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ST. MARY'S COUNCIL 3355
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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

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 4th Wednesday of the month. The Grand Knight's choice this month will be your Secret Recipes. We will also need side dishes, deserts & drinks. Please bring along family members or friends. The Blessing will be at 6:30 PM and Dinner to follow.

Meeting Night

We have a 1st Degree prior to the regular business meeting to be held at the KC Hall on April 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM. All Officers are required to be there 30 minutes early to prepare for the meeting. Please dress appropriately.

Knight & Family of the Month

The Knight of the Month for March is Ken Davis and Family of the Month is John & Marilyn Schmidt. Please congratulate them!



Our Newest Member

Pictured above with the Grand Knight Benito Montoya is our newest 1st Degree member Bill Rock. He was installed at the March 11, 09 meeting, please make him feel welcome when you see him.



2nd & 3rd Degree

Pictured from the left are Michael Guilliams, Joe Binkey (Degree GK), Elias Trujillo and Paul Mancuso who received their 2nd & 3rd Degree at Las Cruces Council 1226 on March 1, 09.

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.

This Month's Birthday Wishes

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

April

- Avila, Johnny
- Mier, Earl
- Montoya, Benito
- Rodriquez, Eric
- Sanchez, Stephen

Up Coming Events

- Apr 3 / Enchiladas @ ICC / 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Apr 4 / Ride-N-Shine @ Alameda Park
- Apr 18 / Tootsie Rolls @ Wal-Mart & Lowe's
- Apr 26 / Confirmation Mass @ St Jude
- May 1 – 3 / State Convention @ Albq.

Vocations

Please pray that the youth of today will answer the call to the religious life to become Priests, Deacons (such as our own Peter Schumacher) and Nuns.

The Good of the Order

We offer special prayers for our Brothers who have lost family members, please pray and visit them. Remember those family members who are in poor health or having surgery, that they may have a quick recovery, especially Lupe Salcido, Linda Villabisencio, Lulu Valdez and Mrs. Kenneth Quade.

Council Hall Repairs and Spring Cleaning

Thank you Brother Knights for your efforts last month in pruning, fabricating the chair haulers, installing the septic tank barriers, installing the tile in the women's bathroom, repairing the roof, damaged by the winds, and all that you do! We will continue one step and one project at a time. Let us know your talents and when you can help.

Membership

If you know an eligible Catholic gentleman, please invite him to become a Brother Knights. 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.

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.



Knights Donate to Relay

The Deputy Grand Knight Ken Davis is shown donating \$250 to Apryl Stickles the Otero County Relay for Life Chairperson. The council has chosen for the last 7 years to be a Bronze Corporate Sponsor for this event. We all know someone who is affected by or lost their life to Cancer. Hopefully this will help find a cure.

Newsletter

The current 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.

KC hall Rental's (these dates are reserved)

Apr 25 / Quinceaneta
May 2 / Birthday
May 17 / Baccalaureate Breakfast
May 23 / Graduation
Jul 4 / Party
Sep 26 / Wedding



District Free Throw Contest

The Council's Basketball Free Throw winners competed in the District Free Throw Contest on February 28 in Ruidoso, NM. Anna Reynolds won the girls 11 yr division & Markus Covarrubia won the boys 12 yr division from Alamogordo. Brother Ken Davis's grandson Markus traveled to the State Competition held at Albuquerque, NM on Mar 28. 09, while Ms. Anna Reynolds was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict where she is competing for the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year. Congratulations to both youth!



Corned Beef Fundraiser Our annual Corned Beef Dinner was held on March 14 at the KC hall. We started cooking at 8:00 AM and were ready to serve food from 3:00 to 7:30 PM. The menu was Corned Beef, Red Potato's, Cabbage, Desert and Coffee or Iced Tea. Profits from this event go to

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

Our annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser will be on April 18th this year. We will be working both set of doors at Wal-Mart and Lowe's grocery store at the same time. The hours we have planed to work are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM that day. We will need numerous people to assist with this. If you can help that day contact Benito Montoya @ 430-8550 or Pablo Montoya @ 437-7736.

Ride and Shine

Our council has volunteered to assist the Lion's Club with this event. This is a car and motorcycle show with a cruse to Cloudfcroft or Ruidoso planned. There will be entertainment & we will be cooking the Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. This will be the second year for this event with all the proceeds going to support fallen Police & Fire Officers. If you can help contact Benito Montoya @ 430-8550.

Fr Hay Catholic School. Thank You to all the people who worked so hard to make this a success, John Schmidt.

Youth Activities and Program for People with Disabilities (PPWD)

Program for People With Disabilities (PPWD) Volunteers needed for the Tootsie Roll Drive, April 18 @ Wal-Mart & Lowe's. Please support our Special Olympics by helping out. Thanks.

Track & Field practice started March 14 at NM School for Blind & Visually Impaired. Brother Freddie Pacheco coaches Bocce and Brother Carlos Pacheco is an athlete/coach.

Don't know what Bocce is? Contact: Brother Carlos Pacheco for information and schedules or attend meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the KC hall.

FYI: The Knights of Columbus Honor Guard presents colors at opening ceremonies at the State SO Games.

Carlos Pacheco, chairman

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2008

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

The Ladies had their Meeting at Dona Pacheco's as the men were having an Installation. We finished revising our Scholarship form.

The corned beef and cabbage John and Marilyn Schmidt make each year was superb. Yum Yum.

The Honor Guard and wives went out to Holloman for a good by to Father Matt, he will be missed. The pancakes at ICC were great and a good crowd again. Family Pot Luck was Italian and we all ate too much as usual, everyone brings such good items. Our Corporate Communion was at ICC on March 29th and we had a good turn out. We all had breakfast together at the 19th Hole for more fellowship following the Mass.

Prayers to all

Grace Filips
President

Words from the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights and our Families:

April brings not only better weather, but a host of activities for the community. Please keep your calendar handy as we need your participation to make each event successful. Your historical support of numerous events run simultaneously is what other organizations envy. We of course begin with the annual Father James B. Hay Enchilada Dinner to be held on my Birthday April 3rd. Please come by and wish me a Happy Birthday and buy your family enchiladas! No singing please.

On Saturday the 4th we participate in the Chris Mirabal Memorial Ride and Shine preparing and serving hamburgers.

Most important please support our efforts in handing out tootsie rolls for the benefit of the Special Olympians. Many of you have been touched by those with disabilities and this is a way of supporting those who may not be able to support themselves. We have an ambitious schedule to solicit donations for our tootsie rolls at both entrances at Wal-Mart and Lowe's Grocery on the same day. Please let us know which event you will be able to participate in. This is not limited to the men so please invite your wives and daughters to join us.

I have received notice from our fellow Knights and their Families that your prayers for their continued health and emotional support have been appreciated. We have been riddled with various health conditions that we do not always wish to share. We respect you privacy, but share your concerns and grief. Please continue to reach out to each other in times of need as we offer prayer, reciting the Rosary, as often as we can.

Please consider it an obligation to remind our fellow Catholic Brothers that the Knights of Columbus offer Insurance which has been made available to our members to provide for their families at the time of death.

I remind you to promote Knighthood through your daily actions and prayer now and beyond the Lenten Season.

Please continue to report your request for prayers and do not assume I am aware of your needs. I can now be contacted via e-mail at MONTOYA121@q.com or 430-8550.

May God continue to bless each of you!

Respectfully

Benito A. Montoya

Grand Knight-Council 3355



Assembly 0689

Words from the Faithful Navigator

Faith is not believing that God can, but knowing that God will. Happy Easter!

Welcome to Sir Knight Rueben Hernandez as our new member of the St. Mary's Assembly 0689 Fourth Degree Knights. The exemplification on March 22 in Las Cruces was most impressive.

The nominating committee will be seeking knights to serve as officers of the Fourth Degree for 2009-10. Please accept a nomination. The election of officers will be at our May business meeting @ KC hall.

Social Meeting for April 15th is @ Sunset Run on West 10th Street past the bypass.

Vivat Jesus!
Alfredo F Pacheco FN

4th Degree, the Degree of Patriotism



Honor Guard at Holloman AFB

The Honor Guard escorted the Military Archbishop Timothy Broglio and Fr. Matt on March 15 at the Holloman AFB Chapel. This was a farewell mass for Father Matt as he is leaving Alamogordo.

Thank you, Sir Knights.



A special "Thanks" to Sir Knights Ben Placencio, Ken Davis, and Marion 'Bud' Duryea for cooking burgers & dogs after the mass at Holloman.