



# Newsletter

**Our Lady of the Incarnate Word Council #15199**  
**Our Lady of the Incarnation Assembly #3309**  
**2309 Monterrey Rd., Rio Rancho, NM 87144**

**January 2017**

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As we get ready to begin the new year, let's take a look at the [highlights](#) of the Order — and its 1.9 million members from around the world — throughout 2016!

To stay up-to-date on all Knights of Columbus events and initiatives throughout the new year, be sure to check out all the news and information on [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and follow us on social media

## Reminder

**2017 Council and Assembly Dues**  
**Please Submit Your Service Hours**

## CALENDAR

### ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

COTI PORTABLE 1

7:00 PM

Second Monday of the month

[www.kofcassembly3309.com](http://www.kofcassembly3309.com)

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

COTI PORTABLE 1

7:30 PM

Second Thursday of the month

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# Reflections - By Sir Knight Patrick McLaughlin

## "New Birth"

Happy New Year, Brother Knights!

With 2017 here we have every reason to celebrate. We have just celebrated the new birth of our Infant King and the start of a new year. This always brings us new hope and enthusiasm for life. How exciting! I call this 'hitting the reset button of life'.

January 1st marks the beginning, the reset, for me in all the important arenas of my life: physical, intellectual, emotional, financial and spiritual.

It is important to always lead with the spiritual. Why? Because this means we are choosing to give our thoughts and actions to our Infant King, Who formed us and knows us better than anyone.

When we slow down and allow ourselves to truly listen to Him and to allow His plans in our life, everything else falls into place.

Is it easy? No. Is it worthwhile? Every time! Take some time in January, if you haven't done so already, and sit with your God, and ask Him to create in you a 'new birth.' What might this look like?

Perhaps you'll find joy in deepening your relationship with God and His bride, the Church. Perhaps it will be going deeper in your relationships (spouse, friends, Knights, etc). Perhaps it will be to take yourself seriously and get going on a specific task that you know would bring you more joy and fulfillment. God wants us to be happy.

As St. Augustine said many centuries ago: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." So, rest in Him and find His Peace! Let's challenge each other to discover these 'new births' in 2017 and become a better blessing to those around us, both friends and strangers.

Together, as Knights, beginning with ourselves, we can change our families for the better, which will, in time, bring healing and peace to the world.

Remember, every day is a new birth, a new opportunity to grow in humility and pursue Him.

Vivat Jesu!

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## Council Officers

Chaplain - Father Leo Ortiz

Grand Knight – Roland Gatti

Deputy Grand Knight – Ron  
Karaskiewicz

Chancellor - Frank Melo

Recorder – Nick Medley

Financial Secretary – Jim Guth

Lecturer – Patrick McLaughlin

Treasurer – Bob Gatti, Sr,

Advocate – Stephen Sawyer

Warden – Jimm White

Inside Guard – Anthony Lombardo

Outside Guard – Ken Weiman

3 Year Trustee – David Martinez

2 Year Trustee – Ernie Marquez

1 Year Trustee - Bernie Marequez

Membership Director – David  
Martinez

## By Worthy Recorder Nicholas Medley

A quote from Pope Francis on unity. “To understand one another, and to grow in charity and truth, we need to pause, to accept and listen to one another. In this way, we already begin to experience unity. Unity grows along the way; it never stands still. Unity happens when we walk together.” - Homily at second Vespers on the solemnity of the conversion of St. Paul, Jan. 25, 2015.

Keeping the above words in mind, we should all remember coming into the new year that we need to be united.

We are all Knights of Columbus and we walk together as Brothers on the same journey.

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## Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar - Father Leo Ortiz

Faithful Navigator - SK Frank Melo

Faithful Captain- SK Ray Montoya

Faithful Admiral- SK Dan Lori

Faithful Pilot - SK Ross Aiello

Faithful Comptroller – SK Ron Meyer

Faithful Purser - SK Joe Berryman

Faithful Scribe - SK Mike Feyen

Faithful Inner Sentinel - SK Ralph Archuleta

Faithful Outer Sentinel - SK Ken Weiman

Faithful Trustee One Year – SK Stan Talik

Faithful Trustee Two Year - SK Bernie Marquez

Faithful Trustee Three Year - SK Ernie Marquez

Deputy Color Corp Commander - SK Ralph Archuleta

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## From State Deputy Patrick T. Mason



The Knights are the men of the world that must keep the Light of Christ burning, and we should invite all our brother Catholics to join us in our work. We start first with the Love we cultivate in our own home, and the joy that our families then spread, which transforms the world!

This Christmas, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminded us:

*"The power of this Child, Son of God and Son of Mary, is not the power of this world, based on might and wealth; it is the power of love. It is the power which created the heavens and the earth, which gives life to all creation: to minerals, plants and animals; it is the force which attracts man and woman, and makes them one flesh, one single existence; it is the power which gives new birth, pardons faults, reconciles enemies, and transforms evil into good. It is the power of God. This power of love led Jesus Christ to strip himself of his glory and become man; it led him to give his life on the cross and to rise from the dead. It is the power of service, which inaugurates in our world the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and peace."*

You all remain in my family's prayers, and we wish you a Merry Christmas in all the languages of the Knights of Columbus throughout the world:

*Feliz Navidad - Spanish Merry Christmas - English Joyeux Noël - French Sung Tan Chuk Ha - Korean Linksmu Kaledu - Lithuanian Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia - Polish Maligayang Pasko - Tagalog Kbrystos Rozhdayetsia! (Christ is born!) – Ukrainian*

My family wishes you a joyful, Merry Christmas, and know that you are all in our prayers! Special happy wishes from State Deputy's Little Helpers: John Marie (3 years—State Director of Toddler Activities; Aidan (18 months—Children's Dinner Committee Chair); and Connor (2 months—Outside Mommy Guard)! *Vivat Jesu and ¡Viva Cristo Rey!*

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## From District Master of New Mexico Rich Favela

Happy New Year to the nearly 10,000 Knights and Sir Knights of New Mexico!

As a reminder to all 3rd Degree brother Knights, St. Michael the Archangel Assembly #3330--Las Cruces will be hosting our District of New Mexico Patriotic Degree Exemplification at St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 Las Cruces Avenue, in Las Cruces, NM, on Saturday, January 21, 2017; registration begins at 11 a.m. Announcement letter with detailed instructions is posted at the State Council website.

Should any candidate need a tuxedo to become a 4th Degree member, these are available at no cost from "Tuxedo Junction," which is located in the Lamy Council #4227 building, 2800 San Mateo NE, Albuquerque, NM. Inquire with the Faithful Navigator of the assembly you are joining for details.

Mirroring what is happening with council Financial Secretaries, the assembly Faithful Comptrollers are also sending out annual dues notices and gathering personal data from Sir Knights to submit their assembly's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728C), which is due January 31st.

May all my brother knights enjoy a very productive and healthy New Year in the service of our Lord.

Vivat Jesus!

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## New Deputy Supreme Knight Appointed

Patrick E. Kelly, a past state deputy of the District of Columbia, was appointed deputy supreme knight by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors on Dec.13. He succeeds Logan T. Ludwig, who is retiring after serving as deputy supreme knight since 2013.

A Knight for 33 years, Mr. Kelly became the Order's vice president for public policy in 2006 and has served as executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., since 2011. He was also elected to the Order's Board of Directors in 2013.

Earlier this year, he retired with the rank of captain from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the commanding officer of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College.

Previously, Kelly had a long career of public service that included advisory roles to Congress, the Department of Justice and the Department of State.

During his time as executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, Mr. Kelly oversaw the renewal of that facility, which included the installation of a permanent exhibit on St. John Paul II and the creation of two worship spaces that feature the mosaic artwork of Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik. As deputy supreme knight, Mr. Kelly will continue to oversee the shrine's operations.

He holds a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a master's in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America. He and his wife, Vanessa, have three young daughters.

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## Supreme Knight Carl Anderson Recognized For Contributions to The Church and Society

In order to gain awareness and help for Christians whose presence has diminished from the Middle East at an astounding rate, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, has expanded the charitable efforts of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. "Our interest in the issue of genocide comes from our humanitarian concern for those suffering people and for their spiritual and physical well-being," Anderson said in a March 10 statement at the National Press Club.

The comments followed the release of a nearly 300-page report compiled by the Knights of Columbus and an organization named In Defense of Christians, which called on the U.S. Department of State to designate the activities of ISIS against Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities as a genocide.

The Christian population of Iraq is estimated to have dropped by 80 percent from the more than 1.4 million who lived there before the U.S. invasion in 2003. In Syria, the Christian population has dropped from an estimated 1.25 million in 2011 to less than 500,000 this year, according to ADF International. Many of the Christians remaining in those countries have been forced from their homes to other regions.

The report documents murders, torture, kidnapping, rape and mass deportation of Christians and others carried out by members of the Islamic State in Iraq, Syria and Libya. That designation of genocide made by Secretary of State John Kerry on March 17 was the first such U.S. declaration since Sudanese actions in Darfur in 2004.

It allows the possibility of — but does not require — greater resources for the genocide victims. Under Anderson's leadership, the Knights of Columbus have raised more than \$11 million since 2014 to aid refugees in the Middle East, both those internally displaced and those who have fled to neighboring countries.

Anderson personally has testified about the plight of Christians in the Middle East in front of a congressional subcommittee. Anderson 65, has a history of public service, working at the White House under Ronald Reagan and then as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

But it is for his work on behalf of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East that he has been honored as a 2016 Catholic of the Year

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## John Paul II Documentary Wins Emmy Awards

*Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism* was honored with two Emmys at the 58th annual Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards!

As executive producer of the film, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was honored in the category of Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs – Historical along with the film's producers. The film's director of photography was also awarded an Emmy in the category of Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: photographer – Program (Non-News).

Check out the full article from the [Catholic News Agency](#) to read more. For details about the film, including ordering information, visit [jp2film.com](http://jp2film.com)

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## Council 15199 Receives Triple Star Award

Each year there are those councils who go above and beyond in their service to their brother Knights, campus and local community. They exceed insurance and membership quotas, helping to secure both their own futures and that of their council, and their good works are shining examples of the charity and unity that every Knight strives to fulfill.



District Deputy Sam Serna presents the Triple Star Award to  
PGK David Martinez

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The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities.

The Triple Star Council Award is presented to councils that earn the Star Council Award and attain 300 percent or more of the membership quota.

Congratulations and thank you to all Brother Knights for your contributions and support that made this possible !

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## Visits with our Veterans

On December 14, Council and Assembly Members went to the VA Hospital in Albuquerque and served cake and juice to our Veterans.

In conjunction with 4 other Councils and Assemblies in the Albuquerque area, we are responsible for the visits on the second Wednesday of every fifth month. All Brother and Sir Knights are invited to attend.



On January 10, 2017 and on subsequent second Tuesdays of the month, we'll visit with our Veterans at The Rio at Cabezón. The program will begin at 2 pm and include Prayer, Communion and Socializing. All Brother and Sir Knights are invited to attend. We'll meet at The Rio at Cabezón at 1:45 pm.



[Click Here](#)

Fund Meals For Homeless And Hungry Veterans for  
FREE

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## Tamale Event

A Tamale Sales Event was held for the holiday season. The event produced a huge participation of Knights and their family members who had a great time and showed immense dedication to their work!

An excellent example of this dedication came from Brother Sir Knight Joseph Lepre and our Grand Knight and Sir Knight Roland Gatti. Both stayed until 3:00am on a Friday night in order to make sure that the job was completed and that preparations for cooking on Saturday were set.

Because of the dedication of the Knights and their families this event was very successful. Profits from this event were sent to PDL.

Thank you to all!



## Burrito Sale - January 22

The next Burrito Sales one will be on January 22, 2017 at the Church of the Incarnation. Preparation will begin at 6am at the Rio Rancho VFW (76 Unser Blvd NE). The sale will take place after the 8am and 10:30am Masses.

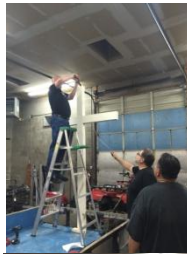
Help is needed to prepare and sell the burritos; all Knights and their families are welcome help out. Profits will go to PDL.



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## Christmas Light Parade

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Council and Assembly Members constructed a Christmas Float and entered it into the Christmas Parade held at the Rio Rancho City Center. The theme for this year's parade and float was Christmas around the world.

Thank you to all who supported this activity and made it success!

Special thanks to Brother Sir Knight Bob Gatti, Sr. for the use of his facilities to construct the float and to Brother Sir Knight Ray Montoya for the use of his truck to pull the float.



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## Did You Know?



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EMBLEM

The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formée Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight.

The Formée Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword.

The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization.

The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy.

Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our country. As such red is the symbol of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion.

Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country.

White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible — tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drips of Christ's redemptive bloodshed upon Calvary, and of the martyr's bloodshed in defense of the faith. Red then is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual.

White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity.

Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

## Defend Life

Through prayer

Through  
participation in  
vigils

Through  
evangelization

Through monetary  
support

Through daily  
sacrifices, however  
small

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## Culture of Life

Dear Friends,

Even though the arson attack closed down PDL until it can be rebuilt, we continue to work with the Sidewalk Advocates (Christina, Philip and others) to save lives from abortion. And now thanks to CareNet of Albuquerque we have their Mobile Medical Unit setup at PDL to assist the women who are brought over (see the photo above).

Philip told me that St. Joseph is in charge of our rebuilding and he did an excellent job on the staircase at the Loretto Chapel so I know we will again have a beautiful Chapel and excellent pregnancy resource center!

We are very thankful for all your prayers and generous support that allow us to continue to help the moms and save babies!

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their steadfast leadership in the Pro-Life ministry and their generous support!

God's blessings,  
Curt





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## Richard Espinosa - Immediate Past State Deputy

Thank you Brother Knights, families and councils for donating a total \$13,885.00 dollars so far for Project Defending Life Pregnancy center.

They also have received donations of baby items for the center from the Knights. We have set a deadline for January 6, 2017 for money donations, would like to see us give \$15,000.00 dollars to PDL.

A check will be presented to PDL on January 18, 2017 at the right to life march and mass in Santa Fe at 11:00 am.

We will send out place and time of the check presentation very soon. Praying that we have a large attendance of Knights at the presentation. PDL personnel are very excited to accept the check for renovation of their building.

Once again the Knights of Columbus from New Mexico have come thru for our unborn.

Richard Espinosa  
Immediate Past State Deputy

## Incarnation Pro-Life

Please join us [Saturday](#), January 7, 2017 at 9:30 AM at the **Incarnation Pro-Life meeting** to hear a presentation by **Students for Life representatives, Sade Patterson and David Rodriguez.**

They will share information about the March for Life in Washington DC and San Francisco and their experience with Students for Life, Sidewalk Advocates, and Women's Pregnancy Options at PDL.

David leads the effort to defend life on a very liberal campus (UNM) which runs its own abortion mill and uses baby body parts at summer youth camps.

Sade works for National Students for Life and writes articles for Life-Site News.

The meeting will be after the 9 am First Saturday Mass at the [Church of the Incarnation](#), 2309 Monterrey Road in Rio Rancho.

With leaders like Sade and David, abortion will end in New Mexico!

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## Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day



The **Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day** will be held on **Wednesday January 18** in Santa Fe. Join **Archbishop Wester, Bishop Cantu, Bishop Wall, and several Priests and Deacons** who will celebrate Mass at 12 noon in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis and then lead a procession to the Roundhouse (which now has a majority of pro-abortion legislators).

**SKs in full regalia (modified, no swords) should assemble outside the Cathedral starting around 11:00 a.m. Our Honor Guard will escort the Archbishop and church dignitaries around the square and to the state capitol following Mass**

The 2 PM rally at the Roundhouse and visit with legislators will be led by **Allen Sanchez**, the Director of the NM Conference of Catholic Bishops. **Call the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life at 505-831-8167** for more information about the Mass, procession, and rally on **January 18**.

While you are in Santa Fe, stop by the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Gift of Life Center** and thank them for all they do to help women and save babies in Santa Fe. They are open from 10 AM to 2 PM and their address is 811 St. Michael's Drive, Suite 103, in Santa Fe (located in the office complex just north of the Credit Union).

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## THE SECURITY OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE



Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get in an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something doesn't happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care service during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that's only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.<sup>1</sup>

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family's resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That's why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that's why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides and specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy.

Contact Sir Knight Bob Brunoni today to set up an appointment and learn how the Knights of Columbus can help protect your family.

Office: (505)850-7474, Cell: (505) 850-7474, Email: [bob.brunoni@kofc.org](mailto:bob.brunoni@kofc.org)

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## 2017 Patriotic Exemplification Ceremonies

- Saturday, March 25, 2017 and will be hosted by St. Anne's Assembly #3478 in Santa Fe; the exemplification ceremony will be held at Faith of St. Anne Parish in Santa Fe.
- Saturday, June 17, 2017, a date that falls between Flag Day, June 14 and Father's Day, June 18. The ceremony will be held in the Albuquerque area and hosted by an assembly still TBD.

**We are still in search of one more motivated SK from the Albuquerque area to join the Patriotic exemplification team with one of the criteria being the requirement to memorize their team roles and to commit for the long term. If you are interested please contact your Faithful Navigator.**

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## Welcome Brother Knight

Brother Knight Gerardo Carrillo - First Degree

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## Happy Birthday

### January 2017

Jonathan C Ault 1-04

Daniel A Aragon 1-10

Charles Daniel Bradley 1-12

Peter J Aiello 1-14

Daniel J Meyers 1-19

Stephen D Sawyer 1-26

Philip K Watje 1-28

Daniel H Lori 1-31

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## Reminder

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