

Knights of Columbus
Joseph I Driscoll Council 4497
El Paso, Texas



The Word



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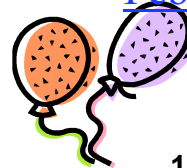
FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT - Like a runner getting his second wind, we push forward with this year's agenda of activities. A runner eventually tires, however, and depends on his team mates to carry on. Some of you have been extraordinary in taking up the slack that inevitably comes when other obligations take me from putting my attention on Council activities as I would like. For your dedication and efforts I, and all those in the community we serve, are ever so grateful. Even the most dedicated will eventually tire, though, and so the continuing theme of recruit, recruit, recruit must be reinforced. New members put energy and helping hands into our Council. It doesn't take that much effort to ask someone to join the Knights. What it does take is **perseverance**. Not everyone, in fact not many, will answer the call but even one more member who is willing to lend a hand means one more team member that will carry us forward. Look around you, Someone is waiting to be asked. It might as well be you who asks them. **Vivat Jesus, Jose Ortiz**

Program Note: Please note that on March 2d, we will meet for mass at 5:30pm in the MHT Chapel and following the mass, there will be a Pro Life Rosary. **Please do your utmost to attend.** The Hut will probably not be opened much before 7:00pm.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

*Lord, you are my Commander;
march into battle before me and
order my steps where ever I go.
AMEN*

February Birthdays



- 1 – Gale Mathiasen
- 3 – Blas Herrera
- 8 – Jose Ortiz
- 8 – Andy Villeux
- 13 – Lewis Otero
- 15 – Ruben Salcido

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**Valentine's Day is
Sunday, February 14th**

Interested in a Sweethearts Brunch? ~ ~ ~ Contact the Grand Knight!

PRAY FOR THE UNBORN!!!

Coming Events

<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
2 = <i>Repose of the Soul of all deceased Knights and Parishioners, 5:30pm MHT Chapel</i>	2 = <i>Mass with Pro Life Rosary to follow, 5:30pm MHT Chapel</i>
2 = <i>Knights business meeting, 7:00pm, rosary 6:40</i>	2 = <i>Knights business meeting, 7:00pm, rosary 5:30 at MHT Chapel</i>
6 = <i>Mass, Repose of the Soul, Brother Joe Lorkowski, 5:00pm</i>	9 = <i>First Degree, St Raphael Council, 7:00pm</i>
9 = <i>First Degree, St Raphael Council, 7:00pm</i>	14 = <i>Begin Daylight Savings time, 2:00am</i>
15 = <i>President's Day, Fly you Flag</i>	16 = <i>Council Officer's Meeting, 7:00pm, Rosary 6:40</i>
16 = <i>Council Officer's Meeting, 7:00pm, Rosary 6:40</i>	17 = <i>Saint Patrick's Feast Day</i>
17 = <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	20 = <i>First day of Spring</i>
20 = <i>4th Degree Exemplification, in honor of SK Joseph Lorkowski, St Joseph School Auditorium, more info to follow</i>	21 = <i>Mass, Repose of the Soul, Brother Joe Lorkowski, 8:00am</i>
20 & 21 = <i>Final Pro Life painting raffle ticket sales Before & after all masses</i>	21 = <i>Corporate Communion, MHT, 10:00am Mass</i>
21 = <i>Corporate Communion, MHT, 10:00am Mass.</i>	20 & 21 = <i>Shamrocks for the Seminarians donation Collection before & after each mass</i>
25 = <i>Fraternal Breakfast, 9:00am, LaDona Restaurant, Trans Mountain & Rushing</i>	25 = <i>Fraternal Breakfast, 9:00am, LaDona Restaurant, Trans Mountain & Rushing</i>
28 = <i>Mass, Repose of the Soul, Brother Joe Lorkowski, 8:00am</i>	

Please Pray for;

All Clergy, Haiti Earth Quake Victims, All Military Personnel, Joe & Jacque Casarez, CPT Ramon Coote, Joe Britt & wife Irmgard, LJoe Torcoletti, Consuelo Cedillo, Carlos Ortiz, Jimmy L'Ecuyer, Jim Thomas, Ester Queras, Beatrice Garcia, Joe Manna, Harry Rankin, Ruth Kaylor, David & Mary Burger, Stephen Boroff, Richard Garcia & his mother, Father Louis Acevedo, Mariah Flores, Blas Herrera, John Salazar, Larry Bayer, Cindy Williams, Glenn Springer & his sister-in-law,

Repose of the Soul of Deceased Brothers during the month of January (past years)

01(78) – Juan Espinoza 03(91) – Father Alfredo De La O 08 (08) – Moses Valdez 09(80) – Fred Canas
09(08) – Edward Drinkman 12(05) – Willis Berrier 28(99) – Max Buell

CHAPLAINS CORNER

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God..." *Romans Ch 8:28.*

It is easy to get caught up in the good works we all strive to accomplish. We should ask ourselves, "why am I doing this 'good work'?" If it is for the reward, earthly or eternal that should come from it, then we may be justified in feeling good about it - much more so if the reward is eternal than if it is earthly. In fact Jesus tells us that if we seek earthly reward alone then we have reaped all the reward we deserve and we need not look to a heavenly reward. More importantly, though, we should not even consider the reward of our works. Our purpose in doing good works should be for the love of God. Our very existence comes from and depends on Him. For this no less than complete love our heavenly Father is called for. One way we show it is by taking care of His creation - by doing good works.

FROM THE MEETING – February 2d

The drawing was won by Gene Mason which he donated to the Wheel Chair Fund. We now have enough in the fund to pay for a chair.

There was only 2 pounds of rice donated to the food pantry, we can do better.

\$125.00 was donated to the NE Catholic Schools Consortium.

February 20 & 21 will be the final Pro Life Raffle ticket sales, volunteers needed.



To Every Meeting - The Need Is Great!

MHT School

There will be a bake sale after all masses on Feb 27th & 28th. The sales are held monthly on the last weekend.

The school Science Fair was held on January 21st, please see article below, page 7. The Diocesan Science Fair will be held on February 6th and the city wide Science Fair will be on February 27th at UTEP.

There will be Mardi Gras Casino Night in support of NE Catholic Schools held on Feb 13th, please see information below on page 8.

The 8th Graders of Most Holy Trinity School will once again participate in the annual KofC Essay Contest. Entries will be turned in for judging on April 15th. The winner will receive a \$100.00 Savings Bond.

DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

Billings have been sent out and the 1st Quarters dues of \$9.00 are due now. You are encouraged to pay annually (\$36.00) which saves the council additional mailing costs. Checks should be made payable to KofC Council 4497 and sent to the Financial Secretary; Roger Strong, 5231 Rushing Road, El Paso, TX 79924-5811. If you are experiencing financial difficulties or wish to apply for disability status, please contact the Grand Knight, one of the Trustees or the Financial Secretary and something will be worked out. In the case of disability, all it takes is a statement from your doctor that you are unable to work. Thanks in advance for your support! *Roger Strong*

NEW INSURANCE FIELD AGENT

The following letter was received announcing that Brother Mario "Alex" Macias is the new Field Agent for Council 4497. There are now three agents serving the councils in El Paso which brought about this realignment. Give Alex a call to say hello and welcome.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE




January 5, 2010

Dear Brother Roger,

Have you met your Knights of Columbus Field Agent Mario Macias? If not, please let me introduce you to Mario. Mario comes on board as a field agent representing the Knights of Columbus on February 1, 2010. Mario will be working with your Brother Knights in your council to bring our fraternal benefits to them for their families. As a center of influence in your area Knights of Columbus, our Supreme Knight and I would greatly appreciate your support of Mario in your area. He is there to service you and your family as well as all of the Brother Knights in his territory. Please give Mario a chance to meet with you and your council and build a long and enduring relationship with those brothers. **I would also like to ask that you please mail the "duplicate copy" (2nd page) of all Form 100's generated in your council to Mario at the address below.**

God Bless.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



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Roe v Wade 2010 March for Life

Council 4497's 5th Annual Remembrance

Council 4497 conducted its fifth annual remembrance of the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing the murder of innocent unborn babies this past January 17th with its second annual "March for Life" and rosary to end abortion.



actively participating in the march in addition to Grand Knight Jose Ortiz were District IV Deputy Charlie Noerr and his wife



Following monthly corporate communion mass, members of the Council gathered in front of Most Holy Trinity parish church. With the Grand Knight leading all in song, they then proceeded to start the parish "March for Life". Brothers



Faye, Trustees Ed and Richard Garcia, Outside Guard Sam Cole, Youth Director Andy Veilleux, his wife Virginia and his children, Treasurer Gene Mason, Pro-life Director Dave Burger, Brother Robert Estrada, attached Knight Jeremy Smith from North Dakota and attached Knight Moses Rosado from California. Also participating was Knightingale Tille Quesada, wife of our late dear Brother Claudio. Other most welcomed participants

were the Rosary Altar Society whose president and vice president, Millie & Dave DeRuyter, led attendees in praying the rosary. Following the event a parish social was held during which PGK Gene Mason offered all present free coffee, sodas and donuts.



Lent Begins February 17th

How will you demonstrate your commitment to Christ?

Helping with your time or money our Pro-Life Raffle (Feb 20th & 21st) AND our Shamrocks for Seminarians Campaign (March 20th & 21st) is a good start!

Together (Unity) all efforts are easier!



The Knights of Columbus - Pro Life

Council Led Raffle 20th & 21st of February 2010

The Goal ~ Build A Pro-Life Memorial

Council 4497's second and final raffle to raise funds for a pariah Pro-Life memorial will be held prior to each mass on February 20th and 21st 2010. Our first raffle earned slightly more than \$600 which coupled with our \$1,000 donation to excavate the building site brings us tantalizing close to the magic \$2,000 mark we set for this project months ago at the start of the fraternal year. Will you help us attain this goal by purchasing your own raffle tickets?



Few members helped with the first part of this project, probably because it was held so close to Christmas. Some of our officers have both failed to help financially by purchasing tickets for a chance to win a beautiful oil painting or by arriving early to help with the solicitation of other parishioners to do so. We pray they remember St James' admonition "Faith without works is worthless" and do so in this final phase. Tickets are only \$1 each or seven for \$5. We have six paintings remaining and all will be awarded to lucky winners. Brothers who do not normally participate in Council meetings or attend Sunday mass at Most Holy Trinity are urged to contact project chairman SK Dave

Burger @ 821-0243 and reserve their tickets for this most worthy cause.

MOST HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL RENOVATION

Recently a renovation project, made possible by a Sister Elizabeth grant, got underway. The renovation includes such things as state of the art insulated windows, landscaping, a new marquee and new internal wiring to accommodate the ever expanding computer lab. These are all projects that will enhance the work and student environment as well as beautify the school and surroundings.



**"No man is truly married until he understands every word his wife isn't saying."
Author Unknown**

SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

VOLUNTEERS ENCOURAGE, MENTOR & JUDGE



As it has for the past four years, Council 4497 spear headed the Most Holy Trinity School annual Science Fair judging. On January 21st, volunteers gathered to take on the task of judging student entries in the 2010



Science Fair. Each year all students, from kindergarten to 8th grade, participate by conducting an experiment and then display and explain the results. With all



children taking part, they gain valuable experience and confidence that spills over to other endeavors.



This year the judges included a wide range of volunteers beginning with the youngest, Philip Lara (a MHT alumni and currently

a senior at Cathedral High School), Missie Sulak (the mother of a MHT student and EPISD teacher),



Victor Ledesma (the husband of a MHT School teacher), and Joe Grindstaff (a teacher's friend). KofC volunteers included Brothers Pete Candelaria and Steve Flores from Council 2592 along with Jose Ortiz,



Gene Mason, Richard Garcia and Jimmy Aguirre from Council 4497. While the results of the event were not known at press time, it was evident that learning at Most Holy Trinity school does not take a back seat. Our hats are off to Principal Rosa Gandara, event coordinator Carolyn Lira and the Most Holy Trinity School Faculty and staff!

Mardi Gras Casino Night!



Northeast El Paso Catholic Schools Consortium

Most Holy Trinity • Our Lady of Assumption • Blessed Sacrament Parish

JOIN US FOR MARDI GRAS CASINO NIGHT! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

Spaghetti Dinner 6 – 7 p.m. Fun and Table Games from 7 – 11 p.m.

Tickets: \$35/person, \$50/couple to include dinner and \$10,000 in FUNNY MONEY!

Location: Our Lady of Assumption School, 4800
Byron St.

*Dice (Craps); 7 Up 7 Down;
Roulette Wheel; Poker*

*Basket Auction
Girl Baskets, Boy Baskets, UTEP Basket,
Athletic Basket, Mom Baskets, Dad Baskets
ETC, ETC, ETC*