to move forward and be nominated. For the San Bernardino/Rancho Mirage Annual next 10/5, we believe 20 should be our goal. And please know that while numbers are not the definition of success.... even our Lord chose “12” and “72”the harvest is...you know the rest!

PILGRIMAGES...as witnessed by those who attended the Annual Meeting, as well as those who visit the WL Website (a great idea), the WL is a world leader in the EOHSJ when looking at Pilgrimages. Remember their request...try to make your first Pilgrimage within 3 years. The benefits and blessings are beyond measure. We are at capacity for March 18, 2023, HL, Assisi, Rome Pilgrimage. BUT, we are taking names for reservations now for MARCH 10-24, 2024, to the Holy Land and Jordan (including stay at Petra!). The demand for Pilgrimages according to CTC, has never been stronger so please get your names on the list so you can make it!

JUSTICE & PEACE... Can we agree that young people are going to fall in love? Even if cultural or religious differences exist, when they live nearby, love shines through. In the most famous story of all time, Romeo and Juliet come from families who hate each other. But they still run off and get married. Earlier this year, Israel reauthorized its Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law. It attempts to do what the Capulets and Montagues couldn't. It bans West Bank and Gaza Palestinians from obtaining citizenship when they marry Israelis and blocks temporary residency permits, for them to live as man and wife. The U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination unanimously approved a resolution stating the law violates an international treaty against racism. But alas - the course of true love never did run smooth.



LVC MEN'S BOOK CLUB...women fear not, you normally put men to shame with your literary prowess. So, Sir Jeff Boughrum and Sir James Mersch have taken the initiative to assist men! Seriously, this is a great effort on their part. 12 men have already signed up. There will soon be an announcement of a meeting for fellowship, learning and sharing. Meeting locations could vary but initially at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Anyone interested please contact Jeff at jboughrum3@cox.net

FINALLY...THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BEGAN THE LV COUNCIL 25 YEARS AGO...you know some of the names...Mowbray, Kilduff, Sullivan and others who made this Council great...as we reflect upon the newest 11 in our Council, we would like to send a message to them and to all who celebrated from 1 year to 25 years. Seniority is a very misunderstood term in our spiritual lives, wisdom is not chronological. Some of our Saints barely reached their teens. Others like St. Francis was, as mentioned, only 44! The message is this and it was echoed at all homilies during the conference...initially by Bishop Trudeau, KC*HS.... **INFANCY IN SPIRIT**. The pure **JOY** and **TOTAL DEPENDENCE** that only a child can display is what we know we must work towards daily. For a child, it is their nature, for us it must become our second nature! When our Lord said..." unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." This is about spirit, dependence, and joy! We ask all to search that spirit within...this Council is blest with many "childlike spirits of joy". Who can forget the raging standing ovation we gave ourselves at the Saturday night extravaganza as **VIVA LAS VEGAS** played loudly and about 550 folks looked at us like we sometimes look at our kids having a ball in the pool or park...**GET IT**, that love and spirit is the genesis of becoming like the children that our Savior desires. Never immature in **LOVE** but radiantly mature in **JOY**...let us always see ourselves as the child that Jesus brought forward and put his arms around...childlike in **DEPENDENCE** but **COURAGEOUS** in deeds, for the family of our Lord.

BLESSINGS IN HIS ABUNDANT GRACES, Connie/Joe

