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The risen Christ is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Aloysius Church in Great Neck, N.Y. (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

Vivat Jesus!

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State Deputy Bernard Ela

April 2024

My Dear Brother Knights:

EASTER SEASON

When I was growing up, I thought Easter was just one day. However, in our Church's wisdom—and she's a lot smarter than me—*"The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one great Sunday."* I guess I was half-way correct, but I wouldn't give myself too much credit.

The bottom line is… He is risen! He is risen indeed!

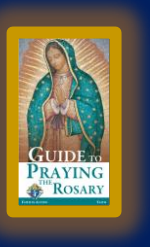
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It's my pleasure to announce that Bishop James Wall from the Gallup Diocese will be joining us at this year's convention. In light of the USCCB's Eucharistic Revival initiative, Bishop Wall has written an apostolic exhortation on the Eucharist. You can read it here: Bishop's Book – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Gallup. On the day Patrick Kelly was installed as our Supreme Knight, he spoke of our calling to be *Knights of the Eucharist.*

I look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate together at our annual State Convention, kicking off with our inaugural golf tournament on Thursday, 2 May 2024. Please see the attached registration. Contact State Secretary Anthony Salazar (statesecretary13@gmail.com) for details.

Vivat Jesus and Viva Cristo Rey!
Bernard Ela









You can play a key role in advancing Father McGivney's cause by joining the Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization.

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May Father McGivney intercede for you!

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State Secretary Anthony Salazar

April 2023

My Brothers all, as we are nearing the end of this Fraternal Year, I would like to remind all brother Knights that we are Knights of Evangelization and it is our duty to bring forth the word of God.

A huge thank you to all those councils out there that have implemented the COR program this year, there are some great things going on around the state.

We have had a very productive month as far as recruiting and church drives are concerned, I ask that you continue with this trend as there is still a lot of work to be done in membership additionally, we also have a lot of work to be done as far as safe environment, fraternal benefit events and getting all necessary forms submitted.

Should you need assistance please reach out to your District Deputy or your state program director. Hopefully, some have begun to work on your SP-7s.

Anthony Salazar
State Secretary NMSC
Membership Director NMSC



State Treasurer Clinton "CJ" Deeley

Hello Brother Knights!

I pray that you and your families are well.

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior has Risen!

Let us celebrate our Faith by supporting the Re-Evangelization of the Universal Church! Host Rosaries, have COR meetings with Men in the Parish. Help your Parish Priest out with a project that can get the Brothers active and support a common cause. This is just a few ways to get your Council active. Include all Brothers and men of the Parish the information. Take a moment at the end of Mass to promote it!

As a reminder, Council Per Capita and optional Lockton Infinity Liability payment were sent to All Councils, please take care of this obligation that is based off your Council's membership. This year, as a reminder, the State Council last year voted to increase the Per Capita to $9 per Council member. ARTICLE III of the NMSC By-Laws, Finances and Assessments gives further detail to these requirements. Checkout the NMSC website for a copy of the State By-Laws and Directives. Here is the link for your convenience: http://www.nmkofc.org/nm-state-directories/ . This is a password protected area. Get with you District Deputies to get the password.

We are down to our last couple of months in this Fraternal Year. Please keep striving as Councils in recruiting practical Catholic men that are 18 years or older. I firmly believe we as Knights have something to offer men in the Catholic faith. If the man is right, he is a better Catholic, Husband and Father! If we as Knights can help in any part of that, then, we as Knights, are doing our job to help evangelize in the Catholic Faith. Checkout some of these new social media posters that can assist you. These and other media are available at Kofc.org in the Member Management area under the Supplies application.

Lastly, to get you to Star Council, please turn in the Councils 185, 365, 1791 and Audits and complete the required Youth Protection Training for the required Officers. Let us help you "Get the Red Out" of your Councils!

If there is something I can help your Council with, please don't hesitate to contact me at NMSCTreasurer23-24@outlook.com

Pray the Rosary and recite the St Michael the Archangel and Blessed Michael McGivney prayers daily!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

CJ

Clinton Deeley

NMSC Treasurer

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State Advocate Eric Kirby

Worthy Brothers of the Great State of New Mexico,

We are entering an exciting time for the Knights of Columbus in New Mexico. The deadline for resolutions has passed and we have a great slate of officers for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. I would like to send my gratitude and respect to all who are running and for the dedication in time, travel and experience that it will take to keep our fraternal order moving forward. We would not be the origination without your sacrifices. The individual resolution will be posted below.

State officer Candidates are as follows:

- State Deputy- Anthony Salazar
- State Secretary- Clinton "CJ" Deeley
- State Treasurer- Eric Kirby
- State Advocate- Stephen M. Torres
- State Advocate Frank Velasquez
- State Warden- Christopher David
- State Warden- Lorenz Krassnitzer

Resolutions:

- Increase in Council Per-Capita Assessment.
- For the recognition of a Motorcycle-Based program that supports the efforts, action, and programs of the Knights of Columbus.

In your Service,

Viva Cristo Rey

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A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE BROTHER ANTHONY SALAZAR AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE DEPUTY NEW MEXICO JURISDICTION

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar joined the Knights of Columbus in 2010 as a Charter member of Espiritu Santo council # 15183 in Albuquerque Where he served as Grand Knight for 2 years from 2010-2012 and

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar became a 4th Degree member Oct 2010 for Fr. A.M. Mandalari Assembly 0682 in Albuquerque and served as the Faithful Navigator for Fraternal Year 2018 - 2020 and

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar served as the Grand Knight Archbishop Lamy Council # 4227 in Albuquerque for Fraternal Years 2018 - 2020 and

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar served as the State Warden for 2020-2022, State Treasurer 2022-2023, District Deputy 2023-2024 and is the current State Secretary for fraternal years 2023-2024.

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar has served as Membership Director for Central New Mexico 2020-2022 and is the current State Membership Director for fraternal years 2022-2024 and

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar was an elected Representative to the 2019 Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the 2020 and 2021 Virtual Supreme Conventions, the 2022 Supreme Convention in Nashville Tennessee, and the 2023 Supreme Convention in Orlando Florida and

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar was a member of the 4th Degree Exemplification team and served as the team captain for fraternal years 2018-2023 and

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar currently serves as Archbishop Lamy Council 4227 Membership Director and Admiral for Mandalari Assembly 0682 for fraternal years 2020-2024 and

WHEREAS, Brother Anthony Salazar is a member of Holy Ghost Parish in Albuquerque where he has served on the Finance committee, has served as Sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion, taught RCIA, is the past President for St. Vincent De Paul for Holy Ghost Church and where he and his wife Luana were Recipients of the 2012 St Francis of Assisi award and

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar was also a committee member of the Annual Rosary Rally where he and his wife oversaw the Living Rosary for 11 years and

WHEREAS Brother Anthony Salazar was a member of the United States Army for 7 years and was a recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, and 5 Army Achievement Medals and

WHEREAS, Brother Anthony Salazar has been married to his wife Luana for 41 years, have 3 sons and, 16 Grandchildren

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Archbishop Lamy Council # 4227 of the Knights of Columbus unanimously endorses Brother Anthony Salazar to the office of State Deputy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Archbishop Lamy Council # 4227 respectfully solicits the support of Councils Statewide for Brother Anthony's candidacy.

Adopted at the regular meeting of Archbishop Lamy Council on January 2, 2024

Daniel Martinez, Grand Knight

Thomas Gallegos, Financial Secretary

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Louis Smithhisler Council #9504
Cannon AFB, NM 88103

RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE

Clinton "CJ" Deeley

TO THE OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY of the NEW MEXICO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025

Whereas, Brother CJ Deeley has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 10 years, served as: Council Grand Knight for two terms earning a Star Council; Deputy Grand Knight for two years, Financial Secretary for 3 years, Assembly 1686 Faithful Scribe for two years, Faithful Pilot for one year District Marshal for 3 years, District Master for 3 years and State Advocate for one year. He is currently serving as NMSC Treasurer and currently serving as Council Lecturer.

Whereas he serves the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Community of Cannon AFB, NM as, EHMC, Lecturer, Usher, and supported previously, Chapel Finance Committee, Pastoral Advisory Council for Active-Duty Chaplain (Priests) and led the Hospitality Committee.

Whereas he served as a United States Air Force senior non-commissioned officer for 22 years, retiring in 2012 with the rank of Master Sergeant, and since then works for a company as a Task Leader with 10 Team members that provides overhead support functions for a military unit.

Whereas CJ and Trudy have been happily married for 29 years and have two adult children: first, their son Dominic, who graduated from Eastern New Mexico University and currently a Petty Officer Second Class in the U.S. Navy; and is a 3rd. Degree Knight. Also, their son Kevin, who graduated from Eastern New Mexico University and is a 4th. Degree Knight.

Whereas he is knowledgeable on the rules, regulations, by-laws, and finances of the Knights of Columbus.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that Louis Smithhisler Council 9504 unanimously endorse and present the candidacy of Brother Clinton "CJ" Deeley for the office of State Secretary of the New Mexico Knights of Columbus, and.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all New Mexico councils and the officers of the State Council as a means of advising them of our council's support.

Adopted: January 20, 2024

Attested by:

EVAN BERWICK
Grand Knight, 9504

PATRICK SCHNEIDER
Financial Secretary, 9504

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Louis Smithhisler Council #9504
Cannon AFB, NM 88103

RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE

Eric Kirby

TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER of the NEW MEXICO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025

Whereas, Brother Eric Kirby has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 8 years, served as: Knights on Bike State Program Director, Council Grand Knight for three terms earning a Star Council and three Star Council, Inside guard, outside guard, and trustee; Assembly 1686 Faithful Navigator for one-year, Faithful Pilot for 2 years and trustee for one year. He is currently serving as State Advocate, District Deputy 25 and currently serving as Council Trustee, assembly Admiral, Knights on Bikes State Program Director, and inaugural member of the Blessed Michael McGivney Leadership Program.

Whereas he serves the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Community of Cannon AFB, NM as EHMC, Lecturer, Usher, and Religious Education Coordinator, and supported previously, Chapel Finance Committee, Pastoral Advisory Council for Active-Duty Chaplain (Priests).

Whereas Eric and Elizabeth have been happily married for 17 years.

Whereas Eric has led the Knights on Bikes program for the last 4 years, held the position as Santa Fe Archdiocese VP for two years. During those 4 years, he led the process to becoming a State Program in New Mexico. Currently, he serves as KonB USA Mountain time zone VP and is working with Supreme to get KonB USA recognized as a Supreme program.

Whereas he is knowledgeable on the rules, regulations, by-laws, and finances of the Knights of Columbus.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that Louis Smithhisler Council 9504 unanimously endorse and present the candidacy of Brother Eric Kirby for the office of State Treasurer of the New Mexico Knights of Columbus, and.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all New Mexico councils and the officers of the State Council as a means of advising them of our council's support.

Adopted: January 20, 2024

Attested by:

Evan Berwick
Grand Knight, 9504

PATRICK SCHNEIDER
Financial Secretary, 9504

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Saint Jude Council No. 14410
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114

A RESOLUTIPN TO ENDORSE BROTHER FRANK VELASQUEZ AS CANDIDATE
FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE ADVOCATE
NEW MEXICO STATE JURISDICTION,
2024 -2025 COLUMBIAN YEAR

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez joined the knights of Columbus in 1980 as a member of Council 641 in Albuquerque where he served as Outside guard and Inside guard.

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez became a 4th Degree member of A.M. Mandalay Assembly 682 in 1981 Albuquerque, New Mexico.

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez served as District Deputy in 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico and served in this position for one and a half year.

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez served as State Warden in Albuquerque, New Mexico, during 2010 -2012, and served in this position for one and a half year.

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez served as State Advocate in Albuquerque, New Mexico during 2012 – and served in this position for half year.

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez was appointed District Master of the 4th Degree for the State of New Mexico in 2012, and served in this position for two years consecutive.

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez is member of St. Jude Council 14410 and has served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Kight, Chansler, Treasure, Warden and has held many offices as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez served as Faithful Navigator for Assembly 3186 before being appointed to District Master of New Mexico.

WHEREAS, Brother Frank Velasquez is married to Virginia, his wife of 29 years, and have between them 9 kids, 11 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in view of his service and faithful dedication to the Knights of Columbus, his Council Assembly, Church and Community, the Saint Jude Council No 14410, with great pride enthusiastically endorses Brother Frank Velasquez for the office of State Advocate for the Columbian Year 2024 -2025.
ADOPTED on the 1st day of February 2024, at the regular Business Meeting St. Jude Council No 14410, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ATTENTED BY:

John Robledo, Grand Knight

David Martinez, Financial Secretary



Knights of Columbus
Brother Mathias Barrett
Council 10560
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120



RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS Brother Stephen M. Torres continues to be an active member of the Brother Mathias Barret Council of the Knights of Columbus (No. 10560) having served as Recorder, Advocate, Financial Secretary, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight; and

WHEREAS during the two prior terms in which Brother Steve served as Grand Knight our Council was fortunate to have earned two Start Council Awards; and

WHEREAS Brother Steve has served as committee chair for several key functions in our Council including the hosting of a State Mid-Year Convention, a State Organizational Meeting numerous Blood Drives and fundraising projects; and

WHEREAS Brother Steve is also a founding member of St. Joseph the Worker Assembly (No. 3227) where he served as its first Faithful Navigator and currently serves as Faithful Scribe and remains active in Fourth Degree events including Color Corps and Honor Guards; and

WHEREAS Brother Steve is an involved member of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Parish where he presently serves as lector, eucharistic minister and previously served on both the Finance Committee and Parish Council; and

WHEREAS Brother Steve has been married to his lovely wife, Renetta for over fifty years during which they have raised three sons who all became Brother Knights and now take great pleasure in spoiling their five granddaughters; and

WHEREAS Brother Steve has led an active life of community service including:

Member of the UNM Mental Health Center Board of Trustees,
Member of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation and Ducks Unlimited ,
Albuquerque Metro and Westside YMCA Boards of Directors,
State Board of New Mexico Youth Soccer Association,
St. Joseph Hospital Medical Ethics Committee,
Governor Gary Carruthers' Health Policy Advisory Committee,

Board of Directors for the Westside National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Chairman of the New Mexico Health Lawyers Association and Health Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his dedication and service to the Church, the Council and the community, the Brother Mathias Barrett Council has twice honored Brother Steve as its Knight of the Year , and was selected 2009 District Knight of the year; and

WHEREAS Brother Steve brings over forty years of experience as an attorney, to the position of Advocate on the State Board; and

WHEREAS Brother Steve has had the honor and privilege of previously serving as State Advocate under three different State Deputies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brother Mathias Council of the Knights of Columbus (No. 10560) once again unanimously endorses Brother Steve Torres' election to the Office of State Advocate.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Council of 10560 respectfully solicits the support of councils statewide to support Brother Steve's candidacy.

Adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Brother Mathias Barret Council, No. 10560 on the 6th day of February, 2024.

STEVE TORRES
Grand Knight

KEVIN STAMBER
Financial Secretary





Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council 12282
Albuquerque NM 87121

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE BROTHER CHRISTOPHER DAVD AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN NEW MEXICO STATE JURISDCITION, COLUMBIAN YEAR 2024-2025

WHEREAS Brother Christopher David serves the Knights of Columbus New Mexico State Council as the Central Region District Deputy of which he also serves as the District Deputy for District One and

WHEREAS Brother Christopher David serves the Knights of Columbus New Mexico State Council as the online membership director since 2020 and

WHEREAS Brother Christopher David is a member of the Holy Rosary Council in Albuquerque New Mexico and

WHEREAS Brother Christopher David is a member Santo Rosario Assembly and serves as the purser since 2023 and

WHEREAS Brother Christopher David has been a Knight of Columbus for 16 years and

WHEREAS Brother Christopher David has served in the United States Airforce for 8 years and

WHEREAS Brother Christopher David is married with one son.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his council proudly endorse Brother Christopher David for the office of State Warden for the Columbian year 2024-2025, State Convention to be held in Albuquerque New Mexico.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Holy Rosary Council on Jan 3, 2024.

Bill Power Grand Knight

Ken Varroz , Financial Secretary

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE BROTHER LORENZ KRASSNITZER AS A CANIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN NEW MEXICO JURISDICTION

WHEREAS Brother Lorenz Krassnitzer joined the Knights of Columbus in March of 2007 as a ~~Charter~~ 1st member of Fr. JB Ralliere Council 9340 in Peralta, New Mexico. He got is first degree in March of 2007 and his 2nd and 3rd degree in December of 2007. Where he severed as Grand Knight from July of 2021-2023. He has also served as Deputy Grand Knight from 2015-18 and 2023-2023. He has also served as Inside and Outside Guard for one year each. He has also been the Council 9340 Recorder from 2007-2015.

WHEREAS Brother Lorenz Krassnitzer served as Program Director for 6 years. He also organizes the annual Knights of Columbus Council 9340 Turkey Bingo. He also helps with the Knights of Columbus Council 9340 Golf Tournament. He also helps with the Park and Ride at the Coronado Center Shopping Mall for the Albuquerque Ballon Festa that the Knights of Columbus Council 9340 help run for a fundraiser.

WHEREAS Brother Lorenz Krassnitzer also brought into the New Mexico Knights of Columbus its 10 thousand member for the state.

WHEREAS Brother Lorenz Krassnitzer became a 4th degree member in 2009 with Our Lady of Belen Assembly 687 where he has served as Faithful Scribe, Faithful Inner Sentinel, Faithful Pilot. He was the Faithful Navigator from 2016-2018. And how serves a 4th degree Trustee.

WHEREAS Brother Lorenz Krassnitzer is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Peralta where is on the Pastoral Council and as a Cemetery Committee Member. He has also served as Usher, Lector and Extraordinary Minster. He also a member of the San Clemente Catholic Church in Los Lunas where he was Baptized.

WHEREAS Brother Lorenz Krassnitzer is a first born American. His family were from European Dairy Farmers in Austria and Holland. His Mother is from Hollard and his father is from Austria. His father open and ran a Dairy Farm in east Los Lunas/ Peralta Area from 1963-1998 where his father retired. He also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Geology from The University of New Mexico. He also was a temp teacher at Los Lunas High School for 2000 to 2016 where taught Biology and Earth Science classes. He also runs the scoreboard for the Los Lunas High Friday night home football for 24 years and with three high school state championship games. He also a state Health Inspecter for the New Mexico Environment Department for over 9 years.

WHEREAS Brother Lorenz Krassnitzer has never been married.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fr. JB Ralliere Council 9340 of the Knight of Columbus unanimously endorses Brother Lorenz Krassnitzer to the office of State Warden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fr. JB Ralliere. Council 9340 respectfully solicits the support of Councils Statewide for Brother Lorenz's candidacy.

Adopted at the regular meeting of Fr. JB Ralliere. Council 9340 on March 13. 2024.

Tom Ward Grand Knight

Peter F. Klon Financial Secretary

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Louis Smithhisler Council #9504
Cannon AFB, NM 88103

RESOLUTION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF A MOTORCYCLE-BASED PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS, ACTION, AND PROGRAMS OF THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Whereas, many states have a Knights-centric motorcycle program, first launched in April 2005. These programs have members in most States of the USA as well as in Canada, with membership beginning to grow outside of North America. These programs support all aspects and efforts of the Knights of Columbus. As with the Knights of Columbus, the most important aspects of these motorcycle groups are service to others and charity.

Whereas the purpose of this program shall be to enjoy camaraderie with the Knights of Columbus as motorcycle riders, and to assist the Catholic Church, the Bishops of each Diocese, the Knights of Columbus, charitable organizations, individuals, and the community. Offer assistance to all through charity and the communities in which we live. To promote the principles of the Knights of Columbus and to strive to encourage faith, fellowship, and service.

Whereas These motorcycle-based groups continue to expand their efforts as Knights to include Knights of Columbus membership retention, growth, and development using motorcycle riding as a tool for these works. To further these efforts, these motorcycle programs have established Guidelines, using the constitution and by-laws of the Knights of Columbus as a template.

Whereas These motorcycle-based groups support the Silver Rose program as well as other programs under the direction of the participating State Councils *as a visible display of the Knights of Columbus.*

Whereas the State Council of New Mexico has officially recognized Knights on Bikes as a motorcycle program within the Knights of Columbus New Mexico State Council, under the direction of the State Deputy.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that Council #9504 requests that the State Council of New Mexico put forth a Knights-centric motorcycle program within the Knights of Columbus, with this program working through and in association with local Councils and the State Council.

Be it further resolved that upon acceptance and adoption of this resolution, a copy of this resolution be sent to the New Mexico State Council for adoption at the 2024 New Mexico State Convention.

Submitted by New Mexico Council #9504.

Attested by:

EVAN BERWICK
Grand Knight, 9504

PATRICK SCHNEIDER
Financial Secretary, 9504

Knights of Columbus
New Mexico State Council
"Be a Saint… bring others along"

State Deputy **State**
Chaplin Deacon Bernard L. Ela
Msgr. Doug Raun

State Officers Resolution
Increase in Council Per-Capita Assessment

WHEREAS, per section 57 of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus "State Councils are hereby given power to levy, collect and enforce such assessments upon the councils or membership in the state as they may find necessary for the defraying of their legitimate expenses." and

WHEREAS, the rate of inflation over the last twenty-four years has totaled over 72%, leading to a substantial decline in the purchasing power of the dollar, and

WHEREAS, the NMSC has sought to control costs while limiting NMSC Per Capita increases to 14% over the last twenty-four years and,

WHEREAS, the NMSC sought to initiate the Affiliate Membership Program in NM reducing council payments for delinquent members, and leading to a reduction of nearly 20% of NM's billable membership and

WHEREAS, the NMSC has experienced a multitude of rising costs, forcing the NMSC to tap into its reserve fund to meet its necessary expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the NMSC does hereby approve the increase of the Council Per-Capita Assessment from Nine Dollars ($9.00) per billable member to Ten Dollars ($10.00) per billable members, to begin with the fraternal year 2024-2025 and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, The NMSC does hereby approve, beginning in the fraternal year 2025-2026 an annual cost of living adjustment of the Council Per-Capita Assessment to match the Federal Social Security Annual Cost of Living Adjustment.

ADOPTED on the 5th day of May 2024, at the NMSC, Knight of Columbus, Annual Meeting held in Albuquerque, New Mexico

ATTESTED BY:

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Bernard Ela
State Deputy,
New Mexico State Council
Knights of Columbus

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Anthony Salazar
State Secretary,
New Mexico State Council
Knights of Columbus

State Secretary	State Treasurer	State Advocate	State Warden	Immediate PSD
Anthony Salazar	Clint Deeley	Eric Kirby	Raymond K. Chavez	Daniel S. Vigil

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Louis Smithhisler Council #9504
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Submitted by New Mexico Council #9504.

Attested by:

EVAN BERWICK
Grand Knight, 9504

PATRICK SCHNEIDER
Financial Secretary, 9504



State Membership Director Anthony Salazar

April 2024

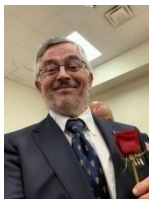
It was great to see the increase in the number of church drives and degrees going on around the state, as you bring members into your councils, Also looking at the star tracker there is still a lot of red in it if you're not sure where you stand please get with your District Deputy if he has not shared this information with you.

As of 3/24/24, we stand 62nd in the order at 54.71%, year to date we have brought in 238 new emembers and moved 200 new men into our Councils, we still need to bring in 197 men to reach our goal.

The Central Regional is at 64.00% of their membership goal, followed by the Southern Region with 45.19% and Northern Region with 35.82%, additionally, District 27 Council 15183 a council that is being reactivated has brought in 8 men placing them at 160% of their membership goal and another council being reactivated Council 15152 in Hatch is at 100% of their membership goal. We currently have 177 emembers statewide.

Congratulations to District Deputies 1 at 72% - 2 at 100% -5 at 75% - 8 at 72% - 17 at 79% - 21 at 100% and 24 at 92% of their district goals.

Anthony Salazar
State Secretary NMSC
Membership Director NMSC



State Program Director Steve Budenski

SPD April 2024

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the councils that have submitted their state awards I strongly encourage more councils to participate in the Faith in Action 4 categories by submitting their best activities. Each council is recommended to submit four activities to the state awards judging panel. These activities should serve as a source of encouragement for member Knights, especially the new recruits from the previous year. Overall, this encouragement helps to recruit new members and build a strong foundation for your council's future. Additionally, the state awards include the Family Award, Pro-life Award, Lady of the Year Award, Boy/Girl Scholarship Award, and Newsletter/Yearbook Award, which are presented at the Annual State Convention.

There have been some changes in the program department at Supreme. Drew Dillingham is now the Program Director for Supreme, with Ian overseeing Faith and Life, Jason Pro Teller in charge of Family and Community, Sam Baker as the Director for Council Program Engagement, and Anjali responsible for State Program Encouragement.

> The selection process for the Supreme award is highly impressive that even those who were not selected as winners last year will be considered again this year. The State Family submissions were exceptional last year; therefore, they will be thoroughly reviewed this year as they were very close to winning. Below is a link to the minimum requirements for the featured programs. https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10746-fia-council-requirements.pdf

In the ultrasound program, a mobile unit costs $100K, and ultrasound services are free of charge. The State of New Mexico is considering acquiring a mobile unit for the Indian Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) within the state.

The State Match Program for Coats for Kids has increased the sizes available for big kids, including XL, XXL, and XXXL. Each box of coats will ship with half of the coats (6) in small sizes. The program has a limit of shipping locations to 5. In 2022, NM received 141 boxes, which increased in 2023. To receive a free code for doubling the coat orders, interested parties need to contact the State Program Director or Deputy. Once the code is entered, the cost amount will be reduced by half.

State *"Pass the Hat"*

Councils looking for ways to participate in the ASAP program and gain 2 program credits toward the Columbian Award can reach out to their state councils regarding the "Pass the Hat" incentive. Donations made to the state council's fundraiser for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, especially during the state convention, will be matched at 25% with a cap of $10,00 per jurisdiction.

College Councils

The top ten college councils who raise the most funds for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes by the end of the fraternal year will be awarded the following funds for their general fund:

- 1st ($1,500)
- 2nd and 3rd ($1,000)
- 4th and 5th ($750)
- 6th-10th ($500)

Funds donated to PRCs and MHs will also be matched 25% with a cap of $10,000 per jurisdiction. College Councils can also work with local councils to carry out their fundraisers – so reach out to a nearby college council to help! **Click here** for the guidelines for the incentive.

Online supreme training

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on-demand after the live session. On-demand training can be found at **kofc.org/training**.

Financial Secretary

Council Payments Due - The Per Capita, Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life levies are due to the Supreme Council before April 10. Failure to pay will result in suspension of the council. A suspended council may not be seated at their state convention, nor are its members eligible to be delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting and Convention. Your council assessment bill can be found in Officers Online on the "Reports" tab,

Grand Knight

- Build a strong leadership bench by identifying future leaders of your council, empowering them to run initiatives, and mentoring them on fraternal operations.
- Complete the ***Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form*** (#11077) as soon as possible after participating in an approved seminar,
- Ask each member of your council to invite a prospect to the next council activity.

Note: All Times are Eastern

April 17, 2024, 8:00 PM	**Advertising Council Events**
April 25, 2024, 8:00 PM	**Completing the SP-7 for the Columbian Award**
April 29, 2024, 8:00 PM	**Financial Officer Training**
April 30, 2024, 8:00 PM	**State Council Officer Succession Planning**

I encourage councils to do activities in the community for whomever. Then council submits the activity on the form 10784 by four of the FIA Category. The four categories are, Faith & life, community & family. Council submission to SPD and SEA for state awards for each council. The new Member is joining the Knights to do activities and to be recognized. They're also members that do not want to be recognized for their hard work in the Knights. I say we should submit an award for hard working brother Knights in their council to get new membership.

The state awards judging was done on 24 March. The winners will be in the May newsletter and State Convention May 2-5. 2024.

God Bless! Vivat Jesus!

Steven M Budenski

SPD

Knights in Action

STATE BASKETBALL FREE-THROW -2024

On March 23, 2024 District Free-Throw winners made their way to Los Lunas, NM to the Daniel Fernandez Memorial Park for this year's State Free-Throw Competition. 24 district winners competed from around the state. 12 boys and 12 girls.

The facility was very nice and clean and the staff was very accommodating. The gym had 6 baskets and we had access to any more basketballs if we needed them. The Knights of Columbus was not charged for the facility.

The boys best shooters were Gabriel Chaves from council 14452 who shot 19 out of 25 and Izaac Chavez from council 804 who also shot 19 out of 25. This resulted in a shoot out in which Gabriel Chaves won shooting 5 out 5 to Izaac Chavez's 3 out of 5. These boys were in the 13 year old division.

The girls best shooter was Cheyenne Rose LeDoux from council 10666 who shot 18 out of 25 and was also from the 13 year old division.



STATE BASKETBALL FREE-THROW

Strong Brother-Sister Bond

Not everyone can win 1st place at the Knights of Columbus State Basketball Free Throw Championship. Eleven-year-old Sarah Williamson took 4th place in her division. However, with her loving and ever-encouraging older brother, Matthew on her side, she is bound to do great things in the future. This sibling bond is special!



Matthew is 20 years-old, majoring in Computer Engineering at UNM and is active at the UNM's Newman Center as a pianist for the choir. He won 1st place at the Knights of Columbus State Basketball Free Throw Championship several years ago and wanted Sarah to have that same wonderful experience. Sarah participated for the first time and in her first try, didn't win the event; but she is gifted in a lot of other ways.

According to her mother, Sarah was recently accepted to the inaugural 7th grade class at St Pius X for the next school year; is a competitive gymnast since age 3; plays for Albuquerque Volleyball Club; sings at the UNM Newman Center Choir; a member of the St Jude Middle School Youth group. Her mom summarized that, *"She is a practicing faith-filled young girl that truly lives out her Catholic faith."*

It sounds to me that in 6 years when she's a senior in high school, Sarah will be very competitive for the prestigious Knights of Columbus Catholic Girl of the Year award!

In a world of sibling rivalries, this sibling bond is special! Good job, Matthew and Sarah

Santa Fe Council 10517



Santa Maria de la Paz Knights of Columbus Catholic Boy of the Year and Lady Chickey Frey & DJ Brantley scholarship winner

Francesco Aimale (with his proud parents)

HATCH COUNCIL

ON THEIR WAY BACK TO BEING ACTIVE AGAIN!

With the strong support from their parish priest, **Fr. Ivan Torres**, Hatch Council #15152 invited and exemplified four men into the Order after the Sunday 12:30 Spanish Mass.



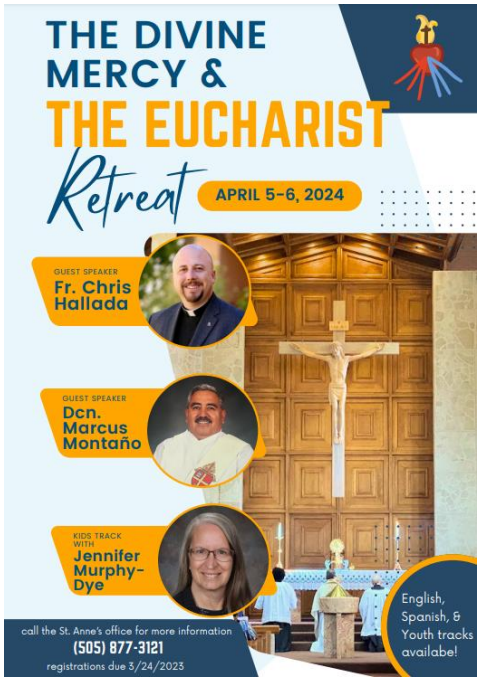
The council has met their membership quota and is one step closer transitioning from being a suspended, into an active council again. This is huge as the Knights in Hatch can once again be empowered to live out their Catholic faith to serve their families, parish, community, and country. This is a great example to all of us. As Knights, we must work closely with our parish priests and pray for them; after all, we are there to support them in saving souls!

Congratulations to Worthy State Secretary and State Membership Director SK Anthony Salazar





Grand Knight Dan Martinez presents the Supreme Recruitment Award to Worthy State Secretary and State Membership Director SK Anthony Salazar





The 15th Annual Father's Day Stewardship Prayer Vigil!

June 7 – 8, 2024

Everyone is invited. "Could you not watch with me one hour?" Mt26:40





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Schedule for the UNM Newman Center.
1815 Las Lomas Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106
(Park in the back or at Los Lomas Rd. and University Blvd/Redondo RD.)

Friday Evening, June 7
- 9:00 PM - ***Begin***: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament overnight Prayer Vigil.

Saturday (midnight), June 8
- 12:00 AM - **Scriptural Rosary**. (All four Mysteries! Join us in battle!)

Saturday Morning, June 8
- 8:25 - ***End***: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 8:30 – Mass, UNM Newman Center.
- 40 Days for Life National Campaign Rally, Men's March and prayer vigil at the abortion mill.

Stand up for those who are the most defenseless among us and show that we are humbled to be; sons, brothers, husbands & fathers. We will pray for the lives of: the strong, the weak, the healthy, the sick, the rich, the poor, the children, the old.

The Lord will renew his people. They will be his own people, and God himself will be with them, their own God. (Rev 21:3). I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. You shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. Canticle. (Ezekiel 36:24-28)

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; **therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live**, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." (Dt 30:19)





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APRIL 2024

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." (Gospel for April 28, Jn 15:8)

Have you noticed the progression in the challenges over the past months? If we recognize who Jesus truly is, we must listen to him and serve him. We have St. Joseph as a true model of that faithful service and discipleship. Now we are told that the Father is glorified through our discipleship and the fruit we bear. By being faithful disciples of Christ, may we bear much fruit and so glorify the Father.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully ask yourself if you are bearing much fruit as a disciple of Christ and then identity and undertake one way you can be more fruitful.

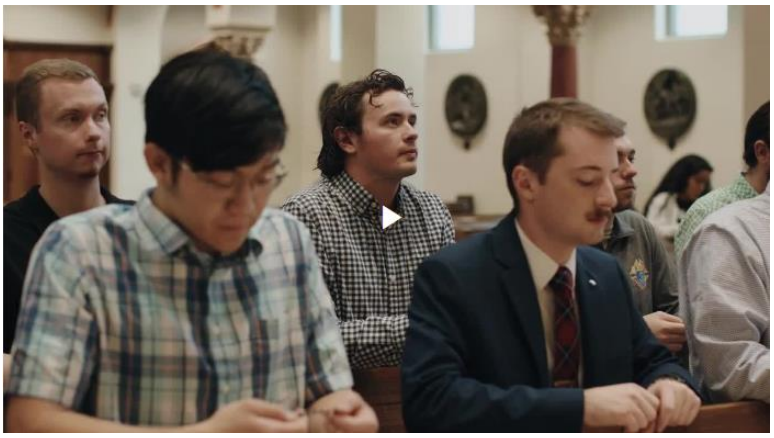
Questions for Reflection:

What fruit do you currently bear — in your marriage and family, in your relationships at work or among friends, and in the broader community? Are you mindful of the needs of those around you and the opportunities they present to bear fruit? Are there things you can do to become still more fruitful in your Christian witness?

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

What is Cor? - click on the picture below to find out



Click here to access all of the **Cor** resources on the Supreme Website.

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Fourth Degree



Master of the Fourth Degree Rudy Archibeque

April 2024

Worthy Brother Knights:

Good news, our brothers in Lovington have met all the requirements to establish a new Assembly. The new Assembly will be named in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas and l will be installing the new Officers in the near future. Well Done!!

Lady Flora and I attended the annual Brother Mathis Corned Beef and Cabbage Diner annual fundraiser held on St. Patrick's Day. This benefits the little Brothers of the Good Shepherd which was founded in 1951 by Brother Mathis. It was great to see thousands of people show up for this worthy cause.

In other 4th Degree news-

Worthy District Marshals Rodger Martinez and Michael Specht are close to establishing a new assembly in Santa Fe.

The New Mexico biannual meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 20 here in Albuquerque. I will be sending out official notifications shortly. We will be having one more Exemplification this Fraternal year, date to be announced.

God Bless and thank you for all you do.

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Brother Mathis Corned Beef and Cabbage Diner 2024







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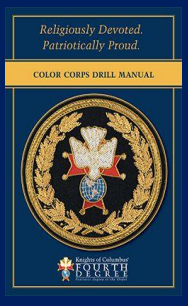
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Fourth Degree Uniform
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Color Corp Drill Manual
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From New Mexico East District Marshal Ed Martinez

April 2024

On February 25, 2024, a Corporate Communion mass was held at St. Helen's Church in Portales, New Mexico, to commemorate the 124th anniversary of the Fourth Degree. Reverend Father Francisco Carbajal, Deacon Robert Herrera, and Deacon Paul Benoit presided over the Mass.

Sir Knights from Assembly 1686, SK Sean Little, SK Shane Nicholes, Color Corp Commander SK Joe Batista, SK District Deputy Max Pino, and myself participated in the event.

The connection between the Fourth Degree and the Color Corps remains the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus as we continue to serve God, our country, and our Order.







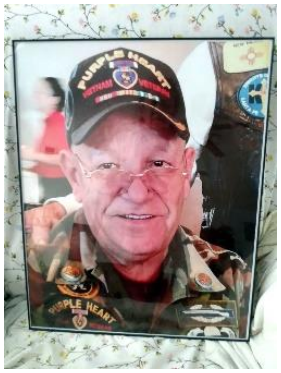


Viva Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Ed Martinez, FN Assembly 1686, District Marshal Eastern New Mexico

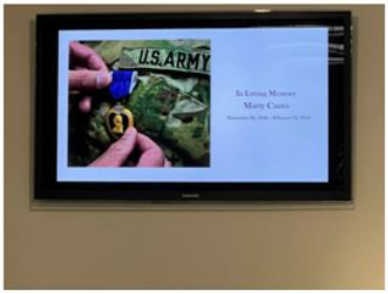
From New Mexico District Marshal Frank Melo

+Brother Sir Knight Marty Cantu
American Hero



Our final farewells to Brother SK Marty Cantu! Member of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 3309, Council 15199, Member of the 101st Airborne, Vietnam Tunnel Rats, DAV Chapter 5, Member of The Purple Hearts Association. US Army Veteran.
You will be missed Brother! AATW!
Lest We Forget!













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On March 10, 2024, representatives of the Quilts of Valor Foundation for New Mexico presented a Quilts of Valor to

SK Erwin T. Baca, W-4, United State Army, Ret,1989-2019
Council 15199 and Assembly 3309



From VAVS Representative SK Steve Budenski

VAVS April 2024

Steven M Budenski is a member of Assembly 3732 and coordinates the State VAVS Program, which involves coordinating between eight Assemblies in the state. Every month, there is a Cake and Punch event, which they organize, and I bring the serving items for cake and punch. Our Assembly has five councils - 15788, 14254, 12812, 13596, and 17601. The councils of 4th-degree members have requested the assistance of the councils from Assembly 3732 in financial fundraising and/or man-hours if needed.

I am requesting more knights and their families to volunteer in the Knights of Columbus group at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque and clinics in New Mexico. Contact Jason or Wayland at 505-256-2771 in building 53 to **donate** the items below and **apply** for volunteering at veteran's places. QR code at end of the article to direct knights on VA current needs online listing.

Contact the VA's PIV department at 505-265-1711 to obtain a new ID if you have completed fingerprinting. The Volunteer Service Department has been renamed the VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement.



L; Steve Budenski R: Kevin Stamber, Assembly 3227 for March 2024

Note: on the cake place Assembly number and Happy Birthday Veterans. A flag can be on too if not costing extra. Also, any local Assemblies or Councils wishes to help in this program contact me-505-489-1218.

Apr --3186 FN David R Martinez, (505) 220-9351, davidrmtz@hotmail.com
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Jan—1905 FN Charlie Greigo Mike Chavez 505-712-5318, NO Cake. sfsmm@msn.com. No cake.
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Facility Needs

Apply Online **Facility Needs**

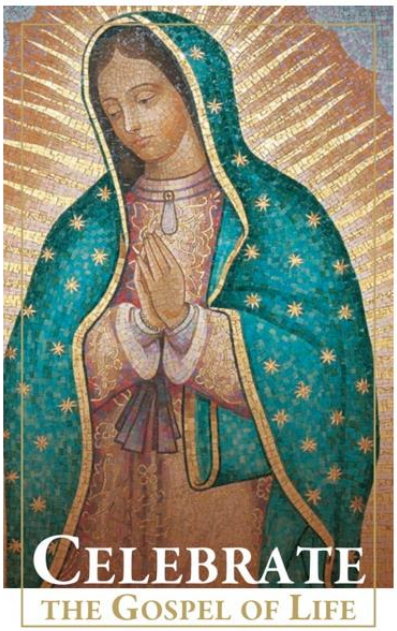
Expired VA ID cards will be extended due to the National ID Department's priorities and volunteers cannot get the cards now. Also, people who had fingerprints done call the PIV office to schedule PIV pickup at 505-265-1711 operator. The process is halted there at the fingerprints section. If Knights want to contact Ricardo, Jason, & Wayland at (505)265-1711 ext. 6429

Culture of Life

ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)

Host a fundraiser for a pregnancy resource center or maternity home. Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes can be found by searching through databases available at heartbeatinternational.org, birthright.org and pregnancycarecanada.ca – among others. Visit kofc.org/asap for resources.

Preganacy Centers in NM	Mailing Address	City	Phone
Birthright	3228 Candelaria NE	Albuquerque	505-262-2235
Birthright	609 N. Butler Ave.	Farmington	
Birthright	203 Manzaneras Ave #16	Socorro	575-835-4236
Project Defending Life	729 San Mateo Blvd NE	Albuquerque	505-266-4100
Life Choice Pregnancy Resource Center	621 N. Main	Clovis	(575) 935-5433
New Beginnings Caring Pregnancy Center	108 W. Hagerman	Carlsbad	575-885-0848
New Life Pregnancy Center	PO Box 43	Taos	575-758-2899
Open Arms PC	PO Box 3579	Truth or Consequences	970-799-4792
Pregnancy Help Center of Artesia	610 W. Quay Ave	Artesia	575-736-6400
Right to Life of New Mexico	2413 Wyoming Blvd NE	Albuquerque	(505) 881-4563
LegacyPregnancy Resource	1100 E. Llano	Hobbs	575.942.2567
Southern NM Outreach	1222 N. White Sands Blvd	Alamogordo	575 434-5525
Origins	2704 Southern Blve SE	Rio Ranch	505-891-1430
Care Net Pregnancy Center of Los Cruces	PO Box 1865	Las Cruces	575-526-6242
Turning Point A Pregnancy Help Center	3201 S. Main Suite C	Las Cruces	575-520-1147
Care Net of the East Mountains	21 Main St Suite 202	Edgewood	505-281-5408
Care Net Pregnancy Center Rio Rancho	2451 Monterrey Rd	Rio Rancho	505-896-2305
Care Net Pregnancy Center Los Lunas	601 Main SE, Ste 26	Los Lunas	505-565-3838
Chaves County Pregnancy Resource Center	PO Box 3611	Roswell	575-623-1217
Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center	120 Boardman Dr	Gallup	505-722-7125
Our Lady of Guadalupe Gift of Life Center	811 St. Michael's Dr. Suite 103	Santa Fe	505-988-1215
Life-Way of Lincoln County	270 A Country Club DDr	Ruidoso	575.973.0088
Restarting a CPC			719-439-3116
Grace Place Pregnancy and Health Center	4801 N. Butler, Ste 3102	Farmington	505-327-4747



Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.

Joannes Paulus PP II

— *Evangelium Vitae*

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New Mexico Knights' Ladies

Wings Women in God's Service



From First Lady Lisa

Happy Easter everyone! I hope you've all had a very fruitful Lent last month and will continue to have a wonderful rest of the Easter Season.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our State Convention on the first weekend of May 2024.

Your Sister in Christ,
Lisa Ela



From Lady María Cortez

Another U.S. Shrine, Lovely to Behold



The National Sanctuary of our Sorrowful Mother, popularly known as **The Grotto,** is an outdoor shrine and sanctuary that covers 62 acres perched atop Rocky Butte, a Northeast Portland cliff. The Grotto was established in 1924 by Friar Ambrose Mayer, a native of Ontario, Canada, who was sent to the United States where he was a Servite pastor for the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon. When Mayer saw the acreage that was at the time owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company and had been put up for sale to be developed into residential property, he made a downpayment of $3,000 and purchased the property. A national campaign raised the balance of the funds needed to pay for the land. Mayer envisioned a natural cathedral, and construction began in September 1923. A cave was carved out of the 110-foot basalt cliff, and a statue of Mary holding Jesus's crucified body was installed. Several years later, a marble replica of Michelangelo's Pietà was also installed. In 1955, the Chapel of Mary was dedicated on the grounds, and in 1983 the Grotto was designated as a National Sanctuary.

The Grotto is a ministry of the Servite Friars, Order of Friar Servants of Mary; the cross on the hill is visible many miles away. The nonprofit center hosts thousands of visitors of all faiths each year. The Grotto features tranquil paths dotted with intricately carved shrines, and combines a traditional forested park with meditative bliss. Along the way, elaborately carved sculptures tucked into the mossy stones illustrate the 14 Stations of the Cross. The lower level also houses a visitor complex, an art gallery, a gift shop, and the Chapel of Mary, where Mass is held every Sunday. Between Masses, choral music plays softly from the speakers as visitors rest on wooden pews and observe the impressive architecture and art in hushed silence. From May through October, Mass is also held outdoors in the Grotto Plaza — a pew-lined square facing the Grotto Cave.

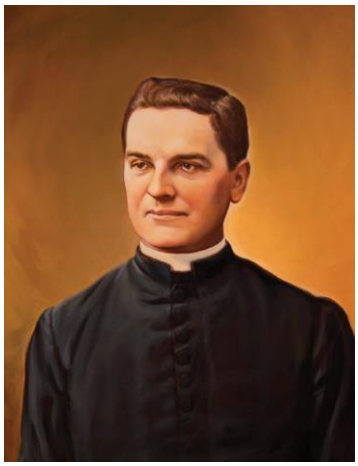
The lower level within the Grotto is accessible to the public free of charge. But there is a fee to visit the upper level, which incudes a botanical garden situated above the cliff, accessed through an elevator built against the cliff wall. The upper botanical gardens also provide views of the Columbia River Valley, the Cascade Mountains, and Mount St. Helens.

Various events are held at The Grotto throughout the year, as well as meetings and seminars. Every December The Grotto puts up a huge light display along its trails. The first annual "Festival of Lights" took place in 1988 and lasted 10 nights. It has since been expanded in scope and duration. Contact the Grotto for events, times and dates: The Grotto, PO Box 20008, Portland, Oregon 97294-0008. Main switchboard: 503-254-7371; the grotto.org.

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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present *(here make your request).* Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Saint Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle,

be our protection against

the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,

by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

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Knight's Prayer



Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order.
Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy
Divine Son on earth.
Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify
in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize
those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always
aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged,
and our Order appreciated.
Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion,
of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

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