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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 Matisse. 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.matisse@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	Vacant
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	Vacant
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 the theme on Family Night on January 24th at the KC Hall as **“Mexican Food and Salads”**. The Blessing will be at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow. Your friends and family members are all welcome to attend.

Meeting Night

The monthly business meeting will be held on January 10th 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 staff of *The Little School with a Big Heart* would like to express their sincere gratitude for the Christmas bonuses and 'goodies' from the knights and the auxiliary. Special "thank you" to Terry Davis (you're the best). Principal Victor Gonzales will go on a speaking tour of all the area churches in 2018 to solicit students for the school and volunteers for the thrift store. Mass is on Thursdays (10 am) at the school. Please try to attend in 2018 or to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering at FJBH, please call the school for more information @ 437-7821. We need help at the Thrift Store, please call 434-5450. Please pray for an increase in enrollment at "The Little School with a Big Heart". Our sincere thanks to those who serve on the Father James B. Hay School Board. May God forever bless your work!

Special Olympics:

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

Culture of Life:

The Pro-Life Couple for December are Jimmy and Linda Villabisencio.

We pray all had a Merry & Blessed Christmas. As the birth of Christ brought new life, let us remember those who struggle with decisions about abortion, suicides, and euthanasia. For 2018 let us resolve to continue to fight and pray for an end to abortions while we pray for young parents and single mothers to make spiritual choices for their children: born and unborn.

Pray for the soul of Brother David Marcus. Viva Jesus!

Freddie & Donna Pacheco

This Month's Birthday Wishes

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

January

Benitez, Abraham
Diederich, Frederick
Duryea, Bud
Flores, Gregory
Gage, Robert
Gilchrist, Melvin
Gustavo, Barraza Sr.
Hanway, Robert
Hoffman, Thomas
Kaminski, Fr. Stanley
Korch, Bernard
Kosiak, Jon
Reuss, Michael
Rock, Bill
Wiley, Jerold

Up Coming Events

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 the Family and Friends of David Marcus, who passed away in December and to all the Brother Knights and families who are in poor health or having surgery especially Cyndi Bills, Linda Villabisencio, Juanita Cooley, Donna Pacheco, Mary Lou Gomez, Cathy Duryea, Grace Filips, Pete Esquibel, Bud Alexander, Thomas Moore, Pablo Montoya, Charlie Gonzales, and Melvin Gilchrist.

Knight of the Month

The Knight for December is Jorge Garcia-Gonzalez.

The Lady for December is Mary Jane Joyner.

The Family for December is Matthew & Desrie Mancuso. Please congratulate them when you see them.



Fr Hay Christmas Donation

The Council made a Christmas Donation to the teachers and staff at Fr. Hay School on December 15th. We would like to thank Terry Davis for making a Christmas Basket for all the teachers and staff. Everyone at the school was very excited to receive these gifts.

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.

Membership

If you know an eligible Catholic gentleman, please invite him to become a Brother Knight. If you need a form 100 please call Kevin Joyce at 575-491-1070 (Grand Knight) or ask any of the officers



Fr Hay Extravaganza

The Christmas fundraiser for Fr. Hay School was December 2nd at the school. This event included silent auctions, pancake breakfast and pictures with Santa. The Knights were there early to help out & cook the pancakes.

KC Hall Rentals (these dates are reserved)

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)

A Very Happy New Year to all our Knights and Ladies. I want to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Juanita Cooley for hosting our Christmas Party, everyone had a great time and the food was plentiful and delicious. Our next meeting will be at 6:00 PM on January 3rd at Donna's house, 907 Crouch Drive. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Our next Pancake Breakfast will be at ICC on January 28th 2018 at 8:00 AM. Rest in Peace David Marcus, you will be greatly missed. Respectfully submitted.

Mary Jane Joyner

President

Words from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights and your families,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. Always remembering the mission of our council and our Church is to “Love Others as Christ Loves You!” which is all about recognizing the face of God by looking into the eyes of our brothers and sisters. Our mission indeed is “to give a drop of life”, to give hope!

This Christmas Season has tested us with the recent loss of SK David Marcus. I wish to express the Council’s deepest condolences to his sisters and friends. It is sometime hard to accept a loss, but David is with Our Savior and reaping the Love and Grace he worked so hard to show others. Rest in Peace my Brother Knight and friend, I encourage all Knights to pray the Rosary with intentions for David. The Council must now start the task of finding a replacement officer for the Secretary/Treasurer Position. It is critical to find a person who can dedicate the time and have the organizational skills to quickly get the Council back on its financial feet. This means that membership dues letters may be delayed until mid-January, please make your payment as soon as you receive your dues letter and verify or make corrections to your current address / phone / e-mail information.

For the month of January, remember we will need assistance for the Free Throw Contest at the Boys and Girls Club Alamogordo, more information to follow. May God keep you all safe and bless you and your families with prosperity and health during this New Year 2018.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey! Your humble servant,

Kevin Joyce,
Grand Knight



Assembly 0689

WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Sir Knights,

Happy New Year to you and your family. Each New Year brings us two things, closure and renewal; as it approaches let us take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, to remember Brother Knights, family and friends that have been called home to be with our Lord. In Christ, we are reborn. I would like to encourage each of you to take every day this year to rejoice in the Lord and thank Him for the grace and mercy He has bestowed on us.

As you may have heard by now, David Marcus passed away. As soon as funeral information has been received. It will be announced.

Attention all 3rd degree Knights: there will be a 4th degree Patriotic Exemplification in Los Alamos February 17th, 2018. Please pass on the word.

Dues are now coming due. Please bring your check book to the next meeting and pay them before notices go out.

Join us January 17th, 2018 at the K of C Hall for our next meeting.

Damian Hall