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State Council Newsletter

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Message from State Deputy Mel Apodaca

Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

September is almost gone and autumn is upon us, yet the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord, and the Lord will provide for us because **He** is a good and caring God!

I need to remind you, brother Knights, to keep having 1st Degree exemplifications. Supreme has streamlined the procedure for these exemplifications now, so please recruit candidates and take them through the process as soon as possible. From my experience, the best place to recruit is at the source, which is the parishes where good Catholic men fulfill their spiritual duties. With the Parish priest's permission, you can announce your presence from the pulpit, and have an information table in the lobby or outside by the main entrance of the Church. Remember "**Membership 365:**" every Council active; every District active. Don't forget to include our Field Agents in the recruiting process; they are experts at making pulpit announcements at church drives.

I congratulate the following councils for achieving Star Council and Double Star Council awards for Fraternal Year 2010/ 2011: Council #7633-Bernalillo; Council #10835-Moriarty; Council #13596-Albuquerque; Council #13684-San Juan Pueblo; Council #14920-Albuquerque; and Council #15062-Deming. These councils were rewarded for achievement in membership recruitment and retention, insurance promotion, "SURGE... with Service" program activities, and for reaching 200% of their membership quota. Again, **congratulations** on a job well done.

I have been quite busy this month also. I attended meetings at Santa Fe Council #10517, and at the new council at Saint Anne's Church. The State Council had an Officers meeting on September 3rd -- I thank Lamy Council #4227 for permitting us the use of their Hall. On September 10th, Lady **Lita** and I rode on the Knights of Columbus "Pro-life" Float entered in the State Fair. The day was a little cold and breezy at first but we had a good time. I attended the 2nd Degree Exemplification in Las Cruces on September 24th. My thanks to District Deputy **Joseph Fleming** and his District's 2nd Degree Team for putting on this exemplification.

I hope many of our members participate in the 42nd Annual Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 2nd at the Isotopes Park in Albuquerque. *(Continued on page 3)*

A memorable Blue Mass

On September 11, 2011, at Sacred Heart Church, Home of the Sacred Steel Beams from the World Trade Center, Rev. Fr. Clarence Maes conducted a Blue Mass in remembrance of 9-11 (calling it 9-11-11), "**A Day of Remembrance**"--A Nine-Eleven Memorial Tribute: We Will Never Forget!

In attendance were Mayor Richard Berry and several City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County officials. Brother Knight Deacon **Steve Rangel** assisted in the Mass; brother Knight **Louie Trujillo** was in charge of the Proclamation, ringing of the Bell and Last Alarm, honoring those who lost their lives.

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus provided the Honor Guard during the Mass, including "Taps" by brother Knight **Caesar Joseph Archangel**. Also present was Supreme Warden **Francisco Gómez** who participated in the Honor Guard.



K of C 4th Degree members and Fire fighters with "Last Alarm Bell."



Fourth Degree Honor Guard from various assemblies, including Phil Lucero, Leo Pilat, Simon Apodaca, Ray Flores, Caesar Archangel, Al Griffin, Joe Rodriguez, John Garcia, Henry Dreese, Phil Sena, Ross Salazar, Samuel Sena, and Francisco Gómez.

State Programs Director Gilbert R. Pérez

It is encouraging to see that the councils are active as we continue to receive a good response regarding their service programs. You can go to the State Web Site to see the councils that are actively recognizing their members for what they are doing.

As I have mentioned before, the points are not as important as the fact that councils are giving credit to their members for the work being done. In turn, it is the Grand Knight's responsibility to recognize those members. All three signatures are not necessary if the Grand Knight does not wish to submit the service program reports for the council. The Council Program Director or the Council Service Program Directors may sign and send the reports directly to the State Service Program Directors.

As you observed at the Organizational Meeting in Española, the smaller councils competed very well with the larger councils, and were among the top 10 councils in the State. The point distribution has leveled the playing field in choosing the top 10 councils. We did this by dividing the total points by the number of members in the council as listed in the Supreme Council rolls at the beginning of the fraternal year.

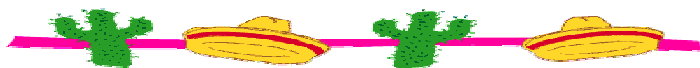
Besides the top 10 councils, we will also recognize the councils with the most points in each of the four divisions. If no activities are conducted in any one month, the councils may submit blank reports so that they will receive 100 points for just reviewing the form and determining that no activities took place for them to report.

The councils are reminded that if they do not submit their choice of Knight, Lady, Family and Pro-Life Couple in their reports during the year, the year-end nominations for the council(s) will not be considered. Additionally, the end-of-the-year STSP submissions will not be considered as we will not have a paper trail showing a council's participation in any service program activities during the year.

In short, the State Service Program Report forms assist the councils to establish a positive service program consistent with the recommendations found in Surge...With Service. The monthly reports encourage the councils to become involved in all aspects of Church, Community, Council, Family, People with Intellectual Disabilities, Pro-Life, and Youth. The forms may also be used to recruit men into the Order when the council's activities are discussed with prospective candidates as reported in the forms.

Every handbook, booklet and report required by the State and Supreme councils are for the purpose of encouraging participation in the council activities including recruitment.

Let us remember to pray for our brother Knights, Ladies and family members who have been called to enter into eternal life with our Lord Jesus Christ. Vivat Jesu!



State Family Director Fidel Trujillo

May I first congratulate the family winners for the month of July: **Robert & Amy Brown**, Council 3683, Grants; **James & Palma Lewis**, Council 6696, Rio Rancho, and **Kenneth & Susan Peccatiello**, Council 10835, Moriarty.

Hopefully, each of these councils honored these families at a family function, while presenting the statues of the Holy Family. By not participating and sending to Supreme the names of families, a council cannot win this award given by Supreme.

Again I urge all councils to be active in the State Service Program. Fifteen councils submitted family reports to Supreme. One-fifth of all who submitted were winners. Please do not disappoint your council families by not nominating them. All winning families well deserve the statue of the Holy Family.

I pray that everyone is doing well as I continue to pray for all who are ill and who have passed on to a better life with our dear Lord. Every council should pray at each meeting for the well-being of council members and families.

Your prayers are requested

Lady **Eileen**, wife of PGK **Paul Tafoya**, Council 9928, passed away on September 17th. Please keep the Tafoya family in your prayers.

GK **Art Keschen**, Council 9527, needs your prayers for a successful recovery.

Your Shield of Protection for Life

In case you may not have already noticed, the Knights of Columbus has adopted a new theme for its highly successful insurance program. The "Your Shield for Life" ads debuted in the issue of Columbia magazine published in February 2010.

The new symbol – a shield – and the new theme, reinforce the standing of Knights of Columbus Insurance as one of North America's most financially secure life insurance providers.

The shield, reminiscent of those carried by medieval knights, symbolizes the organization's dedication to safeguarding the financial future of its members.

Since the Order's founding in 1882, its primary mission has been to protect families from financial challenges that are caused by the death of the breadwinner.

In the early years of the Order, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and his fellow Knights "passed the hat" to benefit widows and orphans. From that humble start, the Knights of Columbus organization has grown to include top-rated life insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement products.

**State Warden
Frank F. Velasquez**

I am the newly elected State Warden and I thank you all for your votes.

I am also on an archive committee to develop a plan to collect historical information (dating back to 1945) about our councils throughout the State. We plan to publish these facts so that our members will know who was who back then, and what was accomplished under the leadership of succeeding State Deputies.

We ask that all councils search in their historical files for such information and contact me (505-897-2786). I have already contacted a few of the older councils where I have found some good information for us to include in our publication of historical interest.

Again, thank you for your support, and I will make every effort to do a good job for you. Vivat Jesus!

**State Membership Director
Juan Espinoza**

Member retention begins during the recruitment process. Sometimes councils concentrate so much on meeting membership quotas, they forget the responsibility they accept on bringing in a new member.

When a proposer signs Form 100, **he assumes a big responsibility.** He should accompany his candidate to the Admission Committee meeting. He should be present when his candidate is initiated and exemplified through all the Degrees. The proposer should also accompany the new member to his first council meeting, and introduce him to the other members. This will show the new member that he is a **valued part** of the council, and was not recruited simply to fulfill a membership quota.

The next step is for the council to get the new member involved in council activities. If the admissions process is properly done, the council will know what the new member's interests are, and assign him to a committee that matches those interests.

To help councils with this effort, Supreme has developed the "Shining Armor Program." This program will help the council in scheduling required activities for the new member for one year. At the end of the year or when the required activities are completed, the new member will receive the "Shining Armor Award." The main focus of this program is to get new members actively involved in their council from the very beginning. If you get and keep new members active, you will have them for life.

May I remind you, however, that this new member will not succeed **by himself.** He has to have supervision, guidance and encouragement from somebody. That is why I stated that when you, as proposer, sign Form 100, you are not just doing it to get credit for it. **You are accepting the responsibility of insuring that your candidate becomes a permanent, active member of the Knights of Columbus.**

I shall continue on this subject of retention next month. Vivat Jesu!

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

On September 10th Lamy Council, Fr. Carl Hammer Council, and A.M. Mandalari 4th Degree Assembly sponsored two Pro-life theme floats at the New Mexico State Fair Parade. Some 40 of our members and spouses participated in this event.

The planning meeting was held at Lamy Council Hall, decorating of the float was done at the home of IPSD **Joseph Pozzi.** Brother Knight **Victor Larranaga**

provided the truck and trailer for the float.

Several of the 4th Degree members in full regalia rode on the float, including



State Deputy **Mel Apodaca.**

The other Pro-life float was a carriage pulled by two beautiful black "Percheron" horses that belong to Rev. Fr. Johnny Lee Chávez, Pastor of Sangre de Cristo Parish, who drove the carriage.



Several 4th Degree Knights on and near the float before the parade started.



State Deputy (Continued from front page)

Remember, brother Knights, that the Insurance agents are always ready to help brother Knights and their families with their insurance needs. Please take time for you and your family to visit with one of them to explain the insurance options available to you. Should councils need sponsors for their newsletters or fundraising events, please make sure not to get sponsors that compete with our Insurance program. If you have any questions on this matter, contact General Agent **Jim McCabe** at 505-269-8688 or (toll free) 877-830-5770.

I thank the State Officers who are visiting the councils throughout the State, and helping them with information as needed. I am sure the councils visited are very appreciative of our Officers' help and concern. I've said it before and I'll say it again, **you gentlemen are awesome!** Vivat Jesus!

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Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy.

The Blessed Mother praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources, i.e., from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church, it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

General Intention: For the terminally ill, that in their sufferings they may be sustained by faith in God and by the love of others.

Missionary Intention: That the celebration of World Mission Sunday may increase in the People of God the passion for evangelization and the support of missionary activity through prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.