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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 2009-2010

Grand Knight	Benito Montoya
Deputy Grand Knight	Tony Herrera
Chaplain	Fr. John Peterson
Program Director	Tony Herrera
Chancellor	Alfredo Pacheco
Financial Secretary	John Schmidt
3 Year Trustee	Victor Ramirez
2 Year Trustee	Jim Lenzo
1 Year Trustee	Gerry Filips
Warden	Charles Gonzales
Advocate	Thomas Moore
Recorder	Pablo Montoya
Treasurer	Steve Arnold
Inside Guard	Paul Mancuso
Outside Guard	Elias Trujillo
Lector	David Marcus

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Fourth Degree Officers 2009-2010

Faithful Navigator	Jim Lenzo
Faithful Friar	David Marcus
Faithful Captain	Jim Villabiscencio
Faithful Pilot	Ken Davis
Faithful Comptroller	Dennis Clark
Faithful Purser	John Schmidt
Outer Sentinel	Carlos Pacheco
Inner Sentinel	Ruben Hernandez
Faithful Scribe	Fidel Valdez
Faithful Admiral	Bud Duryea
3 Year Trustee	Alfredo Pacheco
2 Year Trustee	Gerry Filips
1 Year Trustee	Fred Murray

Pot Luck Gathering

The potluck dinner is held the 4th Wednesday of the month. The Grand Knight's choice this month will be "Your Special Soups and Stews". We will also need side dishes, deserts & drinks. Please bring along family members or friends. The Blessing will be at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow.

Meeting Night

The regular business meeting will be held at the KC Hall on January 13, 2010 and will begin at 7:00 PM. The Officers will need to arrive by 6:30 PM. to prepare for the meeting that night.

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the month for December is Ken Davis, the Lady of the month is Donna Pacheco and the Family of the month is Ken and Terry Davis. Please congratulate them.

Respect Life News

Please come and join the Life League of New Mexico Inc - Otero County Chapter for a silent prayer vigil in remembrance of the over 50 million babies who have lost their lives to abortion over the past 37 yrs. since the Roe vs Wade decision. The Prayer Vigil will be held on Friday, January 22, 2010 at the City Rose Garden on 10th and Oregon from 7:00 - 7:30 pm. Please bring your own candle. We will be praying for an end to abortion. May you all have a blessed and Happy New Year. May we continue to fervently pray for an end to abortion in 2010. Yours in Christ
Richard and Chris Tenski
Pro-Life Couple

Fr Hay Dinner & Play

Father James B Hay School is presenting a Spaghetti Dinner & Theater Play titled "The Young and the Arrested" on Saturday, Jan 9th at 6 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Menu includes Salad, Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Iced Tea & Coffee. Tickets are \$10.00-Adults, \$5.00 6-12 years & Free for children 5 & under. There will be door prizes. Please call 921-7187 or e-mail me ggibeau@tularosa.net for tickets or reservations. Thank you. George Gibeau

Fr. Hay Rummage & Bake Sale

Father James B Hay School will hold a Rummage & Bake Sale at the School on Saturday, January 23rd, 7am to 12 NOON. They are in need of good used clean items of all kinds (NO exercise equipment please) including clothing, kitchen items, tools, jewelry, knick knacks, books, small furniture, electronics in working condition, etc. Baked Goods are also wanted. Please drop off your items and baked goods at the school on Friday, Jan 22nd during school hours or Call 921-7187 or e-mail ggibeau@tularosa.net for pick-up.

This Month's Birthday Wishes

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

January

Barraza, Gustavo
Duryea, Bud
Filips, Gerry
Flores, Gregory
Gage, Robert
Gilchrist, Melvin
Hanway, Robert
Kaminski, Stanley
Korch, Bernard
Rock, Bill

Up Coming Events

Jan 9 Fr Hay Dinner & Play @ KC hall / 6 PM
Jan 15 Freethrow Contest @ B & G club /3-5 PM
Jan 16 Freethrow @ B & G Club/10 AM-12 Noon
Jan 23 Fr Hay Sale @ School / 7 AM – 12 Noon
Jan 31 Corp Comm. @ St Francis / 9 AM

Vocations

Please pray that the youth of today will answer the call to the religious life to become Priests, Deacons and Nuns.

The Good of the Order

We pray for all the Brother Knights and their Families who are in poor health or having surgery. May they have a quick recovery, especially Fr. John Peterson, Gerry Filips, Greg Telles, Earl Mier, Ciro Garofano, Joan Lenzo, Veronica Kautzman, and Ben Placencio.

Membership

If you know an eligible Catholic gentleman, please invite him to become a Brother Knight. If you need a form 100 please call David Marcus at 434-1600 or John Schmidt (Financial Secretary) at 491-6878 or ask any of the officers.

Newsletter

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

Corn Beef Fundraiser

Presently I have scheduled the CB dinner for the 13th of March from 3 to 7:30 PM. The cost will be \$9.00 Per meal. This is due to the increase price of the meat. I have printed a couple sheets of tickets and will be selling the tickets at the stores this year as a number of people have said that they would come but did not know where to get tickets. Tickets will also be available at Fr Hay School, St Jude and ICC. I have ordered 450 lbs. of meat. Marylin has agreed to make the cakes for the deserts (Apple and Cherry). For more information contact John Schmidt @ 491-6878.

Corporation News

Well, we are up and running. We meet once every quarter just before our regular council meeting at 5:30 pm unless otherwise needed. All council members are invited to these meetings, but reports will be submitted at every council meeting. The Board of Directors and Officers: Alfredo Pacheco - President; Jimmy Villabiscencio – Vice President; Steven Arnold-Board Member; James Lenzo – Treasurer; Pablo Montoya – recorder; the current Grand Knight is an Ex-officio of the Board and Ken Davis was appointed Hall Manager. Elections for the 1 year members will be January 2011. The next corporation meeting: January 13, 2010.

Alfredo Pacheco
President

KC Hall Rental's (these dates are reserved)

Jan 9 / Fr Hay Dinner
Jan 16 / Quinceaneta
Jan 30 / Birthday
Feb 6 / Wedding
Mar 14 / Corn Beef
May 22 / Graduation
May 29 / Graduation

Youth Activities and Program for People with Disabilities (PFPWD)

A new year means new resolve. Among our priorities should be a need to support Chase Turri, our own Special Olympics athlete, who will participate in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 2010 at the National Games. The Tootsie Roll drive for all special Olympic athletes always needs our help and the Torch Run, sponsored by our Brother Charles Gonzales, raises big bucks for SO. We should give of our time and talents to these programs that promote our special citizens of our community. For more information on Special Olympics visit the website at sonm.org. The Program for People With Disabilities committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm @ the KC Hall to plan events. **Happy New Year!!**

“Nothing you do for children is ever wasted” – Garrison Keilor

Free Throw Contest

Our Council will hold the local Free Throw Contest on Friday January 15th from 3-5 PM and on Saturday January 16th from 10 AM – 12 Noon. This event will be held at the Boys and Girls Club, 201 Dale Scott Ave. in Alamogordo.

The District Championship will be hosted here also at the Boys and Girls Club, on Saturday, 20 February, with the registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the competition to follow from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon. We will be serving a hot dog lunch at the same location after this event for all the contestants. We are in need of volunteers to assist with these events. If you can help call Pablo Montoya @ 437-7736.



Knights in Parade

We wish to express a special thank you to Freddy Pacheco for taking on the float project for the 2009 Alamogordo Christmas Parade.

KC Christmas Party

If you missed the party, you missed some great food & friends. Hope you will be able to attend next year.



Altrusa Dinner

We would like to thank all who assisted with the Altrusa Christmas Dinner on December 5th. Everyone who attended had a great time and the food was wonderful.

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2010

LuLu Valdez (President) Grace Filips (Vice-President)
 Donna Pacheco (Treasurer) Terry Davis (Secretary)

The beginning of a New Year brings hope and an opportunity to develop new habits. We know that 2009 brought challenges that made it a very trying year. We are fortunate that our faith, family, friends and prayers can make it easier to approach 2010 in a positive way. The Ladies Auxiliary has kept its focus on being a wonderful family organization that gives time, money and support to our families, church and community. The Ladies will continue with the Scholarship Pancake Breakfast starting January 24th at Immaculate Conception Church.

The January meeting will be held on the 13th at 7 PM in the KC Hall. Please bring your suggestions. We would like to have input from the council and ladies on what other items we can obtain for the kitchen and store room. We need help in taking inventory and also arranging what we have so we have a clearer understanding of what we have and what we need. May the Lord guide us and protect us.

Lulu Valdez
 Ladies Auxiliary President

Words from the Grand Knight

Happy New Year to all Brother Knights, Ladies of the Auxiliary, and our Families:

The New Year brings a new beginning and a renewed commitment to our tasks in our personal lives and our council. We continue to count our blessings of last year; however, we are in need of setting our goals for the upcoming calendar year and beyond. This has begun with the vitalization of the Corporation to which each Knight is a member. A 2010 budget will be provided for review at our 1st meeting of the year on 13 January.

Your participation in meetings and events are crucial to meeting the council commitments. The annual Free Throw Contest and Tootsie Roll Drive are but two events that are synonymous with our Council 3355. All councils do not participate in such events and are not capable of supporting them. We are a thriving council under the leadership of our State Deputy Joe W. Pozzi and we will continue to make New Mexico known amongst all States.

There is a large need for people to find a job and career advancement opportunities to further their abilities to better serve their families. As previous professionals, you may have the ability and contacts to guide someone by reviewing resumes, making recommendations for employment, but most of all by providing your encouragement. I have been contacted by people in need of employment opportunities; however, the basic skills of how to promote themselves adequately through an interview or completed application are not always evident. As in the days of Father McGivney, jobs for Catholic Men were scarce and hazardous, necessitating insurance coverage to provide for their families at the time of death. It appears history does repeat itself.

If you wish to contact me call 575-430-8550 or e-mail MONTROYA121@q.com

Benito A. Montoya
Grand Knight

Prior to our newsletter distribution, I received the following notification of the passing of our Brother Knight Gerry Filips. Please keep his wife Grace and his family in your prayers.

Dear Grand Knight,

I received with a sad heart that our Brother Knights Jerry Filips passed away today. Please ensure all knights get this information. No funeral date has been set at the present time.

Sir Br. David Marcus



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WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

I want to wish all of you a most prosperous, happy, and healthy New Year. As always, the New Year will bring challenges and sorrows for each of us to contend with. Let us pray that the spiritual guidance and joy bestowed on all of us during the Christmas Season will stay with us throughout this year.

Thought for the Month: As we start this New Year, let us pray that God emerges from the tombs of our strivings, our depression and our falseness, and brings us new life. We are the life of God on this earth.

Saint of the Month: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD. Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. And how does this happen to me, that *the mother of my Lord* should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan. St. Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). He further states that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" This helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother. The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times. (www.americancatholic.org)

Our meeting in January (Wednesday, 18 January) will be held at the KC Hall at 7 pm. I encourage all Fourth Degree Members to make a concerted effort to attend. The direction of the Assembly should be accomplished by all of us. The more input we have, the better are our decisions.

Viva Jesus
Jim Lenzo
Faithful Navigator