



**Alamogordo
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. MARY'S COUNCIL 3355
and ASSEMBLY 0689
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CELEBRATING 67 YEARS IN ALAMOGORDO



Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent

As of September 1, 2015 our new **Insurance Field Agent for the Southeast region** is James Matis. He can be reached at 1902 Dewey Ln. Alamogordo, NM 88310. The cell phone number is 575-430-5257 and the e-mail address is james.matis@kofc.org for more information.

**ST. Mary's Council 3355
Officers for the year 2017-2018**

Grand Knight	Kevin Joyce
Deputy Grand Knight	Anthony Herrera
Chaplain	Fr Theophine Okafor
Program Director	Anthony Herrera
Chancellor	Bud Duryea
Financial Secretary	David Marcus
3 Year Trustee	Ruben Gomez
2 Year Trustee	Paul Mancuso
1 Year Trustee	Ken Davis
Warden	Elias Trujillo
Advocate	Alfredo Pacheco
Recorder	Jim Lenzo
Treasurer	Levi Wirta
Inside Guard	Joe Bills
Outside Guard	Tom Ferenczhalmy
Lector	Fred Murray

**Assembly 0689
Fourth Degree Officers 2017-2018**

Faithful Navigator	Damian Hall
Faithful Friar	Vacant
Faithful Captain	Mike Ransom
Faithful Pilot	Bud Duryea
Faithful Comptroller	Ken Davis
Faithful Purser	David Marcus
Outer Sentinel	Fred Murray
Inner Sentinel	Carlos Pacheco
Faithful Scribe	Alfredo Pacheco
Faithful Admiral	Paul Mancuso
3 Year Trustee	Gary Stevens
2 Year Trustee	Elias Trujillo
1 Year Trustee	George Ayers

Pot Luck Gathering

The Grand Knight has chosen to **CANCEL the Family Night on December 22nd at the KC Hall** because of Christmas being that week. We hope to see all of you at the next family night dinner.

Meeting Night

The monthly business meeting will be held on December 13th at 7:00 PM. The Officers and Degree Team will need to arrive by 6:30 PM to prepare for the Meeting to be held that night.

Fr Hay School News

The Little School with a Big Heart students enjoyed Mass and Thanksgiving dinner at ICC. Thanks to all who brought food and/or helped serve. Principal Victor Gonzales expressed his sincere appreciation on behalf of the staff and students of Father Hay. Stop by and visit the Christmas Extravaganza on December 2, 2017. Mass is on Thursdays at the school. The School Board is still working on plans to replace the bus at the school with a van or two which will eliminate the need for a CDL license and who knows, we might be able to make a Holloman run for students! If you are interested in volunteering at FJBH, please call the school for more information @ 437-7821. We are also in need of help at the Thrift Store, please call 434-5450. Please pray for an increase in enrollment at "The Little School with a Big Heart".

Special Olympics:

Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for your continued support of Special Olympics Otero County (SOOC). Special Olympics is a year-round event with multiple sports: Athletics & Bocci (spring sports) next are; golf, swimming, & softball (summer sports). Do not forget our fundraisers: The Tootsie Roll Drive & "Tournament in the Clouds" in June 2018 which provides funds for the athletes and coaches to attend area and state games. Volunteers are needed!

Culture of Life:

The Pro-Life Couple for October are Paul and Alicia Mancuso.

We are approaching Christmas where the birth of Christ brings new life. Let this Advent season remind us of those who struggle with decisions about abortion, suicides and euthanasia. Pray for these people and for an end to abortion while we pray for young parents and single mothers that they make spiritual choices and Keep Christ in their Christmas!

Pray for abortions to stop. Viva Jesus!

Freddy & Donna Pacheco

This Month's Birthday Wishes

The Knights of Columbus want to extend a birthday wish to the Knights listed below:

December

Avelar, Manuel
Garofano, Stephen
Gomez, Vincent
Guzman-Roman, Moises
Hernandez, Ruben
Huskins, Jacob
Mancuso, Matthew
Marble, Charles

Up Coming Events

Dec 2 / Fr Hay Christmas Sale & pancakes
Dec 2 / Clean Cemetery
Dec 8 – 10 / Mid-Year @ Deming, NM
Jan 12 / Free Throw @ B & G Club
Jan 27 / District Free Throw @ B & G Club

Please pray that the youth of today will answer the call to the religious life to become Priests, Deacons and Nuns.

The Good of the Order

We offer our prayers to all the Brother Knights and families who are in poor health or having surgery especially Cyndi Bills, Linda Villabiscencio, Juanita Cooley, Donna Pacheco, Mary Lou Gomez, Cathy Duryea, Grace Filips, Pete Esquibel, Bud Alexander, Thomas Moore, Pablo Montoya, Charlie Gonzales, and Melvin Gilcrist.

Knight of the Month

The Knight for November is David Marcus.

The Lady for November is Juanita Cooley.

The Family for November is Freddy & Donna Pacheco. Please congratulate them when you see them.

Membership

If you know an eligible Catholic gentleman, please invite him to become a Brother Knight. If you need a form 100 please call David Marcus at 575-551-0222 (Financial Secretary) or ask any of



Honor Guard at ICC Blue Mass

Honor Guard preparing to escort Bishop Cantu, Priest and First Responders at the ICC Blue Mass on November 9th. Thank You Sir Knights for all you do.

Free Throw Contest

The Council Free Throw contest will be on January 12th at the Boys & Girls Club in Alamogordo. We are also hosting the District Free Throw contest on January 27th at the Boys & Girls Club. We will need 8 Knights to assist with score keeping, rebounding balls and registration. Call Tony @ 575-442-6886 if you can help out.

the officers

Financial Secretary

Just a reminder that the dues notices will be going out on December 15th and the cost for 2018 is \$30.00. I would like to thank all who made the Blue Mass a success and Tony & Ken for all the work on the food. This is who we are as Knights.

Fr Hay Extravaganza

The Christmas fundraiser for Fr. Hay School is December 2nd at 8:00 AM. This event will include silent auctions, pancake breakfast and pictures with Santa. The Knights will be there early to help out & cook the pancakes. We will need help hauling tables from the KC Hall to the school. If you would like to get involved call Tony Herrera @ 575-442-6886 for more details.

KC Hall Rentals (these dates are reserved)

Dec 12 / Germans

Feb 17 / Anniversary

Apr 28 / Anniversary

Newsletter

The newsletter is published by Ken Davis. If you have an article for the newsletter please call 437-4470 or e-mail ken-dawg51@hotmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2015-2016

Mary Jane Joyner (President) Grace Filips (Vice-President)

Donna Pacheco (Treasurer) Terry Davis (Secretary)

Our next meeting will be 6:00 PM on December 6th at Donna's house, 907 Crouch Drive. All Ladies are encouraged to attend the Council Party on December 9th at 6:00 PM. The party will be held at Juanita Cooley's house, 2552 Adobe Ridge Trail. The main course is Turkey (Deep Fried). We will still need side dishes and desserts to compliment the meal. Please call Mary Jane Joyner at 505-227-9012 for side dishes needed and to RSVP (limited seating). Drinks will be provided or if you wish BYOB. Thank you Juanita for hosting this event.

Please keep our fellow auxiliary members Cyndi Bills & Grace Filips in your prayers. The Ladies' Auxiliary remains active and continues various fundraisers including monthly Pancake Breakfasts. Do you know anyone who may join the auxiliary? If so call me @ 505-227-9012 for more information.

Wishing all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Mary Jane Joyner
President

Words from the Grand Knight

Let me first say, I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Now that the Advent Season is upon us and Christmas is only about three weeks away it's time for our Brother Knights and their families to step up our prays and continue to help the unfortunate, homeless and spiritual hurting people during this time. Let us also remember; "Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God and made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church shows to everyone the "sign" of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since he "is of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 1:20). May God keep you all safe and bless you and your families during this most joyous season.

The Gonzalez Family was selected by the Supreme Council as one of 100 selected as "Family of the Month" winner for October 2017. Just a reminder I will be out of town from December 1 – 16, but I will be checking my e-mail if you need something.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey! Your humble servant,

Kevin Joyce,
Grand Knight



Assembly 0689

WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Sir Knights,

With Thanksgiving behind us, the Advent season upon us & the New Year around the corner, let us remember the blessing that our Lord has provided. One of the many blessing for me is the Knights of Columbus and Assembly. I would like to say thank you for your time, effort and friendship.

The Social for December will be held on December 9th at Juanita Cooley's house, 2552 Adobe Ridge Trail in conjunction with St. Mary's Council. You must RSVP with Mary Jane Joyner @ 505-227-9012 for seating and side dishes required. Our next Business meeting for the start of the New Year is January 17, 2018 at the K C Hall.

Thank you Sir Knights of the Honor Guard that helped out with the Blue Mass in November. (John Schmidt, James Matise, Al Wussler, Mike Ransom, Kevin Joyce) As always the Honor Guard was looking Sharp.

The new 4th Degree uniform from the Knights Gear store is still 25% of the price until November 30, 2017. I'm not sure if they will run another sale, but if they do I will let you know.

To all my Brother Knights I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Damian Hall
Faithful Navigator