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Message from State Deputy Mel Apodaca

Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

I hope and pray that the month of November finds you and your loved ones in good spirits and good health. Every day should be a day of thanksgiving, but especially on November 24th we should give thanks to the Lord for everything we have, including our friends, neighbors, and all our loved ones. We should also remember our Veterans on November 11th for it is particularly they who defend our freedom. Can we ever thank them enough?

October was a busy month for me as I traveled to councils to present the Star Council Awards from Supreme to several of them. Congratulations again to Councils #7633-Bernalillo, #13684-San Juan de los Caballeros, #10835-Moriarty, #13596-Albuquerque, #15062-Deming, and #14920-Albuquerque. Also, Lady **Lita** and I attended the Annual Archbishop's Dinner/Fundraiser for Catholic Education in Albuquerque. Then we attended the Annual Rosary Rally at the Albuquerque Isotope Stadium. I also attended the 4th Degree Provincial Meeting in Albuquerque at Lamy Council #4227; our thanks to Lamy Council for the use of their facilities. Other events I attended include the Silver Rose Mass at the Basilica Cathedral in Santa Fe, and 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplifications at Council #13684-San Juan Pueblo.

"Membership 365" intake goal for this fraternal year is set at **450** new members. We can easily meet this goal and surpass it if each council, member, district and officer actively recruits. Please bring the candidates into the Order by conducting a 1st Degree Exemplification as soon as possible.

Please submit a report of your Round Table Coordinators as soon as possible, and thanks to those councils that have already done this. Our goal for this year is **90**. District Deputies, please remind your councils to turn in their Forms 185 and 365 so that you can, in turn, submit them to Supreme and State Council. This is a must! Where needed, help your councils get the forms, help them complete them, and help them submit them. The councils that have already done this are commended for being prompt.

The Mid-Year meeting is almost here. It will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Council #7633, Bernalillo, N.M.,

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Rosary Rally draws a crowd

The 42nd Annual Rosary Rally was held on October 2nd at the Albuquerque Isotope Stadium. The main Presider was Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan, and Homilist was Msgr. Jerome Martínez y Alire. Spiritual Director and Chairman of the Rosary Rally Committee was Deacon Manuel Montoya of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

The Knights of Columbus have been very involved in the Rosary Rally since 1969, when 42 years ago Rev. Fr. Carl Hammer organized this very important event. Since then, the Knights have been involved in planning, organizing, and promoting this event as well as participating in it.

Members from various councils in Albuquerque volunteered to get the Stadium ready the day before the event, and on the day of the Rosary Rally members served as ushers, Extraordinary Ministers, and as volunteers to do various chores that would insure the event was as orderly as possible.

Also involved were several members of the New Mexico Fourth Degree who served as the Honor Guard for Archbishop Michael Sheehan. Also in attendance were State Deputy **Mel** and Lady **Lita Apodaca**, as well as several other NM State Council Officers.



Happy Thanksgiving Day!

**State Programs Director
Gilbert R. Pérez**

We are nearing the midway point for this fraternal year. Congratulations to the councils that are submitting their service program reports thus recognizing the work of their councils.

It is interesting that the larger councils are behind in their reports and complaining to me that the points mean nothing. They forget we have previously stated that the points are not as important as the recognition given to the members for the work done at the council level. If the Grand Knight is satisfied with recognizing the membership at the council level and not the state level, there is nothing that I or anyone else can do.

The service programs highlight the efforts of the councils at the state level. We are seeing more enthusiasm now that the program directors can tell at a glance how the other program directors are doing with each service program.

Every handbook, booklet, and report form that comes from both councils--State and Supreme--is to encourage participation in the council programs and to recruit new members. It is the Grand Knight's responsibility to encourage the service program directors, and recognize them and the membership at the state level.

Please use the Surge...With Service booklet and Forms Booklet from Supreme, and the State Service Program Handbook, which contain all the information you need in completing and submitting the reports.

Let us remember in our prayers our brother Knights, Ladies and family members who have been called to be with our Lord Jesus Christ. Vivat Jesu!

**State Executive Assistant
Wheeler M. Green**

The Mid-Year Meeting will be held on December 2-4, 2011. The New Mexico State Council is only requiring State Officers, District Deputies, and State Program Directors to attend the 2011 Mid-Year Meeting. Third Degree members may attend; just complete the registration form and submit it to the Registration Chairman, Council 7633, Bernalillo. Go to nmkofc.org and click on Mid-Year Meeting.

Grand Knights, please turn in all unsold raffle tickets and money to your District Deputy before November 30th. Raffle will be held at the State Mid-Year Meeting dinner on December 3, 2011.

I thank all the councils that submitted Form 185 and 365 to Supreme Council and State Council. However, there are still 8 councils that have not submitted Form 185, and 21 councils that have not submitted Form 365; a letter has been sent to each delinquent council. The forms can be found in the Council Report Forms Booklet (1436).

District Deputy #11, **Joseph Fleming** will host a 3rd Degree Exemplification on November 19, 2011, in Las Cruces. More details are forthcoming in the next few days.

**State Family Director
Fidel Trujillo**

Autumn is here and it is time to gather the fruits of our summer labor. Those who planted seeds for growth of vegetables are harvesting them now, while others who tended to orchards are harvesting their fruit! Hopefully, we all planted the seeds of faith in our families! We have sent our children and grandchildren to catechism classes to help nurture this seed to maturity. I thank those who do enroll their loved ones in religion classes, for they are the future of our Catholic faith. This should remind us that "a family that prays together stays together."

Thanks to the 14 councils that sent to Supreme the names of Family of the Month honorees. Congratulations to brother Knight **Ray & Lucy Carrillo** (Council 4227) and brother Knight **Ramón & Luisa Apodaca** (Council 8281) who were awarded the Statue of the Holy Family presented by Supreme. I ask Council 8281 and 4227 to acknowledge these individuals by formally presenting the statues at a family function; they deserve the honor and recognition.

Not intending to "beat a **dead horse**," however, I must again remind each one to carefully read each entry in your report forms. Some items are allowed only on certain months, while others require additional documentation. Please total the points claimed for Parts II and III.

God bless each and everyone. May our Mother Mary intercede for us to keep all our families safe.

Your prayers are requested

Recently, Field Agent, **Michael Guilliams** of Alamogordo was medevac'd and admitted to hospital in Las Cruces because of chest pains that turned out to be a heart attack. Surgery opened an offending 95% blockage with a stent. Praise God! Michael is doing well now, and expects to be discharged to continue recovery at home.

Pray for the soul of brother Knight **Frank Luchini**, Council 8281, who recently passed away after a lengthy illness. He was a 3rd Degree Knight with 43 years of service. He was also an Honorary Life Member. He is survived by his four grown children: David, Kathleen, Frankie, and Esther and their own families, as well as his wife, **Corina**, who is not in very good health. So, pray for them all.

Cathey, PSD **Bob Hoskinson's** wife, has been released from the Lubbock Hospital Physical Therapy after being there for the last five months. Bob and Cathey are happy that she is able to finally go home, but she will still undergo a lot more therapy. Our prayers have been answered but don't stop now. Please continue your prayers that she fully recovers.

Bishops start Religious Liberty Committee

Comments by Catholic League president Bill Donohue on the decision by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to establish a Religious Liberty Committee:

The president of the USCCB, New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan, has announced the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty; Bridgeport Bishop William Lori will chair the committee. Dolan lists six reasons why the new group is being launched:

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is seeking to force private healthcare providers to carry contraceptive and sterilization services.
- HHS wants to force the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services to provide "the full range of reproductive services".
- The federal government is seeking to force international relief programs to offer reproductive health services.
- The Department of Justice is attacking the Defense of Marriage Act, arguing that support for marriage is a form of bigotry.
- The Justice Department is attacking a religious liberty known as the ministerial exception; it insulates religious employers from state encroachment.
- New York State recently legalized gay marriage, providing a very narrow religious exemption.

With the exception of the last concern, all of the others reflect the policies of the Obama Administration.

Bishop Lori knows first-hand how contemptuous government can be of religious liberty—he fought a prospective state takeover of the administrative affairs of the Catholic Church in Connecticut. Archbishop Dolan is also no novice: he has fought anti-Catholic bigotry for years. The Catholic League has worked with both bishops before, and looks forward to assisting them again.



Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off you.

He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yuck, including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

Then He carves a new smiling face on you and puts His light inside you to shine on the whole world.



State Pro-life Couple José and Rosely Valdez

A new Pro-life motion picture entitled, "October Baby: every Life is beautiful," will be released to theaters everywhere in the spring of 2012. You can find out more about the movie at: www.OCTOBERBABYNIVUE.net. Please spread the word.

I thank all the councils that continue to donate to the Ultra Sound Machine Fund. Grand Knight **Raymond Vigil** advised that Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Council 9502 in Albuquerque recently donated \$1,000. We are getting close to purchasing the second Ultra Sound Machine, thanks to your donations. Councils in Albuquerque, be sure to sign up for the "40 Days for Life" prayers in front of Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinics with Project Defending Life.

According to a recent Albuquerque press release, another woman has suffered complications from a botched up abortion at Southwestern Women's Options, which is the late-term abortion mill in Albuquerque owned and operated by Curtis Boyd. The latest 911 call obtained by Tara Shaver of Project Defending Life, and released to Operation Rescue, shows a 31-year-old woman who suffered uncontrolled bleeding after an abortion clinic worker who placed the call requested that the patient be transported to the hospital. This is the eleventh such abortion-related medical emergency at Southwestern Women's Options in less than two years, and the fourteenth abortion emergency overall in Albuquerque in that same time frame. For a complete copy of the press release, contact State Pro-life Director José Valdez at joenrosely@aol.com.



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December 2-4, 2011. Attendance is mandatory only for State Officers, District Deputies and State Program Directors/Chairmen. However, any brother Knights wishing to attend are welcome.

Again, many thanks to the State Officers who are making council visitations throughout the State. From what I have seen and heard, councils welcome such visits.

Remember also, brother Knights, that our Insurance Field Agents are always available to help you with your insurance needs. If you have any questions, call General Agent **Jim McCabe** at 505-269-8688, or toll free at 877-830-5770. Vivat Jesus!

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Minorities

We need to show more sympathy for these people:

- * They travel miles in the heat.
- * They risk their lives crossing a border.
- * They don't get paid enough wages.
- * They do jobs that others won't do or are afraid to do.
- * They live in crowded conditions among people who speak a different language.
- * They rarely see their families, and they face adversity all day ~ every day...

I'm not talking about illegal aliens ~I'm talking about our troops!

Doesn't it seem strange that so many are willing to lavish all kinds of social benefits on illegals, but don't support our troops? Wouldn't it be great if we took the \$360,000,000,000 we spend on illegals every year, and spend it on our troops!

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for any amount, up to and including his/her life.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November

General Intention: For the eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.

Missionary Intention: That the African continent may find in Christ the strength to fulfill the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.