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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. MARY'S COUNCIL 3355
and ASSEMBLY 0689
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CELEBRATING 58 YEARS IN ALAMOGORDO



Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent

The Knights of Columbus has assigned a **new Field Agent for the Southwest region.** His name is **Gabriel Moya** and he can be reached at (office) **575-496-7474** or (office fax) **575-452-1226**, his office address is **5215 Pueblo Trail, Las Cruces NM 88012** or (e-mail) **gabriel.moya@kofc.org**

ST. Mary's Council 3355

Officers for the year 2008-2009

Grand Knight	Benito Montoya
Deputy Grand Knight	Ken Davis
Chaplain	Fr. John Peterson
Program Director	Alfredo Pacheco
Chancellor	Dennis Clark
Financial Secretary	John Schmidt
3 Year Trustee	Jim Lenzo
2 Year Trustee	Gerry Filips
1 Year Trustee	Alfredo Pacheco
Warden	Jim Villabisencio
Advocate	Thomas Moore
Recorder	Pablo Montoya
Treasurer	Steve Arnold
Inside Guard	Carlos Rivera
Outside Guard	Tony Herrera
Lector	David Marcus

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Fourth Degree Officers 2008-2009

Faithful Navigator	Alfredo Pacheco
Faithful Friar	David Marcus
Faithful Captain	Jim Lenzo
Faithful Pilot	Ken Davis
Faithful Comptroller	Dennis Clark
Faithful Purser	John Schmidt
Outer Sentinel	Steve Arnold
Inner Sentinel	Ruben Gomez
Faithful Scribe	Fidel Valdez
Faithful Admiral	Ben Placencio
3 Year Trustee	Gerry Filips
2 Year Trustee	Fred Murray
1 Year Trustee	Jim Kautzman

Pot Luck Gathering

The potluck dinner is held the 4th Wednesday of the month. The Grand Knight wants to share your Secret Recipes. It can be a main course, side dish, or desert, but please bring along family members or friends for the fellowship at 6:00, with a Blessing and Dinner to begin at 6:30 PM sharp!

Meeting Night

The regular business meeting will be held at the KC hall on January 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM. All Officers and Degree Team Members are required to be there 45 minutes early to prepare for the First Degree that night.

Knight & Family of the Month

The Knight of the Month for December is Alfredo F. Pacheco and Family of the Month is Ken & Terry Davis. Please congratulate them all!

Respect Life News

ARTL MEMORIAL FUND

Albuquerque Right To Life has established a memorial fund to cover the cost of a small plot and headstone for the Unborn at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. For anyone wishing to contribute to the memorial fund, please send your donation to:

Right to Life Committee of New Mexico

2413 Wyoming Blvd NE,
Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

Please mark it Attention ARTL.

For more information, please contact, Steve and Irene Arnold, our Pro-Life Couple at 434-3960.

District Deputy Meeting in Las Cruces.

On 14 Dec. our Worthy District Deputy hosted the District Meeting. He provided not only useful information, but words of encouragement as well. Of all the Districts in the State, the Councils in District 11 were recognized for their great work in being the sole District to have all of its required reports submitted last year.

Minutes from our DD Meeting are available thanks to our Recording Secretary-Brother Pablo Montoya.

Free Throw Contest

The Council Basketball Free-throw Contest is scheduled for 3:30-7:00 P.M. on January 15-16, 2009 at the Otero County Boys and Girls Club. All Boys and Girls 7-14 are invited to participate in the local level competition.

However, only Winners in age groups 10-14 can proceed to the *District level competition to be held in Ruidoso on 28 February. The POC for the Council is Pablo Montoya @ 437-7736. Please call him if you can help!

*District competition requires proof of age with a Birth Certificate.

This Month's Birthday Wishes

The Knights of Columbus extend a birthday wish to the Knights listed below:

January

Duryea, Bud

Filips, Gerry

Flores, Gregory

Gage, Robert

Gilchrist, Melvin

Hanway, Robert

Korch, Bernard

Kosiak, John

Moore, Thomas

Up Coming Events

Jan 14, 09 1st Degree @ KC hall 7:00 PM

Jan 15 -16, 09 Free-throw @ Boys & Girls Club

Feb. 14, 09 F.J.B. Hay School Fundraiser

Feb. 28, 09 District Free-throw in Ruidoso

Mar 1, 09 2nd & 3rd Degree. in Las Cruces

Mar. 21, 09 State Free-throw at St. Pius in Alb.

Mar 22, 09 4th Degree. In Las Cruces

Aug. 4-6 Supreme Convention in Phoenix

Vocations

Please pray that more will answer the call to the religious life to become Priests, Deacons and Nuns. Look amongst us, fellow Knights, sons, or daughters for potential candidates. Just ask them, encourage them, and most important Pray for them!

Membership

If you know a practicing Catholic, please invite him to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. If you need a form 100, please call David Marcus at 434-1600 or John Schmidt (Financial Secretary) at 439-1597 or ask any of the Officers.

On the Upcoming Calendar!

On February 14th, Father James B. Hay Catholic School will be sponsoring a Dinner held as a fundraiser, celebrating our Bishop Ramirez's Birthday. The tickets will be available at \$20.00 each, which includes dinner and entertainment. The proceeds will go to the sole Catholic School, in Alamogordo, which is in need of your financial donations and support!



Council Donate to Salvation Army

John Schmidt (FS) left, presents a \$250 donation to Harriet & Sean O'Brien of the Salvation Army in support of their Christmas Program to feed those less fortunate. Donations are always appreciated!



Council Donate to Fr. Hay

Jim Lenzo (Trustee) is shown making a donation of \$440 to Ms. Linda Pickett for the benefit of the Teachers and Staff of Fr. Hay School. Their dedication to our sole Catholic School can not be overemphasized and we are proud to provide to them a token of our council's appreciation.



KC Family Christmas Party

The Council Christmas party was held on December 14, 2008. We Deep Fried 6 turkeys and the Council Families furnished numerous covered dishes and lots of deserts. If you missed it, you missed some great food and fellowship!

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published by Ken Davis. If you have items for the newsletter please call 437-4470 or e-mail @ ken-dawg51@hotmail.com .



Christmas Parade 2008

Christmas Parade success! Thank you Brother Pacheco for your guidance and all who participated in this year's award winning Christmas Parade Float. We received fifth place for our parade float entry, amongst over 60 other entries ranging in variety! Once again our visibility and commitment to keeping Christ in Christmas was recognized and in this case amongst thousands in attendance at the parade and then noted in the local paper and now on the internet.

Program for People with Disabilities (PFPWD)

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We continue to support Special Olympics, although I regret we could not attend their Christmas party. As the weather warms up Special "O" will resume practice. The next practice is Track & Field to be held at the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, sometime in February. For more information on Special Olympics and training schedules please contact: Carlos Pacheco PPWD chairman at 434-1959 or attend our meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the KC hall.

Carlos Pacheco, chairman

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are a wife, sister, mother, or relative of a Knight you can be a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies help in all activities to support the Council. We help with the Fair and Fiesta food booths, monthly pancake breakfasts for scholarships and also Church activities. We always need new members and would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to all Catholic women to become part of this wonderful organization. The meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus hall, this is the same time and place the Knights meet. For more information call Grace Filips at 437-2510.

Lector's Report

2009 St. Mary Council Challenges

During 2008, St. Mary's Council has achieved many accomplishments, even winning the Double Star Award and Membership Award.

My hat goes out to all my brother knights for the great success, yet the new year brings even greater challenges, to go further and beyond what we have achieved. So what are our tasks for this council?

1. Do not pin parishes against each other's policies. That is left to the Diocesan Bishop and his Parish Priests. It is not our role or responsibility to make policy.
2. We are called to live the goals set forth by Fr. Michael J. McGivney, so that others can truly know who are the Knights of Columbus and their purpose in the Catholic Church.

Finally, let us strive for unity as we go forth in the new year, not only as Catholics but true disciples of Christ, especially in a world that needs uplifting spiritually and physically.

In closing, may the Light of Christ shine not only in our hearts, but radiate to others throughout 2009.

Sir David Marcus
Lector

KC hall Rental's (these dates are reserved)

Jan 17, 09 Private Party
May 9, 09 Graduation Party
May 23, 09 Graduation Party
Jul 18, 09 Wedding Party

Words from the Grand Knight for January 2009

Dear Brother Knights and our Families:

I thank all our Brother Knights, members of the Ladies Auxiliary, and those who helped serve the ALTRUSA Dinner. The Hall looked elegant, the food was delicious, but best of all was the departing comment, "this was the best one we have ever had," referring to their pleasure with the Knight's hospitality for their event! We once again exceeded expectations!

Please remember to pray and support those who have supported us through their generous donations both publicly and privately. Recently I was contacted by Brother Duryea who reported the donation of a commercial style grill for our council's use, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Connie Rogers. In gratitude, the council's commitment to the receipt of this generous gift is to support and utilize it for each and every event slated for Father James B. Hay School. Your historical commitment and visibility to the Fr. James B. Hay School amongst those of the Catholic Faith and others, has made this happen. Please thank Mr. and Mrs. Rogers at your first opportunity for their generosity and their commitment to the Fr. James B. Hay School, as they can be found daily in the Fr. James B. Hay Thrift Store, also supporting our goal of Catholic Education.

I want to wish you and your families a Holy, Happy, and Successful 2009. Together we will make a difference!

Vivat Jesus!

*Grand Knight-Benito A. Montoya
St. Mary's Council 3355*

Grand Knight Update of activities:

Our Financial Secretary, the Treasurer and Trustees, with the Grand Knight in observance continued to progress on filing our 2007 Taxes as instructed mid year 2008. Progress was also made on the Budget which will be ready for review in January.

Knights of Columbus Facility:

Reminder, while our financial status is currently in the Black, we have numerous expenditures associated with our aging Knights of Columbus Hall. Last year rentals were negatively affected by issues with a leaky roof and sewer issues. A premiere facility is expected by our hall renters, which we must continue to strive for. It is evident we need to reinvest in our second largest source of income, our hall. Brother Ken Davis has provided a maintenance action list for us to work from. Some of you have expressed an interest in working on the Hall, so please contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for access (575-430-8550).

Tempus Fugit-Memento Mori.

Please keep our sick, distressed and fallen loved ones in your prayers! Reach out to those who have lost loved ones and include them in your activities, no matter how small. Make a difference! Remember our Insurance Agent is here for you and your families; therefore we are obligated to report the passing of our fellow Knights and their family members as they may have insurance with the order. If not ask them why, and encourage them to contact Brother Moya @ 496-7474, to setup an appointment.



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4th Degree Report

December 2008

My Brother Knights, another great year has passed and we look forward to a year of equally great accomplishments. I am very proud of our Honor Guard at all our events; however, as we all agree we need more practice. This will be the main topic of discussion at our January 21st meeting at the hall.

There will be a 4th degree exemplification in March in Las Cruces. Please bring any candidate forms to the meeting.

The Fourth Degree would like to congratulate our Grand Knight for doing such a great job this year. I wish to thank all Sir Knights for all they do.

This year has not been without losses, and we will miss those people that passed away this year, but they will be forever in our prayers.

The Knights is a great organization and we thank you for keeping Christ in Christmas. May you be blessed with a Happy New Year!!!

Vivat Jesus!

Alfredo F Pacheco FN

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2008

Grace Filips (President) Donna Pacheco (Vice-President)
Lupe Salcido (Treasurer) Terry Davis (Secretary)

Happy New Year Everyone! Pray that this will be a great year that all will be healthy and happy and we will continue to support each other.

As it was, in celebration of Christmas, last month almost all the meetings were canceled.

The Knights catered the Altrusa Christmas Party and did a fantastic job as usual. The Knight's Christmas Party was great, although I was in East Texas and had to miss it.

We received a nice Christmas card from one of our scholarship winners, which I will share at the January Meeting.

A message for the New Year- I pray we all grow closer and are able to get more of the Ladies involved.

We can make a real difference in the community with God's help!

So a Great Year to all...Prayers!

Grace Filips-President