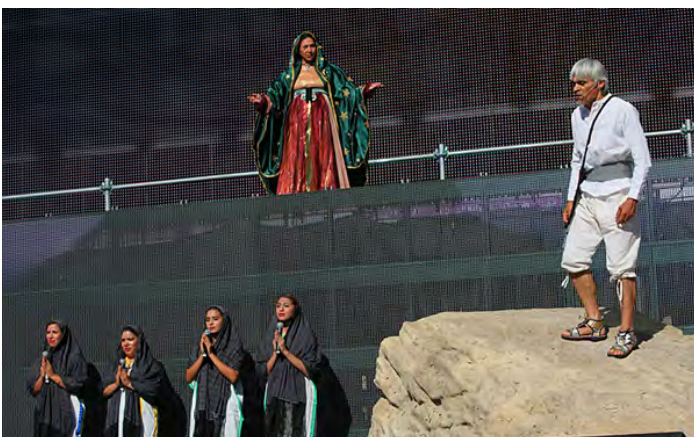


Birthday Celebration for SK Seedihal & SK Nathan



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration in California

More than 50,000 attended the Guadalupe celebration at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Sunday, August 5, 2012. Matachines and Aztec dancers, dressed in traditional costumes, filled the field to kick off the event. Accompanied by a Knights of Columbus honor guard, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore processed through the Coliseum with a relic of St. Juan Diego's tilma. Cardinal Roger M. Mahoney, archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, led the massive crowd in praying the Apostles' Creed at the beginning of the rosary. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson addressed the people, reflecting on Our Lady of Guadalupe, the mission of the Knights of Columbus and the importance of Christian witness. An apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego was reenacted before the crowd.



About 70 people attended a combined birthday party for SK Ramesh Seedihal and SK Leo Nathan at a party hall located at 8753 Labar Street in Montréal after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, August 19, 2012. Invitees included the families of both celebrants, Knights of Columbus members, FFCAQ officers and directors, and Father Jessie Dimafilis. Special presentations were made to Evelyn Calusa's women's volleyball team for being Tri-city and Pista sa Nayon champions in 2012. Guests partook of a buffet meal including BBQ ribs, kilawin and adobo goat, tilapia, noodles, etc. and fruits, cakes and other desserts along with refreshing cocktail drinks. Caribbean dances were demonstrated.



Pope & Bishops Praise Knights for Fight for Religious Freedom

In remarks to the 130th international convention of the Knights of Columbus, U.S. and Canadian Bishops' Conferences joined Pope Benedict XVI in expressing concern over restrictions on religious liberty and praising the Knights of Columbus for their work in its defense. Both Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York – president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops – and Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton – president of the Canadian Bishops Conference – expressed their gratitude for the Knights' tireless defense of religious liberty and asked them to continue their leadership in that work especially at this time.

A letter of greeting to the Knights' convention signed by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, conveyed Pope Benedict XVI's gratitude to the Knights for their help "during these difficult times," noting that "the Knights of Columbus have worked tirelessly to help the Catholic community recognize and respond to the unprecedented gravity of these new threats to the Church's liberty and public moral witness."

The letter stated: "By defending the right of all religious believers, as individual citizens and in their institutions, to work responsibly in shaping a democratic society inspired by their deepest beliefs, values and aspiration your Order has proudly lived up to the high religious and patriotic principles which inspired its founding."

In remarks broadcast worldwide on Catholic television networks, Cardinal Timothy Dolan told the 2000 Knights and family members gathered for the convention: "We need you now more than ever."

Dolan thanked the Knights for "the generous and unfailing loyalty of the Knights of Columbus to the pastoral goals of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops...especially – especially – the defense of religious freedom." Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, echoed the statements of Pope Benedict and Cardinal Dolan.

The Archbishop said: "Our call at this moment is to affirm the right of religion to be active in the public square ... to defend the freedom of people of faith and of religious institutions to act in accordance with their beliefs and nature; to maintain healthy church state relations; to understand conscience correctly and to form it according to objective truth; and to protect the right to conscientious objection. Believers are summoned now to stand up for their faith, even if they must suffer for doing so."

"The Knights of Columbus do not shy away from this," he concluded. "And we bishops are very grateful for your witness."



Calendar

Sept. 1 - 7th Council night at St. Kevin's
Sept. 9 - 10th annual Côte-des-Neiges en fête festival
Sept.16 - Our Lady of Peñafrancia at St. Kevin's
Sept.29 - Regional congress in St. Henri
Sept.30 - Monthly general meeting
San Lorenzo Ruiz parade at St. Thomas

Birthdays

Aug. 10 - Agustin Oriel
Aug. 12 - Leo Nathan
Aug. 13 - Mario Bajar
Aug. 15 - Frederico Rabanal
Aug. 16 - Jerry Estrada
Ramesh Seedihal
Aug. 18 - Reiner Mondez
Aug. 20 - Ramon Corpuz
Aug. 26 - Patrick Crisostomo
Aug. 27 - Jose Mondez
Aug. 28 - Sister Alice Nacino

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