

**Alamogordo  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. MARY'S COUNCIL 3355  
and ASSEMBLY 0689  
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**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS IN ALAMOGORDO**



**Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent**

As of September 1, 2015 our new **Insurance Field Agent for the Southeast region** is James Matise. 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.matise@kofc.org](mailto:james.matise@kofc.org) for more information.

**ST. Mary's Council 3355**

**Officers for the year 2021-2022**

Grand Knight	Jack Vilardi
Deputy Grand Knight	Bud Duryea
Chaplain	Fr Emanuel Stephen
Program Director	Bud Duryea
Chancellor	Patrick McQuail
Financial Secretary	Thomas Ferenczhalmy
3 Year Trustee	Bud Duryea
2 Year Trustee	Kevin Joyce
1 Year Trustee	Paul Mancuso
Warden	Luis Salinas
Advocate	Kevin Joyce
Recorder	Alfredo Pacheco
Treasurer	Anthony Herrera
Inside Guard	Matthew Mancuso
Outside Guard	Victor Gonzales
Lector	Alfredo Pacheco

**Assembly 0689**

**Fourth Degree Officers 2021-2022**

Faithful Navigator	Gary Stevens
Faithful Friar	Pete Schumacher
Faithful Captain	Anthony Herrera
Faithful Pilot	Levi Wirta
Faithful Comptroller	Damian Hall
Faithful Purser	Ken Davis
Outer Sentinel	Ramon Garcia
Inner Sentinel	Carlos Pacheco
Faithful Scribe	David Gonzales
Faithful Admiral	Bud Duryea
3 Year Trustee	Mike Ransom
2 Year Trustee	Kevin Joyce
1 Year Trustee	Alfredo Pacheco

**Pot Luck Gathering**

The Grand Knight has chosen the theme on Family Night on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the KC Hall as **“anything you want to bring”**. 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 August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall. We will be doing social distancing and require everyone to wear a face mask to keep everyone safe. For more information call Jack Vilardi @ 206 430 0804.

### **St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School News**

School begins on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be having an “open house” on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

Thank you Brother Knights for all you do for the school.

The Thrift Store is currently OPEN for business. The hours are Mon-Fri 10 AM-5 PM, Sat 10 AM-3 PM. We are always looking for volunteers at the school and thrift shop. If you can help call 575-437-7821 or visit our website at [www.stfccatholic.org](http://www.stfccatholic.org) for more information.

### **Special Olympics:**

Shawna Thomas is the new local coordinator. All events and meetings have been cancelled due to the Corona Virus. Shawna is recruiting athletes and volunteers for the coming season. If you know someone interested in playing or coaching please contact Brother Freddie Pacheco @ 575-491-3416. Thank you, Knights of Columbus for your support and prayers.

### **Color Corp Commander**

Kevin Joyce is stepping down as the Assembly Color Corp Commander and is looking for a replacement. If you are interested in this position call Kevin @ 575-491-1070 and let him know. They are also looking for more members who have the new regalia to join the Color Corp.

### **Membership Concerns**

If you have questions on membership or billing on your **Council Statement** contact:

St Mary's Council 3355 Financial Secretary:

Tom Ferenczhalmy

e-mail [KofCFS3355@gmail.com](mailto:KofCFS3355@gmail.com)

call or tex 575-921-8958

For questions on your **Assembly Statement** contact:

St Mary's Assembly 0689 Faithful Comptroller:

Damian Hall

e-mail [dmanhall1969@outlook.com](mailto:dmanhall1969@outlook.com)

call or tex 520-444-1343

### **This Month's Birthday Wishes**

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

#### **August**

Campbell, Charles

Chacon, Nick

Garcia, Anthony

Guzman Jr, Jose

Kinnick, Jason

Martinez, Ernest

Matta, Steve

Montoya, James

Morales, Donald

O'Donnell, Timothy

Pacheco, Carlos

Silva Jr, Edward

#### **Up Coming Events**

Aug 11 / Council Meeting @ KC Hall / 7:00 PM

Aug 18 / Assembly Meeting @ St Jude / 7:00 PM

Aug 25 / Family Night @ KC Hall / 6:30 PM

#### **The Good of the Order**

We offer our prayers to all the Brother Knights and families who are in poor health or having surgery. Please keep Fr Tom Hoffman, Cyndi Bills, Linda & Jimmy Villabiscencio, Juanita Cooley, Mary Lou Gomez, Cathy Duryea, Grace Filips, Pete Esquibel, Bud Alexander, David Seenauth, Ben Placencio, Damien Hall's Son, and Mike Ransom in your prayers.

#### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight for July is Patrick McQuail.

The Lady for July is Alecia Mancuso.

The Family for July is Paul & Alecia Mancuso.

Please congratulate them when you see them.

#### **Helping Out**

During this trying times it is important to take care of yourself, your family, friends and the elderly people you know. Call people and check on them and ask if they need any supplies or food. We must all work together if we are to survive this. If you are unable to assist and need help call Bud Duryea @ 575-202-7020 on any brother knight.

### **Fund Raising Event**

With everything opening up again the kid's sports will resume. We have plans to sell food at the soccer fields on Lavell Rd. for the Saturday morning games. This will be from September thru November. If you are able to help call Bud Duryea @ 575-202-7020 and let him know.

### **KC Hall Rentals (these dates are reserved)**

Aug 14 / Birthday  
Aug 28 / Birthday  
Sep 4 / Birthday  
Oct 2 / Wedding  
Nov 6 / Birthday  
Nov 13 / Wedding  
Nov 25 / Memorial

### **KC Hall Repairs**

Thank you to Patrick McQuail for stepping up to do the KC Hall repairs. I also want to thank all the Knights who came out to clean & service the coolers at the hall.

### **Cooler Donation**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to MGS Refrigeration for the donation of a swamp cooler & installing it at the KC Hall. It sure makes a big difference in the building.

### **Meeting Room**

Ever since the Otero County Fair tore down our booth at the mid-way the Meeting Room at the KC Hall has become a catch all.

Patrick has organized it and we have gotten rid of the metal tables & extra sink. If you have anything stored in this room call Patrick (602-402-1740) or Ken (575-430-6416) to get your items back. We are still missing the small floor buffer. Call Ken & he will pick it up.

### **Insurance Seminar**

If you missed the seminar and want more information you can contact our local agent James Matisse @ 575-430-5257.



### **Family Night**

We were finally able to have a family night at the KC Hall. Sure was great to see everyone together and having a good time. Thanks for all the great food & desserts.

### **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](mailto:ken-dawg51@hotmail.com)

### **Hall Clean up**

If you are looking for something to do during the summer you can help clean up around the outside of the Knights of Columbus Building located at 16 KC Road. Now would be the time since we only have a few rentals scheduled from now until the fall. If you have questions call Ken Davis @ 575-430-6416.

### **Apple Festival**

We have been asked to sell food at the upcoming Apple Festival in October this year. Bud Duryea will be in charge of this event and is looking for more help to make this happen. Call Bud if you can help out.

## Words from the Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

As we continue to restore the council to pre-pandemic normalcy we should also be looking to make it even stronger and more capable of accomplishing the mission of the Knights. To do this, I would like to suggest placing an emphasis on “*Three Ships*” ---

**Membership.** We have several dedicated men in our council who have faithfully done most of the heavy lifting for a long time. This year, we should make a concerted effort to bolster our numbers. Many hands make light work. The more new faces we get, the less duties our long-standing members will need to bear. We can each do this by engaging with new parishioners one-on-one, or maybe reaching out to brother Knights who’ve not participated in a while. Consider saying a few words during announcements at mass. Please bring all your ideas for recruitment events to the next meeting (food always seems to draw interest).

**Fellowship.** While doing God’s work it is important to appreciate the company of good, like-minded Catholic brother Knights. For over a year, COVID robbed our community of this vital interpersonal connection. The damage to mental health throughout society has been wide spread and significant. We need to bring fellowship back in ways that will be enjoyable for our members as well as their families. It was wonderful sharing some food and camaraderie immediately following July’s Council meeting...and look forward to doing it again in August.

**Stewardship.** Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as, “The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” As we bring in new members and begin socializing again we should also look at the current state of our council...and where we see it going in the future. Are we using our manpower and financial resources to the best of our abilities? What can we do better for our parishes, our community, and the good of the order?

It is an honor to serve as the Grand Knight for this upcoming year and look forward to getting to know you all better.

Thank you for all you do,

Jack Vilardi  
Grand Knight

## **WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

Worthy Sir Knights

Our next business meeting will be August 18 a Social at 6:30 PM. The Social location has yet to be selected. I have one location, but they are limiting us to 25 people, and I don't want to turn anyone away. I will send an email once I get a final decision.

I ask that all Sir Knights pray for the rights of the unborn.

Our monthly meeting was held July 21 and had a fair turnout. We discussed the coming year, and I had some good inputs.

With the state opening up again. We are going to be task for the Knights in Regalia. Please anyone that has the new regalia please contact me at [gstevens1957@gmail.com](mailto:gstevens1957@gmail.com) or 575-921-1839.

Vivat Jesu! Viva Cristo Rey!

Gary Stevens  
Faithful Navigator