



**Alamogordo  
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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 Villabiscencio
Advocate	Thomas Moore
Recorder	Pablo Montoya
Treasurer	Steve Arnold
Inside Guard	Carlos Rivera
Outside Guard	Tony Herrera
Lector	David Marcus

**Assembly 0689**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The Grand Knight's choice this month will be "Your Special Fish Dish" no meat We will also need side dishes, deserts & drinks. Please bring along family members or friends. The Blessing will

**Meeting Night**

The regular business meeting will be held at the KC Hall on February 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM. All Officers are required to be there 30 minutes early to prepare for the meeting.

be at 6:30 PM and Dinner to follow.

### **Knight & Family of the Month**

The Knight of the Month for January is Pablo Montoya and Family of the Month is Gerard & Grace Filips. Please congratulate them!

### **Respect Life News**

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to do something to reverse the trend toward a culture of death. All of us have a duty to defend life at all stages and build a culture of life – and we have. By advocating a consistent pro-life message, by supporting pregnancy centers and alternatives to abortion, and by educating our fellow citizens on the necessity of protecting vulnerable human life, our impact is being felt throughout the world.

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

### **Youth Activities and Program for People with Disabilities (PFPWD)**

The community of Alamogordo continues to support Special Olympics. The Opportunity Center donated a van for use by Special Olympics of Otero County, for which we are very grateful. Don't forget April 18 @ Wal-Mart for the Tootsie Roll Drive. No word yet, but 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the KC Hall.

### **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](mailto:ken-dawg51@hotmail.com)

### **This Month's Birthday Wishes**

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

#### **February**

Miller, Leonard  
Pacheco, Alfredo Rey  
Quade, Kenneth

#### **Up Coming Events**

Feb 14 / Valentine's Dinner @ High School  
Feb 21 / Fr Hay Bingo @ KC Hall / 7:00 PM  
Feb 28 / Dist Freethrow @ Ruidoso, NM  
Mar 1 / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree @ Las Cruces  
Mar 11 / 1<sup>st</sup> Degree @ KC hall / 7:00 PM  
Mar 14 / Corned Beef @ KC Hall  
Mar 15 / Mass for Fr Matt @ HAFB  
Mar 22 / 4<sup>th</sup> Exemp @ Las Cruces, NM  
Mar 28 / State Freethrow @ Albq, NM

#### **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 special prayers for Brother Steve Arnold and his family on the loss of his father. We also pray for all the Brother Knights and their Families who are in poor health or having surgery may they have a quick recovery.

#### **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.



**Free Throw Contest**

The Council held the Basketball Free Throw Contest on January 8 & 9 at The Otero County Boys and Girls Club. Thank you Pablo Montoya for all the hard work & making it happen.

The winner are **Boys age** (7) Jason Schobhm, (8) J.J. Torres, (9) Samuel Cornelius, **Girls age** (7) Desanae Gonzales, (8) Mary Myer, (9) Allysa Madden.

**Boys age** (10) Billy Castro, (11) K.C. Lacey, (12) Markus Covarrubia, (13) J.J. Johnson, (14) Aaron Melendon

**Girls age** (10) A.J. Joyner, (11) Marissa Gutierrez, (12) Ana Reynolds, (13) Dejanell Lazo, (14) none

**KC hall Rental's (these dates are reserved)**

Feb 21 / Fr Hay Bingo

Apr 4 / Wedding

May 2 / Birthday

May 9 / Graduation

May 23 / Graduation

Jul 4 / Party

Jul 18 / Wedding

Sep 26 / Wedding

**ICC Youth Group**

The Youth Group meets at 4:00 PM Sunday. Please check the ICC Bulletin for updates on future events or call Emilio Montoya @ 430-6317.



**Council Judges at Fr. Hay**

Bud, Benito, Tony and Jim were some of the Judge's for the Fr. Hay Science Fair held at the school in January. Thanks for taking time out to assist with this project.



**Our Newest Members**

We held a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on January 14 at the KC Hall pictured from the left is Paul Mancuso, Fr Wayne Herpin and Michael Guilliams our newest members. Please make them feel welcome when you meet them.

On 18 January, the Grand Knight drove the ICC Youth group to Holloman Air Force Base for an afternoon of Bowling and Pizza. The little red bus was full of enthusiastic Catholic youth. All who participated had a great time! Special thanks go to the ICC Parish Youth Directors, Ms. Marguerite Englehart and Brother Bill for their dedication to our youth and for planning this and the future events!

### **Words from the Grand Knight**

Dear Brother Knights and our Families:

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring our own Bishop Ramirez at the Alamogordo High School Cafeteria as a fundraiser for the Father James B. Hay School. The school is in dire need of funds and is in need of our help to make this a successful event. Historically we have asked for your labor; however, this time we need you to purchase tickets in support of the event. Without going into details, your financial donations are needed for the continuation of our Catholic Education at our Father James B. Hay School, the sole Catholic education opportunity within a 70 mile radius.

As the Grand Knight and a believer of Catholic education in this school, I personally am making a donation of \$100.00 to the school and challenge all Brother Knights to consider the same. Of course any donation will be accepted.

Please purchase a ticket or make a donation so that, "Together we can make a difference!"

Vivat Jesus!

Benito A. Montoya

Grand Knight

First Pancake Breakfast of the Year! I want to thank all of our Brother Knights, member of the Ladies Auxiliary, and those who participated in assisting in serving our first Pancake Breakfast of the year. Please remember the proceeds are used for scholarships for our Catholic Youth! The ladies will accept, screen, and then select the lucky scholarship winners, presenting them at the Baccalaureate Breakfast. If you know of a graduating senior who is a Catholic, please have them contact a member of the ladies auxiliary for an application.

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. Rentals last year were negatively affected by 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 KC 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, especially for the loss of family members from the Arnolds and Valdez Families.

### **Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2008**

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

January was our month of illness; however all are on the mend. The Auxiliary is revising the Scholarship forms for the end of the year. Our last meeting was at the home of Lulu Valdez as the men were having a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree that night at the KC Hall. We are back on schedule with the pancake breakfast fundraiser. There will not be a pancake breakfast in May because we will have the Baccalaureate Breakfast for the graduates.

Family night was excellent and the food was delicious as usual. The Ladies would like to have a Communal Breakfast at a restaurant after each Corporate Communion Mass. This is held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, which falls 5 times a year.

Grace Filips  
President



### **Assembly 0689**

#### **Words from the Faithful Navigator**

Next in the series of Holy People who “walk the talk” They are all mentioned in ‘The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults’. They were very controversial among US Catholics while they were alive, but that could possibly have made them holier.

\* **Dorothy Day (1897-1980)**, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement deeply repented an earlier abortion and became a Catholic after the birth of her daughter. She defended life at all its stages. Her pacifism during World War II alienated many Catholics. When someone called her a saint, she snapped back, “Don’t call me a saint. I don’t want to be dismissed so easily.”

The Social Meeting for February will be at Yee’s Oriental Express, 1115 South White Sands Blvd. at 6:00 pm.

Vivat Jesus!

Alfredo F Pacheco FN

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Pin**

If you are in need of a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree pin for your tuxedo, please contact Dennis Clark @ 443-6198. The cost of the pin is \$3.00 each.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification**

The next exemplification will be on March 22 at Council 1226 in Las Cruces, NM. If you are aware of any one who would like to be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member please let me know.

#### **Honor Guard Requested**

The Honor Guard is requested to provide an escort for Bishop Ramirez at the Valentine dinner to be held at the Alamogordo High School on February 14 at 6:00 PM.

We are also requested to escort Fr Matt for his final Mass at the Holloman AFB Chapel on March 15 at 9:00 AM.