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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](mailto:james.matisse@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 Ferenczhalmay
3 Year Trustee	Levi Wirta
2 Year Trustee	David Pacheco
1 Year Trustee	Paul Mancuso
Warden	Alfredo Pacheco
Advocate	Kevin Joyce
Recorder	Tim Brooks
Treasurer	Anthony Herrera
Inside Guard	Matthew Mancuso
Outside Guard	Victor Gonzales
Lector	Alfredo Pacheco

**Pot Luck Gathering**

The Grand Knight has chosen "Soup & Salads" as the theme for the Family Night on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the KC Hall. The meal starts at 6:30 PM all members and their family are welcome.

**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

**Meeting Night**

The monthly business meeting will be held on January 12<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**

Up Coming events for December:

Dec 6 / Pizza 9 fundraiser

Dec 11 / Santa's Workshop 1 – 4:00 PM @ School

Dec 16 / Christmas Concert 6 -7:30 PM @ Flickinger

Dec 16 / Toys for Tots deadline @ School

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**

Jack Vilardi has stepped up as the Assembly Color Corp Commander. He is 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:

#### **January**

Benitez, Abraham

Barraza, Gustavo, Sr.

Barraza, Gustavo F.

Diederich, Frederick

Duryea, Bud

Flores, Gregory

Gonzales, Manuel

Hanway, Robert

Hoffman, Thomas

Kaminski, Fr. Stanley

Korch, Bernard

Kosiak, Jon

Mizerka, John

Nwosu, Raphael

Reuss, Michael

Rock, Bill

Salinas, Luis

Wiley, Jerold

### **Up Coming Events**

Jan 12 / Council Meeting @ KC Hall / 7 :00 PM

Jan 14 / Free throw @ Boys & Girls Club / 4:00 PM

Jan 19 / Assembly Meeting @ St Jude / 7:00 PM

Jan 26 / Family Night @ KC Hall / 6:30 PM

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

We offer our prayers to the family & friends of Gerald Kassler who passed and all the Brother Knights and families who are in poor health or having surgery. Please keep Fr Tom Hoffman, Lori Herrera, Linda & Jimmy Villabisencio, 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 December is Tony Herrera.

The Lady for December is Terry Davis.

The Family for December is Paul & Alecia Mancuso.

Please congratulate them when you see them.



### Wine Pull

There was a wine pull fundraising event at the ICC Parrish Hall on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8:30 PM. This was the first time for this event and it was a huge success. Pictured are Paul Mancuso & Jack Vilardi (GK). Thanks to all who sold tickets and helped out.



### Spaghetti

The spaghetti dinner fundraiser was at ICC on December 10<sup>th</sup> the meal include spaghetti, garlic bread & salad and the cost was \$7.00 per plate. You could dine in or carry out your order. Thanks to all the Knights and Family members who helped with this event.

### 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.



### St Francis Cabrini Christmas Party

The school held a Christmas pot luck dinner and gift exchange at the KC Hall on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Pictured are Teachers, Staff, Volunteers and KC Members. St Mary & St Jude councils presented the teachers & staff with a cookie basket & Christmas gift.

### Free Throw Contest

Our regional free throw contest will be held at the Boy's and Girl's Club in Alamogordo on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The District free throw will also be held at the Boy's and Girl's Club in Alamogordo on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM with a hot dog lunch to follow. POC for these events is Tony Herrera @ 575-442-6886. We will be needing help on this.

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

Jan 22 / Quincenera

Apr 23/ Birthday

Jun 4 / Birthday

### 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)

### **Words from the Grand Knight**

Greetings, Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is enjoying a joyous Christmas season. With all of the struggles we face in these difficult times, it can be easy to forget to be thankful for all of the blessings in our lives.

“Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the divine choosing to become one of us. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.”

- USCCB

Thank you to all of the Knights and family members who supported the highly successful Spaghetti dinner and Wine Pull event as well as the pancake breakfasts. It is wonderful being able to conduct a wider variety of fund-raising events as COVID restrictions become less of a burden. Several brother Knights also had the opportunity to serve smoked brisket and other delicious homemade food as we wished Deacon Pete Schumacher's the best at his retirement dinner.

We all know how important new members are to the Council. As Knights, each member has a part in controlling our destiny for membership growth. I urge each of you to accept the responsibility to recruit a new member. Your Catholic friends, neighbors, family and co-workers are all prospective members. And it is now easier than ever - you don't even have to carry a Form 100. Online membership is still available through [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org).

May the joy of Christmas and the peace, which the birth of the Savior brings into the world, be in your hearts forever – Pope St. John Paul II

God Bless the United States of America.

Jack Vilardi  
Grand Knight

### **WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

Worthy Sir Knights

Our next business meeting will be January 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the St Jude's life Center. I ask that all Sir Knights pray for the rights of the unborn.

We are in the need to honor guard with the new Regalia. Right now, we are down to four members with the new Regalia. Both St Mary's Council and St Jude's council donated \$25 per staff members for St Francis School Staff for a Christmas gift. We have scheduled January 14, 2022 at 4:00 PM for the annual Free Throw contest at The Boys & Girls Club in Alamogordo. This is a fun event to support. Please put it on your calendar.

This is the season for giving. Enjoy your family but don't forget the less fortunate either by volunteering or donations. With the state opening 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