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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 Southeast region**. His name is **Michael Guilliams** and he can be reached at (cell) **575-442-9250** or his home address is **1407 Bellamah Dr., Alamogordo, NM 88310** or (e-mail) **Michael.guilliams@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	Ken Davis
Warden	Charles Gonzales
Advocate	Thomas Moore
Recorder	Pablo Montoya
Treasurer	Steve Arnold
Inside Guard	Paul Mancuso
Outside Guard	Elias Trujillo
Lector	David Marcus

Assembly 0689

Fourth Degree Officers 2009-2010

Faithful Navigator	Jim Lenzo
Faithful Friar	David Marcus
Faithful Captain	Jim Villabisencio
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	Vacant
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 "A Fish Fry". The Knights will provide the fish but we will also need side dishes, desserts & drinks. Please bring along family members or friends. The Blessing will be at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow.

Meeting Night

The Corporation meeting will be at the KC hall on March 10 starting at 5:30 PM.

The regular business meeting will be held at the KC Hall also on March 10, 2010. The Officers will need to arrive by 6:30 PM. to prepare for the meeting that night.



Our Newest Members

We would like to introduce our newest 1st Degree members from our February 10th meeting. Pictured from the left are Steven Lacey, Johnny Balderrama and Benito Montoya (GK). Please make them welcome when you see them.

Knight of the Month

"The Knight and Lady of the Month for January were inadvertently omitted from last month's newsletter. The Knight for January was Pablo Montoya and the Lady was Linda Villabiscencio, the Family was Wallace & Diolinda Moore. For February, the Knight is Santiago Villabiscencio, the Lady is Irene Arnold and the Family of the Month is Fidel & LuLu Valdez. Please extend your congratulations to them."



New Insurance Agent

Jim McCabe introduced our new KC insurance agent for the S.E. Region Brother Michael Guilliams from our council. Congratulations Mike.

This Month's Birthday Wishes

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

March

Burling, James
Montoya, Pablo

Up Coming Events

Mar 12, Enchiladas @ ICC / 11 AM – 7:30 PM

Mar 13, Corned beef @ KC hall / 3-7:30 PM

Mar 13-14, 4th Exemp @ Albuquerque

Mar 20, State Freethrow @ Albq / 12:00

Mar 28, Pancakes @ ICC / 8:00 PM

Apr 17, Fr Hay Bingo @ KC hall / 6-9 PM

Apr 18, 2nd & 3rd Exemp @ Las Cruces

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 Greg Telles, Earl Mier, Ciro Garofano, John Schmidt, Pablo Montoya 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 or John Schmidt (Financial Secretary) at 491-6878 or ask any of the officers.

KC Hall Rental's (these dates are reserved)

Mar 6 / Wedding

Mar 13 / Corn Beef

Mar 20 / Reception

Apr 3 / Reception

Apr 10 / Reunion

Apr 17 / Fr Hay Bingo

Apr 24 / Quinceaneta

May 15 / Reception

May 22 / Graduation

May 29 / Graduation

Aug 14 / Fair Prep

Corporation News

Funds from council general fund were transferred to the Corporation. As the weather permits we will (1) prepare the fair booth (2) start repair of 'hot room' (3) replace council entry/exit doors. The next corporation meeting will be held on March 10, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the KC hall. Minutes from this meeting will be distributed by corporation secretary, Brother Pablo Montoya. Council members are invited to all regular corporation meetings. Alfredo F Pacheco, President

Respect Life News

Dear Knights and Ladies

We want to say "Thank you" to those who braved the cold and attended the Prayer Vigil remembering Roe v Wade in January. GREAT NEWS! HB166 the legislation to allow embryonic stem cell research was defeated. Thank you for contacting your State legislators! For now NO research in NM can take place on embryos. FOLKS, this is BIG, we want to remind you that this is an Election Year. We NEED to elect PRO-LIFE candidates. I will be attending a meeting in Albq. on March 6 with the Catholic Coalition and will keep you informed of the Pro-Life candidates. On your own attend the forums, get informed, but most of all VOTE! "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." -Proverbs 31:8 Mark your calendars the Primary is on Tuesday, June 1st, 2010. In closing, "Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil-it has no point!" God bless you, Rich and Christine Tenski, Pro-Life Couple.

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. Marilyn has agreed to make the cakes for the deserts (Apple and Cherry).For more information please contact John Schmidt @ 491-6878.

Sep 11 / Wedding

Youth Activities and Program for People with Disabilities (PPWD)

Track & Field practice starts March 13 @ 8 am at the NMSBVI track. Brothers Freddie and Carlos will be coaching track and bocci. State games @ Albuquerque will be May 21-23 at UNM stadium. The State Torch Run will be statewide May 10-21 and culminate at UNM to start opening ceremonies. Our local Torch Run (TBA) will be selling T-shirts for \$15 to raise money for local programs. The local run is from 12th and White Sands to the Otero/Dona Ana county line. If you can walk, run, ride a bike, (any or all of it), or help pick up participants, please contact your PPWD chairman @ 434-1959. If you wish to coach and/or chaperone our athletes; you must fill out an application and background check. 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 and coordinate volunteers.

*"Nine-tenths of education is encouragement".
Anatole France*

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

We received the tootsie rolls this week, so we were unable to make any plans with the stores in town as far as the dates go. We are currently looking at the end of March for the churches and April for the stores. We are in need of members to volunteer to work both of these locations. Please remember that all profits from this fundraiser will go to the Alamogordo Special Olympic athletes. For more information contact Pablo Montoya at 437-7736.

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

District Deputy Report

The date of April 18, 2010 for the 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification at Council 1226 in Las Cruces has been confirmed. Let me know the results as soon as possible. We will need approximately 30 - 35 candidates in order to hold

Enchilada Fundraiser

The Fr. Hay enchilada fundraiser dinner is scheduled for March 12 at ICC. The dinner will be served from 11:00 AM -7:30 PM. Cost is \$7.00 per plate. The menu consists of red chile enchiladas, beans, rice, salad and an egg optional. You can either dine in or take out your order. We will also deliver to your work place, call 437-7821. We will need your phone number and address. This event requires a lot of work , so if you have some free time during the day to volunteer or you need more information call Benito Montoya 430-8550.



Presentation for the most goals

District Deputy John Byers presented Monique Hernandez a basketball signed by the female NM Aggie players for making 21 out of 25 baskets and Jeremiah Johnson a basketball from the male NM Aggie players for making 20 out of 25 baskets

Fr. Hay Bingo

Fr Hay will be having their annual Bingo fundraiser at the KC hall on April 17th. All are welcome to attend or help out with the Bingo or the food concession.

Fr Hay Sale

The school is always looking for donation of items they can sell in a rummage sale. If you need some one to come and help you haul these things they have truck and trailers. Just give Wallace Moore a call to schedule a date and time. His phone number is 551-6437.

the Exemplification.



District Free Throw Contest

Our Council hosted the 2010 District Free Throw Championship on Saturday, February 20th at the Boys and Girls Club in Alamogordo. There were 26 contestants from Las Cruces, Ruidoso and Alamogordo in attendance. We served a hot dog lunch after this event for all the contestants and family members.

Winners from the left are: Melvin Green(10yr), Anahi Marmolejo(10yr), Bobby Spedalieri(11yr), Adrianna Joyner(11yr), Tristan Bowden(12yr), Monique Hernandez(12yr), Markus Covarrubia (13yr), Jessica Montoya-Ortega(13yr), Jerimiah Johnson(14yr), Ryata Daniel(14yr) all these winners are heading for the State Championship at St. Pius High School in Albuquerque on March 20th at 12:00 PM. Thanks to all brother knights who made this event happen.

Commercial Equipment needed

Fr hay School Kitchen is in need of the following items to bring their kitchen up to code. They are in need of a **Commercial**: Electric Stove, Freezer and Refrigerator. If you have one or know where they can get these items please call the school.

Volunteers needed

Fr Hay is in need of some help with a sheet rock project in the convent. They had a water leak in the ceiling and need some help hanging the sheet rock and finishing the ceiling. If you can be of assistance call Wallace Moore at 551-6437.

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2010

LuLu Valdez (President) Grace Filips (Vice-President)

Donna Pacheco (Treasurer) Terry Davis (Secretary)

Where did January and February go? March is here and we have not been successful in setting a date to do what needs to be done at the hall. I have heard statements of several things that need to be completed. How about working on Monday or Tuesday evenings from four to seven? Inventory of kitchen items can be done by the ladies and items in the meeting room can be put away.

We will be having our regular meeting at the KC Hall on Wednesday March 10th at 7:00 p.m. We can decide on a definite date for working at the hall.

Our next Scholarship Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday March 28th at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. We have had very good participation and good workers. Thank you for all the help.

Working together for the benefit of our Council makes it a true FAMILY Organization.

Lulu Valdez

Ladies Auxiliary President

Words from the Grand Knight

Lenten Greetings to all Brother Knights, Ladies of the Auxiliary, and our Families:

Today it is evident as in the times such as experienced with Father McGivney, there is a need for individuals to step forward and provide leadership to those in need of guidance to overcome some of the greatest adversities. While in such a position one may be ridiculed more than complemented; however, as in the case of Father McGivney, his life time goal was achieved as represented by each of us, as members of the Knights of Columbus. Last month we were honored and greeted by two such individuals, the Worthy State Insurance Agent, Jim McCabe and our newly appointed Insurance Agent, Brother Michael Guilliams. Their eloquent greetings before the Council and the new Knights in the First Degree were heartfelt and unique as historically the opportunity to visit with an Insurance Agent of the Order is minimal, but now that has changed. This can be attributed to Brother McCabe's promise to increase the number of insurance agents across the State. What once was a dream and a commitment by one has brought us to our current state. For this reason, I encourage each of you to welcome Brother Guilliams into your home, so that he can discuss your opportunities to be insured for the benefit of your family and loved ones. Honor your scheduled appointment went set and respect his presence as he assists in planning for the inevitable. Tempus Fugit, Momento Mori!

I would like to invite you all to join us during our next monthly meeting and honor the scheduled presence of our own State Deputy Joe Poezzi. An opportunity to discuss you personal and council concerns before your State Deputy should not be an opportunity missed.

Please keep those in need of your support, close and in your prayers.

If you wish to contact me call 575-430-8550 or e-mail MONTOYA121@q.com

Benito A. Montoya

Grand Knight



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WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

In the past, Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated as a religious holiday. It became a public holiday in 1903. Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn in celebration of St Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century. He is said to have used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to the pre-Christian Irish. During this month, let us reflect on the good work of St Patrick and try to do the same.

Thought for the Month: Naturally we cannot change God with our prayer, but we can open our hearts and minds with prayer so that we can experience God's manifest power in our lives better and more clearly.

Saint of the Month: St. Patrick. Legends about Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him - he was humble and he was courageous. Details of his life are uncertain. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold. After six years, Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the Good News to the Irish.

Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task to do mission work in pagan Ireland. He went to the west and north, where the faith had never been preached, obtained the protection of local kings and made numerous converts. Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. He suffered much opposition from pagan druids, and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. He had a rocklike belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused. There is hope rather than irony in the fact that his burial place is said to be in strife-torn Ulster, in County Down. (www.americancatholic.org)

The meeting next month (Wednesday, 17 March) will be held at the K of C Hall at 7 pm. I encourage all Fourth Degree Members to attend.

Viva Jesus
Jim Lenzo