## Biography

Knights of Columbus State Deputy NV State Council

Meynard Abac Infantado

Meynard Infantado is the current Nevada State Deputy of Knights of Columbus.

"It is an honor to serve as the current Nevada State Deputy; and to be an inspiration to our brothers. Our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are working well because of the faith, dedication, knowledge and perseverance of our brother knights. I can only rely on my strength and weaknesses. I am far from being perfect so I always ask guidance from Holy Spirit. I will continue to serve the order with all that I have in full force; and to follow the vision of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary."

Meynard Infantado was born on November 28<sup>th</sup> of 1974. His parents are PGK/SK Edgardo G. Infantado and Mrs. Ester Infantado. He has six siblings - 4 brothers whom are all members of Knights of Columbus; and 2 loving sisters.

He was born in the humble province of Oriental Mindoro in the Philippines - the seventh largest amongst the 7,100 plus islands. Born and raised as a Catholic, his devoted parents would guide him and make sure he follows the teachings of Catholism. He went to Catholic schools in the Philippines from Kindergarten to College namely Holy Infant Academy (Mindoro, Philippines) for his elmentary days; then to University of Santo Tomas (Manila, Philippines) for his High School and College days. He would continue and finish his college here in US and obtained his Bachelor's Degree (IT) at University of Phoenix, and Management Information System (CSN). He would then work as Technical Account Manager in a Techology/Software company.

It was in 1993 when Meynard and his parents, together with his brother Mark and sister Mayette migrated here in the US. A scorching heat in the summer of June would welcome him and his family as he arrived here in Las Vegas. "It was a complete change living from a tropical country to a desert environment but he knows God has a purpose why we move from place to place," he said.

While serving at Prince of Peace Catholic church, he met this young lady Yolanda, and would soon marry her in 2012 of October. They got married at St. Bridget Catholic Church; and they

are blessed to have a daughter named Maliah Francesca Infantado. The family continues to serve at their churches.

Meynard has dedicated his life in serving his church and Knights of Columbus. His journey to Knighthood is very interesting. He was already a young active member of the church serving in ministries of Prince of Peace and St. Bridget. In 2003, his father Eddie (PGK) asked him to join the Knights of Columbus; unfortunately, he would decline it due to his busy schedule at work and in school. He was also not familiar on how the organization works.

But in 2004, with the enlightenment and persistance of his father, he finally joined the order. He was 29 years old back then and he would become a young member of San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392. He then served as Grand Knight for two years there. In 2015, he became District Deputy serving for three years. State Deputy Gregg Spriggs, back then, awarded him District Deputy of the Year for his outstanding perfomance. He also held chairmanship and directoship positions for Nevada State Council. One of his biggest accomplishments was his role in leading the reactivation of suspended councils in Nevada. He thanked his brothers for making it happen.

In the years to come, he would continue to become an active member of the Knight of Columbus participating in the events and meetings. PSD Tom Thorn tapped him as his Executive Deputy after his successful role as District Deputy. In 2019, he would then move up to State Treasurer position for a two-year term under PSD Toni Pascua.

Knights of columbus has changed his life. He continues to grow his faith and learns more about the Knights. He understands that a knight should inspire, inform and inquire young and senior members.

It is about charity that impresses him. Seeing homeless people in distress, helping the Seminarians and helping charitable oranizations makes him to do more with the Knights. Meynard enjoys the camarederie and being surrounded by his brothers.

"Our Faith IN Action programs help me understand what Knight is all about; more importantly, it also helps us in the evangelization of our Catholic faith." Meynard once said, "the sacrifices that we do for our faith, community, family and life are worth it especially when we face our creator someday. We thank our wives, families and friends who support us."

Warm regards,

Meynard Infanado NV State Secretaty Knight of Columbus