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Message from State Deputy Mel Apodaca

Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

February is here—a signal for us Knights to start our recruiting effort at a different level. The Fraternal Year is half over, and we must make a strong charge to finish the year by meeting our goals and quotas. We do this by stepping up the frequency of our First Degree exemplifications at the council level. Please note that each council must conduct four First Degree exemplifications per Fraternal Year to qualify for the Star Council Award. Do not wait and do not hold back candidates for too long after Form 100 is completed and approved by your council. Every council should have an active First Degree Team by now, so let's put them to work to increase our numbers and keep the Order strong and vibrant.

District Deputies, Grand Knights and Membership Directors should always express a strong, positive membership message at your council's business meetings. Please keep in mind that every qualified Catholic man should have the opportunity to join our Order and be part of a council in his parish so that the Knights of Columbus will be everywhere there is a Catholic parish. This was the mandate of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

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Death of former Archbishop of Santa Fe

ALBUQUERQUE (KRQE) - Friday, 20 Jan 2012 -- Former Archbishop Robert Sánchez, the nation's first Hispanic archbishop, died early Friday afternoon, a friend confirmed for KRQE News 13. Sánchez had been living in an Albuquerque assisted-living center and was afflicted with dementia, the friend said.

Sánchez was born in Socorro in 1934, ordained in 1959, and at one time assigned to San Felipe de Neri Catholic Church in Albuquerque. In 1982, during Sánchez's tenure, New Mexico was split into the Archdiocese of Las Cruces and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Currently, Archbishop Michael Sheehan, who succeeded Sánchez, holds the post.

Sánchez, 77, was the nation's youngest archbishop when he was named in 1974 to lead the 275,000 Roman Catholics in New Mexico. He served as archbishop until

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Twenty-two new cardinals

Submitted by Francisco R. Gómez, Supreme Warden

Press Release - 1-6-2012 -- Pope Benedict XVI has named 22 new cardinals, including **three** members of the **Knights of Columbus**, announcing their formal induction for Feb. 18, at St. Peter's Basilica. Cardinals are the Holy Father's closest advisors, and those under 80 have the responsibility of electing the pope's successor.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson welcomed the news of the appointments and said, "The Knights of Columbus is pleased that these distinguished members of our organization have been selected for this great honor. Their dedication to the Gospel and to the service of the Church is inspiring and provides an excellent example to our members in North America. Together with the 1.8 Knights of Columbus, I congratulate the cardinals-designate and pledge our continued solidarity with them and our Holy Father."

Among those to be elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals are two Americans and a Canadian, all of whom are members of the Order: Archbishop **Timothy M. Dolan** of New York; Archbishop **Edwin F. O'Brien**, Grand Master of Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem; and Archbishop **Thomas C. Collins** of Toronto.

Cardinal-designate Dolan is a native of St. Louis and was ordained a priest of that archdiocese in 1976. During the 1990s he served as a secretary at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington and rector of the Pontifical North American College, a U.S. seminary in Rome. Pope John Paul II appointed him an auxiliary bishop of St. Louis in 2001 and a year later named him Archbishop of Milwaukee. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him to lead the Archdiocese of New York in 2009. He was elected to the presidency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2010. Cardinal-designate Dolan joined St. Anthony Council 417 in Washington, D.C., in 1980 while a doctoral student at The Catholic University of America. He is also a member of Charles Carroll Assembly 693 in Manhattan.



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Also, we should establish a council in communities where we have never been. All councils are reminded that they are permitted to perform their own First Degree exemplifications, and can read the parts of the ceremony or use the "Narration CD" in case their team is short-handed. The paraphernalia along with the Ceremonial Baldrics can be purchased from the Official Knights of Columbus suppliers. Let us give it our best effort by the deadline. Remember, the State Council incentives for 2011-2012 Top Recruiter is \$500; 2nd place is \$300; 3rd place is \$100; 4th place is \$100. **Note:** State Officers are **not** eligible to win Top Recruiter incentive awards.

I mention membership in this month's newsletter because I feel that we have slowed down in our recruiting efforts for whatever reason, and we need to get going again after a spiritual Christmas and a joyous New Year. God bless you and your families; may the good Lord keep you safe and happy. Vivat Jesus!

Mel Apodaca, State Deputy

**From State Executive Assistant
Wheeler M. Green**

Annual Supreme Reports were requested via a letter sent to each of the councils that have not submitted their reports. Please get your reports in as quickly as possible. These reports are very important to the Supreme Council and the State Council. By not responding, a red flag is raised that the council is not complying with the Supreme and State directives, or that there might be problems within the councils. The following Reports and the number of councils that have not submitted them are as follows:

- Form 185**, Report of Officers: **6** Councils
- Form 135**, Service Personnel Program: **16** Councils
- Form 1295**, Audit Reports: **29** Councils

The following reports are due now or will soon be delinquent:

- Form 1728**, Survey of Fraternal Activity: **Due 1-31-12.**
- Form 1295**, Audit Report: **Due 2-15-12.**

I ask everyone to please comply with the Supreme and State councils' directives and submit your reports. Let's have 100% participation and show Supreme we care, and that we are an active organization in New Mexico.

The 5th Annual Blue Mass is only a few weeks away. We still need help in all areas. If you can help please contact me, Wheeler, at 505-897-4525.

**Remember to get
something lovely for your
lovely Lady on
Valentine's Day!**



New Cardinals (Continued from front page)

Cardinal-designate O'Brien was born in New York and ordained a priest for that archdiocese in 1965. He served as a U.S. Army chaplain during the early 1970s and later as both vice-chancellor of the archdiocese and secretary to Cardinals Terence Cooke and John O'Connor. He was rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers (Dunwoodie) from 1985-89 and 1994-97. Between those periods he was rector of the North American College in Rome. He was appointed an auxiliary bishop of New York by Pope John Paul II in 1996 and Coadjutor Archbishop for the Military Services U.S.A. in April 1997. He succeeded to that post in August 1997 and served in that role for 10 years until being appointed Archbishop of Baltimore by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007. Late last year the Holy Father named him Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. In 1995, the cardinal-designate joined Sisqua Council 1852 in Mount Kisco, N.Y. In 1999, he became a member of Father Nicholas Habets Assembly 1505 in Virginia Beach, V.A.



Cardinal-designate Collins was born in the southwestern Ontario City of Guelph and ordained a priest for the Diocese of Hamilton in 1973. In addition to pastoral duties, he served as a college and seminary professor during his early priesthood, ultimately serving as vice-rector and rector of St. Peter's Seminary in London Ontario during the 1990s. Pope John Paul II appointed him Coadjutor Bishop of Saint Paul in Alberta in 1997. He succeeded to that post later that year and was made Coadjutor Archbishop of Edmonton in February 1999. He succeeded to that post in June of that year and was appointed Archbishop of Toronto by Pope Benedict XVI in December 2006. The cardinal-designate joined the Order in 1998 and is a member of Toronto Council 1388 and Cardinal McGuigan Assembly 865 (also in Toronto).



Your prayers are requested

Michael J. Fidel, Sr., DD **Ed Fidel's** brother, passed away peacefully in early January. The Interment was at the Santa Fe National Cemetery with full military honors.

Brother Knight **Cecil W. Wilson, Sr.**, also passed away in early January. He was an active member of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Council 9928.

Mrs. Velia Salas, the mother of Lady **Shirley Gómez** (Wife of State Warden **Francisco Gómez**) passed away on January 17th. Please pray for the Gómez family.

**From State Advocate
Patrick T. Mason**

It is time to begin filing your taxes. You must file for each entity that has its own EIN number; this will most likely include your council, your building or club organization, and, in some cases, your assembly.

If you grossed \$50,000 or less in the last year (per organization with its own EIN), the process is very easy, and should only take about 10 minutes. Go to <http://epostcard.form990.org/>, and follow 3 simple steps.

If you grossed more than \$50,000, the process is more intensive and requires Form 990 or 990ez, but most of the councils in this category already have an accountant or other specialist that should know how to file your taxes.

In any case, whatever form you need to fill out, feel free to contact me to help you with the process. The best way to reach me is at p.mason@milawfirm.net, or at my work number 505-722-4463 (ask for Patrick Mason and tell them why you are calling).

Every organization with an EIN must file their taxes every year. Organizations that have not filed for 3 years or more might already be in suspension by the IRS. If this is the case for your council, please contact me immediately to start working on reinstating you with the IRS.

I am already aware of a number of councils that have been suspended. My goal is to have every council in the State of New Mexico in good standing with the IRS by the Annual State Convention in May. This is not an easy task, but with your help we should be able to accomplish this.

You can contact me at any time with any questions you have about our organization's By-Laws or other rules and procedures. In future State Council newsletters, I hope to publish brief articles summarizing some of the various important provisions and guidelines that Supreme regularly issues.

Best wishes for the new year. Vivat Jesus!

Council financial secretaries training

Joe Fleming, District Deputy #11, will host training for your council's Financial Secretary on Saturday, January 28th. The site of the training is Holy Cross Catholic Church, at 1371 N. Miranda, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Training session will start at 1 p.m.

All Council GK's, FS's, Treasurers, and Trustees are invited to attend. Brother Knight **Peter N. Karculias** from the office of the Supreme Council will be the training facilitator.

State Executive Assistant **Wheeler M. Green** recommends that all Financial Secretary's attend. For further details and to sign up, please contact District Deputy **Joe Fleming** at jg.mf52@yahoo.com; or call him at 575-525-0186 or 575-993-9916.

This is an excellent opportunity for the newly assigned FS's to be trained by a representative from Supreme Council.

**From State Program Director
Gilbert R. Pérez**

The time has finally arrived when we will be asking for the councils' nominations for the State and Supreme Awards. The Grand Knights will need to refer to the State Service Program Handbook for instructions when submitting their nominations. All the necessary paperwork with attachments is to be submitted to **Wheeler Green** and received by him **on or before** March 1, 2012.

The State Service Program Directors have been receiving requests to accept late program reports from directors who have not sent reports for the **past six months**. It has been **made clear to all** the Grand Knights, their representatives and, the District Deputies that **we have deadlines** that need to be met. Those **councils that chose not to submit** their service program reports **will not** be considered for awards; this was announced more than once at the organizational meeting and in the State Newsletter. **By the Grand Knights' own actions**, we have determined that some of the councils are not willing to follow our advice, and it is now **too late** to be considered for the STSP (State Council Service Program) Awards.

We will continue to accept current service program reports from all the councils until June 20, 2012 for the **top 10** council awards to be given at the Organizational Meeting in July 2012.

To those councils that chose not to participate beginning July 2011 to the present, I ask that they have a change of heart and send in their service program reports for the remainder of this fraternal year. This will **set the standard for the councils to be proactive next fraternal year**.

I wish all the councils God's blessings. Vivat Jesu!

**State Pro-life Couple
José and Rosely Valdez**

We thank **Lee García, Terry Davenport**, all the Santa Fe councils, and other Knights and Ladies who helped at the Sanctity of Life & Unity Day continental breakfast on January 18th in Santa Fe. We also thank the councils that provided funds for buses to go to Santa Fe. Special thanks to the 4th Degree Color Corps (headed by District Marshal **Filadelfio Lucero**) that led the procession to the State Round House from the Cathedral. Our thanks also go to the Knights and Ladies who carried Pro-life posters during the procession.

We have been advised by State Treasurer **Richard Espinosa** that we now have enough funds to match the Supreme funds (under the Ultrasound Initiative Program) to purchase the second ultrasound machine. As soon as we find a medically certified Pro-life pregnancy center to place the ultrasound machine, we will submit an Ultrasound Initiative Application to the Supreme Council Office for the matching funds to complete the purchase of

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State Family Director Fidel Trujillo

I spent the Christmas Holidays in Las Cruces with our daughter and granddaughters. I had a very relaxing time and really enjoyed having my grandbabies give me a rough time, ha! During that time, I attended Mass at my daughter's parish, Holy Cross Church. Msgr. John Anderson is the pastor, and we totally enjoyed his sermons and great humor.

Each parishioner was given a book, compliments of the parish. The book, "Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose," by Matthew Kelly, is very interesting. I have read and meditated on most of the book during my visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. It has made me aware that I have never given much thought about being a Catholic or what Catholicism means to me. Many questions have come to mind, and I am seeking to learn if the actions that I take in my daily life are truly what it means to be a Catholic!

We have entered into a new calendar year, and it's probably a good time to examine ourselves about truly living a Catholic life: Am I really acting according to my Catholic faith? Am I lax in the most important part of my own family and parish community? Do I forget to give thanks to God for His grace and gift of life?

I ask you to reassess your priorities for 2012--take time to listen, to enjoy solitude, to give thanks, to ask for help, to help others, to pray, and, most of all, to give thanks to God for even the "little things." If you don't do it already, I ask you to take 10 minutes every morning to pray. It might take a few days to get in the habit of doing this, but once you do it regularly, it will enrich your life. Start by posting on your mirror a note that reads, "10 Minutes for God!"

My family and I wish everyone, a very blessed, safe, and prosperous 2012. May our dear Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother Mary protect you throughout 2012, and may they transform us all into the best-version-of-ourselves and into better Catholics. Vivat Jesus!

Valentine's Day

...a good day to think about this ...



"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start."

~ ~ *Mother Teresa's wisdom*

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a machine. We thank the councils, assemblies and individuals that contributed funds for this project.

Reports indicate that up to 90 percent of women considering an abortion choose to have their baby after seeing an ultrasound image. When they hear their baby's heartbeat and see their baby's head and fingers, they know it is a **child** and not a "choice." Remember to send future donations to our State Secretary **Peter Quichocho**, 7207 Milan Hills Rd., N.E., Rio Rancho, NM 87144-0842.



Council 10517 member receives prestigious award

By Terry Davenport

At the January Council 10517 monthly meeting, Field Agent **Steve Ortley** presented brother Knight **Jeff Durán** with the prestigious Knight in Shining Armor award in the presence of two State Officers. "This award is earned by only five percent of the first-year Knights," stated Steve Ortley as he presented Jeff with his award certificate and lapel pin.

"Brother Jeff has competed as a Special Olympian for the last 20 years in track and field as well as in basketball, said Grand Knight **Terry Davenport**. "He is a very good worker who helps cook and serve during our monthly parish pancake breakfasts." Grand Knight Davenport continued, "Jeff is the eighth Knight to earn this award since we adopted the Knight in Shining Armor program for our Council three years ago. It provides a measurable incentive and purpose for our new members, increases participation in Council events, provides new Third Degree Knights to fill our officer ranks, and contributes to the growth of our membership. The Knight in Shining Armor program has served our Council well. We have earned two double star council awards with the help of this valuable program."



(left to right)
State Treasurer
Richard

Espinosa, awardee Jeff Durán, Field Agent Steve Ortley, and State Secretary Peter Quichocho.

Death of former Archbishop (Continued from front page)

1993 when, at the peak of the scandal involving pedophile priests in the state, he admitted having had an affair with a woman.

"I can and do ask for your forgiveness, as I have of my God," he said at the time in a handwritten statement.

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Serving Catholic Family's for Generations

We need Squires in our councils By Cruz M. Rodríguez, State Youth Director

I wish to inform all my brother Knights of our continuing efforts to establish Squires Circles throughout the state of New Mexico. Inordinate amounts of effort are being exerted by many of our councils statewide as they collectively seek to develop and bring to fruition their youth development activities. No amount of pontification can clearly express that our youth, and especially Catholic youth, are at a critical juncture in this day and age, so pray for our success and help us in any way that you are blessed to do so.

We need continual support from our State officers to the councils as they concentrate their collective efforts toward providing Catholic youth development.

May the almighty blessings of Jesus Christ reach one and all! *Vivat Jesu! Jesu Ufam Tobie!*

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

General Intention: Access to Water.

That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Missionary Intention: Health Workers.

That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

Thank you from Santa Fe Cathedral/Basilica - Carmen Florez Mansi, Director, Office of Worship – 1-27-12

Dear Beloved Music Ministers, Masters of Ceremony, EMHC, Hospitality, Lectors, Caballeros de Vargas, Confradia de la Conquistadora, **Knights of Columbus**, Altar Society, Nocturnal Adoration Society, and Staff:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity of time and talents for the two days of remembrance for +Archbishop Robert Sánchez. You were all so willing to do whatever it took to make sure all was prayerful, spotless, pressed, and beautiful, rehearsed and welcoming.

It was a very intense time for all of us but as we "unpack" in our hearts the events of these days we spent in prayer, we will know we were at our best as "Church." I am so grateful for the gifts shared by each of you. As Msgr. Olona said so beautifully yesterday, "Thank you! He is home." May God bless you!