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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	David Pacheco
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 March 28th at the KC Hall as **“Italian 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 March 14th at 7:00 PM. The Officers and Degree Team will need to arrive by 6:30 PM to prepare for the 1st Degree and Meeting to be held that night.

Fr Hay School News

Principal Victor Gonzales sent a letter to all the area churches in January 2018 soliciting students for the school and volunteers for the thrift store. Volunteers are needed for the 'Enchilada' fundraiser on March 16. Mass at the school is on Thursdays (10 am), please join us. 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). The 'Tootsie Roll' drive to sponsor Special Olympics is April 7. We will meet at Wal-Mart parking lot for assignments. Year-round events for Special Olympics Otero County (SOOC) are for March: Bowling (practice @ Holloman) and Athletics (Track & Field) & Bocce; August are swimming, & softball. Our other fundraiser is the "Tournament in the Clouds" (golf) on June 9, 2018. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Freddie Pacheco @ 491-3416.

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

Dues Notices

If you did not receive a **Council dues notice** please contact Levi Wirta (Treasurer) @ 575-439-6212.

If you did not receive an **Assembly dues notice** contact Ken Davis (Comptroller) @ 575-430-6416.

KC Hall Rentals (these dates are reserved)

Mar 10 / Birthday
Apr 21 / Birthday
Apr 28 / Anniversary
May 20 / Bacc. Luncheon
Jul 14 / Retirement
Oct 13 / Wedding

This Month's Birthday Wishes

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

March

Burling, James
Diller, Scott
Flores, Luis
Gallegos, Lucas
Lacey, Steven
Montoya, Pablo

Up Coming Events

Mar 9 / Fish Fry @ HAFB / 4:00 PM
Mar 10 / 4th Exemp @ Las Cruces
Mar 14 / 1st Degree @ KC Hall / 7:00 PM
Mar 16 / Ench @ ICC all day
Mar 25 / Pancakes @ ICC / 8:00 AM
Apr 7 / Tootsie Rolls @ Walmart / 9:00 AM
Apr 22 / Pancakes @ HAFB / 8:00 AM
Apr 29 / Corp. Comm. @ Cloudcroft / 9:00 AM

The Good of the Order

We offer our prayers to the Family & Friends of Paul Mancuso who lost their son Nick and 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 February is Bud Duryea.

The Lady for February is Mary Jane Joyner.

The Family for February is Ken & Terry Davis. 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 Kevin Joyce at 575-491-1070 (Grand Knight) or ask any of the officers

Culture of Life:

The Pro-Life Couple for February are James and Jana Matise.

The January issue of COLUMBIA is dedicated to pro-life and in it is an article on the Catholic Man of the Month - St. Gerard Majella (1726-1755) who is a patron of expectant mothers, unborn children and the pro-life movement. Prayer, my brother knights, is why Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a vocal advocate of abortion, and Norma McCorvey, aka "Jane Roe" converted to Catholicism. Dr. Nathanson once wrote, "I am deeply troubled by my own certainty that I had in fact presided over 60,000 deaths". This article The Converts of Roe v. Wade and many more are in the Columbia. Pray a rosary for life to end abortion and for respect for all human life. Knights, 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. Viva Jesus!

Freddie & Donna Pacheco

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

Enchilada Fundraiser

The annual enchilada fundraiser for Fr. Hay School will be held at ICC on March 16th. The pre-cooking and prep work will be held in the Parrish Hall at ICC on March 12 – 15 from 8:00 – 5:00 PM. They are in need of kitchen help and delivery drivers on Friday March 16 for the lunch rush. Contact Fr Hay or ICC if you are able to assist with this event.

District Free Throw Winners

The District Free Throw Contest was held at the Boys & Girls Club on January 25, 2018. We wish them the best of luck at the State Free Throw on March 17th at Bernalillo, NM.

Sopapilla Fundraiser

The Council is looking into another Sopapilla Fundraiser this year. At this time we are not sure if we are going to do a one day event at ICC or try and work at the Otero County Fair. Before we make a decision on this we need the Brother Knights to step up and make a commitment to assist with this project. This event is a lot of work and it takes all of us to make it happen. Let me know if you are available to help out. Call Ken Davis @ 575-430-6416 and let me know.

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2015-2016

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

Donna Pacheco (Treasurer) Terry Davis (Secretary)

The next ladies meeting will be March 7th at 6:00 PM at the home of Donna Pacheco, 907 Crouch Dr. at this meeting the Scholarship forms will be reviewed and distributed to all the churches by April 2, 2018. Our next pancake breakfast will be at ICC on March 25th starting at 8:00 AM. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Joyner
President

Words from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As we have entered the holy season of Lent and are preparing for Easter, let us encourage and support our brother knights and their families who are suffering. Let us continue to remember the Mancuso family in our prayers and Nick Mancuso who was returned to the Lord's loving arms.

[Our council has planned a Lenten fish fry event at St. Joseph on 9 March at 4:00 PM — this event provides an opportunity for hospitable encounter for evangelization and allow families to get together and support the building up of the domestic church.](#) Anybody who can help out during this activity will be greatly appreciated.

It is also my honor to announce that David Pacheco has been appointed by Supreme as our council's Financial Secretary. I thank him personally and so does the whole council for stepping up to this demanding position. I also wish to thank our Deputy Grand Knight Tony Herrera for his continued leadership during my absent for the past month. As I conclude with my words for this month, I recently read a paper from Pope Francis' who presented a challenge to us all, "I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities". Can we answer the challenge? Yes, we will. Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Your humble servant,

Kevin Joyce
Grand Knight



Assembly 0689

WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Worthy Sir Knights,

We have entered into Lent and let us rejoice to what is a somber and sorrowful season that our Lord and Savior was placed on the cross for our sins. Through his love for us he overcame death and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father welcoming us home. Lent is 40 days of fasting, charity (alms-giving) and prayer, then let us remember that this is also a Knights mission every day. There will be a 4th Degree in Las Cruces on March 10, 2018 this event is all day, cost is \$70 and there is paperwork to be filled out. If any third-degree members would like to go, give me a call this week, my cell number is 520-444-3143. I need to have the paperwork filled out and turned in by March 4, 2018.

I would like to say thank you to Freddie and the Color Guard for being present at David Marcus's funeral. We are looking for someone to be the Color Core Commander. Freddie is willing to share his expertise & pass on his knowledge.

The Assembly needs a Faithful Purser with the passing of David Marcus, this officer position requires you to handle money and keep detailed records if you're interested please call me. I look forward to seeing all the assembly members at our next business meeting on March 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall.

Damian Hall
Faithful Navigator