



NEWSLETTER
OUR LADY OF THE INCARNATION
ASSEMBLY #3309
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CALENDAR

ASSEMBLY MEETING

COTI PORTABLE 1

7:00 PM

Second Thursday of the month

COUNCIL MEETING

COTI PORTABLE 1

7:30 PM

Second Monday of the month

GO TO THE ASSEMBLY

WEBSITE FOR A FULL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AND OTHER

INFORMATION

www.kofcassembly3309.com



From State Deputy Patrick T. Mason

The presidential election is finally over, and we are almost halfway through the fraternal year.

As I have traveled throughout New Mexico, I feel people have a weight hanging over their head. There is great uncertainty as to what the future will bring for our country and our Church, but that uncertainty is starting to be resolved.

It is now our duty to help guide our country toward the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Paragraph 2246 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states that Catholics have an obligation to be involved in politics: "It is a part of the Church's mission to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it."

We do this not only by our vote, but by serving as an example to our politicians, which will remind them of the love of God. We should always pressure our politicians to move toward the Good, but we can make as big a difference by showing our politicians the Love of God through our actions.

One of my favorite stories about St. Teresa of Calcutta serves as a great example in this regard. St. Teresa was to be honored at a presentation for her work in ending world hunger; circumstances delayed her and when she finally arrived at the place, the politicians learned that she was late because she took a beggar, who was sitting at the entrance of the conference site, to be fed at one of her local homes. Just think, these world leaders were so concerned with ending world hunger that they failed to feed the hungry man at their doorstep.

The actions of St. Teresa of Calcutta always spoke loud and clear. We should not wait for our leaders to act; we ourselves should act today by spreading the Love of God. "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." (St. Teresa of Calcutta). Everywhere we look, there is someone in need; "Calcuttas [sic] are everywhere if only we have eyes to see." (Id.)

Let us teach our politicians how to love by the actions we take, and let us first show this love in our homes. "Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of peace of the world." (Id.) This, too, is why we have a moral obligation to invite all to join us in our work.

Every week after attending Sunday Mass, we should be talking to our fellow Catholic men and their families, and telling them how they can join us in showing the thriving Kingdom of God to all the world!

Let us look to St. Joseph as our example, and entrust our Order and the entire Church to the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas and Star of the New Evangelization.

We pray for God's continued blessings on you and your families. For the greater glory of God! Vivat Jesu!

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From SK Richard E. “Rich” Favela, Master of the Fourth Degree, NM District

There has been a lot of email traffic generated by the state council regarding the KofC's response to the arson fire and vandalism that occurred at the Project Defending Life office in Albuquerque that occurred in the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 23rd. It was a major topic addressed by IPSD Richard Espinosa at the state officers meeting Friday night, both business sessions and at the Saturday night banquet. A significant fund-raising effort has been initiated at the council level and over \$3,700 in cash and checks was collected by the time the mid-year meeting closed Sunday afternoon. This is a worthwhile cause and top priority for New Mexico's Knights and Patriotic Degree Assemblies need to be given an opportunity for get onboard. Please bring this worthwhile cause up at this month's assembly meeting and solicit donations (both from your assembly's account and from individual SKs). Checks should be made out to “KofC NMSC” and include “Project Defending Life” on the memo line. The goal is to get in all our donations **by January 6, 2017 (Feast of the Epiphany)** so that the New Mexico Knights can present our donation (goal of \$10,000 or greater) to representatives from Project Defending Life at the New Mexico March for Life in Santa Fe on Wednesday, January 18th in Santa Fe.

It's time for gathering information and data to submit our Assembly's Form 1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for CY 2016 (the report is due Jan 31, 2016). The survey is also submitted by councils and a number of council FSs as well as assembly FCs use dues notice mailings to also gather data from their members on hours volunteered in charitable and fraternal activities.

Be aware that **members can claim credit on both their council and assembly surveys for the same event** (example: attend a right to life event in your role as a Knight and SK. *Note: In our Assembly Faithful Comptroller Ron Meyer emails the Service Forms to you each month, so please take the time to fill the form out and return it to Sir Ron so he can complete our Assembly's form 1728.*

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program. There is a small but viable VAVS program going on here in Albuquerque, New Mexico involving a dedicated core of Sir Knights. I'm learning more about their efforts and will be addressing them in upcoming newsletters.

We are still in search of two motivated SKs to join the Fourth Degree Exemplification Team with one of the criteria being the requirement to memorize their team roles and to commit for the long term. Interested?

Invoices for donations to the Military Chaplains Fund will be sent out. This fund falls under the Fourth Degree and every council and assembly in New Mexico will be asked to donate \$25 to the Fund

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WWW.NMKOFC.ORG

SUPREME WEBSITE

WWW.KOFC.ORG

Reflections

By Sir Knight Patrick McLaughlin

A.S.K. - In Matthew 7:7 it says to "ask...seek...knock..." During this beautiful Advent season, we should A.S.K. How? As Matthew Kelly puts it: "spend 10 minutes a day in the classroom of silence." This could be in your favorite chair at home or in the church. Just make sure you do it.

Just 10 minutes per day will bring you more peace and clarity than reading 10 books on how to find peace. During these 10 minutes (I like mornings), I recommend you thank God for what you have (gratitude) and Ask for what you need.

Your prayer time should be a time of Seek-ing Him and asking your best friend to help you with your situations. We all have them. Also, Seek by listening to your best friend. A one-sided conversation in prayer is not wise. He desires us to listen to His Wisdom, yes, His plans for our lives (Jer 29:11). Lastly, Knock. Often. Sometimes we have to knock louder than others.

Either way, share your dreams, goals and desires with Him. He always answers us. We might not like the answer, but in the long run, it is often what is best for us.

One final thought: have long-term vision. This requires patience and trust. Never easy, but always worthwhile. Keep wearing your armour for Christ. He needs you and loves you - very much!

Veteran's Day 2016 The Rio at Cabezon



Sometimes we forget about the people that have done so much for us and find themselves institutionalized, especially our veterans.

Thank you to Fr. Tien-Tri, District Marshal Vince Esparza, the St. Jude and Incarnation Council/Assembly 14410/3186 and 15199/3309 for your participation and making these residents feel great on Veterans Day.

May God Bless you and a million thanks for making this happen.



"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is With thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed if the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death.

Amen."

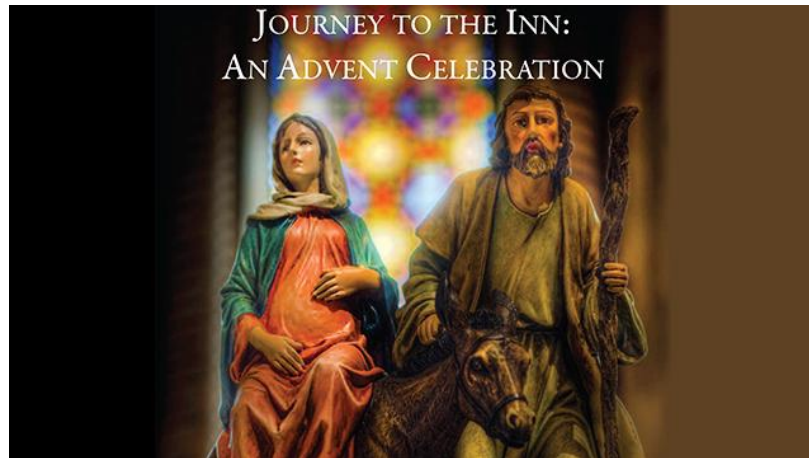
Vivat Jesus!



Samuel Serna
District Deputy
Knights of Columbus New Mexico
District 3



Las Posadas



In an increasingly secular world, many Catholics are faced with the difficulty of sharing the faith. With the bustle of Christmas shopping and the frequent removal of religious imagery from Christmas displays, it seems that communities have forgotten the incredible gift of Christ and the beauty of his birth.

Facing similar concerns when first introducing Christ to the New World, Franciscan missionaries in the 16th century found that simple re-enactments of the story of Christ's birth could touch the hearts of those they encountered. The Spanish missionaries referred to these ceremonies as Las Posadas — meaning “the inns” or “the shelters” — as they gave emphasis to Mary and Joseph's search for shelter before Our Savior's birth.

“The tradition of the Posada helps us to remember the first Christmas in a way that unites people of faith from throughout the American continent,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “This event will bring together people of many cultures, highlighting the fact that faith and the celebration of Christmas transcend any differences we may have.”

These festivities have remained popular throughout Latin America and the southwestern United States, yet children and adults from all cultural backgrounds can use similar celebrations to embrace the true meaning of the Christmas season and share the joy of Christ's birth.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/parish-programs/journey-inn.html#/>

Las Posadas will take place at The Church of The Incarnation on December 16th through the 24th beginning each evening at 5 pm. The Knights will host the evening of December 22. Additional information will be sent via email.

Did You Know ?

How “Vivat Jesu” Became Order’s Motto

When the late Supreme Chaplain Bishop Charles Greco was a seminarian he was deeply moved while reading the story of St. Bernardine of Siena. He adopted the saint’s favorite prayer – “May Jesus Live” in its Latin form, “Vivat Jesu,” to use as the motto for his life and priesthood.

When he became Bishop of Alexandria, LA, in 1946, Bishop Greco chose the same phrase as his Episcopal motto. Our past Supreme Knight, Virgil Dechant, thought our Order ought to be devoted to the name of Jesus and chose Bishop Greco’s motto, “Vivat Jesu,” as a greeting. The response is “Semper,” meaning “always.” By its use, the Knights help bring back the love and devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Here in the State Council of New Mexico, IPSD Richard Espinosa, introduced the motto “¡Viva Cristo Rey!—a phrase used by the cristeros of Mexico in their struggle for religious freedom in the 1920s.

This fraternal year we have started using the motto, “For the Greater Glory of God.”

All these phrases bespeak of our fervor and freedom to acknowledge that we answer to only one King and lord : Jesus Christ, our eternal Savior, Lord and King of the Universe.

Deo gratias for the freedoms we still enjoy in our nation!

Culture of Life

Project Defending Life



In the early hours of November 23, arson was committed at the Project Defending Life Chapel in Albuquerque. A prayer rally was held on Saturday, November 26 .

35 – 40 Knights and Sir Knights showed up to participate in the rally including a color guard from Our Lady of the Incarnation Assembly #3309 with assistance from A.M. Mandalari Assembly #682.

[Thank You Knights](#)

It's time to RALLY TOGETHER in support of Project Defending Life

Good always prevails against evil. What was meant for destruction has only made us stronger in our resolve. Project Defending Life is a LIFE-SAVING ministry that stands in the gap for women in crisis pregnancies. When the world tells these women that they aren't fit to become mothers, that they're too poor, they have too many children, that their boyfriend/spouse will leave them, Project Defending Life is there for them. When these women come to Project Defending Life, they are met with love, understanding, friendship, and empowerment. Project Defending Life helps women from all walks of life with the building blocks they need to better their situation. They help with anything from diapers, clothes, formula, job placement, housing for homeless women, community resources, help with a late rent payment, and much more. That's not what a woman gets when she goes to an abortion facility. We must come together as a community during this time and let the world know that we will not be bullied, we will not stop serving women and their families in their greatest time of need.

Donations to help with the rebuilding of our Chapel and Pregnancy Resource Center, can be made www.defendinglife.org



Dear Mr. Meyer and Knights of Columbus,

Thank you so much for your recent donation. Care Net of Santa Fe is making a difference in the "city different".

Care Net of Santa Fe is the only interdenominational pregnancy center in Santa Fe. We are a pro-life agency that believes "Choice without information is no choice".

Our goal is to reach abortion minded clients with accurate, medically sourced information about abortion and inform them of other options. Nine out of ten of the 40% of abortion minded clients we meet with will change their mind with the information we provide.

It's our belief that we cannot help a woman choose life if they are afraid to be condemned for wanting an abortion. We approach the client without judgment so she is free to express her fears, concerns and reasons for wanting an abortion. We then can help her with a pro-information attitude. Each member of my staff takes over 66 hours of training on how to minister to those in a crisis pregnancy.

We offer free ultrasounds to all our clients but especially to those considering an abortion. When an individual sees that there is life inside them they are more likely to carry to term.

There are lies being told to women that the baby is not really alive until its first breath. The ultrasound shows that is not true. The ultrasound machine we use was donated by the Knights of Columbus in 2012.

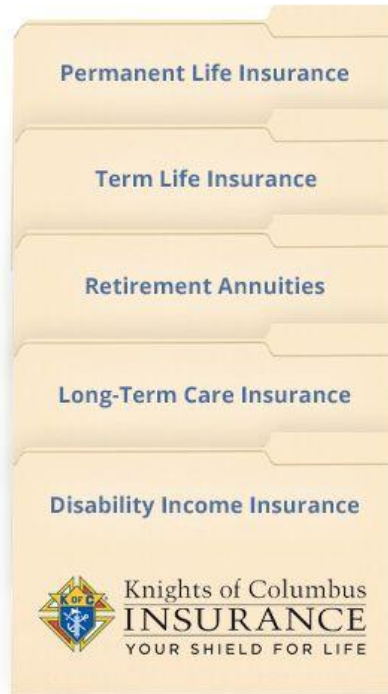
We estimate 115 babies have been saved from ultrasounds alone.

Our goal does not stop there. When we have helped a woman, or couple, carry to term we have a responsibility to encourage a pro-abundant life mentality. It's not just about saving a baby but saving a life for Christ and encouraging a family to development. For that reason we offer parenting classes and assist with resources to ensure that child is brought into a safe and productive family.

I hope that gives you a glimpse of the work we at Care Net of Santa Fe are doing. We are honored to serve God in this capacity and thank God you have chosen to stand with us for life.

Blessings,
Roberta Cheek
Executive

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Patriotic Exemplification Ceremonies Schedule

- Saturday, January 21, 2017 in Las Cruces- St. Michael the Archangel Assembly 3330
- Saturday , March 25, 2017 – Santa Fe or Albuquerque
- Saturday, June 17, 2017 NM north region or the NM central region





Happy Birthday Sir Knights

GK & SK Roland M Gatti 12-02
SK Robert S Brunoni 12-03
SK Joseph P Lepre 12-11
SK Kenneth J Weiman 12-18
SK Michael K Beglau 12-19
DCC & SK Ralph S Archuleta 12-26



Merry Christmas to All Sir Knights, Lady Knights and Your Families

May God's Blessings Be Yours This Christmas