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Message from State Deputy Mel Apodaca

Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

The summer is just about over and the children are returning to school to continue their education. Brother Knights, may your children return to a safe and good learning environment that will allow them to improve themselves and enjoy the life our good Lord has given them. Glory and praise to God!

For me, August started out with a trip to Denver, Colorado to the 129th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, August 1 – 4, 2011; next year's Supreme Convention will be in Anaheim, California (August 3 – 10, 2012).

This year's convention days were full of talks and speeches by our Supreme Officers and Directors. Entertainment was available for everyone; no dull moments. I counted 11 Cardinals at the Con-celebrated Opening Mass, which was truly inspiring to me.

On Saturday, August 6th, I attended the 5th Annual *Men under Construction Conference* held at St. Pius X School in Albuquerque. It was a very eye-opening and informative event. State Membership Director **Juan Espinoza** and State Executive Assistant **Wheeler Green** manned a Knights of Columbus booth, and I got the impression that they did very well recruiting candidates for our Order.

On Tuesday, August 16th I was at Grants Council #3683 for the installation of their Officers for this fraternal year. They have a very nice council hall, and I encouraged them to host a State meeting there in the near future.

On August 17th I attended the installation of Officers for the 4th Degree Los Padres Assembly #1982 at St. John the Baptist Parish, San Juan Pueblo.

During the week of August 21st, I traveled with Regional Program Consultant **Benny Viegra** to visit some councils in the Northern part of the State.

I sincerely appreciate the State Officers who have taken time to visit various councils and share information with them. These State Officers make things run more smoothly, and their visits are also very much appreciated by the host councils. Keep up the good work!

Worthy Grand Knights, please continue to recruit new members. Try not to delay having a 1st Degree

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Supreme Convention 2011 Denver, Colorado



State Deputy Mel Apodaca holding a beautiful, framed image of our Lady of Guadalupe.



State Deputy **Mel** and Lady **Lita Apodaca**. In the group picture are also State Pro-life Couple Sir Knight **José** and Lady **Rosely Valdez**.



~~Photos courtesy of Terry Davenport ~~

State Programs Director Gilbert R. Pérez

It is encouraging to see the number of Council Service Program Directors who are submitting reports to the State Service Program Directors. Compared to last year's submissions, July 2011 is off to a good start. I am getting some revisions for July and those will appear in September for July.

At the state level, the Service Program forms are in the process of being translated into Spanish. I would like to thank our State Newsletter Editor, **María Cortez**, for working on the translations.

Supreme Council has provided the Knights of Columbus Council Programs with guidelines for its charitable programs. The councils by now should have their "Surge...With Service Kit." The activities in the kit give suggestions for implementing their service programs. No council need undertake all areas of involvement that are suggested, nor should they be limited by the suggestions that are offered. The councils are free to be innovative.

If Council Service Program Directors follow the suggestions that are given by Supreme Council, they will have a very productive fraternal year, as follows:

Church Activity -- Any council that participates in the RSVP Program will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Church Activities category.

Community Activity -- (1) Any council that participates in a Habitat for Humanity Building Project will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Community Activities category. (2) Participating in the Global Wheelchair Mission: For every \$150 received by the Global Wheelchair Mission, it can deliver a brand new wheelchair which would cost over \$500 in a medical supply store.

Council Activity -- Any council that provides financial or manpower support to Special Olympics will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Council Activities category.

Family Activity -- (1) Food for families: Prepare and serve meals at a soup kitchen. Conduct food drives to re-stock the parish or community food pantry. (2) Any council that conducts a Food for Families program will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Family Activities category.

Pro-life Activity -- Any council that participates in a local, state or national Pro-life March will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Pro-life Activities category.

Youth Activity -- Any council that conducts Coats for Kids Program will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Youth Activities category.

The Service Program is designed to establish each council as an influential and important force within the parish and community, establish direct areas of responsibility, and **encourage eligible Catholic men to join our ranks**. The challenge is "to be all that we can be as Catholic men."

Please refer to the Question & Answer link in the State Website for questions that come from the councils. Submit questions to me at gil.per@zianet.com. Vivat Jesu!

State Executive Assistant Wheeler M. Green

State Mid-Year Meeting will be held in Bernalillo, hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows Council 7633, on December 3, 2011. This is a District Deputy Meeting, therefore, only the State Officers, District Deputies, and State Program Directors/Chairmen are required to attend. Nevertheless, any 3rd Degree member who wishes to attend is welcome to do so. Supreme and State Reports are coming in, and we are ahead of the number of councils that reported in the previous year:

Form 185, Report of Council Officers (due July 1, 2011): Of the 88 councils, 16 councils have not reported.

Form 365, Service Program Personnel Report (due August 1, 2011): Of the 88 councils, 48 councils have not reported.

Form 1295, Semiannual Audit Report (due August 15, 2011): For this period 56 councils have reported, but 21 councils have not reported done so, and 10 councils have not reported the **last two** periods.

I am pleased to see the number of councils that are reporting. However, there is some work to be done to get the other councils to keep up with their reporting. A letter will be sent to the delinquent councils. **"I Am My Brother's Keeper!"**

State Family Director Fidel Trujillo

My brother Knights and families, I congratulate the 25 councils that submitted Family reports for July, the first month of the new fraternal year. In spite of several errors, for the most part, only a small percentage of points were deducted.

I urge the Family Director of each council to take time to read each item carefully before filling out the forms. Most items in Part II are only allowed 100 points monthly. I encourage you to complete the forms by tabulating the points in Parts II **and** III. Please **do not deprive your council of points by not reading each item**. If an item is worth 200 points and **not** 100, make sure to enter the correct number of points.

I expect more participation in the months to come. If you do not participate in the program, you are failing to honor brother Knights and families who, through their participation in council activities, promote the Order and our Catholic faith. They deserve to be recognized for the time and effort they voluntarily dedicate to help their council and parish.

I urge each council and assembly to take time at each meeting to pray for deceased and ailing brother Knights and family members. I ask our dear Lord and Blessed Mother to keep each of you safe and healthy.

By the way, some times we need to remember to give thanks to God for the blessings we receive. Often throughout my daily activities I say the following two prayers; they always help me stay out of trouble!

Prayer to the Blessed Trinity: "I adore You, God the Father, who created me; I adore You, God the Son, who redeemed me; I adore You, Holy Spirit, who have so often sanctified me and are still sanctifying me. I consecrate to You my whole day for pure love of You and for Your greater glory. I do not know what is to happen to me today, whether

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State Council Activities Director Phil Lucero

To date I have received 27 Council Activities reports; not bad but could be better.

Grand Knights need to realize that in order to retain our status as a “not-for-profit organization,” we must provide information about our volunteer hours and other charitable work we do as members of our organization. A great deal of information in that regard is in the reports the councils send to us. We might think of it as more “paperwork,” but how else can we show all we do as members of the Knights of Columbus?

Here are **just a few** of the various activities some councils have reported to me: Raised the flag at the Veteran’s Hospital Avenue of Flags; had a birthday party for patients at the VA Hospital; attended church services for departed members; sponsored and promoted a council event to raise scholarship money.

Keep us informed of your council’s activities. Grand Knights, encourage your Council Activities Director to fill out and turn in the forms. God bless you! Vivat Jesus!

State Youth Director Cruz M. Rodríguez

As the new fraternal year gets underway, I invite all my brother Knights to take advantage of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to earn 10,000 points for your council. This can be done by setting up a Squires Circle in your respective council. The details are available online or by contacting me, 575-541-4455 or email crurodri@nmsu.edu. Details are on page A18 of our State Handbook.

As soon as I receive the information from Supreme, I will notify you about the Soccer Challenge and Catholic Citizen’s Essay so that we, as a State, can schedule these activities for our State’s youth.

Order your kits from Supreme and reserve your soccer venues early so that we can make this the best youth activities year ever sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in New Mexico.

I will keep you posted regarding any developments. Pax vobiscum (peace be with you); Jezu ufam tobie (Jesus, I trust you); Vivat Jesu (Jesus lives)!

How “Vivat Jesu” became our Order’s motto

When the late Supreme Chaplain Bishop Charles Greco was a seminarian, he was deeply moved while reading the story of St. Bernadine of Siena. He adopted the saint’s favorite prayer – “May Jesus Live” in its Latin form, “Vivat Jesu,” to use as the motto for his life and priesthood. When he became Bishop of Alexandria, LA, in 1946, Bishop Greco chose the same phrase as his Episcopal motto.

Our past Supreme Knight, Virgil Dechant, thought our Order ought to be devoted to the name of Jesus and chose Bishop Greco’s motto, “Vivat Jesu,” as a greeting. The response is “Semper,” meaning “always.” By its use, the Knights help bring back the love and devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

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troublesome things or pleasant ones, or whether I shall be happy or sad, in consolation or in grief. It will all be as You please. I abandon myself to Your Providence, and I submit to all Your wishes.”

In times of anger or depression the following prayer is a relief: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living Father, have mercy on me, a sinner!”

State Pro-life Couple José and Rosely Valdez

After the July 1st reporting period for this Fraternal Year, we received 22 pro-life reports from all four divisions. This is only 1/4 of all the councils in the State. Only 18 councils sent us their Pro-life Couples names, addresses, telephone and e-mail numbers. Please, we need more pro-life couples reporting from councils throughout the State.

We are still receiving donations for the Ultra-Sound Machine Fund, and we thank the participating councils and assemblies.

Right to Life Committee of New Mexico is asking for registrations and volunteers for the Born to Run event. Registration forms are available at www.active.com. Also, they need volunteers for the Pro-life Booth at the State Fair. You can get forms from Right to Life Committee of New Mexico, 2413 Wyoming Blvd., N.E., Suite A, Albuquerque, N.M. 87112-1164.

Several “Memorial to the Unborn” monuments have been installed in several churches or locations throughout the State. When a council has a dedication, please send me photographs that we can include on our display board.

Again, we will need your help for the Sanctity of Life Rally in January in Santa Fe.

By the way, when you send funds for the Sanctity of Life Fund or Ultra-Sound Machine Fund, please indicate on the check the fund you are donating to, and send the checks to State Secretary **Peter P. Quichocho**, 7207 Milan Hills Rd., N.E., Rio Rancho, N.M. 87144-0842.

Thank you for all you do in support of our Pro-life Program. Vivat Jesus!

“Hubert Humphrey once said the moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped. Whatever the drawbacks to liberalism in the age of Humphrey, it had much more to commend than modern-day liberalism, whose indifference to the most vulnerable members of the human race-unborn children-is chilling.” -- Peter Wehner, senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

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exemplification, and have such a ceremony as often as possible. Every council in the State should recruit one new member per month. I urge you to do this and thank you in advance for it. Please remember to send copy of Form 100 to your Insurance Agent. Vivat Jesus!

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Your prayers are requested

Grand Knight **Michael Jaramillo** requests that we pray for brother Knight **Fred Gómez** who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. Fred is a member of Council 13596, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Albuquerque.

In mid-August, Sir Knight **Phil Sena**, Council 12282, had heart surgery for replacement of his pacemaker. Please pray that he has a speedy recovery.

Please pray for brother Knight **Triny Moya** and his wife, **Florence**. Triny had heart surgery for a pacemaker, and Florence had gall bladder surgery; both are recovering well. Triny is Past Grand Knight of Council 641 and Past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 682.

District Deputy #8 **Donald Mondragón** informs us that Fr. Hoi Tran, a member of the Knights of Columbus and Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Peralta, New Mexico, recently had a mild stroke. He is recovering well but will need physical therapy. Please pray for him.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

General Intention: For all teachers, that they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.

Missionary Intention: That the Christian communities spread throughout the Asian continent may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, bearing witness to beauty with the joy of the faith.