



**Alamogordo  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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
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	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 December will be **Cancelled** as we encourage everyone to spend the time with your families and those who might otherwise be alone.

**Meeting Night**

The regular business meeting normally held at the KC Hall on December 9, 2009 and will begin at 7:00 PM. The Officers will need to arrive by 6:30 PM. to prepare for the meeting that night.

### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the month for November is Charles Gonzales, the Lady of the month is Elsa Montoya and the Family of the month belongs to Steven and Irene Arnold. Please congratulate them.



### **Our Newest Members**

We would like to welcome Jose Guzman Jr. our newest Brother Knight. He was installed at the November 11, 2009 meeting. Please congratulate him when you meet him.



### **Pancakes at St. Jude**

These people are anxiously awaiting a plate of pancakes after mass. Man oh man were those some large cakes and tasty to. This was the last pancake breakfast for the year 2009.

### **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, Vincent  
Hernandez, Ruben  
Kovacich, Frank  
Mondragon, Scott  
Ramirez, Victor  
Valdez, Fidel Jr.

#### **Up Coming Events**

Dec 5 & 6 State Mid Year Meeting @ Albq.  
Dec 16 Family Social @ Lenzo's / 6:00 PM  
Dec 20 KC Christmas Party @ KC hall / 4:00 PM  
Jan 15 & 16 Free-throw Contest @  
the Boys & Girls Club

#### **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 the family and friends of Jacob Telles who we lost this month. 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, especially Fr. John Peterson, Gerry Filips, Greg Telles, Earl Mier, Ciro Garofano 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**

Advent starts on Sunday, Nov. 29th. May we remember the Holiest of Babes born in a manger and continue our fight to save the unborn. Please mark your calendars for January 22, 2010. A Candlelight Prayer Vigil to mark the Anniversary of Roe v Wade will be held at the City Rose Garden on Washington and 10th St. sponsored by Life League of New Mexico, Inc. Otero County Chapter. May God bless all your Holidays!

Richard and Chris Tenski  
Pro-Life Couple

### **District Deputy's Report:**

This year's State Mid-Year Meeting is scheduled for Dec. 5, & 6 at Council 10697 in Albuquerque. Attendees should include 2 representatives from each council, the Grand Knight and the Membership chairman.

Each Council should have gotten registration information in the mail from Fr. Carl Hammer Council 10697 in the mail. If you don't have these forms I will scan mine and send them to you via e-mail.

John Byers  
District Deputy #11

### **Salvation Army Donation**

The council has made a Christmas donation for the past 9 years to the local Salvation Army. Lt. Bob Leuras and his wife Lt. Stephanie Leuras took over the positions in May 2009. If you wish to volunteer they can be reached at 443-0845.

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

Dec 5 / Altrusa Dinner  
Dec 12 / Graduation  
Dec 19 / Birthday  
Jan 16 / Quinceaneta  
Feb 6 / Wedding  
May 22 / Graduation  
May 29 / Graduation

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

Great news! Chase Turri, an Otero County Special Olympics athlete, has been invited to participate in the 2010 National Games to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 2010. Chase is an avid golfer who has won many gold medals for golf at New Mexico State Games. I hope we can help this young man with expenses for this great honor.

Brother Charles Gonzales, along with 10 other law enforcement officers from New Mexico, attended a Torch Run Conference in Connecticut. Torch Run generated over \$34 million world wide for Special Olympics. Thanks law enforcement!

Did you check out our athletes at the 'Holiday Classic' State Games in Las Cruces, November 20-21? Our Brother Knights in Las Cruces do a GREAT job there for Special Olympic athletes during these State Games. Soooo you want to volunteer for next year? 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 to plan events. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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

### **Christmas Parade**

Alamogordo will have their parade on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM 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 held our last a Corporate Communion Mass at St. Jude on November 27<sup>th</sup> for the year 2009. We would like to thank all the Knights and family members who attended this fine event.

### **Council Christmas Party**

Our family Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. in the KC hall. The council will deep fry 4 turkeys in peanut oil, and the members are asked to bring their favorite holiday dish. If you wish to bring a gift for your child to unwrap please limit the cost of the gift to \$10.00 and have the child's name on the gift. All members and family's are welcome to attend. Please contact Benito Montoya for more details.



### **Honor Guard at St. Francis**

On November 8<sup>th</sup> the Honor Guard escorted Bishop Ramirez and the Priest for Fr. Peter Verrhagan's celebration of 60 years as a Priest. He had served at the LaLuz and Tularosa Church's.



### **Knights donate to St. Francis**

John Schmidt (FS) and Dennis Clark make a donation to Fr. Maximilian of St. Francis to buy bibles for the CCD students.

### **Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2010**

### **Free Throw Contest**

Our Council will hold the local Free Throw Contest on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-5:00 PM and on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 12:00 AM. This event will be held at the Boys and Girls Club, 201 Dale Scott Ave. in Alamogordo. The District Championship will be hosted here as well on Saturday, 20 February 2010, with registration at 9:30 and the competition to begin at 10:00 AM. We will be serving a hot dog lunch after this event for all the contestants. We are in need of volunteers to assist with these events, if you can help call Pablo Montoya @ 437-7736.



### **Honor Guard at Funeral**

We would like to thank all the members of the Honor Guard for attending the Rosary and Funeral service for Brother Jacob Telles on November 10 and 11. As we can see the Honor Guard was very busy in November and we would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.



### **Catholic Cemetery Work never ends!**

We appreciate the dedicated volunteers especially those Knights who maintain our Holy and final resting places such as in our Catholic Cemetery.

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

This year has gone by fast, we are now in the last month and that brings us to the loveliest time if we think of keeping CHRIST in CHRISTmas. We have so much to be thankful for our family, friends, church and community. We have lost some loved ones but Thank God we were able to share their lives and have beautiful memorie3s.

We are having a meeting at the Knights of Columbus hall on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We will not have the Scholarship Pancake Breakfast until January 24<sup>th</sup>. We are having the Council Christmas Gathering on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Grand Knight Benito Montoya or Ken Davis on what type of food you will be bringing to this Family Gathering.

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo, May the Lord keep us in the right path.

Lulu Valdez  
Ladies Auxiliary President

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

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

During our upcoming Christmas Celebrations with family and friends, please remember those who have gone before us. It is the dedication to our faith and community that we have become Knights for life. To witness the loss of a Brother Knight honored by the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in full Regalia is the epiphany of being a Knight. I encourage members to continue with their degrees to obtain the honorable status. As you know not when and where we may be taken, please remember to pray daily on behalf of yourselves and for each other. It is our strength in faith, not our conflicts that will sustain us as we soon begin a New Year.

Special thanks to Brother David Marcus for coordinating our Silver Rose Mass and seeing it through execution. Our Father Tom, a 4th Degree Knight, was the celebrant. We appreciate those who were in attendance, knowing those who could not, will honor the Silver Rose in Prayer.

Life as a Knight is a busy one...and we cannot physically be everywhere! If you wish to contact me call 575-430-8550 or e-mail MONTROYA121@q.com



### **Candidate and Council well being:**

We have a large number of transfers who have shown interest in joining our council. We must reach out to them to welcome their spouses and families as they too are the future of our council. Remember our Knight Community extends beyond a single parish, a single group, or a single event. Please remember, do not make the decision for a member by down playing the insurance availability, but encourage them to contact an insurance agent of the order, so that they may support their families by taking advantage of our insurance benefits.

Benito A. Montoya  
Grand Knight



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### WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

December brings forth the most holy and blessed period of our calendar, as well as the beginning of our Liturgical Year. It is a time that we should not necessarily be swayed by the commercial and selfish aims and attitudes of retailers throughout the world, but to honor the true reason for this most wonderful season - the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a time that we should reflect on the true meaning of this season and strive to put back Christ in Christmas. On this occasion, I wish all of you a most blessed and Merry Christmas.

**Thought for the Month:** Catholic saints are holy and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.

**Saint of the Month:** During this month, the Church focuses especially on the newborn Child, God become human, who embodies for us all the hope and peace we seek. We need no other special saint to lead us to Christ in the manger, although his mother Mary and Joseph, caring for his foster-Son, help round out the scene.

But if we were to select a patron for this month, perhaps it might be appropriate for us to imagine an anonymous shepherd; a shepherd who was summoned to the birthplace by a wondrous and even disturbing vision in the night, a summons from an angelic choir, promising peace and goodwill; a shepherd who was willing to seek out something that might just be too unbelievable to chase after, and yet compelling enough to leave behind the flocks in the field and search for a mystery.

On the day of the Lord's birth, let's let an unnamed "un-celebrity" at the edge of the crowd model for us the way to discover Christ in our own hearts - somewhere between skepticism and wonder, between mystery and faith. And, like Mary and the shepherds, let us treasure that discovery in our hearts. ([www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org))

I want to thank Santiago Villabiscencio for chairing the November meeting in my absence. Our meeting in December (Wednesday, 16 December) will be a social at my home – 4 La Mesa. Joan will prepare a baked ham and all members are asked to furnish a side dish of their choice. I encourage all Fourth Degree members and spouses to attend. You are invited to come at 6:00 PM for fellowship with dinner at 6:30 PM. Viva Jesus

Jim Lenzo  
Faithful Navigator