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Very important message

By State Advocate, Stephen Torres

Once again, I remind each Grand Knight and council (especially those who were not at the recent mid-year meeting) that it is imperative for each subordinate council to obtain its own individual Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Each subordinate council must file its own tax return in order to fully comply with the IRS regulations concerning non-profit entities. In the past, councils with gross receipts of more than \$25,000 were required to file Form 990 with the IRS. However, a recent change in federal law now requires all Knights of Columbus State Councils **and** subordinate councils to each file a Form 990 annually with the IRS. Councils with less than \$25,000 in gross receipts may file a special electronic form (Form 990-N).

Therefore, to fully comply with the applicable IRS regulations, each subordinate council must obtain an EIN and must file a Form 990. Even if there is no tax liability, that is, no tax due, each subordinate council is required to annually file a Form 990 with the IRS. It is essential that **all** councils comply because failure to file the required returns for three consecutive years could result in revocation of tax exempt status.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact State Advocate, **Stephen Torres** at 505-839-0123.

Pastor with the right priorities

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard;

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good." But that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionist and

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New Council in Albuquerque

Men of Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish in Albuquerque have formed a new council with the vigorous support of their pastor, Father Bennett Voorhies.

Forty-two new brother Knights received their First Degree. They have been joined by four reinstates and five transfers to form the new council. The name chosen by the membership is *Saint Magdalene of Canossa*, founder of the Order of Canossian Sisters. The parish hall where the council will meet was at one time part of the convent of the Canossian Sisters.

The new council will host a Major Degree on January 16, 2010. For more information on this event, call State Secretary Joseph Austin. For more information on the council contact their Grand Knight, **Steve Pink**, at 505-280-3613.



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called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of speech and expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our Forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our Nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God."



From State Deputy Joseph W. Pozzi

My Brother Knights and Families:

I pray all brother Knights and their families had a blessed and joyful Christmas and that the New Year found everyone happy and hopeful of what 2010 will bring.

Looking toward 2010, I want to talk about the well-being of our councils in New Mexico, our membership and retention, and touch on "The Power-of-10 Program."

By definition, the greatest asset of a council is membership. The primary function of a council is to offer membership to every eligible Catholic gentleman. The council must do those things that get him through the membership degree and beyond. The leadership of the council must employ those ways and means available to keep the member interested and in service to the parish and community. During the past few months, our councils across the state did an excellent job recruiting new members and bringing new life to those councils. However, in the past year hundreds of brother Knights have left the Order. I daresay that perhaps we left these gentlemen stranded, and they floated away from the spiritual and fraternal benefits of our Order.

It seems to me the dike is broken, and it is time for all of us to band together and repair it. The Grand Knight should make it abundantly clear that losing a single member is not acceptable. An occasional loss will happen, but considering the number of recent suspensions and withdrawals, this is now a very serious matter. Are we avoiding our duty in doing all we can to retain those who leave our councils? Are we losing membership because someone has not paid his dues and a membership team has not attempted to inquire why? Are we failing to employ our leadership team so they effectively try to "sandbag the dike and stop the leakage?"

Worthy Grand Knights, you have been given a tried and tested tool that has proven to work in many other councils in different states: It is "The Power-of-10 Program." It is not another program loaded upon other programs, but rather a program simply combining all programs and relieving the few members who do all the work by distributing this work to **all** the members of the council. You form teams of 10 with your Program Service Directors as Team Captains (and Officers, if your council is large enough) will spread out the workload. It will encourage members to participate more, decrease suspensions, renew interest in the council activities, etc. "The Power-of-10 Program" is a powerfully useful tool; implement it now and you will notice the difference in just a few months. The possible uses of "The Power-of-Program" are endless!

Use "The Power-of-10 Program" in your recruitment efforts; new members bring fresh ideas and new vitality to our councils. As our numbers grow we become stronger.

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From New Council Development & Retention Chairman Francisco R. Gómez, IPSD

Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the "Shining Armor Award" is given to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is.

The concept of the "Shining Armor Award" program is to get new members active in the many facets of the Knights of Columbus as quickly as possible, and assist in maintaining that activity plus honoring them as valued members of your council. To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award," new Knights must, during their first year of membership:

- * Be involved in at least 3 council service programs.
- * Attend at least 3 council business meetings.
- * Receive their 2nd and 3rd Degrees.
- * Meet with their council's insurance representative.
- * Recruit at least 1 new member.

These are the basic qualifications of the program, so please consider implementing it in your council. Keep in mind, the main focus of the program is to get new members actively involved within their council from the very beginning. Councils can order materials for this program through the Supreme Council Supply Department (Requisition Form #1).

Qualification Cards (#4292) help new members keep track of their progress toward attaining the "Shining Armor Award" as their Grand Knight verifies each completed requirement. These cards are available at no charge.

Certificates of Recognition (#4293) are a special way to commemorate the hard work of these new Knights. These certificates are available for 25 cents each.

"Shining Armor" lapel pins (#1700) will not only be an honor to wear for those who earn them, but they will also serve to promote the program among other new Knights; these pins are available for \$3 each.

May all of you have a very prosperous New Year 2010.
Vivat Jesus!

Pray for

Brother Knight **Bernard "Bud" J. Miller** passed away on December 11, 2009, in Gilbert, Arizona. Bud was PGD of San Juan Council 3448-Farmington, and a former Field Agent. Prayer/condolence cards may be sent to his wife, Mary Ann Miller, at 170 N. Oak St. Apt 208, Gilbert, Arizona 65233-5448.

Brother Knight **Gerard Filips** recently passed away. Both he and his wife, Grace, were very active in the Knights of Columbus. Please pray for both of them.

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We can become more active in our parishes and communities! The potential is there; only about 1.2% of eligible Catholic men in New Mexico are members of the Knights of Columbus. To date, our intake of new members this fraternal year is low, but the potential for new membership is out there, we just need to ask them:

New Mexico Population	1,984,356
Catholic Families	659,108
Knights of Columbus Members	7,510
Percentage of Knights	1.2%
Eligible Catholic Gentlemen	651,166

I look for stronger results in the final half of this fraternal year. I therefore challenge each of you to look around your parish and seek out those eligible men and invite them to join us. If you are currently a member but not active in your council, I encourage you to become re-acquainted with us; join us when and where you can because the input you provide is uniquely yours and it is valuable to us. Your involvement will make us a better Order.

I thank each of you for the work you do in the name of the Knights of Columbus. I believe we will accomplish our goals by working together--one new member at a time—so let us get started **now!** *Vivat Jesus!*

From State Executive Assistant Wheeler M. Green

Reports due January and February:

Fraternal Survey Report: January 31, 2010, deadline for submitting the 2009 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728).

Special Olympics Report: January 31, 2010, deadline for submitting The Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (Form 4584). This report is required by all councils even if your council did not participate in the Special Olympics. *The original goes to Supreme Council, 1 copy to the State Deputy, 1 copy to the State Executive Assistant/Reports Chairman, and 1 copy to your District Deputy.*

Council Free Throw Championship: The 2010 Free Throw Participation Report (Form FT-1) is due January 31, 2010.

Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest: The 2009 Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation Form 1728 is due January 31, 2010.

If your council participated in the Free Throw Championship and the Substance Abuse Poster Contest then your council must submit your report to the Supreme Fraternal Service, with 1 copy going to the State Youth Director, and 1 copy to your District Deputy.

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From State Pro-life Couple José & Rosely Valdez

In the December State Council Newsletter, we **erroneously** stated that the Sanctity of Life Awareness days would be held on **November 21st** and **22nd**. The **correct** dates are **January 21st** and **22nd**, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The following is an update of the events:

Youth Rally – Begins at 8 p.m., January 21st, at St. Anne's in Santa Fe. Bishop James Wall of Gallup will be the lead cleric. Youth ministers from northern N.M. will co-ordinate this event. There will be a Mass, music, and inspirational talks. This is for young people of all faiths.

The following morning, January 22nd, breakfast will be provided. Contact person is **Stephanie Fraker** youthpop@comcast.net.

For the Mass, the 4th Degree Color Corps will report to **Ed Gonzales** at St. Anne's at 7:30 p.m., on January 21st.

All-Night Adoration - Thursday night, January 21st, and into the morning of Friday, January 22nd, at St. Anne's and Our Lady of Guadalupe for **teens**, and for **adults** at St. Francis Cathedral. Parishes and councils will sign up for one-hour adoration each, throughout the night. At 7:30 a.m., adoration will be concluded with Benediction and prayer. Contact person to schedule for one-hour adoration in the Cathedral is **Fr. Stephen Imbarrato**, frstephen@defendinglife.org.

Conference & Exhibits – Friday morning, January 22nd, the conference and pro-life exhibits will be held at Cathedral School across the parking lot behind St. Francis Cathedral. The exhibits will be open to the public at 8 a.m. Those wishing to reserve exhibit space should contact Project Defending Life at 505-266-4100. Exhibit tables are free but please reserve as soon as possible.

Conference Speakers - will consist of leaders of pro-life groups, legislator experts, pastors of different faiths, and bishops of New Mexico. Presentations by speakers will conclude at 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast – Friday morning, January 22nd, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., breakfast will be provided (donation accepted) by the Knights of Columbus at Cathedral School Cafeteria. For information or to find out how to donate food or funds contact **Joe Valdez** at joenrosely@aol.com

Bishops' Mass - At 12 noon on Friday, January 22nd, at St. Francis Cathedral, all the groups will converge, and at about 1:15 p.m. all three bishops will lead the procession from the plaza in front of the Cathedral, through the plaza, and end up at the Round House. Knights of Columbus members in the Color Corps will report for instructions from District Marshal **Phil Lucero** at about 11 a.m., at the rear of the Cathedral.

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Audit Report: The Semiannual Audit Report (Form 1295) for the period July 1 through December 31, 2009, is due February 15, 2010.

All councils are urged to complete the forms found on the Order's Web Site or in the Council Report Forms Booklet, and submit them by the deadline which Supreme has imposed on the Order. Let's have 100% participation on all reports due to Supreme and to the New Mexico State Council.

Overdue Reports:

Report of Officers Chosen for the Term (Form 185): Report was due July 1, 2009. Missing councils are: 2664 and 8331.

Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365): Report was due August 1, 2009. Missing councils are: 2664 3138 4445 8304 8331 11218 and 13596.

Semiannual Audit Report (Form 1295): For the period of Jan 1, 2009 through Jun 30, 2009); report was due August 15, 2009. Missing councils are: 2664 3138 4256 6597 8331 10517 11218 12501 12812 13596 13665 and 14254

Blue Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 12 noon, at St. Pius X High School Gymnasium. The celebrant will be Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan. All Firemen, Police Officers, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Military Personnel will be invited to attend. The Color Corps will be in attendance. Councils have been asked to donate refreshments and finger food to be served after the Mass.

New Mexico State Council General Fund Raffle Winners:

- \$2,000 **Esequiel Trujillo**, Council 7313, Taos
- \$1,000 **Bob Flores**, Council 3388, Silver City
- \$500 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Byzantine Church, **Council 11218**, Albuquerque
- \$300 **Ruben A. García**, Council 9470, Hurley
- \$200 **Leo Garduno**, Council 9340, Peralta

The Raffle was a successful fundraiser for the councils as well as the New Mexico State Council. As you know, each council receives 50% of their sales and the NMSC receives the other 50%. It is very important for **every** council to participate because this helps us all by not raising each council's per capita. Otherwise, the councils that **do not** participate do not carry their share of the responsibility and yet they receive the benefits attained by the councils that **do** participate.

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Please note that at the Cathedral entrance, Knights will be distributing signs for people to carry in the procession.

Roundhouse Rally -This will take place between 2:30 and 3 p.m. There will be additional speakers at the rally, and this year we will have a full sound system.

We strongly encourage all councils and families to show our joint support of the unborn by participating in this powerful event.

From Councils throughout the State

District #3, Ricky L. Poolaw, District Deputy

I'm inviting each of the Worthy State Officers and State Program Directors to attend my District Meeting to be held Saturday, January 23, 2010. It will take place at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Hall, 4th Street and Alameda, NW, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Lunch will be provided immediately following the meeting. I would like for all the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, as well as Program and Membership Directors join us.

As with any district meeting, I would like each of my councils to address and discuss each of your respective programs. Please send me an RSVP by Wednesday January 20, 2010; include the total number of people from your council who will attend. Each council will have 15 to 20 minutes at the podium to address the group.

Any questions, please contact me at 505-315-8534, or Grand Knight **Robert Montano** (District Marshall), 505-771-0693. Vivat Jesus!

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

Young people and Social Communications Media

General: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

Christian Unity

Missionary: That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Happy New Year 2010

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Dear Knights of Columbus

*May the Light of Christmas
shine in your heart
today and through the New Year.
Wishing you the best of Christmas
and a blessed new year 2018.
Blessings to your Ministry. Thanks.
yours Msgr Lawrence Mukasa
(Uganda - Africa)*