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and ASSEMBLY 0689**



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CELEBRATING 55 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 **Ruben S. Montoya** and he can be reached at (office) 505-452-0021, (cell) 505-681-8125 or (office fax) 505-452-1226, his office address is 5512 Winchester Rd., SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121 or (e-mail) ruben.montoya@kofc.org

ST. Mary's Council 3355

Officers for the year 2007-2008

Grand Knight	Jim Lenzo
Deputy Grand Knight	Benito Montoya
Chaplain	Fr. John Peterson
Program Director	Benito Montoya
Chancellor	Pablo Montoya
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2 Year Trustee	Alfredo R. Pacheco
1 Year Trustee	Victor Ramirez
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Treasurer	Steve H. Arnold
Inside Guard	Fidel Valdez
Outside Guard	Steve E. Arnold Jr.
Lector	David Marcus

Assembly 0689

Fourth Degree Officers 2007-2008

Faithful Navigator	Alfredo Pacheco
Faithful Friar	David Marcus
Faithful Captain	Jim Lenzo
Faithful Pilot	Jim Villabiscencio
Faithful Controller	Dennis Clark
Faithful Purser	John Schmidt
Outer Sentinel	Carlos Pacheco
Inner Sentinel	Bud Duryea
Faithful Scribe	Fidel Valdez
Faithful Admiral	Ben Placencio
3 Year Trustee	Gerry Filips
2 Year Trustee	Fred Murray
1 Year Trustee	Jim Kautzman

Ladies Auxilary

Officers for the year 2007-2008

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

Pot Luck Gathering

A potluck dinner is held each month at the KC hall on the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Each family brings a covered dish; however, the Grand Knight reports there is to be no potluck this month, due to the Holidays! Remember Keep Christ in Christmas!

Knight & Family of the Month

The Knight of the Month for November is our Grand Knight-James Lenzo for his diligent work putting together our Mid-Year Meeting. Family of the Month for November is Ken and Terry Davis. Please congratulate them all!

Pictured below: Newest 1st Degree Members! Congratulations Brother Knights!



Knights and our Families in the Community



Steve Arnold, Adam Arnold, and Andrez Montoya served at the Bishop's Celebratory Mariachi Conference Mass of 2007. Steve and Andrez are Brother Knight of our Council 3355.

We are well represented in and outside of Alamogordo!

Meeting Night

The regular business meeting will be held at the KC Hall on December 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM. All Officers are required to be there 30 minutes early to prepare for the meeting.

This Month's Birthday Wishes

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

December

Cosentino, Dennis
Cote, Nathan
Garofano, Stephen
Gomez, Ruben
Hernandez, Ruben
Kovacich, Frank
Litchens, Frank
Marble, Charles
Montdragon, Scott
Ramirez, Victor
Valdez, Fidel

Up Coming Events

- Dec. 1-2 Mid-Year Meeting
- Dec. 8 Christmas Parade 5:00PM
- Dec. 9 Altrusa Dinner @ KC Hall
- Dec. 12 Knights Meeting @ KC Hall 7:00 PM
- Dec. 16 Pancake Breakfast@ Holloman Chapel 9:00AM
- Dec. 19 4th Degree @ KC Hall 7:00PM
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day-share w/Family & Friends!
- Dec. 31 New Years Eve! Enjoy and Be Safe!

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 those who are suffering from cancer or heart disease and those families that have someone sick or in distress.

Tempus Fugit. Memento Mori.

Reverend Edwin F. Griffith, 85
Beloved Priest, Pearl Harbor Survivor
Edwin F. Griffith, joined the Lord and saints on November 7 in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Fr. Ed, as he was affectionately known, was a Pearl Harbor survivor having been on the first ship bombed that fateful Sunday in 1941, the USS California. He was only 17 at the time and lived through many harrowing experiences throughout the war. He believed the Good Lord had saved his life because He had a mission for him to fulfill on earth. As a result, Fr. Ed went into the priesthood and devoted his entire life to serving the Lord and his parishioners.

Fr. Ed was born in Trinidad, Colorado to Anna Diemer and Edwin Fred Griffith. He was predeceased by a sister, Julia Harnish. His surviving sister, Wilma Garlutzo lives in Denver, Colorado.

Fr. Ed is survived by a niece, Darlene Garlutzo and her husband, Steve Barnhill of Aurora, Colorado; a nephew Larry Garlutzo and his wife Greta of Centennial, Colorado; a nephew Arnie Alishio and his wife Cheryl of Golden, Colorado; and a nephew, Harvey Harnish and his wife Debbie of Trinidad, Colorado. In addition, he is survived by 13 great nieces and nephews, and his devoted caregiver, Ann Berry.

In 1940 Fr. Ed enlisted in the Navy during World War II and participated at Pearl Harbor, in the Coral Sea and Midway Sea battles, and later in the landings at Tarawa.

When he was discharged in 1946 he returned to his native Colorado and became active in church work. He joined the Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Societies and the Knights of Columbus, but always felt he was doing so little for the Lord.

While working for Continental Airlines, he made a stop in El Paso and went to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

He felt he was too old to become a priest but met a priest who encouraged him to enter the priesthood. He was the oldest member of his class. He entered St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colorado for studies in philosophy in 1958. He was ordained in El Paso on May 20, 1964.

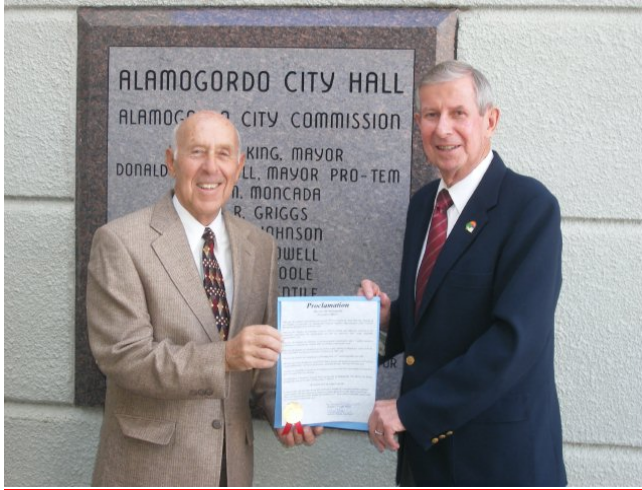
His parishes included St. Catherine's Parish in Pecos, Texas and then he joined the Diocese of Las Cruces. He served as pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Immaculate Conception Church, St. John the Apostle, St. Joseph's and San Isidro. In addition, he served at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Truth or Consequences and Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo.

Until his death, he loved his Lord, his family, the mountains, the birds and children. He loved to smoke his pipe and talk about the "days gone bye." His sweet smile and witty humor will be sorely missed by those that loved and respected him.

Visitation was held at St. Jude Mission Parish on Sunday, November 11. The Vigil Wake followed by the recitation of the Rosary led by the Rosary Society. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. at St. Jude Mission Parish on Monday, November 12 Internment followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery with full military honors.



**Pictured above:
Assembly 0689 4th Honor Guard / Pallbearers
Internment at the ICC Cemetery**



**Pictured above:
The Honorable Mayor Don Carroll and our own
Worthy Grand Knight-James Lenzo**

This photo of Grand Knight James Lenzo receiving from Mayor Don Carroll, the proclamation for the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus from Alamogordo Council 3355 is hosting the Mid Year Meeting. The proclamation declares that the week of November 25 to December 2, 2007 to be The Knights of Columbus Week.

The Mid Year Meeting will be held at the Elks Lodge in Alamogordo on December 1, 2007.

All the Knights of Columbus Councils in New Mexico will attend this meeting. This year (2007) marks the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus.



Pictured Far Right: Sgt. Doyle Syling made a presentation to the Knight of Columbus and guests at the Social Meeting on Wednesday November 28th.

Above Brother Pacheco is presented with a Torch Run Pin from the “Final Leg” of China.

Sgt. Syling is the NM Director for the “Torch Run” and was selected as New Mexico’s representative to the International Special Olympic Games in China.

The Torch Run is made up of all law enforcement agencies, such as DPS, Sheriff, Border Patrol, Military, etc..., which raise money for Special Olympics.

Below: Brother Pacheco presented Sgt. Syling with a plaque of appreciation from the local Special Olympians!



Words from the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

I am unable to comment on the Mid-Year Meeting that was hosted by our Council on December 1. It was necessary to get the newsletter mailed prior to the event; therefore, I don't have any details to report. However, based on the registrations to date, we should have had a good number of Knights and their ladies attending. I want to thank my committee chairpersons and committee members who worked very hard planning and working all the details of the meeting and banquet. Once again, it shows what we are able to accomplish as a team. I know that we had a very successful event and I'll have more to say on this next month.

The month of December brings a host of activities, both at home and with the Knights of Columbus. During the Christmas Season, we most especially want to be close to our families, relatives, and dear ones during this special time of the year. I have canceled our Family Pot Luck for the month of December. However, we will have our Family Christmas Party which is scheduled for Sunday, December 9. I encourage all of you to attend. Invite your children and grandchildren. It will be a lot of fun, especially since Santa is an invited guest. And, as usual, the food will be plentiful and delicious. Check the newsletter for details on all the December activities...

Joan and I wish all of you a very Joyful and Blessed Christmas. May God keep us all safe during the Holiday Season!

Jim Lenzo
Worthy Grand Knight

Words from the Faithful Navigator

Fourth Degree Report:

November was the month for Thanksgiving. Our Veterans Day Mass at ICC to give thanks to all Veterans and military was well attended. We hope to honor our military and recruit new members on December 16 at Holloman Chapel. We will be serving pancakes and sausage with coffee and juice. It was a great honor to serve at Father Griffith's funeral and give thanks for his service to Church and community. There was no meeting in November because of Thanksgiving! We hope in the Lord and give thanks for His many blessings. We would also like to give a big THANK YOU to Las Cruces Councils for doing such a good job at the Special Olympics State games. The next business meeting to wrap up the calendar year is December 19th, 7 pm at the hall.

* Fourth Degree Exemplification on December 9, 2007 in Albuquerque!!!

Vivat Jesus!
Alfredo Pacheco
Faithful Navigator

Words from the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

The month of November went by way too fast this year. The Ladies had extra meetings in preparation for the Mid-Year Meeting. The decorations for both the Ladies Luncheon and the Banquet are beautiful. The report will be in January's Newsletter as this must go to press before the event. We had a fantastic write-up in the Daily News, with pictures and all.

The Family night was great as everyone brought wonderful Turkey Day leftovers. Thanksgiving is my favorite food holiday, as we make all the family favorites. We all have so much to be thankful for, our families, friends, our faith and a wonderful country in which we may worship. Our December Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary has been cancelled.

We look forward to the solemnity of Advent and the Joyfulness of Christmas!

Grace Filips President

Pancake Breakfasts are Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary assisted by the Sir Knights!



Last month's pancake breakfast hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, assisted by the Knights was held at ICC on November 25th. Thanks to all who cooked and assisted! Remember this fundraising event allow for us to provide scholarships to member of our worthy community youth. Dates to apply will be published in upcoming newsletters!

December's Pancake Breakfast is to be held on 16 December at the Holloman Chapel in order to Honor our Military and potentially recruit new members.

Program for People with Disabilities (PPWD)

The Special Olympic State Games were held in Las Cruces November 17. The Las Cruces councils were honored by Special Olympics New Mexico for hosting state games. Thank you Las Cruces!

Brother Carlos Pacheco and his teammates (Aaron Huskey, Peter Rocha, Robbie Caldwell, Danny Martinez) played a heck of a 3 on 3 basketball game and won gold medals for first place in their division. They are coached by Brother Freddie.

For information on Special Olympics please attend our monthly PPWD meeting held every 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm. or call Carlos Pacheco, chairman 434-1959.

Pablo Benito Montoya – Youth and Squires Director

KC Free Throw Competition
To be held indoor at Otero County Boys/Girls Club Fri 3-6 p.m. 11 Jan 08 and Sat 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 12 Jan. Boys and girls ages 7, 8,9,10,11,12,13, & 14 are eligible.
POC Pablo Montoya, 437-7736

ICC Youth Activities

Come join us on Sunday's! Ages 13-19 are all welcome! For times and events, please contact Ms. Marguerite Englehart at 437-3291 or e-mail ICC@hauns.com for the latest information! This coming Sunday we are going to sit down and talk about Dec and Jan. schedule. Bring a Friend and your suggestions! No Money Required!

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is temporarily being published by Benito and Pablo Montoya. If you have items for the newsletter, you can call 434-0613 or 437-7736 or e-mail MONTROYA121@zia.com; or pbmontoya@zianet.com.

David Marcus- Membership Director

The role of Membership director is to be on the front line of soliciting new members, reaching out to members who have left for unknown reasons and welcoming them back to Knights of Columbus.

Finally, the director job is to be the Public Relation/Affair person who portrays the role of the Knights of Columbus by living Fr. McGivney's vision.

If you know a practicing Catholic, please invite him to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. You might be surprised that there are potential candidates waiting to be asked! 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.

Fred Murray - Church and Vocation Director

This report covers all participatory activity by Knights in their local Parish. Such as Usher, Lector and project assistance. We need greater Family participation in Corporate Communion Services. It is held about every three months, see the newsletter for future dates.

Filel Valdez- Community Director

Please let us know what Community Services you and your family are involved in! Report them to your service director for acknowledgement.

Steve and Irene Arnold-Pro Life Director

In its venerable tradition of standing up for society's most defenseless members, the Catholic Church is uniquely qualified to speak out authoritatively on the abortion issue. This, as John Paul the Great so clearly taught, is the number one priority for Catholic social thought today – which must inevitably be expressed not only as social thought, but as social action.

Watch for our Christmas – Pro Life Bus Bench on 10th St.

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