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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 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
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**Assembly 0689**

**Fourth Degree Officers 2009-2010**

Faithful Navigator	Jim Lenzo
Faithful Friar	David Marcus
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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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The pot luck dinner for November will be **Cancelled** due to Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

**Meeting Night**

The regular business meeting normally held at the KC Hall on November 11, 2009 will begin at 7:00 PM. The Officers and Degree Team will need to arrive by 6:30 as we will have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree that night.

### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the month for October is Benito Montoya, the Lady of the month is Chris Tenski and the Family of the month is Paul and Alicia Mancusio. Please congratulate them.



### **Our Newest Members**

We would like to welcome (from left) Arnie Ascencio, Henry Pacheco, Anthony Garcia, Jose Guzman Jr. and Wallace Moore. These men were installed at the October 14, 2009 meeting. Please congratulate them when you see them.



### **Pancakes at ICC**

Sitting at the table with Father Bryant eating pancakes are members from Council 17880 in Parker, Colorado. They were on their return trip from Juarez, Mexico where 12 members & wives built a house for the poor. Their project is called **Hands of Hope**. The money is raised from the sale of quilts that the ladies make. They had enough money this year to build two homes for the poor.

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

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

#### **November**

Arnold, Steven E.  
Davis, Ken  
Kernohan, Robert  
Lenzo, James  
Mancuso, Paul  
Moore, Thomas  
Peterson, John W. Rev.  
Placencio, Ben  
Villabiscencio, Santiago

#### **Up Coming Events**

Nov 11, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree @ KC hall / 7:00 PM  
Nov 11-14, Xmas Bazaar @ St Jude  
Nov 14, Veterans Day Parade / 10:00 AM  
Nov 21, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemp @ Albuquerque  
Nov 23-27, Silver Rose in New Mexico  
Nov 27, Silver Rose Mass @ St Jude / 4:30 PM  
Nov 29, Corp Comm. @ St Jude / 9:00 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, Elias Trujillo, Herlinda Villabiscencio 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.

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



**Respect Life News**  
**Life Chain**

Alamogordo hosted its second annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 3:30 p.m. along White Sands Boulevard. Life Chain is a pro-life prayer and witness event that will be taking place in cities across the United States and Canada on the first Sunday in October. This event has been taking place for 22 years in cities throughout both countries.

Dear fellow Knights and Auxiliary members, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Give thanks to your Parents for the gift of Life. Continue to pray the Rosary for the end of Abortion. And I personally want to say, Thank-you to the Knights for donating money last year so that we could have signs this year for the Life Chain. Our attendance was up 30 percent from last year. God bless you all,

Richard and Christine Tenski  
 Pro-Life Couple

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

- Nov 14 / Quinceaneta
- Nov 21 / Wedding
- Nov 28 / Birthday
- Dec 5 / Altrusa Dinner
- Dec 19 / Birthday
- Jan 16 / Quinceaneta
- Feb 6 / Wedding
- May 29 / Graduation

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

This is the season for basketball / bowling at Special Olympics. Bowling is great but we have no basketball coach. Interested? Want to coach or volunteer? Check out our athletes at the Holiday Classic State Games in Las Cruces, November 20-21. The Knights of Columbus in Las Cruces do a GREAT job there for Special Olympics. The local coordinator for Otero County is Anthony Bradway @ 575-430-8902. For more information on Special Olympics visit the website at [www.sonm.org](http://www.sonm.org). The Program for People With Disabilities committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm @ the KC Hall.

*"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving"...Mother Teresa*

**Torch Run**

Brother Charlie Gonzales is a very active member of Council 3355 and our community. Through his efforts, The Torch Run was able to raise over \$16,000 for our local Special Olympic athletes. The Torch Run was created by a law enforcement officer to raise money for Special Olympics. Members of the Sheriff and Police departments, Border Patrol, Military Police, State Police, and all law enforcement agencies throughout the nation participate in this fundraiser. Charlie will be honored for his efforts by attending the Torch Run Convention, as our local representative, to be held in Connecticut on November 11, 2009. Thank you so much for all your hard work and congratulations!

**Veteran's Day Parade**

Alamogordo will have their parade on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. We are building a float for this event and need some help with decorations and ideas. If you can help call Freddie Pacheco at 434-1959.

**Corporate Communion**

We will have a Corporate Communion Mass at St. Jude on November 27<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 AM Mass. All Knights and family members are welcome to attend.



### **ICC Youth Group**

Pablo Montoya the Council Youth Director is shown making a donation to Marguerite Englehart the ICC Youth Director. The Youth Group meets at 4:00 PM each Sunday. Please check the ICC Bulletin for updates on future events or call Emilio Montoya @ 430-6317.



### **Salvation Army Donation**

The council has made a Thanksgiving donation for the past 9 years to the local Salvation Army. Pictured from left are Lt. Bob Leuras, John Schmidt (FS) and Lt. Stephanie Leuras who took over the positions in May 2009. If you wish to volunteer they can be reached at 443-0845.



### **ICC Fiesta 2009**

As always we are heavily involved in many areas of this event, but we begin with the cooking of the hamburger meat. All accounts from the staff say the Fiesta out did last years totals. We were worried on Saturday because of the rain, but on Sunday we made up the difference.

A very special thank you to all who worked so hard and for so many days to make this event happen. The great thing was you could see Brother Knights working everywhere.



### **Honor Guard at Fiesta**

We would like to thank all the members of the Honor Guard for escorting the Bishop, Priest's and Deacon's at the Fiesta Mass on October 4, 2009. After the Mass they made a quick change of clothes and helped out in the food booths.

### **Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2010**

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

The October 7<sup>th</sup> Ladies Auxiliary meeting did not have a quorum, so no official business was conducted. We were happy to have seven guests for the Rosary Ceremony which was led by Linda Villabisencio. The pancake breakfast for November will be held at St. Jude on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We could really use two more people to help out since Gerry Filips is ill and Linda Villabisencio is in Arizona taking care of some medical problems. Pray for the recovery of all that are ill.

Mr. Moore, the principal at Fr. Hay School scheduled a Halloween Spaghetti Diner and Dance at the KC hall on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Ladies were asked to make the deserts.

We are not having Family night in November or December due to the holidays. We will be having the KC Christmas party at the hall on December 20<sup>th</sup>, more to come on this later. Our next meeting will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the KC hall starting at 7:00 PM. We should all say a prayer of thanks that we are able to get together and share not only food but support for each other. "Yours in Christ".

Lulu Valdez  
Ladies Auxiliary President

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

Dear Brother Knights, Ladies of the Auxiliary, and our Families:

Congratulations to all as your Council has been well represented in the community of late, especially notably by compliments on our food preparation, parade participation, and visibility in the Church activities. Each activity is a challenge, but to quote our newsletter editor, "it always comes out alright." Our ranks have now increased and we are encouraged that our new members will revitalize and sustain our current and future efforts to make us grow in our faith as Catholics and as a community.

Special thanks to Ms. Linda Villabisencio for her recitation of the Rosary during the October Ladies Auxiliary Meeting as it serves as a reminder to pray the Rosary as often as you can.

I thank each of you for your commitment to the Knights of Columbus and remind you that as a member of civic organizations you are committed to service, but as Knights you are committed for life! Reach out to those who need assistance and perhaps are in need of insurance from the order. Remember, only Knight of Columbus Brothers and Ladies of the Auxiliary can take advantage of our insurance benefits.

If you wish to contact me call 575-430-8550 or e-mail [MONTROYA121@q.com](mailto:MONTROYA121@q.com)  
May God continue to bless us all!

Benito A. Montoya  
Grand Knight



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## WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

November is upon us, and that means it's the start of a busy time. We start festivities with a day of Thanksgiving – a day that we all should take the time to acknowledge to our Lord the benefits he has bestowed upon us. During this month, we should take the opportunity to provide for those who are in need, both economically and spiritually.

**Thought for the Month:** Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up.

**Saint of the Month:** The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny (France), decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the Feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church. The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification. Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead. Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico. ([www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org))

We had an excellent turnout for our social meeting in October. It was extra special to see some faces we hadn't seen for a while. Our meeting this month will be held at the K of C Hall on November 18. The meeting starts at 7 PM. I encourage all Fourth Degree members to attend. Check the monthly calendar – there will be a Corporate Communion on November 29 for all Knights, spouses, and family.

Viva Jesus  
Jim Lenzo