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State Council Newsletter

FRATERNAL YEAR 2011-2012 **January 2012**



Message from State Deputy Mel Apodaca

Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

Can you believe it? January 2012 is here already and, for me, the months are flying by. I hope you and your families had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December was a very busy month with the State Mid-Year Meeting in early December hosted by Council 7633 in Bernalillo, New Mexico. The turnout was great in spite of bad weather, and I wish to thank the host Council and Grand Knight **Robert Montano** for a job well done despite the inclement weather. Thanks also to Host District Deputy **Rick L. Poolaw**.

Our charity as Knights of Columbus defines who we are. On December 8, 2011, we had a Second Degree Exemplification at Española Council 3314, hosted by District Deputy **Martin Guillén**, District 14. On December 11, 2011 the State Third Degree Team (**José M. Valdez, Jr.**, Conferring Officer) held a Third Degree Exemplification; a total of 38 members received their Third Degree. Everyone did an excellent job; thank you! On December 16th, I visited Bayard Council 9470 and Deming Council 15062 on December 17th.

Our congratulations to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council 12282 for their great recruitment efforts earning them the "Double Star Council Award."

As we start off the New Year, I ask every member, every council, every district, and every State Officer to step up their recruiting activities and efforts to meet and even surpass our quota for this fraternal year. I know that State Membership Director **Juan Espinoza** and New Council Development & Reactivation Chairman **Leo Pilat** are working diligently to accomplish our membership goals. Let us all make their task easier by pitching in.

District Deputies, please make sure your councils are having frequent First Degree exemplifications. If we are going to make our quota this fraternal year, we all need to get involved in recruiting. The State's incentives for Fraternal Year 2011-2012 **Top Recruiter** are: **1st = \$500; 2nd = \$300; 3rd = \$100; and 4th = \$100.** **Note:** State Officers are not eligible to win Top Recruiter incentives.



Feed your faith, and doubt will starve to death!

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CIE launches New Evangelization series

Catholic Information Service (CIS), which is a service of the Order that provides Catholic booklets and online content, announced in November that it will launch a new series on the "New Evangelization."

The *New Evangelization Series* will consist of online content and booklets focused on issues of evangelizing modern culture – a project begun by Pope Paul VI, who called for a "new period of evangelization" in his 1975 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelium Nuntiandi*. The new series will draw primarily from the extensive discussion of the New Evangelization by Popes Benedict XVI and John Paul II.

The term "New Evangelization" was first used by Pope John Paul II early in his pontificate in Poland in 1979. Over



two decades as pope, he often returned to this theme in his speeches and writing, as has his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, who championed the idea of the New Evangelization even before becoming pope.

For over 60 years, CIS has printed and distributed millions of booklets, and thousands of people have enrolled in CIS catechetical courses. Today, CIS continues the Order's tradition of evangelization by providing low-cost, Catholic publications for the general public, for parishes, schools, retreat houses,

military installations, correctional facilities, legislatures, the medical community, and for individuals who request them. CIS has expanded its audience in recent years with French, Spanish and Polish translations of many of its resources. (Source: www.kocf.org)



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State Deputy (Continued from front page)

If your council wishes to make a design suggestion for our State Lapel Pin for this fraternal year, please send in your drawings, samples, or ideas to State Treasurer **Richard J. Espinosa** (P.O. Box 525, Cedar Crest, New Mexico 87008-0525), so that a winning design can be selected. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Our founder, Father McGivney, had a dream to create a Catholic organization to provide for widows and orphans of deceased brother Knights. I believe this mandate is in the minds of all our insurance agents. So, if a field agent calls you to talk about your insurance needs, please take time to **make and keep** your appointment with him. The field agents are dedicated Knights of Columbus professionals. Vivat Jesus!

Mel Apodaca, State Deputy

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

I hope everyone had a very blessed Christmas, and may the New Year be a very prosperous one for all. Now, we must proceed forward to make the next six months a successful fraternal year.

The Mid-Year Meeting was a success with lots of information distributed to the District Deputies and packets for their respective councils. The packets will, in turn, be distributed at the Area District Deputy Meetings.

Congratulations to the winners of the State Charity Raffle:

- 1st Place (\$2,000) **Erin Collins**, Aztec Council 3448.
- 2nd Place (\$1,000) **Kim Waldschmidt**, Los Alamos Council 3137.
- 3rd Place (\$500) **Frances Carrica**, Grants Council 3683.
- 4th Place (\$300) Fr. **Joe Vigil**, Albuquerque Council 13596.
- 5th Place (\$200), **Yvonne Aragón**, Grants Council 3683.

The **5th Annual Blue Mass** will be held on February 21, 2012, at 12 noon, at St. Pius X High School Gymnasium. Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan will be the celebrant. The Knights of Columbus were asked to help with the Blue Mass. We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Parking Lot Attendants, and men with pick-up trucks to pick up food from the vendors. If you can help, please call **Wheeler M. Green** at 505-897-4525 or 505-363-5821. Any members that help or attend the Blue Mass may claim the points for their State Service Programs.

We will host another exciting event, the **“Divine Mercy Men’s Retreat,”** on April 13-15, 2012. The Divine Mercy Men’s Retreat will be held at the Pecos Benedictine Monastery Retreat Facility. Because of its success last year, the planners voted to repeat the event this year. The cost of the retreat will be \$120 for the 3-day event, which includes 2 nights’ lodging and 5 meals.

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Submit your registration as quickly as possible. There are a limited number of rooms available. Please call **Wheeler M. Green** (505-897-4525 or 505-363-5821) for more information and to register for the retreat.

The U.S. Military Archdiocese, which supplies Catholic Chaplains, estimates that it needs 800 priests to fully serve all of the Catholic men and women in uniform today. Unfortunately, they are only able to supply 280 priests; barely one-third the number needed. To support priestly vocations for the military, the Knights of Columbus has established a **Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund**, reserved exclusively for the seminarians who will, once ordained, serve both their home diocese and the Archdiocese for the Military Services as a uniformed chaplain.

Therefore, the Supreme Office has charged our organization’s Fourth Degree to lead an Order-wide campaign to raise \$200,000 per year for the next five years. The goal is to have the State Deputy and the District Master in the Continental United States to work together to raise \$4,000 per year for the next 5 years. The New Mexico State Council Officers and the District Master of New Mexico agreed that if each council and assembly contributed \$50 each year for the next 5 years, New Mexico could easily achieve the \$4,000 annual goal. This is a win-win project for all the dioceses of the United States, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, and the seminarian. The contact person for this project is District Master **George A. Martínez, Sr.**, PSD. He can be reached at 505-296-1630 or 505-379-2677.

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

We are midway through our Fraternal Year, and 2011 is now history. We pray that the year 2012 is kind to us, and that God continues to bestow his blessings on our families and increases our faith.

When reviewing the State Service Program Reports, I notice that the councils are very active in their Church, which is what the Knights of Columbus is all about. This is not to diminish the other programs; it only serves to underscore the fact that Church and Family are primary in our lives. The other programs then fall in place.

Of themselves, the points in the reports mean nothing, but they are indicative of the activity that is taking place in each council. Through the service program reports, the Grand Knight ensures that the members of his council are given the recognition that is vital to building morale within the organization. Our brother Knights and their families deserve nothing less. The Grand Knight indicates to the State Council that he has a high regard for the members in his council when the reports are submitted in a timely fashion.

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The "strong right arm" of the Church

On Oct. 2, 1881, a group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, **Father Michael J. McGivney**, these men formed a fraternal society. They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882. They were Knights of Columbus.

The Order has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders, for support of the Church, programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to those in need.

Father McGivney's founding vision for the Order also included a life insurance program to provide for the widows and orphans of deceased members. The Order's insurance program has expanded substantially to serve more effectively the Knights' growing membership.

The Supreme Council is the governing body of the Order, and is responsible for the development of the organization as a whole. Supreme Council duties include establishing the Order in new regions and setting up regional authorities, defining and advancing its values and goals, undertaking organization-wide initiatives, promoting awareness of the Order's mission worldwide, and protecting the families of members through its extensive insurance program. Members working in local, or subordinate councils, however, carry on the majority of the Knights' beneficial work. (Source: www.kofc.org.)



Father McGivney was an idealist. A young man of vision and creativity coupled with profound spiritual values.

Honor your Founder by giving all you can give to your Order in 2012!

Requiescat in pace m

Brother Knight Frank S. Castillo passed away on December 28, 2011. He was a member of Council 641 and A.M. Mandalari Assembly 682, and served on the 2nd and 3rd Degree Northern Team.

Brother Knight Napoleon "Nap" Duran passed away on December 30, 2011. He was a member of the John F. Kennedy Council 5729 and Sangre de Cristo Assembly 2324.

Brother Knight Claude Morris McCausland also passed away very recently. He was a member of Blessed Trinity Council 2719 and Fr. Edward Collet Assembly 1939 in Carlsbad. He moved to Albuquerque a few years ago to be with his family.

State Program Director (Continued from page 2)

If your council has not been submitting State Service Program reports, it is not too late to start. When no reports are submitted, the council will not be eligible to be considered for State Council Awards, and the nominations will not be forwarded to Supreme Council for consideration of awards.

The council program directors are reminded that the time for council nominations in support of State and Supreme awards is fast approaching. Please refer to the State Service Program Handbook for all the deadlines starting March 1, 2012.

The State Service Program Directors and I hope that your families had a blessed and holy Christmas. Mary Lou and I wish you and your families a Happy New Year filled with God's abundant blessings, and may you and your families enjoy them in good health. Vivat Jesu!

State Pro-life Couple José and Rosely Valdez

Sanctity of Life Awareness & Unity Day (SOLAUD)

When? Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

Where? Cathedral of St. Frances, Plaza Park, and Roundhouse in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Why? To witness for an end to abortion, other sins against the Sanctity of Life, Marriage, Family, and Freedom of Religion.

Particulars ~~

Tuesday, January 17th: Evening Youth Rally at St. Anne's Church; Color Corps requested. All-night prayer vigil at St. Frances Cathedral Basilica.

Wednesday, January 18th: Holy Mass at St. Francis Cathedral celebrated by the three bishops of New Mexico, at 12 Noon.

Rally and prayer vigil at Plaza Park at 10 A.M. (tentative).

Continental Breakfast sponsored by Knights of Columbus, in Crispin Hall (behind Cathedral), 8 - 11 A.M.

Fourth Degree Color Corps report to District Marshal

Phil Lucero at Crispin Hall, at 11 A.M.

Procession to Roundhouse from Cathedral and Plaza Park at 1:30 P.M.

Rally at Roundhouse at 2:30 P.M.

Donations for the continental breakfast may be sent to State Secretary **Peter Quichocho**. Also, help is needed to set up and serve breakfast; report to, State Pro-life Chairman **José Valdez**.

Request that all Knights of Columbus councils throughout New Mexico spread the word in their parishes and sponsor or co-sponsor parish buses to the event.

"Bring the buses to Santa Fe for sanctity of life day!"

For updates and additional information: www.defendinglife.org

If you have questions, contact: Project Defending Life - 505-266-4100, or José Valdez, Jr., 505-881-2838.



St. Michael
Patron Saint of Police



St. Florian
Patron Saint of Firefighters

JOIN US FOR THE 5th ANNUAL BLUE MASS

PURPOSE: Celebrating a blessing of all Police Officers, Sheriff Deputies, Firefighters, Military, Emergency Medical Personnel and Correction Officers in New Mexico. To pray in thanksgiving for their service to our community and to pray for their families who love and support them.

THIS IS A CELEBRATION FOR ALL FAITH DENOMINATIONS

LOCATION: ST. PIUS X GYMNASIUM

5301 St. Joseph Place NW Albuquerque, NM 87120

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan will celebrate the Mass

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2012

12 NOON MASS

For information concerning the event please contact Monica Justice,
Pastoral Outreach Office @ 831-8174

There will be a reception immediately following the Mass; join us in meeting and thanking the men and women who risk their lives for us everyday.



St. Martin of Tours
Patron Saint of Military



St. Luke
Patron Saint of EMS

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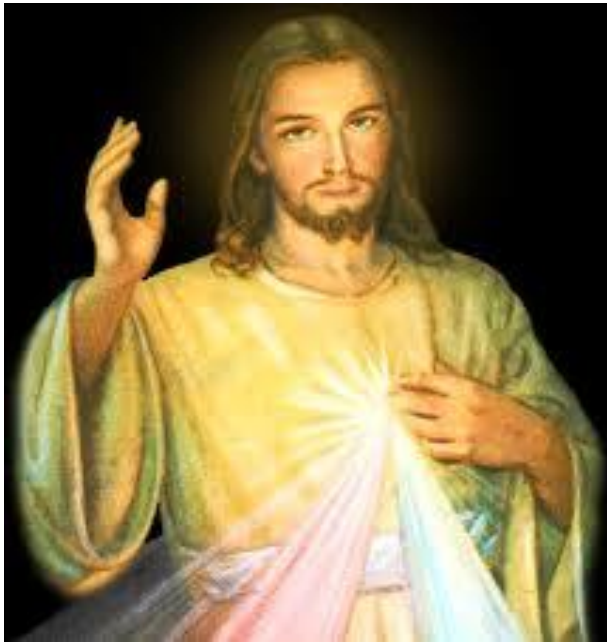


Knights of Columbus

Divine Mercy Men's Retreat

All men are invited.
Receive the Sacraments.
Get a Plenary Indulgence.
"Speak, Lord your servant is
listening" 1 Samuel 3: 10

Inspire— Prayer— Reflect— Seek— Learn



The Knights of Columbus State Council is hosting a Divine Mercy Men's Retreat. State Chaplin Fr. Vincent Dominguez and 1707 Council Chaplin Monsignor Jerome Martinez will help lead the spiritual renewal weekend. There will be prayers, meals, teaching sessions, private time, confessions, and daily mass throughout the weekend.

Friday (afternoon) – check in

Evening session; 8pm

Saturday (all day) – prayers, reflections, teaching sessions, etc

Sunday (morning) – check out

12 pm mass at the St. Francis Cathedral,
given by the Arch Bishop

*The Time Is Now!
Take a step in the direction of Divine Mercy.*

April 13th - April 15th 2012

**2pm Friday Early Check in time
10am Sunday Check out time**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey
Pecos, NM**

**\$120.00 for the weekend,
covers meals and room**

*Take this opportunity to
learn more about yourself
and God.*

*Call Wheeler Green for
more information.*

*505-897-4525,
505-363-5821.*



Call the monastery at **505-757-6415** or email; Wheelergreen@aol.com for reservations and information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
New Mexico State Council



DIVINE MERCY MEN'S RETREAT



April 13 - 15, 2012

Pecos Benedictine Monastery
Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey

Pecos, New Mexico

All men are invited. Receive the Sacraments. Get a Plenary Indulgence

The cost for the Divine Mercy Men's Retreat is **\$120.00**. The fee covers the cost of meals and room for three days plus the presenters.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>City:</i>	<i>Zip Code:</i>
<i>e-mail address:</i>	
<i>Phone Number:</i>	

Mail Pre-Registration Form and Check (make check payable to K of C NMSC, memo Men's Retreat) to:

Wheeler M. Green
State Executive Assistant
5805 Open Sky NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120-3025

- April 13, Friday Check-in, Dinner, Evening Session 8:00 p.m.
- April 14, Saturday All Day Session (prayers, reflections, teaching sessions, etc.) with breaks for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- April 15, Sunday Breakfast, check-out
Mass 12:00 p.m. at The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe.

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Serving Catholic Family's for Generations



What's so great about sharing?

A couple of little boys were talking to our Lord one day and asked Him, "Dear Jesus, we would like to know what heaven and hell is like." Jesus led them to two doors; He opened one of the doors and the little boys looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made their mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly, and appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were **strapped** to their arms. Each one could reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons into their mouths to eat the soup. The little boys shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering, and Jesus said, "You have seen hell." Then they went to the next room and opened the door. It was **exactly the same as the first one**. A large round table was there with a large pot of stew. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were **well nourished and laughing and talking to each other**. The little boys exclaimed, "We don't understand." Jesus said, "It's simple, people need just **one** skill. The people in heaven have it, but the people in hell do not. You see, the people in heaven **learned to feed each other**. The greedy in hell **think only of themselves**."

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

General Intention: Victims of Natural Disasters.

That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Missionary Intention: Dedication to Peace.

That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

NEWSLETTER

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