



Vigil Family Chatter



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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The most recent “Vigil Family Chatter” dated February, 2008, generated a great deal of interest and produced eight (8) requests for Scholarship Applications and funding consideration. We were pleased to learn that there are so many of our young people who are planning to go and/or complete their college education. **Please note that there is still time to request an application and submit it for consideration. The deadline has been extended until June 30, 2008.** You may request a scholarship or grant application by contacting John H. Vigil at jhvigil1440@msn.com or by calling 303.650.0470.

(To those who have requested applications, please remember to return them by June 30th.)

However, in order to help these young people, we are organizing a Special Event – Golf and Family Picnic for September 19th. There is a post card included. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. We have also included tax deductible contribution envelopes. Please help us with your donation. Any amount will be appreciated. The more funds we receive and/or raise, the more Scholarships we will be able to award for the upcoming 2008-2009 academic school year.

Sincerely,

John H. Vigil

REQUEST FOR MORE ORAL HISTORIES

Since July 2005, we have obtained the oral histories for more than 50 people. If you are willing to participate in this project, please contact Jan Lindgren at jan@kidviewz.com or at (303) 980-0432. If you are not in the Denver area, we can make arrangements to take your history over the phone.

1st Annual Golf Outing and Picnic Sunday, September 21, 2008

The Juan De Jesus Vigil Family Foundation is planning a "Special Event" on Sunday, September 21, 2008. This event will include a catered family picnic at Berkeley Park, 46th and Sheridan Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. Carl Salazar is coordinating the golf at Willis Case Golf Course, at 42nd and Sheridan Blvd. (four blocks south of the



picnic location). Golf will be followed by a picnic at Berkley Park, close to the golf course. Please return the enclosed postcard and let us know if you can join the fun.



BE PART OF THE FUTURE

The Foundation is searching for three new board members who are willing to make a difference in the lives of the descendants of Juan de Jesús Vigil through the gift of education. We need people with expertise in website technology, finance or banking, geneology, and fundraising as well a people who are willing to just get involved. Call Carl Salazar at (303) 429-4105 for information.

SAD GOOD BYES

Anthony (Tony) R. Vigil (3/8/2008) (Celedon Vigil's Youngest Son)

Anthony Vigil, age 89 of East Chicago passed away on Saturday , March 8, 2008 at home with his family. Anthony was born Jose Antonio Ricardo Vigil on May 18, 1918 in Aguilar, CO, to the late Celedon Vigil and Maria Rita Barros. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 42 years, Victoria, on March 2, 2005.



Anthony served with the U.S. Army from 1939 – 1945. He was a Platoon Sargeant in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland Campaigns. He was wounded in

France in 1944 and received the Purple Heart. He also received 3 Bronze Battle Stars, European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, and American Defense Service Ribbon.

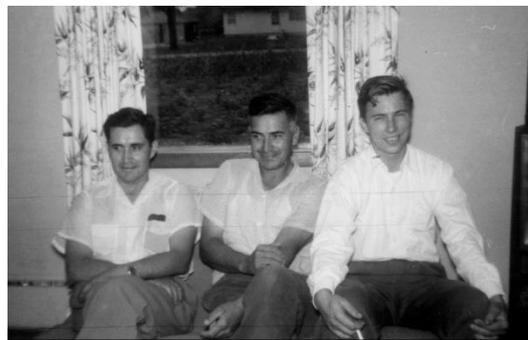


Anthony was a carpenter by trade and a member of Local 599, Hammond, IN. He was a member of St.

Stanislaus Church for the past 46 years. He was a very hard worker and enjoyed helping his neighbors and working in his garden. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He was friendly to everyone he met and never hesitated to help someone in need.



Tony, Marc, Victoria, Cynthia Vigil



Eloy Vigil, Tony Vigil, Joe Hattan

WE NEED YOUR RECIPES

For the **2010 Vigil Family Cook Book**. Please send them to Andrea Romero at 4745 Coffeetree Dr; Loveland, CO 80538 or email to Andrea at Carolyn.romero@comcast.net.

FAMILY NEWS

Robert Garcia

(Celedon)

Hello my name is Robert Garcia. I am the great grandson of Faustino Vigil. I just want to let you know our new address. *(Editor: Thank you for keeping us posted about your change in address.)*



From left to right: My wife Stephanie, Lanaya, Debreana, Analise, and Robert

Sandy Johnson

(Isidoro)

My name is Sandy Johnson, and I just finished looking over the web site for the Vigil family. First of all let me say it was great! Next I am sure you are wondering who is this person and what does she want? Well, I am also apart of the Vigil family, let me see if I can get my end going, the way I am looking at it is as follows, My Mother is Eleanor (Romero) Johnson, her mother my Grandmother was Alice (Vigil)(Romero) Castro, my Grandmother parents were, of course not certain of the spelling of my Great-Grandmother, but I will do my best Dealidia (Vigil) Cordova and Great-Grandfather Jose Inez Cordova. If I am getting this all correct, my Great-Grandmother was the daughter of Isidoro Vigil, and finally Isidoro was the son of Juan De Jesus Vigil. Now that I have all of that done! I do recall attending one of reunions, this one was held in Denver. It was fun and very interesting, but since that time I have not been to any more, I did speak with one of my cousins Johnny (Daisy) Martinez,

who said they attended the last reunion in 2005 held in Trinidad.

I just wanted to drop you a line and ask that if possible the next time there is a reunion, if I may be included as to where and when one will be held. I thank you so much for all of information that I read, it was so informative and made me very excited that I am a part of such exceptional family.

Unfortunately, all of my Great-Aunts, Great-Uncles and Grandmother (9/07) have passed, so there is not a whole lot of information, that can be passed down to me, just some bits and pieces, my mother (Eleanor) recalls from her childhood. However, what she does remember I do store like a sponge. I have always loved going to Trujillo Creek, we normally try to go every memorial day to the cemetery to clean the graves of my brother (Sammy Johnson) and my Great-Grandparents the Cordova's and of course we end the day with a picnic right across from the Church, it gives me such a great feeling to know that my family helped build such a beautiful church. After that we take the road to see stone face and I listen to my Mom tell the story of when she was a little girl she climbed up the mountain to stone face and sat in the eyes. Looking at Stone Face makes me wish I could do the same, I'm sure if I did I would be over come with such excitement.

I thank you for your time, and I will be forwarding this web site onto my Uncle (Eloy Romero) and my cousins, so they also might enjoy the information that I have read.

Editor's Response:

We typically host a reunion every 5 years or so, but many of us get together in-between just because. We mail out newsletters 1 - 2 times per year.

I continue to update the genealogy as well as take oral histories. I think we have added the memories of another 25 people this last year. I would love to add your mother and you to that list.

If you send me your address (phone number and email too if possible), and that of your siblings, I will gladly put everyone on the mailing list.

Of course, we are always looking for people to help with the Juan de Jesus Vigil Family Foundation. We meet quarterly in the greater Denver area, rotating homes, generally for 2-3 hours. We help raise money for scholarships and then distribute them to

those qualified. We just completed our very first grants. That was a ton of fun.

Julia Romero

(Isidoro)

My name is Julia Romero Walker, daughter of Eloy Romero from California. I recently visited the Juan de Jesus Vigil web-site and was very impressed at our family history. Thank you for all the work you and others have done to make this available to all.

I also have a request. My daughter has been admitted to a local college in Southern California and has been invited to compete for a scholarship. She is interested in writing about her ancestry. We have read everything on the web-site but would like to gather more information about our family history.

We sincerely appreciate your help in sending us all the additional information that goes into greater detail.

Brittany's essay won her a \$1,000 scholarship. We were very pleased. Sorry about the delay in returning the materials, my work and the needs of a graduating senior, going off to college has kept me quite busy lately.

REUNION 2010 UPDATE

Start planning your vacation and join us in Taos, NM for the 5th Vigil Family Reunion in the summer of 2010. We are looking at the last weekend in July or 1st weekend in August, working around the many festivals to keep prices to a minimum. Reunion base will be at the Sagebrush Convention Center.

We are planning an excursion on to Mora, NM – the point where the family of Juan de Jesus Vigil split, some going to Albuquerque and others going to Colorado. We are looking for area historians who can help us with this part of our journey.

We need your help to plan this fun event. Join the planning committee working in the Denver area or logistics committee in NM. Contact Carolyn Romero at 970.663.1430 or Carolyn.romero@comcast.net to join the fun.

Rosemary Salazar

(Hilario)

Recently, Rosemary shared some photos from her family albums. Here are a few special ones.



Rosemary Vigil



Encarnacion Vigil
(Isidoro's Wife)



Julia Benevidez



Sinforosa, Fernando, Elaine, Mat, Jose, Maggie Vigil

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Juan de Jesús Vigil Family Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. The organization, established in 2005, is dedicated to maintaining opportunities for scholarships and grants to qualified and deserving descendants of Juan de Jesús Vigil.

Our goal for 2008 is to double the 2007 granted amount. Please help us by returning the enclosed donation envelope with your contribution. Any amount will help and your donation is tax deductible.

