

# New Mexico State Council News

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State Deputy Bernard Ela

My Dear Brother Knights:

### **Reese's Peanut Butter Cup... and Membership Growth**

At the mid-year meeting (Nov 18<sup>th</sup>) for State Deputies, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori got all of our attention by leading off with a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup analogy in defining "Evangelizing Catechesis." It's what Knights should be doing consistently--having an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Having an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ is *Authentic Knighthood*. According to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, *Authentic Knighthood* and Membership Growth go hand-in-hand because when we Lead with Faith, great things happen!

Here's the analogy:

- Reese's Peanut Butter Cup:
  - Real milk chocolate
  - Delicious peanut butter

*Two great tastes that taste great together*
- Evangelizing Catechesis:
  - Evangelism: Falling in love with God (like the first time we fell in love with our future wives);
  - Catechesis: Staying in love by knowing more about God (like knowing as much about our wives)

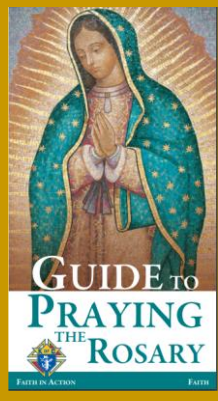
*You can't love Someone you don't know; you can't know Someone you don't love*

That's how *Authentic Knighthood* (think Reese's Peanut Butter Cup) and Membership Growth go hand-in-hand.

### **Advent and Christmas**

Advent has a two-fold character: a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas in which the First Coming of the Son of God is remembered, and likewise a time to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. While on this earth, let's all *strive to be saints... and bring others along!*

Vivat Jesus & Viva Cristo Rey!  
Bernard Ela



State Treasurer Anthony Salazar

My brothers all,

Greetings as we find ourselves in the middle of the holiday season, I hope all is well and we have continued to do the things we as brother knights have committed ourselves to doing. It is great to see that a lot of councils are stepping up their church drives and exemplifications and bringing new members into the order.

Several brother knights joined Fr. Hyginus from Holy Ghost parish on a pilgrimage to the Holyland these brothers included IPSD Daniel Vigil and wife Martina, GK Dan Martinez and wife Lori from Archbishop #4227 and six other brother knights from Lamy council, a great time was had by all as we visited many sites to include the birth place of Jesus, Mount Beatitudes, Mount Olive and Mount Calvary just to name a few.

Again, as the holidays approach Luana and I wish you all a very joyful and Blessed season. As always if I can be of assistance feel free to reach out to me God Bless.

Anthony Salazar  
Treasurer NMSC



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## State Advocate Clinton "CJ" Deeley

December 2022

Hello Brother Knights

I pray everyone well!

Happy Advent and the beginning of the Liturgical Calendar! Please enjoy this Joyous time with your Families in preparing for the Birth of Jesus! To every Council, please look at your memberships, look at how your Council wants to succeed and what your Council is going to do about it? If the Councils can do this, then Councils will succeed. There are training sessions online every month to help you succeed. Look at this time also to work with the men, who are not Knights and encourage them to become Knights!

Encouragement can take many forms. Speaking to the men, showing the good works of the Council through the family events that the Council Sponsors, and the support your Council provide your Priests and Parishes. These are but a few ideas. Show yourselves as Knights regularly, by wearing your polos and having Corporate Communion! (A shout out to our Sir Knights!)

December begins membership renewal. Please help your Financial Secretaries by checking on Brothers that you may have not heard from in a while to ensure they are ok. Help with the Retention Committee's. Do not automatically write off a Brother! Also, begin preparing your Councils Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. This form is due January 31. Get ahead of it now, and it will be easier to complete.

We are going to begin the second half of the Fraternal year. If your Council leadership has not completed their Safe Environment Training, please take the time to complete. It will not take long and will maintain your Council's compliance! It is a requirement for Star Council!

The following Council Officer positions are required to complete this: Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director are the required positions. Thank you to all the Councils that are now compliant with Youth Protection Training. All members can complete this training if they choose. The three Dioceses in New Mexico also have requirements to support Youth Protection within their Diocese, please ensure those requirements are complete also. Please complete the Youth Protection Training if you are in any of the required positions!

If your Council has a Columbus Club, please review the Handbook for Councils using Home Corporations. Again, Councils can find this in the Officers Desk Reference of Member Management. There are specifics that must be met to ensure a Home Corporation follows Laws and Rules of the Order. Additionally, following NM State Laws and rules is paramount and could be very costly if not adhered to as the Home Corporation and the Council.

Please ensure you have sent your Forms that are required at this point in the Fraternal Year. The following forms are currently due from your Councils: Form 185- *Report of Chosen Officers for the Term*, Form 365- *Service Program Personnel Report*, and Form 1295- *Semiannual Council Audit*. To save on mailing use your Member Management Software. Some of the forms can be directly submitted online or via email. If you have questions or need help using Member Management software, please ask your District Deputies for assistance.

If you have questions on different issues within your Council, the Officer Desk Reference located in Member Management is a great source of information that Councils can look at first to find solutions. Also, the annual Fraternal Leader Success Planner- <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/fraternal-leader-success-planner5033.pdf> will keep you on time and help you succeed with your Council events.

If there is something I can help your Council Advocate with as a Council, please don't hesitate to contact me.

See you at the NMSC Mid-Year Meeting in Hobbs!

Lady Trudy and I want to wish you and your Families a most blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

CJ

Clinton Deeley

NMSC Advocate





## State Program Director Steve Budenski

Brothers and families all,

The first six months of Fraternal Year 2022-23 is behind us and now the plan for each council in the State is finishing up their Fraternal Year.

The state awards are around the corner on March 1, 2023. the Mid-year in Hobbs, NM is on 3 December 2022 and in three weeks a Happy New Years. The councils' activities with the birth of Jesus Christ are one busiest times of the year. Faith activities for all councils can be achieved easily during this time. January is March for Life at the State Capitol of NM, April is faith activities as the Eucharist is the heart of the catholic faith which provides community the glue as a team.

Reports and forms are part of a council to shine in two ways 1) supreme awards 2) Parish Priest with parishioners. It takes help and coordination within a council to do activities in Faith in Action (FIA). I am here to provide assistance in filling these activity forms as well as your District Deputies and former Council Program Directors. For Instance, Council 15788 has two activities in April - Devine Mercy Sunday and Food for Family to complete the Columbian Award for the fraternal year. Membership award of five new members is needed for star council again. It can be done with a GK and/or program director.

I had updated the Service Program Handbook and gave it to State Deputy for review. In the Handbook was the Rubrics for the seven State Awards and FIA Categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. The State is asking for the councils to submit their best activity of the following awards: 1) Outstanding Catholic Boy and Girl of the Year Scholarship Award for college bound high school graduates; 2) Culture of Life Pro-Life Person/Couple of the Year Award; 3) Knight of the Year Award; 4) Lady of the Year Award; 5) Family of the Year Award; 6) Service Program Awards in FIA; 7) Council Yearbook of the Year Award; 8) Council Newsletter of the Year Award.

State awards above 2-5 must have Form 10784 submitted to supreme and inserted in the state awards submissions and more. The state awards above for 7 and 8 is done at the Annual Convention in May 2023. Refer to the rubrics on what is needed brothers. I kept all changes from 2020 from my predecessor Brother Anthony Romero.

1. NOTE- submit state awards in PDF format first to State Executive Secretary/Awards Chairman by March 1, 2023.
2. NOTE - winning awards from those councils needs a hard copy sent to the State Program Director in a 3-ring binder for submissions to Supreme.

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## State Life Stephen Ortleby

The recent election results were a disappointment for pro-lifers throughout New Mexico. The anti-life abortionists won this round, but we can take some satisfaction that we came close to having a pro-life government in Santa Fe. Another source of good news is the effectiveness of pregnancy resource centers in the state. I've had the opportunity to visit with some of them and was very impressed by the energy, positive attitude and commitment the people, (mostly women - mothers and grandmothers), have at these centers. They are, in a word, tireless.

The main reason I communicate with these resource centers is to learn how we Knights, and our families can be of help. Our ultrasound initiative is, of course, best known as a major factor in saving babies' lives which is why we need to continue funding the State Council's ultrasound account. We should have three or four new machines by the end of 2022, or early 2023 bringing the State's total to twelve. Since it seems we shall continue to be the baby killing capital of the nation, it is critical we approach our pro-life mission with even more confidence and enthusiasm.

By now most of us have heard of Supreme's new program Aid and Support After Pregnancy, (ASAP). This gives your council and parish another way to give immediate hands-on help to pregnancy resource centers in your area. For every \$500 in value, money, baby clothing, diapers, etc. given to a pregnancy center up to \$2,000 Supreme gives them \$100 up to \$400. I urge you to log on to Supreme's web site - [www.kofc.org/asap](http://www.kofc.org/asap) - for all the information. The site has everything you need to run a successful program from an explanation of how this works, to brochures to application forms etc.

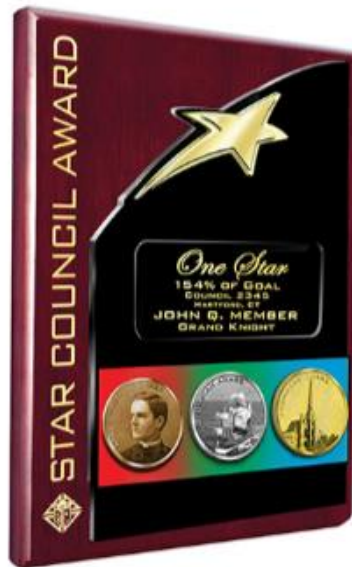
Also, I have attached a list of the pregnancy resource centers in the state provided by CareNet of Albuquerque. Please contact one in your area and get started if you haven't done so already.

Vivat Jesus  
Steve Ortleby

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

## 2022 -2023 Star Awards

### STAR COUNCIL

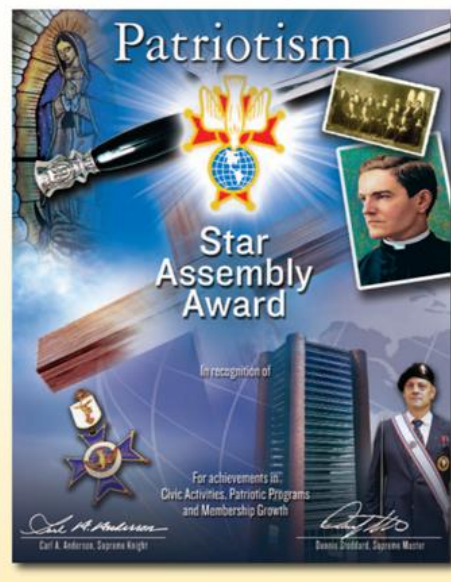


The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming.

In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards. Additionally, the council must submit both the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728) and [Service Program Personnel Report](#) (#365). In the United States and Canada councils must also be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements.

Prior to the end of the fraternal year on June 30, make sure that your council achieves the requirements to qualify for your awards. **To view your quota and/or progress towards earning the Star Council Award, please log on to [Officers Online](#) regularly.**

### STAR ASSEMBLY



The Star Assembly Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, programs and overall excellence.

#### **Membership Growth**

Reach growth quota: 5% Net Membership Growth

#### **Programs**

#### **Civic Award**

Conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs

Submit the [Civic Award Application](#) (#2321) – **Due 6/30**

#### **To Be A Patriot Award**

[To Be A Patriot Award Application](#) (#TBP-2) – **Due 5/31**

Complete the form to enter the competition

#### **Overall Assembly Excellence**

- Publish a monthly Assembly Newsletter or Bulletin
- Submit Report of Assembly Officers Chosen for the Term (#186) – **Due 7/1**
- Submit Annual Assembly Audit Report (#1315) – **Due 8/1**
- Submit Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) – **Due 1/31**



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Grand Knight Richard Martinez and Council 10517 were recognized by the Santa Fe New Mexican for their contributions to the New Mexico Wildfire relief program

## **Knights of Columbus Santa Fe Council 10517**



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## **Immaculate Conception Council 15788**



District Deputy Robert Garcia presents the Star Council Award to PGK Steve Budenski and current GK Ed Shestak



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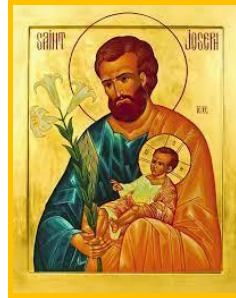
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## Saint Joseph Icon Schedule



Route 3	Council	St. Joseph Icon
<b>June 25 to DD20</b>		
June 25-1 July	DD Choice	
<b>July 2 to DD 19</b>		
July 2-July 8	4256	Deming
July 9-July 15	15062	Deming
July 16-July 22	9470	Bayard
July 23-July 29	3388	Silver City
July 30-Aug 12	8055	Lordsburg
Aug 12-19	3388	Silver City
Aug 19-26	9470	Bayard
Aug 26-Sep 2	15062	Deming
Sep 2-9	4256	Deming
<b>Sep 9 to DD 21 Kerry Morley</b>		
Sep 9-16	1226	Las Cruces
Sep 16-23	17083	Las Cruces
Sep 23-30	16465	Las Cruces (NMSU)
Sep 30- Oct 7	9527	Las Cruces
Oct 7-14	8281	Truth or Consequences
<b>Oct 14 to DD 22 Fred Flores</b>		
Oct 14-Oct 21	16800	Dona Ana
Oct 21- Oct 28	15850	Las Cruces
Oct 28- Nov 4	15980	Las Cruces
<b>Nov 4 to DD 20 Gilbert Perez</b>		
Nov 4-Nov 11	13969	Las Cruces
Nov 11-Nov 18	15578	Mesilla
Nov 18-Nov 25	14949	Anthony
Nov 25-Dec 2	16193	Chaparral
Dec 2-Dec 9	17874	Santa Teresa
<b>Dec 9 to DD19 Damian S. Hall</b>		
Dec 9- Dec 16	3355	Alamogordo
Dec 16-Dec 23	15977	Alamogordo
Dec 23-Dec 30	6597	Ruidoso
<b>Dec 30 to DD 23 James Melvin</b>		
Dec 30-Jan 6, 2023	3030	Roswell
Jan 6-Jan 13	4124	Artesia
Jan 13-Jan 20	2719	Carlsbad



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## Fourth Degree



### Master of the Fourth Degree Rudy Archibeque

My Brothers in Christ;

Let me take this opportunity to inform you that Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa has decided to step down and concentrate on his health, we wish you all the best, God Bless you Brother. Congratulations to Christopher Foley being named the new Vice Supreme Master of the John H Reddin Province of the Fourth Degree. Chris is the Immediate Past State Deputy of Colorado. We all look forward to working with you.

When you think of the Knights of Columbus, you probably envision a man in full regalia at Civic *and Church* events acting as a Honor guard and Color Corp. or standing in respect at funerals of members or during Adoration of the Eucharist.

These are men who have chosen to embrace the orders fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to our veterans and active military and to embody the fact that we can and should be faithful to God and Country.

When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 three principles united its members, Charity Unity and Fraternity. At that time people feared that members of the Catholic faith owed their entire allegiance to the church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. Patriotism was added to the orders principles in 1900 based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and Country. Members of this Degree have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight"

The Supreme Master, Dennis Stoddard said 4th degree assemblies help Knights to put their faith and their love of country into action.

New Mexico continues this tradition by having an active Color Corp and honor guards. We serve our Clergy and Communities. Recently we have been active by escorting the Silver Rose on it's journey thru the State, we have honored our Brothers who have passed, held vigil at the "Blue" Mass in honor of Police, Firefighters and all First Responders, held vigil at Mass on Veterans Day and planted Flags at several cemeteries around the State to honor those that have served in our Armed Forces.

We will continue to be faithful to both God and Country.

God Bless and "VIVA CHRISTO REY "

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## From New Mexico Central Senior District Marshal Chuck Dubois

My Brothers All.

As we close out the year 2022, I would like to thank all my brother knights who so faithfully showed up to all the Color Guard call outs. By doing so, we supported our brother knight's family and his assembly. We as Fourth Degree Knights, must work hard to grow the Fourth Degree. With your help, we can make this happen.

The Master of the Fourth Degree Rudy Archibeque is available to give us the support we need. If any questions should arise about the correct procedure, you can also call our Training Marshal Geoff Bacon.

Again, I would like to thank you all for what you do for the Fourth Degree and keep up all the excellent work.

Vivat Jesu!

Chuck R. DuBois  
Senior Marshal  
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## From New Mexico East District Marshal Ed Martinez

N.M. East DM Ed Martinez

The saying no news is good news was not a true statement for the busy month of October in Clovis, New Mexico. Due to the article cutoff date, I was unable to include more important events that occurred towards the last half of the month.

It continued on Thursday, October 20, 2022, with our Faithful District Deputy Paul Benoit assisting and coordinating with the Pregnancy Resource Center's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund-raising Banquet. Supporting and attending were approximately 550 people plus Sir Knights, Brother Knights, and their spouses from Assembly 1686 and Council 8304. The Eternal Statistics given were: "We experienced 1,182 total client visits, ministering to 315 new clients. We performed 157 pregnancy tests, of which 111 were positive. We believe over 93% of those 111 pregnant women chose life for their unborn babies. We performed 145 life-affirming ultrasounds."

The best news in October was to read about Group Leaders asking city officials to ban abortion clinics in Clovis and declare the city a "sanctuary city for the unborn." However, a city ordinance is required approval by the city commissioners. "The ordinance as written may be viewed on the internet by going to the link:

<http://cloviscitynm.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>. Unfortunately, at the latest Commissioners meeting the ordinance was tabled."

Regardless of the outcome, we should pray daily for God's gift of life, keep faith in the protection of the unborn, and be the defenders of human dignity.



A combined Installation of officers from Assembly 1625 Roswell, NM, and Assembly 1686 Clovis, NM took place on October 22, 2022, at St Helens Catholic Church in Portales, New Mexico. The event was hosted by Grand Knight Chris Baca. Performing the installation was our Past Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree Clinton CJ Deeley and myself.



A Third-Degree Exemplification was conducted on October 23, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church by Council 4205 Grand Knight Sean Little and Officers. Attending were State Advocate Sir Knight Clinton CJ Deeley, PN Max Pino, and DM Ed Martinez. Congratulations to our newly Installed Brother Knights; Pablo Pena and Anthony Maloney



A trip to Carlsbad, NM took place on November 12, 2022, to conduct a special presentation in memory of San Jose Luis Sanchez Del Rio who was born on March 28, 1913, was martyred on February 10, 1928, and was Canonized on October 16, 2016. A Banner of San Jose Luis Sanchez Del Rio was presented to Assembly 3895 on behalf of and from our past John H Reddin Province Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa. My sincere thanks to our PVSM Richard Espinosa and PWMFD CJ Deeley for their support towards making Assembly 3895 a reality and a success.



Accepting the Blessed Banner of San Jose Luis Sanchez Del Rio were WFN Rafael Garcia and WFC Salvador Martinez. Also present were Rev Fr. Juan Carlos and some of Assembly 3895 Sir Knights.



“San Jose Luis Sanchez Del Rio, Pray for the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus.”

Merry Christmas to all wishing you and your family the love, peace, and happiness that come with the birth of Jesus on this special day. May you be blessed throughout the coming year. From DM Ed & Lady Chris.

Viva Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Ed Martinez  
District Marshal  
Eastern New Mexico



## From New Mexico Central District Marshal Geoff Bacon

As the calendar year 2022 comes to an end, I look forward to the coming Advent season of preparation for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

As with past years, our Assembly, Holy Child Assembly #3282 in the East Mountains outside of Albuquerque, placed 230+ US flags on the gravesites of deceased veterans in honor of their patriotism to our blessed country. As evidenced below, US Army Private Francisco Sanchez served our country in World War II and then lived a long, hopefully blessed life until 2015. This should remind us of several things: 1) our freedom is not free and 2) it takes dedication of time and talent to ensure that we uphold the liberties that this country was founded upon.



**Veteran's Gravesite Honored on 11/11/2022**

I remind you to keep Christ in Christmas, be the visible strong arm of the Catholic Church by proudly showing our Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in everything you do for our church, our community, and our state! Proudly wear your uniform where and when you are able. As stated in the Color Corps Drill Manual, "it is important to remember that when individual members appear at public functions, they are not only representing themselves, but also their assembly and the entire Order of the Knights of Columbus", therefore, *Look Sharp and Be Sharp!*

Stay Strong my Fellow Sir Knights!

Viva Cristo Rey!

Geoff Bacon, District Marshal – Central NM

## From VAVS Representative SK Steve Budenski

Sir Knights, Brothers all,

The Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque are needing Knights and family members to volunteer there, currently 4 Knights are active. I would love to see more volunteer at the hospital or clinics with in the state.

For information contact Jason at 505-256-2771. Volunteer service will schedule you to volunteer and to receive your individual hospital card.

- VAVS has enough utensils for the cake and punch. The \$5 canteen booklet that I control given out to veterans' birthdays upon delivering the cake and items. The type of cake is ½ or ¼ sheet cake and a gallon of punch of your choosing. On the cake is a flag with the words of Happy Birthday Vets, Assembly (number). Contact Steven Budenski 505-489-1218 prior to delivery of cake and punch for the purpose of utensils, plates, cups, forks, napkins drop-off by Steve.
- Assembly 3186 FN David R Martinez has joined the monthly birthday cake and punch activity this month. Their first cake and punch are in August 2023.
- **December Assembly - 3227 FN Kevin L Stamber, 505-440-8435, [kevin\\_stamber@yahoo.com](mailto:kevin_stamber@yahoo.com)**
- Any Council or Assembly dropping off items at the VA please fill out the donation form in Bldg 53 first floor receptionist desk.

### 2023 Cake Schedule

January	Assembly	3462
February	Assembly	682
March	Assembly	3309
April	Assembly	2324
May	Assembly	1905
June	Assembly	3732
July	Assembly	3227
August	Assembly	3186
September	Assembly	682
October	Assembly	3309
November	Assembly	2324



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# New Mexico State Council Calendar

## December 2022

December 2022						
SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU Dec 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
						NMSC mid-year mtg @Ho
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 ● 7pm Strat Plan Review mtg w/R ● 8pm NMSC Officers' mtg	13	14	15 ● 7pm Southern Regional DDS' vir	16	17
18	19	20	21 ● 6pm Northern DDS' mtg	22 ● 2pm SDS' mtg w/RGD in afterno	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 ● 7pm Central Region DDS' mtg	30	31



From First Lady Lisa

Almighty and loving  
God,  
You alone are the Author  
of Life  
and giver of human  
rights.  
You alone are sovereign  
over life and death.  
Give to our leaders, and  
to each of us,  
true conversion of heart  
and mind  
to act to end the sin of  
abortion,  
and all sins against life  
now permitted under the  
law of this land.  
Holy Virgin of  
Guadalupe,  
Patroness of the Americas  
and  
Patroness of the Unborn  
intercede for our country.  
So that all unborn  
children,  
their mothers and fathers,  
will know the power and  
protection  
of your maternal love.  
May these fervent prayers  
of our hearts  
be granted in the name of  
Jesus Christ,  
Our Lord and  
Savior. Amen

At the State Deputies' mid-year meeting in Orlando, FL, we sent all of your warm New Mexico greetings to our own Rachel and Supreme Secretary Patrick Mason and their six young children. They're a wonderful family and we can all be proud they hail from our great state.

As we gather with our families this Advent and Christmas Season, we think of you, and we pray for you. May God's blessings be with us all!

Your Sister in Christ,  
Lisa Ela



From Lady Maria Cortez

## Why Christmas is sometimes spelled “Xmas”

By Lady Maria Cortez

Here's something that piqued my curiosity, which perhaps might interest you, also. There are people who find the word 'Xmas,' as an abbreviation for Christmas, offensive. So, I did a bit of researching on the origin of this controversial term that I wish to share with you. The word 'Xmas' is not found in church songbooks or even on many greeting cards, and some people associate 'Xmas' with the holiday as a commercial, secular occasion instead of as a particular cultural and religious ritual.

Now, it seems the word 'Xmas' was first used in the mid-1500s. 'X' represents the Greek letter 'chi,' which is the initial letter in the word Χριστός (Chrīstós),). But, actually this usage is nearly as old as Christianity itself, and its origins lie in the fact that the first letter in the Greek word for 'Christ' (Chrīstós), which is 'chi,' is represented by a symbol similar to the letter 'X' in the modern Roman alphabet (Χριστός). Another abbreviation for Christ is 'Xp,' the 'P' here representing the Greek letter “rho,” which is the source of our English

letter “R.” A stylized version of the Greek chi (X) and rho (P) is Ϟ, a symbol of Christ called a Christogram. Later on in English it was reduced to just the letter X as in 'Xmas.'

Now, this might lead you to ask, where does the “mas” in Christmas come from? The 'mas' comes from the Old English word (mæsse) for Mass, as in a church service, especially one in the Roman Catholic Church including a celebration of the Eucharist. That word is believed to have been derived from the Church Latin 'missa,' ultimately from the Latin 'mittere' meaning 'to send,' derived from the concluding formula in the Latin Mass, 'Ite, missa est,' meaning 'Go, it is the dismissal.' That is, the Mass is ended.

Hence, this abbreviation 'Xmas'-- contrary to persistent claims -- is not modern, did not stem from an attempt to remove Christ or other religious aspects from Christmas celebrations, nor was it the creation of advertisers looking to shorten the word 'Christmas' in print ads.

None of this means that Christians (and others) are not perhaps justified in feeling annoyed when people take the shortcut of writing 'Xmas' rather than 'Christmas,' but the abbreviation was not created specifically for the purpose of demeaning Christ, Christians, Christianity, or Christmas -- rather, it's a very old artifact of a very different language.

And now---as goes the saying---“you know the rest of the story!”







## Culture of Life

### ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)

Host a fundraiser for a pregnancy resource center or maternity home after an upcoming March for Life. Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes can be found by searching through databases available at [heartbeatinternational.org](http://heartbeatinternational.org), [birthright.org](http://birthright.org) and [pregnancycarecanada.ca](http://pregnancycarecanada.ca) – among others. Visit [kofc.org/asap](http://kofc.org/asap) for resources.

Pregnancy 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

### Hosting a baby bottle drive?

K of C branded baby bottles are available for order on [Supplies Online](#) in the Faith in Action's Pregnancy Center Support folder.

### March for Life

Share the Supreme Knight's urgent invitation to this year's March for Life with your council and fellow pro-life advocates using this [link](#).



### Faith in Action --Faith Programs

Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. Programs in this category are designed to draw us closer to God and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way. These programs arm us for the spiritual battle that our men and families face daily.

For Faith program resources, visit [kofc.org/faith](http://kofc.org/faith).



### Faith in Action – Family Programs

The programs in this category are developed for families by families. Blessed Michael McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. It can be a challenge to continue to ground ourselves and raise our children in the faith.



### Faith in Action – Community Programs

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families and in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. There is something bigger than self when Knights of Columbus members come together as one.

For Community program resources, visit [kofc.org/community](http://kofc.org/community).



### Faith in Action – Life Programs

The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, “Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition” (St. John Paul II, 1995). The Knights of Columbus defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.

For Life program resources, visit [kofc.org/life](http://kofc.org/life).



## DECEMBER 2022

### SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

**“For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Gospel for Dec. 18, Mt 1:20-21)**

Does the Advent season sometimes seem to be about things other than Christ? Amid breathless advertisements, urgent warnings about the waning number of shopping days and the hassle of making holiday plans, there's a danger that Jesus' birth will be neglected or forgotten. Let's make it a priority to remember what Christmas is about: The Son of God became man in order to die for our sins and rise again, so that we could be freed from our slavery to sin and also rise to new life.

#### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to keep your attention on the true meaning of Christmas by setting up a Nativity scene in a prominent place in your home and spending some time in prayer before it each day. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

How do you “Keep Christ in Christmas” in your own life? Do you practice any Christmas traditions that help you do this? Could you establish any new traditions that will remind you what Christmas is all about?

# Training Resources



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Council Growth	District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Program Directors, Membership Directors, Faith In Action Chairmen
You Are Your Programs	District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Program Directors, Membership Directors, Faith In Action Chairmen
Enhancing Member Experience By Creating A Culture of Engagement	District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Program Directors, Membership Directors, Faith In Action Chairmen
District Deputy Basic Training	District Deputies, Grand Knights
District Deputy Basic Training-Part 2	District Deputies, Grand Knights
The District Deputy Check-In	District Deputies
How A District Deputy Can Help With Faith In Action	District Deputies
Grand Knight Basic Training	Grand Knights, Council Officers, District Deputies
Grand Knight Basic Training-Part 2	Grand Knights, Council Officers, District Deputies
New Meeting Guidelines	Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Advocates, District Deputies
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Faith In Action	All Knights
Working With Your Pastor	Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, District Deputies
Surfing the kofc.org Website (aka: Surfin' Safari)	All Knights
Saturday With Supreme	All Knights

Contact: [ken.white@kefc.org](mailto:ken.white@kefc.org) for more information on Training Webinars and Live Training Sessions for your Council.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to ARGTD Kenneth White, 203-500-4096, [ken.white@kofc.org](mailto:ken.white@kofc.org)

## NMSC FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRAINING

Contact DD David Martinez for FS Training Classes at [DAVIDRMTZ@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:DAVIDRMTZ@HOTMAIL.COM) or 505-220-9351

## FRATERNAL 'HOW TO' VIDEOS

Fraternal 'How To' Videos are short tutorials that walk fraternal leaders through essential Knights of Columbus tools and procedures. [LEARN MORE](#)

## OFFICER RESOURCES

Overwhelmed by all the resources available to you as a fraternal leader? Check out our recommended go to resources for council leaders. [FIND YOUR RESOURCES](#)

## Affiliate Program Returns for 2023

There will be a training webinar on Wednesday, December 7, at 8:00 PM EST. [Register Now](#)

**Contact your Pastor** to discuss how the council can assist him during the Christmas season. Plan a Christmas event such as **Consecration to the Holy Family** or **Keep Christ in Christmas**. Invite all families of the parish to participate and identify new men that could strengthen your council.

Send the **Individual Member Worksheet** (#1728A) to council members for reporting their volunteer hours and charitable donations made during the year on behalf of your council. This will enable the council to submit an accurate **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity** (#1728) due January 31.

**Keep Christ in Christmas** The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. Material is available on Supplies Online through Officers Online. To get more information and resources, visit [www.kofc.org/Christmas](http://www.kofc.org/Christmas).

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**RSVP** Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Contact your State Vocations Chairman and visit [kofc.org/rsvp](http://kofc.org/rsvp) to learn how your council can sponsor a seminarian or postulant.

Complete your **Safe Environment training** and confirm that your Program, Family and Community Directors have done the same. Members will automatically be removed from their director positions if they do not complete the required training within 45 days of appointment. Council and member status can be checked using the Reports tab on [Officers Online](#).

Go to **Supplies Online** via Officers Online to order your supply of the **new design membership cards** that no longer require signatures of the Financial Secretary, Grand Knight, and Member. Use them for the upcoming billing cycle and save many hours of volunteer time.

Copies of the **2023 edition of the Vivat Jesus** prayer planner are available through Supplies Online. [Watch this video](#) that shows what Vivat Jesus is and how it can be used.

**Guidelines for Council Meetings** –Section 124 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus requires each subordinate council to hold at least two regular meetings each month.

- **One is a Council meeting for all members.** The purpose of this meeting is to build fraternal spirit, to share information, to strengthen formation in the faith, and to present matters that require the vote of council members.
- **The other monthly meeting is an Officers' Planning meeting.** The purpose of this meeting is to plan programs, develop budgets, pay approved bills, prepare motions, discuss new ideas, and deal with other necessary matters. Council officers, directors, and chairpersons are required to attend this meeting. This meeting is open to any council members who wish to attend.

[Click here for the guidebook for Council Meetings](#)

**Free Online Membership** has been extended into the next Fraternal Year. Many of you have reported how critical online membership has been to the growth in your jurisdiction. We are confident that having the ability to offer men the opportunity to join the Order online free of charge will help the recruiters in your jurisdiction to invite more Catholic men and their families to join our ranks. Please note that the promo code for free online membership has changed. The new code is Blessed McGivney. The code is one continuous string and is not case sensitive. Any combination of upper-case and lower-case letters will be accepted

**Ukraine Solidarity Fund** - [Donate in the United State and Canada](#)

**Become a Faithful Citizen** This is an opportunity to defend your values by getting involved in various federal legislative, regulatory, and legal issues that impact Catholic morals and teaching. Currently, this program will focus on United States public policy. You can sign up for this program and receive a monthly e-newsletter by clicking on the button below.

**Member Management** –Verify and update member contact information on the Member Management application available at [Officers Online](#). The grand knight might have the most current email addresses for all members, but it is important that this information is also recorded with the Supreme Council. Any changes in member phone, address or email should be updated at the local and supreme council level.

**2022-2023 NMSC Directories** [Click here](#)

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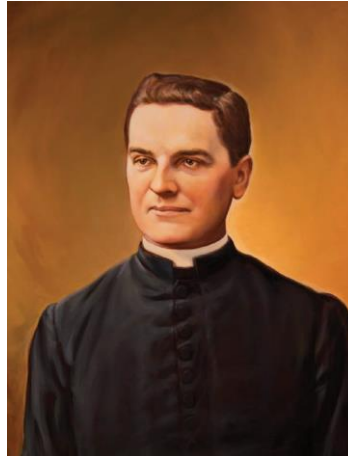
### Partner with Your Agent to Succeed

Are there men in your parish and community who have yet to join your council? Do you wish that more of your current members were engaged in the work of the council? Would you like more council members to be comfortable asking another man to join the Order? Your agent stands ready to help you with all these things and more. Reach out to him today to start a discussion on how you can partner for success.

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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.

*Please report all favors received:*

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**Michael McGivney**

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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.





## 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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