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ST. Mary's Council 3355

Officers for the year 2011-2012

Grand Knight	Tony Herrera
Deputy Grand Knight	David Pacheco
Chaplain	Fr. Juan Montoya
Program Director	David Pacheco
Chancellor	Paul Mancuso
Financial Secretary	John Schmidt
3 Year Trustee	Jimmy Villabisencio
2 Year Trustee	Benito Montoya
1 Year Trustee	Ken Davis
Warden	Elias Trujillo
Advocate	Jim Lenzo
Recorder	Pablo Montoya
Treasurer	Steve Arnold
Inside Guard	Arnie Arcensio
Outside Guard	Jerry Kassler
Lector	David Marcus

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Fourth Degree Officers 2011-2012

Faithful Navigator	Jim Lenzo
Faithful Friar	David Marcus
Faithful Captain	Tony Herrera
Faithful Pilot	Ken Davis
Faithful Comptroller	David Pacheco
Faithful Purser	David Marcus
Outer Sentinel	Carlos Pacheco
Inner Sentinel	Ruben Hernandez
Faithful Scribe	Alfredo Pacheco
Faithful Admiral	Charles Gonzales
3 Year Trustee	Jim Villabisencio
2 Year Trustee	John Schmidt
1 Year Trustee	Alfredo Pacheco

Pot Luck Gathering

The potluck dinner is held the 4th Wednesday of the month. The Grand Knight's choice this month will be "**Italian Food**", we will also need deserts & drinks. Please bring along family members or friends. The Blessing will be at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow

Meeting Night

The monthly business meeting will be held on January 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The Officers and Degree Team Members will need to arrive by 6:30 PM to prepare for the meeting to be held that night.

Corporation News

Rentals have been great! Our "lets get those projects done" day has been postponed by the weather. Remember we are seeking nominations to the Corporation Board of Directors for our annual meeting in January, 2012 at the KC Hall @ 5:00 pm.

Alfredo Pacheco
President

Youth Activities and Program for People with Disabilities (PPWD)

State Games were held in Las Cruces for Bowling/Basketball, hosted by the Brother Knights of Las Cruces. Otero County only participated in Bowling. Special Olympics Otero County does not participate in any practices or games during the months of December/ January. The PPWD committee meets the 2ND Wednesday of every month @ 6:30 pm at the KC hall to plan events and coordinate volunteers. Come out and let's plan for 2012.



Christmas Donation

Brother Freddie Pacheco from Council 3355 is holding a check for a \$200 donation to assist the needy at Christmas. Lt. Bob Lueras stated he was very grateful for the donations we had made for the holidays.

KC Hall Rental's (these dates are reserved)

Mar 17 / Reception

This Month's Birthday Wishes

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

January

Barraza, Gustavo Jr.
Duryea, Bud
Flores, Gregory
Gage, Robert
Gilchrist, Melvin
Gustavo, Barraza Sr.
Hanway, Robert
Hoffman, Thomas
Kaminski, Fr. Stanley
Korch, Bernard
Rock, Bill

Up Coming Events

Jan 11 / Corp Election @ KC Hall / 5:30 PM
Jan 12 / Free throw @ Mescalero Comm Center
Jan 13 / Free throw @ Boys & Girls Club, 4:00 PM
Jan 14 / District Meeting @ St Jude / 11:00 AM
Jan 18 / Unity Day @ Santa Fe Roundhouse
Jan 22 / Prayer Vigil @ City Rose Garden
Jan 29 / Corp Comm @ ICC / 10:30 Mass

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 offer prayers for all the Brother Knights and their families who are in poor health or having surgery. May they have a quick recovery especially, Michael Guilliams, John Murray, Donna Pacheco, Henry Pacheco, Cathy Duryea, Bud Alexander, Joan Lenzo, Greg Telles, Ciro Garofano, and Veronica Kautzman.

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 (Financial Secretary) or ask any of the officers.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Brother Steven Arnold and Gladys Ceja who were married at the KC Hall on December 17, 2011. Steve is a recent grad from New Mexico State and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He is due to enter the service on January 19, 2012.

Our New Knight

On December 14, 2011 we welcomed our newest 1st Degree Knight. Please welcome Darby Hemish when you meet him.

Donation to St Jude

The Council donated \$200.00 to St Jude for the Community Christmas Dinner that was held on December 23, 2011 at the St Jude Parrish Hall. We estimate they feed over 400 people a Christmas dinner. Thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make this event a success.

Knight of the Month

The Knight for November is Jim Lenzo, the Lady is Donna Pacheco and the Family is Paul and Alecia Mancuso. Please congratulate them.

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

Respect Life News

Happy New Year!! A Candlelight Prayer Vigil will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Please come and join the Life League of NM at the City Rose Garden on 10th and Oregon. We will be praying for an end to abortion and for the women, men and families wounded by abortion. Please know that prayers have been answered!!! **God bless,**

Rich and Chris Tenski
Pro-Life Couple

2nd Place Winner

Congratulations to Brother Freddie Pacheco on winning 2nd Place in the Religious Category Division with his Christmas Float.

Donation to Fr Hay

The Council made a Christmas Donation to all the Teachers and Staff members of Fr Hay School on December 15, 2011. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2011

Sheri Guilliams (President) Linda Villabisencio (Vice-President)
Donna Pacheco (Treasurer) Terry Davis (Secretary)

Words from the Grand Knight

As we start the New Year the first thing on the agenda for the council will be the basketball free throw contest. We will be holding a free throw contest in Mescalero at the community center on the 12th of January at 4:00 pm, then on the 13th of January we will also have the free throw contest at the Boy's and Girls club in Alamogordo at 4:00 pm. We will need people to keep score for each age group and also to set up the lines for the younger kids.

The next thing we will be having are elections for the corporation on the 11th of January at the Corporation Meeting at the KC Hall. We will need two new board members, so hope you will think about helping out and taking one of the positions.

Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day is Wednesday January 18, 2012 at Cathedral of St Francis, Plaza Park, Roundhouse in Santa Fe to witness the end of abortion and other sins against the sanctity of life, marriage, family, and freedom of religion.. Continental breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Crispin Hall (behind the Cathedral) 08:00 am till 11:00 am. A rally and prayer vigil will be held tentatively at 10:00am at Plaza Park. There will be a Procession to the Roundhouse from the Cathedral and Plaza Park at 1:30 pm. The Rally at the Roundhouse will start at 02:30 pm. For updates and additional information: [www. Defendinglife.org](http://www.Defendinglife.org). or call 505-266-4100.

The potluck for January will be Italian on January 25th, I hope to see you all there. Viva Jesus.

Anthony P. Herrera
Grand Knight



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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: St. Thomas Aquinas. By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. At five, he was given to the Benedictine Monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually become abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy. By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274. (www.americancatholic.org)

Our meeting in January (Wednesday, 18 January) will be held at the St Jude Library 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