



NEW MEXICO



State Council Newsletter



FRATERNAL YEAR 2009-2010

June 2010

State Annual Convention

Kudos to all those members who were honored at this year's State Convention for their indefatigable work on behalf of their respective councils. Among them are:



Margarito and Virginia Romero, presented the State Council Family of the Year Award by SD **Joseph** and Lady **Julia Pozzi**.



Boni and Carmen López presented the NM State Council Knight of the Year Award by SD **Joseph** and Lady **Julia Pozzi**.



Phil and Theresa Lucero presented the State Pro-Life Award by SD **Joseph** and Lady **Julia Pozzi**.

New Mexico's come-from-behind victory

By Benny Viegra, Regional Membership & Programs Coordinator

"Year of the Volunteer" -- "Year for Priests"

[Membership Madness Competition](#)—congratulations! New Mexico was awarded first prize for their finish in this competition, and is to receive \$1,000 for its membership budget. Congratulations on your come-from-behind victory, New Mexico!

[Membership](#)—congratulations! New Mexico is #6 in intake with 86% of their goal, and need 67. New Mexico has achieved its net gain goal with 331 members and 101%. New Mexico is #9 in the Order and the only state in the U.S. and Canada to do this (all the others are countries). New Mexico can still have a **record year with teamwork, communication, and prayer**. Keep up the good work! Thanks to all who are making this happen.

[New Council Development](#)—congratulations! We welcome the new councils. New Mexico's goal is 4, gain is 3, need 1. Again, teamwork, communication, and prayer will help you reach your goal. Thanks to all involved in NCD.

[Round Tables](#)—New Mexico surpassed its goal several months ago. Capitalize on these RTs for members—goal is 70, gain is 88, need 0.

[Forms](#)—I noticed where the Supreme Council is no longer giving an update on the "**Officers for the Term**" **Form #185 (2 needed)** and "**Service Program Personnel Report**" **Form #365 (5 needed)** as of March 30. Those councils that have not sent them in, please do so. The "**Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report**" **Form #1728 is past due (16 needed)**, please remind respective district deputies and grand knights to submit this form. The Supreme Council needs to get all of these forms so it can record the charitable contributions and volunteer hours of service that your councils and members donated this past year. Vivat Jesus!

From State Deputy Joseph W. Pozzi

My Brother Knights and Families:

State Officers, District Deputies, State Program Directors, Grand Knights, brother Knights, Ladies, Families and Councils (83), thank you all for a great fraternal year; thank you for your prayers, hard work, and dedication to our brotherhood, the Knights of Columbus. None of our accomplishments would have been achieved without the efforts of each of you. As I have said many times, without "you-we-us," nothing gets done, but working together as a team during this Fraternal Year, we met/exceeded most of the goals set for us by Supreme Council. In our division - comprised of 14 jurisdictions - New Mexico was in the Number 1 position all year; Order-wide (72 jurisdictions), New Mexico ranks Number 3. Thank you all for a great job well done!

This is the last month of Fraternal Year 2009-2010, and many councils are extremely close to getting the Star, or even Double Star, Council Award. Don't give up now; it's not too late; with just a little more effort your goal for these prestigious awards can still be attained. Go for it; make it happen! In this last month ask at least one Catholic gentleman and his family to join our brotherhood. There is no finer gift for someone than the gift of sharing - sharing our love of God, our Church, our community, our friendship, our love of the Knights of Columbus - so go out and share "the experience of a lifetime." Sign up another new brother Knight and his family.

As for our State Council membership goal, we are also extremely close. As of May 12, 2010, we only need 53 new members above our suspensions. With 7,653 brother Knights in New Mexico, I feel confident that again with "you-we-us," surely 53 more candidates and their families can be found. Just remember that the **deadline of June 4, 2010** has to be met. Please fax or mail in your Form 100 immediately after the exemplification of any candidate. My brothers, it is up to us, as a great team of this Fraternal Year, to overcome this one last hurdle, because with "you-we-us," nothing is impossible, I promise to do my part; will you help me?

God Bless you, and may He keep you, your family, and loved ones safe and healthy. Vivat Jesus!

The Women and Men in service to our Country

**It's the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.
It's the Soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.
It's the Soldier, not the politicians
That ensures our right to Life, Liberty and
the Pursuit of Happiness..
It's the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag.**

From State Executive Assistant Wheeler M. Green

I'm available to try to answer any questions or clarify any concerns my brother Knights have about reports due, upcoming State Council events, etc.

Here is the list of the officers elected for fraternal year 2010-2011. Please give them all the support they need to fulfill their duties:

**State Deputy - Joseph W. Pozzi
State Chaplain - Rev. Vincent P. Domínguez
State Secretary - Joseph B. Austin
State Treasurer - Allen Rowbotham
State Warden - Steven Budenski
IMPSD - Francisco R. Gómez**

From State Membership Director George A. Martínez, Sr., PSD

There are some 53 days left in our Fraternal Year. And, coincidentally, that is the number of new members we need to complete this, another Banner Year.

I take this opportunity to convey my appreciations to all of you for your participation - be it as proposers, degree team member, officer of your respective council, etc. To our brother Knights and spouses—beautiful Ladies in every respect—who have helped enhance the dream of our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney, we do recognize your hard work. As Catholic Ladies and Gentlemen the work we do may go unnoticed by some, but the One who counts what we do - our Blessed Lord - undoubtedly keeps a record of everything. That is why it is so important to do our part in the Order's projects, especially membership recruitment. Every time we bring in a new member, we add one more family to our roles, which means new ideas, more participation, and greater potential for our great organization.

As State Membership Director, I know we can complete this Fraternal Year with the numbers we need, and, as in the past, exceed our goal to prove to the rest of the Order worldwide, that we are Number One. Once again, thank you and Godspeed in all your endeavors. Vivat Jesus!

These colors **do not run!**



From State Youth Director Richard J. Espinosa

Youth Highlights ~ ~

This year's **Catholic Girl of the Year** award went to **Gabriella** (Gabby) **Aragón** of Springer, New Mexico. She was nominated by Council 7393 Grand Knight **Pete Pacheco**. Gabby's mother, María Gonzales, said that Gabby will attend Regis Catholic College this coming fall.



Gabriella's GPA is over 4.0, and she plans to pursue a degree in math or science. Also, during her high school years, she was very active in athletics. Gabriella was presented a \$1,000 Knights of Columbus scholarship award at the 2010 State Annual Convention. Gabriella expressed her deep appreciation to the State Council for supporting her in her educational pursuits.

Catholic Boy of the Year Award went to **Mitchell Brown** of Grants, New Mexico. He was nominated by St. Teresa of Avila Council 3683.

Mitchell's GPA is 4.41. He has been accepted and will attend St. Bonaventure University. His goal is to achieve a degree in theology and answer God's call to become a Priest.

At the Ordination and Installation Mass of Bishop James Wall, he was the Crosier Bearer. Also, he was the Master of Ceremonies at the St. Teresa Fiesta.

Mitchell, Like Gabriella received a \$1000 Scholarship.

New Field Agent

Jim McCabe, General Agent, is pleased to announce that New Mexico will be served by a new Field Agent.

On June 1, 2010 **Michael McCabe** became the newest man dedicated to serving our Knights of Columbus families. Michael will be serving councils in the Albuquerque and Clovis areas.

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From Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities State Chairman Leo A. Pilat

Successful Tootsie Roll Drive



"A big 'Thank You' to all Knights of Columbus throughout New Mexico who contributed to insure another year of Special Olympics. We love you loads and God bless you and your families!"

Five-finger prayer

1. Your thumb is first. So begin by praying for those closest to you, they are the easiest to remember.
2. The pointing finger is next. Pray for those who teach and heal, which includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom to point others in the right direction.
3. The longest finger is next. It reminds us of our leaders; pray for the President, leaders in business/industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The ring finger is next, and is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain.
5. The little finger is the smallest, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others, "The least shall be the greatest among you." By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective, which will help you pray for yourself more effectively.

From Councils throughout the State

Fr. Carl Hammer Council 11218

Fr. Carl Hammer Council is sponsoring a four-day-three-night bus tour fundraiser to Laughlin, Nevada, on Sunday, June 6th through Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Cost per person is \$145. We have, thus far, confirmed 29 passengers; we only need 16 more people (or 8 couples) to have a successful fundraiser.

Trip includes transportation, room for three nights at Edgewater Hotel (double occupancy), and two free meals. Bus will make three comfort stops along the way.

Boni López may be contacted for more information at 505-298-2324.

Fr. A.M. Mandalari Assembly

Fr. A.M. Mandalari Assembly will host a 4th Degree Exemplification on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at the Lamy Council Hall, 2800 San Mateo Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM.

This is a great opportunity for members who meet the qualifications to receive their 4th Degree.

Candidate's fee is \$70. The fee for persons other than the candidates is \$25.

More information is available from Grand Knight **Gilberto Vargas**, District Marshal **Phil Lucero**, or District Master **George Martínez**, 505-379-7677.

Continue on your full journey toward Knighthood; get your 4th Degree!

St. Joseph, a model for all dads



Various stories surround the life of St. Joseph, but most are believed to have been invented to satisfy popular curiosity. Some stories include a first marriage where Joseph was widowed, his great age (111 years), his protracted death where he receives comfort from Mary and Jesus.

The Gospels are really the only reliable source of information on Joseph's life and, though they are brief, they give a good outline of his character. St. Joseph was a faithful, patient man, obedient to the demands of God and willingly accepting of hardships. Matthew calls him "a just man," illustrated by his loyalty in protecting and providing for his family.

In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Joseph as the Patron of the universal Church, honoring his role of support, protection and guidance, and named March 19th as "the [heavenly] birthday of St Joseph." Pius XII added a second feast: Joseph the Worker, which is celebrated May 1st, the traditional Labor Day.

From State Pro-life Couple José & Rosely Valdez

At the State Convention members voted to establish a fund or donation program to purchase ultrasound machines for pregnancy care centers. The ultrasound machines range in cost from \$20,000 to \$40,000, but Supreme Council will match half of the cost. You will find more information at www.kofc.org, in the Public Policy Section under "Cultural of Life."

To contribute to this donation program, write check out to the State Council (and note on your check that it's for the Ultrasound Machine Fund); send it to State Secretary **Joseph B. Austin**, P.O. Box 2311, Bernalillo, N. M. 87004-8025. Questions regarding this program may be directed to State Pro-life Chairman **Joe Valdez, Jr.**, 505-881-2838.

Brother Knight **Filadelphio** (Phil) and Lady **Theresa Lucero**, of Fr. Carl Hammer Council 10697, were presented the **State Pro-life Couple of the Year** award at the State Convention.

Archbishop Lamy Council 4227 was presented the **State Pro-life Activity Award**. Incidentally, this was the only entry submitted so, next fraternal year, other councils should submit their application for this award.

State Deputy **Joseph Pozzi** reassigned brother Knight **Joe** and Lady **Rosely Valdez** as **State Pro-life Couple** for Fraternal Year 2010-11.



Remember in your prayers

Dr. **Ralph Montoya** (90 years young) went to his eternal reward in mid-April. He was a Life Member of Council 641. He received his 1st Degree in 1949.

Brother Knight **Ernie J. Villas**, Past Grand Knight of Risen Savior Council 8741, was called to Heaven by our Lord on April 14th after complications in a long battle with Lupus. He is survived by his parents, Nestor (PGK of Risen Savior) and Judy Villas; his wife, Emily, and children Brandon, Rachel, and Emma.

Our Lady of Sorrows Bernalillo Council 7633 recently lost brother Knight **Seferino Montoya**. He was one of the charter members who started Council 7633.

Brother Knight **Nino Nilvo**, who was a very active member of Our Lady of Belen Council 2673, passed away in late April. He was on the Northern Degree Team for many years, and had many dear friends throughout the State of New Mexico.

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Vivat Jesu!



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Serving Catholic Family's for Generations



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

A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders. In fact, with its many programs, it can help change the community, town, city, or neighborhood in which you live.

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith.

However, a successful Knights of Columbus program depends on people taking the initial idea, modifying it to suite specific situations and local needs, and then implementing the program in the way it works.

The State Council and Supreme Council provide many tools to help with membership recruitment and growth, such as: State Service Program, Leadership Guide, Shining Armor Program, How to, Membership Blitz, VIP Club, Duties of a Proposer. If you don't find the membership-related materials you need in the aforementioned list, contact your State Officers, State Directors, or the Department of Fraternal Services for additional resources. *Vivat Jesus!*

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June

General: That every national and transnational institution may strive to guarantee respect for human life from conception to natural death.

Missionary: That the Churches in Asia, which constitute a "little flock" among non-Christian populations, may know how to communicate the Gospel and give joyful witness to their adherence to Christ.