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R A M I R O G A R D E A**

Brother Knights,

We are fast approaching the end of the Fraternal Year and as they say “time flies when you are having fun”, in my first year as State Deputy there have been some fun times along with not so fun times, however, I’ve enjoyed the challenges and opportunities to work alongside my fellow State Officers, District Deputies and State Directors to help grow the Order in Nevada. One of these challenges was to get the Uknight Website System implemented throughout the state where this would enable all councils to communicate with each other; this endeavor is still ongoing with a majority of councils already online including the new Nevada State Website www.kofc-nvstate.org.

A recent visit from our Supreme Membership Program Consultant Levi Leyba was twofold; to attend a 1st Degree Exemplification and to perform an assessment of the Nevada Jurisdiction to determine our membership growth. The 1st Degree was performed by the first Triple Star Council in Nevada, San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #13392 at Markich Hall on March 9, 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada. The 1st Degree went very well, which included an 18 year old son of a Knights of Columbus member of Council #13392. Our state membership growth is on line to meet the Jurisdiction’s goal from Supreme, although we still have until June 2014 we need to continue the push for “One Member.....Per Council.....Per Month”. With the help of all councils getting involved I’m confident the Nevada Jurisdiction will see a positive growth overall. My thanks to all who will make this happen.

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STATE DEPUTY: RAMIRO GARDEA
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In conclusion, I want to encourage as many as possible to make plans to attend the 104th Annual State Convention to be held in Reno, Nevada, May 2-4, 2014. Meetings will be conducted at St. Albert the Great Parish Hall, as well as the banquet. The Peppermill Hotel is the host Hotel for the convention. This year's 104th Convention is scheduled to be a memorable event with special guests and State Awards to be presented to the winners in various categories. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the 104th State Convention in Reno, Nevada.

**Vivat Jesus,
Ramiro "Ray" Gardea
State Deputy**

UPCOMING STATE CONVENTION NEWS!!



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Gentlemen,

We are a few weeks away from the 2014 Nevada State Convention being held at St. Albert's Parish Hall in Reno and sponsored by the Nevada State Council. Over the next several days you will begin to receive announcements regarding the State Convention, so please print the flyers sent recently and make note of the deadlines that are being requested so that we have a well attended meeting with full participation.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

As discussed at the Mid-Year Meeting in November, we have selected the Peppermill Resort Hotel as our preferred Hotel for lodging during the weekend of May 2nd thru 4th, 2014. Please note the reservation deadline and plan ahead by confirming your reservations early.



**St. Albert the Great
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CONVENTION YEARBOOK:

This year we are requesting that Councils/Assemblies who wish to advertise in the Convention Yearbook do so by submitting pictures of your Council Events or Council Members in lieu of advertisements. Whether you submit one large picture of an event or a collage of several events with graphic illustrations, please provide a high resolution picture that is in print ready format. For businesses, if you still wish to submit an ad, please consider including a picture of yourself so we can place a name with a face.

If you have any questions about the attached flyers or deadlines as we move forward, please contact me via e-mail. Thanks!

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Fatherless Churches by Aaron Taylor,

Almost fifty years ago, when the Catholic Church unveiled its new rite of Mass in the Sistine Chapel, Cardinal John Heenan, then Archbishop of Westminster, remarked that if the Church used the new liturgy in ordinary parishes it would "soon be left with a congregation mostly of women and children." In 1967, Heenan could proudly assert that in his country "not only women and children but also fathers of families and young men" regularly attended Mass.

Whether or not the liturgy played any role in subsequent patterns of church attendance, Heenan's predictions have come true, and the drop in male church attendance has not been confined to the Catholic Church. [Extensive research](#) on English churchgoing habits, for example, shows that 65 percent of the average church congregation is made up of women and 35 percent of men, with the gap widening. In 1980, congregations were 57 percent female and 43 percent male, and since 1990, almost half of men under 30 have left the Church. If the current rate of loss continues, men will completely disappear from the Church by 2028.

Nor are these trends confined to an increasingly secular and post-Christian Europe. Despite overall church attendance remaining much stronger in the United States, Cardinal Heenan's predictions have also come true here. 61 percent of the [average American congregation](#) is female and 39 percent male. The gender gap is the same across all age groups and therefore cannot be explained merely by the fact that women live longer than men. Although [research shows](#) that 90 percent of American men believe in God, and five out of six men identify as Christian, only one man out of every six will attend a church in the United States on any given Sunday.

These facts and figures provide useful background to discussions about the role of women in the Church that we've become increasingly used to hearing since Pope Francis ascended to the papacy in March last year. Only last month, the Holy See moved to end a discussion that had begun about the possibility of appointing women as cardinals. "I don't know where this idea sprang from," the Pope [explained](#), "whoever thinks of women as Cardinals suffers a bit from clericalism." Responding to the Pontiff's [call](#) for renewed reflection on the feminine dimension of ecclesial life, the Vatican's newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, has inaugurated the New Year by beginning a series of articles focusing on the "theology of women." Lucetta Scariffia, the editor, [explained](#) that this "open question" is "central to the Church today."

In and of itself, reflecting on the prospects for a theology of womanhood is a good thing. As John Paul II noted in his [Letter to Women](#), "women's dignity has often been unacknowledged and their prerogatives misrepresented; they have often been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude. This has prevented women from truly being themselves and it has resulted in a spiritual impoverishment of humanity." As the Creation narrative in the Book of Genesis suggests, without an adequate view of each gender, we lack an adequate concept of human nature as a whole. It is in his recognition of "woman" that Adam recognizes himself as "man" (Gen 2:23).

But theological considerations do not sufficiently account for the popularity of novel ideas like women cardinals (which, though it may have been slapped down for now, will almost certainly resurface). Evidence shows that the three groups least likely to be active Christians today are men, young people, and the poor. *Mutatis mutandis*, this means that those most likely to attend church are affluent, educated, middle-aged women. In other words, the same demographic group which dominates almost all church congregations in the English-speaking world is the group most likely to benefit from an idea like female cardinals. If a church has almost no attendees except women, it is understandable that ideas about new theologies of womanhood and new gender-inclusive ecclesial structures are going to seem much more urgent than they would in a Church with a healthier gender balance.

The claim that what the Church really needs at this juncture is a theology of manhood might seem outrageous at first. After all, in many major Christian churches there are plenty of roles that men are free to enter which are completely closed off to women. Surely the last thing hierarchically male-dominated churches need is more men bloviating about their own masculinity?

Yet most boys are not called to be bishops, priests, deacons, or pastors when they grow up. Most boys will become husbands and fathers. The West, and the United States in particular (which has the third highest divorce rate in the world) has been undergoing a crisis of fatherhood for decades, a crisis which appears to be deepening and the (continued on pg. 5)

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consequences of which we have only really begun to suffer. President Obama has spoken movingly about his own fatherless upbringing and has established a [National Fatherhood Pledge](#) to encourage fathers to take responsibility for their families. The “first step in piety,” John Calvin once said, is “to know that God is a father to us.” The crisis in religious practice in the Western world is intimately related to the crisis in fatherhood, since it is from God, as St. Paul tells us, that all paternity on this earth is named (Eph 3:15).

A [study](#) of Swiss churchgoers commissioned by the Council of Europe found that if a mother attends church regularly but the father is non-practicing, only 2 percent of their children will attend church regularly in adult life. If the roles are reversed, with the father attending regularly and the mother non-practicing, the figure for regular attendance shoots up to 44 percent (higher even than the figure when both parents attend regularly). Another [study](#) found that when an American mother converts to the faith, there is a 17 percent chance that the rest of her family will follow. When the father alone converts, this figure rises to 93 percent.

It is praiseworthy that despite falling attendance rates among men, many women have steadfastly kept the faith and have often made valiant (if sadly ineffective) efforts to pass it on to their children. But the way to ensure that future generations of women continue to discover the joy of life in Christ is not by making token appointments. It is by ensuring that the Church has an adequate theology of maleness and of fatherhood, by ensuring that daughters see their fathers going to church and living lives of faith—which, incidentally, is also the way to ensure that future generations of boys might find their way back to the churches that current generations of men are leaving in droves.

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STATE TREASURER: THOMAS PEACOCK

Life and Times of an Abortion Protester/ Prayer

While saying a rosary, often with others around holding signs, or a crucifix, it is joyful to hear the words of encouragement. They usually outnumber the “FU’s” and middle fingers, although if the ratio was the other way around one “God Bless you outnumbers a dozen of the others. Richard, who is 84, is the warrior with his large crucifix and shield of Our Lady of Guadalupe waving to passing motorists with a smile. Tony is patient. Mike is stoic with his “Baby Disposal” sign at the entrance to “Fortress Abortion,” so named by the SF Chronicle. Santina is prayerful, with her Holy Land rosary. Mary is defiant with her loud voice to “save your baby.”



These are common occurrences, with the large signs of “Abortion...Stops A ...Beating... Heart, the 40 wooden crosses in a row, with rosaries around, the dirt and rock crosses on the ground, the sidewalk chalk life-size pictures drawn daily, as if it was the tide that washed them away. Following are the events that assure all that God is with us.

A couple of months ago a car was pulling out and a young man in the rear seat heaved a big gulp at Tony on the sidewalk. Unfortunately for the occupants his window was rolled up. The car sped away amid profanities. I found out last week this accidental dousing of the interior has occurred at least twice.

Today I pulled up to park right in front and everyone was gone. I noticed 4 women in their smocks walking down the drive towards the sidewalk. After parking I got out, expecting confrontation, and they had disappeared. Poof. 50 yards back to the clinic, must have been on the run. A couple of minutes later the baby extractor pulled up, opened his window, gave me the finger, and spewed profanity at me, during the 4th decade of the Sorrowful mysteries from 25 yards away, in public. I guess medical school doesn’t teach common courtesy.

A couple of weeks ago a car cut across the sidewalk and pinned Mike and his sign against the fence. It took him a while to figure out how to get around on the sidewalk. And that was enough for 5 police cars to immediately show up, as if there was a terrorist incident. The investigation, interviews, watching their film, concluded with the common warning for us not to block the driveway. Later a small car careened off the road, just missing 2 people, and bowled over those large signs. A 911 call was made, but when the dispatcher was told the address, we were told to file a complaint. No officers ever showed up. So Mike, being retired law enforcement, showed up the next day with cinder block sign supports. If that car tries it again we can follow his leaking motor oil.

Meanwhile, there is little business being done. We have visited at different times and the parking lot is mostly empty. The business is just hanging on, and our prayers over years and years are slowly being answered.

STATE ADVOCATE: THOMAS J. THORN

Dear Brother Knights,

Fraternal year 2013-14 has been full of opportunities, growth and challenges for our State's Knights. We had the concern about the recently passed Assembly Bill 60 which thanks to our devoted and competent Brother's that researched and advised on the issue namely State Legislative Chairman Br. Mark Foxwell and Worthy District Deputy #2 Thierry Barkley the question of what the effect on our councils would be was clarified. We got to show our faith in action feeding and distributing clothes and coats to many of God's children that are homeless or facing financial difficulty throughout Nevada. On the Pro-Life front we have several Knights and their families that are praying the Rosary to end abortion, placing ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers, participating in the Walk for Life in San Francisco and other Pro-Life events. We should be proud as Knights that many of the approximately 50,000 attending the walk in San Francisco were Knights and our spiritual leaders. The Knights of Nevada have made great advances with our new website and the appointment of a webmaster to coordinate the implementation of the UKnight integrated approach connecting our councils through the web. The Nevada State Knights are also in the process of trying to save thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours for the State Council and subordinate councils by using electronic communication more effectively. One example would be posting scheduled degrees, prayer request, notices and other useful information on the State Council site and having councils do the same. If we keep the website current and accurate it will cut the need for emails down so that when you receive emails from the Knights it will be a manageable number.



Many councils are emailing their newsletters and posting them on their websites. With the "One Member per Council per Month" campaign mentioned at events including the mid-year meeting and the councils working hard to implement it we are on the way to a very successful fraternal year.

Thank you for all the hard work this year and hopefully you are having some fun along the way to improving the world God gave us.

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Thorn
Nevada State Advocate

Including pictures from West Coast Walk for Life



STATE WARDEN: VICTOR M. EDWARDS

A LAYMANS 10 COMMANDMENTS

Some one has written these beautiful words. It's a must read. Try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all of the time!



1. Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a steering wheel that directs the right path throughout the journey.
2. So why is a Cars Windshield so large and the Rear View Mirror so small? Because, our Past is not as important as our Future. So look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a Book. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well - enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong - don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold, New Friends are Diamond, if you get a Diamond, dont forget the Gold. To hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold.
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, relax my child it's just a bend in the road, not the end.
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in his abilities, when God doesnt solve your problems he has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight? He replied: Yes losing your vision!
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrows Troubles; it takes away todays Peace. So live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

Humbly Submitted: Vic Edwards, Nevada State Warden



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Are you one of the engaged Catholics?

I like to read novels, books on spirituality, books that help me grow as a Catholic priest and books that help me relate our Catholic faith to others. Recently when I was helping in a parish, a gentleman came and showed me a book titled “The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic” written by Matthew Kelly. I enjoyed reading some of his books such as A Call to Joy and Rediscover Catholicism. His books appeal to all Catholics.

I was curious about the book describing Dynamic Catholics. So I ordered a copy and enjoyed reading it. I would like to share briefly his suggestions of how to become a Dynamic Catholic.



He did some research to see how the catholic population is engaged in their church, examining in particular volunteerism and financial contribution. Both are significant signs of engagement. He found out **that 7% of Catholic parishioners** are doing almost everything in their faith community and paying almost entirely for the maintenance and mission of the parish. That leaves 93% Of disengaged Catholics.

In his findings, conducted by The Dynamic Catholic Institute, Mathew discovered four signs that are practiced by the 7% of engaged Catholics. These four signs are: **PRAYER, STUDY, GENEROSITY AND EVANGELIZATION**. When one look at the four signs, one can say that is so simple, which is true. But to put each sign into practice is more difficult. I am going to share briefly what Matthew found out about each sign.

PRAYER: I am sure when you read the word prayer, you will say, yes I do pray. So what is the difference between the 7% engaged Catholics and the 93% of the disengaged ones? **Dynamic Catholics have a daily commitment to prayer.** God is a personal friend to these people. They seem to have a structured way of praying such as praying the Rosary each day, attending daily Mass, pray with the scripture daily, He found out that engaged Catholics give a great importance of having a time to pray, a place to pray, and structure to their prayer.

STUDY: Dynamic Catholics are continuous learners. Matthew discovered that Dynamics Catholics spend fourteen minutes each day learning more about their faith. They see themselves as students of Jesus and his friends. They believe that Jesus teaches them through the Scripture, Christian tradition and the Church. They listen to Catholic CDs, watch DVDs about the faith, and tune in to Catholic radio and Television programs. They go to retreats more regularly. They are eager to learn more about their faith.

GENEROSITY: Dynamic Catholics are generous. They are filled with a spirit of service and are generous stewards of their time, talent and treasure. They are generous not only with time and money, but most of all with their love, appreciation, praise, virtue and encouragement. They see generosity as the heart of Christianity. So they are generous lovers, they are generous parents, they are generous with their colleagues at work, and they are generous with strangers that cross their path. Generosity is a way of life for the 7% engaged Catholics, a way to bring God's love into the world.

EVANGELIZATION: Dynamic Catholics invite others to grow spiritually by sharing the love of God with them. Although Catholics are timid about evangelization, engaged Catholics do and say things to share a Catholic perspective with the people who cross their paths. They evangelize in their own way, such as sharing a book about spirituality with others, give a Catholic CD to members of their families, They are constantly trying to help people develop vibrant spiritual lives by discovering the genius and beauty of Catholicism. Engaged Catholics know that sharing their faith with others is a natural flow from the first two signs. They generously share their spirituality whenever and wherever the opportunity emerges. They want others to experience the love relationship with God.

I ask you to reflect on these four signs. Ask yourself if you can say that you (and your family) belong to the 7% of engaged/dynamic Catholics, or are we still with the 93%, the disengaged Catholics. If every Knight works hard to be part of the 7% group, we will see a great renewal in our councils, in our parishes, in our families. I ask you to work towards that goal – to be fully engaged Catholic.

I highly recommend this book “The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic” by Matthew Kelly. You can purchase it from Amazon online. Read it, reflect on what Matthew has to say to each one of us and put it into practice.

Vivat Jesus

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Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of
Thy peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me
sow love;*

Where there is injury, pardon;

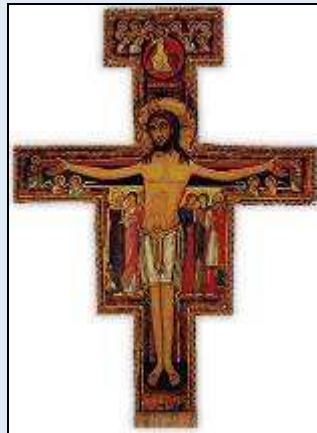
Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.

Amen...

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

The Knights of Columbus has been following the events unfolding in Ukraine. Pope Francis said: "I assure the Ukrainian people of my closeness and pray for the victims of the violence, for their families, and for the injured. I urge all parties to cease every form of violence

and to pursue harmony and peace throughout the country."

In solidarity with our Holy Father, and with the Catholic Bishops and Church in Ukraine, the Knights of Columbus is asking all of our members around the world to pray the Prayer of St. Francis that there may be a renewed dialogue and respect and a peaceful resolution to the situation in Ukraine.

D I S T R I C T D E P U T Y # 6 : J A M E S C O N N E R

The Knights of Columbus, District 6 has been very busy this year. The year started off with a District meeting in Ely, in the month of September. Our State Deputy-Ray Gardea and several other State Officers attended and gave us some great training in all areas including growing and retaining membership.

Ely has been busy with their annual events.

Battle Mountain focused on youth programs this year and has been very busy with programs geared towards the kids. The District Free Throw was held in Battle Mountain, which five of our competitors in the District competing in Reno. Battle Mountain and Elko both had Regional winners.

Wells' big project this year with the holiday gift baskets. They also welcomed a New Member.

Elko has put on several events (new and annual) and have grown in membership also. They have done projects such

as; the Parish Picnic, Golf Tournament, to sponsoring the Nevada Day Parade, to Degree Weekend, the annual Christmas Raffle, Free Throw, to raising money for parish projects. Their next big project is the annual Fish Fry. The membership has grown by six and still growing.

I have traveled to meetings and events this year and appreciate the hospitality of all the Councils. I would like to thank the Grand Knights for keeping their Councils going this year.

God Bless
Jim Conner
District Deputy 6



D I S T R I C T D E P U T Y # 7 : M I K E R I P P A

My brothers in Christ;

As I entered my duties as District Deputy for district 7 last year my thoughts were in accepting the councils I inherited from former DD Vic Edwards. A particular council brought back fond memories while a Knight in Tucson, Arizona. Our Lady of Guadalupe or La Virgen de Guadalupe in Mesquite is named for the Lady of the America's our Mother Mary.

While in Tucson during the '90,s my daughter of 10 showed me an article in the bulletin for our parish St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. A parishioner was looking for volunteers to assist in a reenactment of the apparition that many, Hispanics know by heart! Indeed the church holiday celebrated on December 12do every year has been a part of many church Liturgies for decades.

At the meeting my daughter Gail was so very anxious to participate not knowing the content and what would be asked of her. So the gentleman, brother knight Bill briefly explained that he had written a script to reenact the apparition that occurred on Mt. Tepeyac near Mexico City in December 1531. He explained that the re-enactment would only have 4 performers; A Bishop, Our Blessed Lady Mary, Juan Diego and the Bishop's assistant Br. Ignacio.

Well Br Bill thought Gail would be a perfect understudy to learn the role of Mary. Of course Gail was thrilled to be a part of such history in our church! As I agreed to permit

Gail this opportunity Br Bill thought that I would make a perfect Bishop! How could I refuse this with my daughter so anxious for her own chance along Dad?

As many know the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego began a series of visits to the Bishop asking for Shrine to be built. On the final attempt the Bishop requested a sign. Juan Diego then appeared before the Bishop in a cloak or Tilma which had a beautiful image of Our Lady.

As the Tilma opened marvelous roses were displayed which the Bishop accepted as the sign and immediately began building the Shrine.

My daughter was Our Lady twice during the next ten years! And Dad was the Bishop of all of Mexico.....also for ten years!

Regards and Blessings!
Mike Rippa DD7



DISTRICT DEPUTY #8: JOHN SUCHEWSKI

The Emblem of the Order



I joined the Knights of Columbus in December 1992 during my junior year at Niagara University. After I graduated from Niagara University in May 1993, I transferred to my new home council in Chittenango, New York, St Patrick's Council 10924. I finally received my first badge as member and I was a happy camper! My name was spelled correctly (amazing), the council's name and number was on it, and of course the emblem of the Third Degree is right in the center of the badge. When I showed my badge to a friend of mine, the questions he asked, "What does these symbols stand for?" "Do they have any meaning to it?" I'll be a dirty name because I had no answers for him. I did not know. From that point on, I was on a mission. I also wanted to know what the emblem represent.

Back then, there was no internet, AOL was not available at that time. I did the research "old school" style. I went to the public library and used an encyclopedia. For those who do not know what an encyclopedia is, "Google" it! And there it is, I found the answers I was looking for. So in this article, it's dedicated to the new members so they will not be in the same predicament as I was in. It's dedicated to us more seasoned members. As a reminder to reflect on the symbolism of the emblem!

"The Emblem of the Order" came into existence during the second Supreme Council meeting on May 12, 1883. It was designed by Supreme Knight James T. Mullen.

The first thing many people may notice is a shield mounted upon the Formee Cross. The shield is associated with a Medieval Knight. The Formee Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ. Through the Cross of Christ, we received all graces of redemption procured for mankind. This represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

There are three objects mounted on the shield of our Order. A fasces standing vertically, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces, a bundle of rods bound together around an ax with the blade projecting, is from the Roman days. It's symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and an efficiently operating organization. The anchor in the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order. The dagger or short sword was a weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. The shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in an organized action. The letters K of C proclaims this specific form of activity.

The color red is the symbol of **Faith**. Our belief in Christ, in the redemption and in the knowledge and the love of Jesus Christ.

The color white is the symbol of **Charity**. It is also the color of the Eucharistic Host. The pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among mankind, of the infinite love God has for mankind and the overwhelming affection which the God-Man has for each individual.

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

Hope, faith and charity are the three theological virtues of the Holy Spirit!
I would like to give thanks and credit to the Knights of Columbus Kansas State Council for the materials I used in my research. Yes, I "Google" for the information. I could not find an encyclopedia in the public library!

Fraternally,
John E. Suchewski
District Deputy #8

D I S T R I C T D E P U T Y # 1 0 : T O N I F . P A S C U A

Greetings!

With reference to my being a Past Grand Knight, I reminisce the fact that just to join the Knights of Columbus, is to be of service to God and the community and to become a better Catholic. Little did I realize that I would be a District Deputy (10). We are called but only a few are chosen- for not many can fill up the position and invest time and resources. It requires you to be away from family after a full time of work but the challenge in it is something that drives the encouragement and enthusiasm to build stronger teams- a firmament and stronghold of what a knight should be in service to God, community, and to others.

As the Columbian year closely draws to an end, I could say that the journey has actually just begun to assist my four councils, that worked hand in hand to help with their respective parishes in the various fellowship, team building, charity works, volunteering hours in church, assisting in socials and other activities to raise funds for their respective organizations. My term as District Deputy no. 10 has been interesting as every objective to build and maintain membership growth if not expanded in terms of the council's standing in obtaining Star Awards. The most exhilarating joy I had experienced in my tenure was the fellowship of meeting new brothers within my district and throughout the state.

Our district's goal was reaching for the stars. Last October 17, 2013- the District and St Viator Council 8282 hosted the second and third degree installation at St Viator Parish, wherein 34 took their 2nd degree and 39 knights likewise took their 3rd degree.

We are proud to present the highlights of each councils' achievements/activities:

St Viator Council 8282

- +A bake sale project was held recently and raised \$3,000.00 for the indigent families of St. Viator, who needed support for their children's tuition fees.
- +The council also hosted an Appreciation Dinner at a Green Valley Ranch, well attended by some 60 attendees and their immediate families, for their valuable time and support.
- +An annual Tootsie Roll drive, A taste of St. Viator, membership drives, Fish Fry and fellowship amongst others had also taken place.

Council 13456- St. Francis of Assisi

- +Highlighted Community service- Restoration of Habitat for Humanity- The Knights helped to paint the walls and hauled construction materials to build a home for the needy.
- +The Knights also assisted in the church's major building fund raiser- at the parish festival on the first week of October, manning the American, Italian, and Mexican booths and directing traffic within the perimeters of the parish.
- +The Knights on the other hand, participated in assisting the Thanksgiving Lunch which served and fed at least 800 persons at the Heritage Senior facility in Henderson.
- +A recently concluded and well attended 120 person dinner to honor the PGK- Past Grand Knights was held at St. Francis of Assisi and shared all their achievements in their respective terms.
- +This year, the council was able to donate \$10,000 for St Francis of Assisi Church building funds proceeds from various projects.

St Sharbel Council 14820

- +Our quaint, Catholic Mission aiming to build the parish, hosted a festival last October to raise funds, wherein most of the Council members helps in booths and entertainments.
- +Memberships for the Knights also grew, as we gained new members and is aiming for Double Star this year, a record breaking trend for this council.

Council 15061- UNLV

- +Socials as a Welcome Back Collegiate students barbecue and a Poker Tournament was held last September and November, 2013 respectively. For the more active members, a bowling events was also held.
- +A Lenten fish fry was held to help raise funds for St. Therese Center of Las Vegas.
- +The council also saw growth in terms of membership, we had turned in more new members so that the organization aimed for a star award this year,

In closing, this Columbian year has been an enriching experience as we continuously strive to dedicate not only our efforts in service to our community, fraternity but also for the love and devotion to God, in fulfillment of our mission and trust in Him.

Vivat Jesus! Toni F. Pascua, District Deputy 10

STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR: ANTHONY DONOFRIO

As this Columbian year comes rapidly to a close I can look back and see the efforts made by many councils to make the Knights of Columbus a truly Family oriented organization. Thanks to those dedicated individuals who made a success of the Free Throw competition, the Soccer Challenge, the Keep Christ In Christmas program and the many councils who sponsor Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Thanks to those councils who give scholarships to deserving young students, to those who have family picnics and to those who regularly schedule Communion Breakfasts. These activities and others are what keeps our families strong.

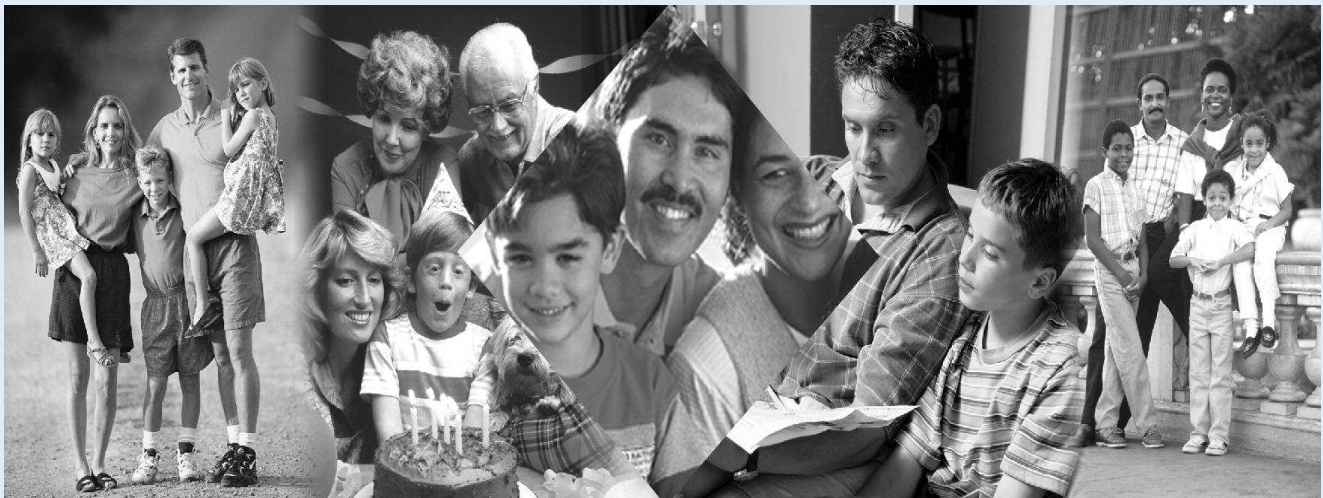
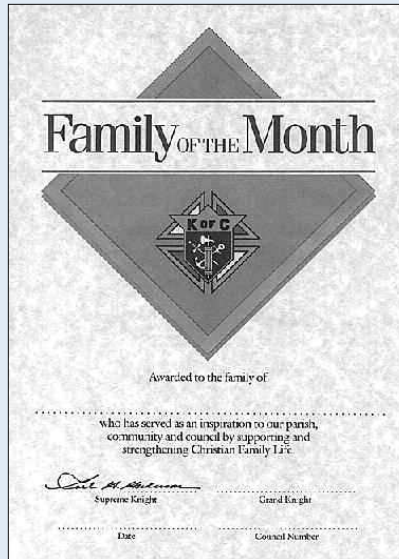
I must comment on the Family of the Month program. In spite of all of the deserving men and women who make the above programs a success very few councils give them the recognition they deserve. Out of all of the councils in the state only 7 councils (2380, 5693, 7322, 8078, 10442, 14820 and 13392) regularly reported to supreme their selection for Family Of The Month. I wish to thank those councils for honoring

the families whose hard work make this a family organization. That means that less then 15% of the councils in the state report to supreme their choice for Family of the Month. I certainly hope that there

are more councils then those above who choose and honor a Family of the Month, but just do not go the one step further to report their choices to Supreme. I would encourage the rest of the councils in the state to honor their families by following the simple instructions on the Family Of The Month form that can be found on-line and submitted to Supreme. It only takes 10 minutes every month and could be the best 10 minutes for recruitment and retention that you ever spend. Please honor those women and men who keep our families an

integral part of THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

I would like to thank those councils who continue to put together events that keep alive our family values. Without our families cooperation and support we would not be able to accomplish the great things that we do as an order.



STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: DAVID RYAN



We have had a good year in membership growth but not a great year. We can still make it a great year with a real strong finish between now and June 30th. As of March 21 we were number 38 in the order in net gain at 43.9% of goal. We still need 165 more new knights to make the goal with no more losses. In the intake category we are number 15 at 71.4% of goal and where we really shine is in net/net gain where we are number three in the order at 222% of goal. So we still need to work hard to make this a great year and put Nevada in the top ten in all categories that supreme looks at for membership.

8282 Las Vegas, 9102 Las Vegas, 12543 Las Vegas, 12690 Laughlin, 12877 Sparks, 13456 Henderson and 13824 Reno.

Potentially, we have 24 councils that could make star council this fraternal year which would be one of our best years yet. However on the down side we still have five councils who have not recruited one new member yet this year. This is unacceptable as there is no reason that councils cannot recruit at least one new member per fraternal year. Per the

Two councils earned the 52,000 award points from supreme by every council officer recruiting one new member by December 31. They were San Lorenzo Ruiz council 13392 and Grand Knight Gerry Rockwell with 14 new members and 350% of quota and St Joseph Husband of Mary council 10442 and Grand Knight Charles McCloskey with 23 new members and 121% of quota. Council 13392 has qualified for the new triple star award.



census that I have received for the dioceses there is not a parish in Nevada where we have a council where 100% of the eligible catholic men are knights. Until you reach that point there are eligible men in your parishes you can ask and get to join.

The State Deputy is only asking you to actively recruit new members from within your communities. If we all work as a team we still can put Nevada in the top ten in all three categories this year. We have been moving up in the standings but now is crunch time where we

Other councils that have made or exceeded their membership quota are: Council 4997 Reno at 111%, Council 8078 Boulder City at 133%, Council 10577 Stead at 125%, Council 10780 Pahrump at 125%, Council 13944 Incline Village at 116%, Council 14144 Las Vegas at 160%, Council 14544 Las Vegas at 109%, Council 14820 Las Vegas at 125% and Council 15061 Las Vegas at 125%.

need that extra effort by all our brother knights to recruit a new member before the end of this fraternal year. We are so close to making the state goal of being in the top ten that we don't need a herculean effort but just have each council recruit an average of one new member per month for the rest of this fraternal year. God Bless.

The following councils are on track to make quota and star council: Council 5693 Las Vegas and 12543 Las Vegas. Councils that can still make star council with a little work are: Council 2511 Elko, 2828 Las Vegas, 3741 Henderson, 7322 Reno,

David M. Ryan, PSD
State Membership Director



STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR :

The Knights of Columbus is first and foremost a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization. Service programs are vital to the success and well being of any Council within the organization. Programs are a means by which we can ensure that the Knights of Columbus are the "go to" organization in our Parishes and Community. An additional benefit of an effective service program is that it supports new membership as well as retention of our current members. As such the Service Program is vital for the council's existence and cannot be considered as optional.

By providing opportunity for direct involvement the service program stimulates personal commitment and strengthens and spreads fraternalism. The service program will provide the opportunity for members to fulfill their Catholic duties to benefit themselves and others and creates more family participation. By providing service to Church, community, council, family, culture of life and youth, service programs help to establish the council as an influential and import force, elevates the status of programming personnel and provide many opportunities for recruitment of new members.

Many members do not actively participate merely due to not being asked. It is safe to say that each member of the Council is passionate about something. While the program areas are specific when listed separately, taken in total they cover the broad spectrum that makes up our everyday lives as Christians and Catholics. By evaluating the needs of our communities and parishes we can determine the programs and activities that are need the most. Then by executing a well planned program using the members of our council with a passion for the program and by enabling families, parishioners and non-members to participate in the programs and to bene-



fit from the experience we can effectively meet the needs while attracting new members so that the Order grows in strength, effectiveness and quality. As a Knight each of you who have knowledge of a need should not wait for the Council Program Director or the Grand Knight to put forward a request to address that need. You should bring that need to the attention of the Grand Knight and the Council Program Director and offer your suggestions and expertise on how the Council can develop a program to address that need. The Church is continually searching for ways to expand its reach, our communities offer limitless opportunities for positive action, and Council programs and activities help foster a sense of fraternity and family in the Knights of Columbus community. As Knights of Columbus we can offer programs and activities that might help or that offer good opportunities for families to spend time together. As Knights are called to defend the dignity of each human being at every stage of life and to work together to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. Today's youth, the leaders of tomorrow, are looking for challenges, for responsibility, for faith and trust. We can help them develop through the Columbian Squires, youth groups, athletics, scholarships, educational programs, youth welfare, religious and social activities.

I challenge all Knights of Columbus in Nevada to identify a need within their parish and/or community and to present not only the needs, but your recommendations for a program or activity to meet that need to your Council Officers and Program Director. Then lets work together as Knights and Catholic gentlemen to implement the plans to help meet the vision of a better world of our founder Father Michael McGivney.

Vivat Jesus,
Charles Reifsnyder
State Program Director



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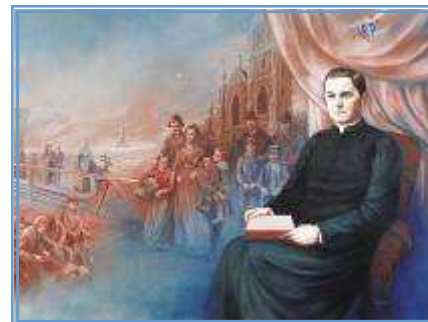
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COLLEGE KNIGHTS: LEADERS FOR LIFE.

MACEDONIO "CURLY" INIQUEZ, PSD
NEVADA STATE CHAIRMAN,
FR. MCGIVNEY GUILD

FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
AUGUST 12, 1852 - AUGUST 14, 1890
APOSTLE TO THE YOUNG
PROTECTOR OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY
LIFE



It is always important to reflect on the following dates in the Life and Legacy of our Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney:

ON THESE DATES

JANUARY 2, 1878

Fr. McGivney is assigned to St. Mary's Church, New Haven

JANUARY 30, 1878

Fr. McGivney officiates at a marriage for the first time

JANUARY 9, 1882

Fr. McGivney calls meeting of Catholic men to form an association

JANUARY 20, 1890

Fr. McGivney becomes seriously ill with pneumonia

OCTOBER 1, 2013

International Guild Membership: 152,492

JANUARY 1, 2014

International Guild Membership: 153,506

OCTOBER 1, 2013

Nevada Guild Membership: 1,121

JANUARY 1, 2014

Nevada Guild Membership: 1,148

UPDATE ON CANONIZATION OF OUR FOUNDER!!!!

As per our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, the previously reported miracle, consisting of 700 pages, has been delivered to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. It is still in the early stages of investigation in Rome. REMEMBER: Per Supreme Knight Anderson, continue enrolling new members.

A FIRST DEGREE is the perfect time to enroll a new member into the Fr. McGivney Guild and promote his canonization. This is the time he should learn about the Life and Legacy of Our Founder. Be sure to include parishioners and relatives as well as non-Knights. Joining the Guild is really important; numbers do count. Continue to pray for the advancement of the Cause and invoke the intercession of our Founder in your daily and extraordinary needs.

BENEFITS OF THE GUILD:

Each week a Mass is celebrated by Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, vice postulator of the cause for Father McGivney, for the intentions of members of the Father McGivney Guild. The member will also receive a periodic Guild Newsletter which gives in-depth information on the canonization of our Founder.

ATTENTION: GRAND KNIGHTS: Please forward this report to members of your Council thru your Council's website. Not all of your members are on the State's website so this is a great way for them to know the present status for the canonization of Fr. McGivney and the Guild.

COUNCIL BULLETINS: Thank you to the many Council bulletin chairman who are including a section on the Fr. McGivney Guild and explaining the process. I really appreciate this.

The new version of the Fr. McGivney Guild membership application is available on-line at www.fathermcgivney.org as well as in the Columbia Magazine.

*Venerable Fr. McGivney,
Pray for all Knights
and their families who are
in need at this time.*



NEVADA STATE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
CHAIR: PAULA DONOFRIO

Campaign for 2013

The Nevada State Council has supported this national evangelical program for many years with the efforts of many Council volunteers committed to getting the message out into our parishes and communities through out the state. The major products offered by this promotion, of course, are the beautiful Christmas cards but there are also a wide variety of other items available as well. The full color car magnet has proven to be one of the best selling items.

The following Councils, individual Knights and Ladies Auxiliaries utilized these materials in 2013:

- ◇ Ladies Auxiliary for Council 13456—chair Dr. Patricia Brown
- ◇ Council #13924 –chair Patrick Neylan
- ◇ Council #13842 — chair Don Parrillo
- ◇ Council 11029 –chairs Frank Hutchins & Terrance Ward

The Keep Christ In Christmas information program has been enhanced by the use of the State email communication network through the coordinated efforts of myself and our State Communications Chair, Thomas Moran. The idea is to make the readily available information accessible by breaking it into segments and releasing them periodically to all Councils in the state.

The Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary wish to thank all the Chairmen and participating Ladies Auxiliaries for their efforts to support this State wide fundraising and evangelizing program. Information and materials for the 2014 Campaign will be available at the State Convention in May.

Paula Donofrio
Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary Vice President
Nevada State Keep Christ In Christmas Chair



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NEVADA STATE LADIES AUXILIARY:
PRESIDENT JACKIE KATROSITS



NEVADA STATE COUNCIL

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2013-2014

President	Jackie Katrosits
Vice President	Paula Donofrio
Secretary	Joyce Bieniasz
Treasurer	Susanne Culver
Sgt At Arms	Rosemarie Conner
Three-Year Trustee	Beth Carter
Two-Year Trustee	Kathy Strait
One-Year Trustee	Sharon Wilk
Parliamentarian	Susan Hurja

Madam Presidents, Officers, and Auxiliary Members,

I hope all of you are having an enjoyable and productive year. As I have mentioned previously, the Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary exists to offer assistance and support to the auxiliaries. Towards that goal, we have presented the State Deputy with your requests to change the by-laws to include mothers and married daughters of Knights. His decision will be presented to each auxiliary and voted on at the convention. Please feel free to contact me or any of the state officers if you have any questions or concerns. The Knights are having their convention on May 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2014 in Reno, Nv. At this time, the Ladies are planning to have their convention in Reno on Friday evening, May 2nd, 2014 from 5 to 7 pm. This may need to be changed to another date in May in Las Vegas because most State Auxiliary Officers cannot travel to Reno for the convention and many of the auxiliaries are having the same problem. It is important that we carry on with our convention so that auxiliaries continue to keep in contact with each other to share ideas and accomplishments.

This will be our 10th annual Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary Convention and our 14th Convention Meeting. Whether we have the convention in Reno or not, I urge any ladies going to the convention with the husbands to attend any Saturday functions that the wife of the State Deputy has organized.

By now, your presidents should have received the information flyer on the convention and deadline dates for convention materials. This requested material would be an application for Ladies Auxiliary of the Year, Auxiliary Reports, names of convention delegates and nominations for Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary Officers. I'd like to remind you that all State Ladies Auxiliary positions are open. If you would like to help make a difference, please apply for a state officer position.

I would like to thank everyone for the support and welcome I have been given as President of the Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary. I have enjoyed installing your officers and attending your meetings and parties.

Council	President	Date Chartered	Charter President
5693	Diane Ventura	9/13/1983	Vicki Bently
11029	Inactive	8/03/1996	Nell Baker
3741	Inactive	9/01/1996	Phyllis Savone
5448	Inactive	10/24/1997	Vicky Gonzales
7322	Inactive	3/17/1999	Billie Youngman
9102	Inactive	4/27/1999	Sandy Nasse
2666	Inactive	6/12/2000	Mary Klemish
9899	Inactive	8/03/2000	Ana McCabe
12690	Inactive	5/21/2001	Ann Hernandez
10442	Donna Marinello-Davis	10/12/2002	Paula Donofrio
12543	Inactive	4/13/2003	Miriam Flores
13456	Beth Carter	1/18/2005	Beverly Dendary
4997	Inactive	6/07/2005	Christina Brokaw
2511	Jodie Micheletti-Murach	11/11/2006	Rosemarie Conner

On behalf of myself and my fellow State Officers, I wish you all a blessed Lenten season and a Happy Easter.

Your Sister in Christ,
Jackie Katrosits, President

What is a Ladies Auxiliary? A Ladies Auxiliary will promote sociability among the women whose husbands are members of the Knights of Columbus. It will assist in promoting the welfare of the Council to which it is associated and it will promote a charitable activity each year. Membership is open to wives and single daughters under 18 years of age or older of Knights in good standing and to widows of departed Knights.

Elko Council #2511 Ladies Auxiliary Report

Another year has gone by for the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #2511 and the ladies are as busy as ever.

The Ladies Auxiliary mission goal this year was to grow in membership and we have accomplished that in flying colors. At this time we have sworn in 2 new members and will be swearing 4 members by the end of my Presidency; bringing our membership from 13 to 17 members. The ladies have a few other women who are interested in joining. The goal in having a few more ladies join by the end of the year, we sure will be accomplished. It is a work in progress. Please welcome new members; Danielle Widmer, Barbara James, Carol Morgan, Mary Murach, Kathy Stirm, and Kelly Milligan.

The community service that the Ladies Auxiliary participates in during the year has been very fruitful in many ways. We help with the Silver State Stampede PRCA rodeo; receiving a donation from them to continue with our other projects, we helped with the Nevada Day Parade, and we had our annual Tea Benefit, which all proceeds are raised to help the organization known as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). This year's benefit was chaired by Auxiliary members Melissa Mahlberg, Jody Micheletti and CASA volunteers. Everyone did a fabulous job of decorating tables, selling tickets, and getting prizes for raffles, auctions and the door. This event is becoming well known and liked within the community; it has been a great success since we started.

The Auxiliary continues to be busy within the parish and helping Knights with projects as they are needed. The Auxiliary put together games and prizes for the Parish Picnic; the Cake Walk is everyone's favorite. All the kids want to participate and they

NEVADA STATE LADIES AUXILIARY 10TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

"Sisters United In Faith"

Las Vegas, NV 89108

All Auxiliary Members are invited to attend as well as any interested guests. This evening will include sharing Council Auxiliary experiences, the State Officer elections and much more. Come and connect with your sister Auxiliaries and enjoy an evening of special friendships that can grow into the future.

The 10th Annual Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary Convention meeting will be held May 16th in Las Vegas at a location to be announced.

have such great fun. The ladies have also decorated the hall for the Degree Dinner (held in November), they put together baskets and had a craft night to have some fun stuff for those attending the Knights Christmas Breakfast and raffle.

The Lenten Soup Suppers have been the Auxiliary's longest running project. This year we made each Friday's Soup Supper a separate event, where one member will chair each Friday. This helps with not leaving one person to get all the help and supplies. We feel that this can and will be more successful in doing this project this way. The last Friday (the Friday before Palm Sunday) is the annual Fish Fry which is put together by the Knights, the ladies help with the set-up and a lot of the cooking and cleaning. They also put together Easter Baskets to be raffled off during the dinner.

This year the Knights will be hold the parish's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. The Auxiliary is participating as they did with the Christmas Breakfast, where crafts and special baskets will be made up for auction and raffles.

As you can see even with last year's growing pains we have been successful in growing, continuing our projects, participating and helping to begin new projects and members.

With you in Christ
Jody Micheletti
President

C O U N C I L # 4 7 8 1 S I E R R A S M A D R E

Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast

Sierras Madre Council 4781 served a pancake breakfast to over 130 students of St Teresa's School in Carson City on Schrove Tuesday, March 4, 2014. Ten brothers helped parents and school staff in the fundraising efforts to send students to a Reno Aces ball game later this spring. The council received over 20 thank you cards from some of the thankful students.



C O U N C I L # 4 8 2 8 : F A L L O N

Brother Knights,

Council 4828 has had a busy year, despite the fact that we have temporarily lost our hall. St Patrick's parish in Fallon is in the process of building a new multi use hall and our old one was demolished last fall. This has put a damper on our council activities. We have however persevered.

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COUNCIL # 6688: POPE JOHN PAUL II

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

When St. John the Baptist Mission's storage room became insufficient, the Round Table Knights of Pope John Paul II of Yerington, Nv. stepped up to alleviate the problem. Many of the Knights, having practical building experience, were able to design, produce working drawings, prepare the foundation, install the underground utilities and complete the painting for a 480 sq. ft. combined storage room and covered BBQ structure saving the Mission approximately \$12,000.

COUNCIL # 8078: ST. ANDREWS

We started this year by participating in the July 4 Independence Day Parade in Boulder City. Our Float was entitled "One Nation Under God" and consisted of a 1965 Ford Fire Truck decorated with banners, bunting and flags. Riding on the float were nine Brother Knights, two wives and children & grandchildren of the Knights.

In keeping with the current membership program of "One New Knight Per Council Per Month" we hosted the exemplification of the First Degree of the Order on July 11. Since then we have tried to hold a First Degree each month. So far we have exceeded our membership quota of six new members and are well on our way of achieving a goal of twelve new members. This will put our council's membership to an all time high of 100 members.

This year we have focused on two service area's for most of our efforts. As the youth of our Parish are the future of the Parish. Our first area has been to increase Youth oriented activities. We already have the funding available for the Carlie Kopp Memorial Scholarship {named for our Charter Grand Knight} We went all out this year by having 324 children participate in our annual Basketball Free Throw Contest in January. On February 8, we hosted the District 12 Contest and on March 15, we will host the Southern Regional Contest here in Boulder City.

Our second area of Prime Focus has been the Nevada State Veteran's Home, located in Boulder City. Each Saturday, members of our Council conduct a Holy Communion service for the Catholic Residents. Members of our Council also visit with the residents on a regular basis. On the second Sunday of each month, the Home brings several of the Residents to Sunday Morning Mass at St. Andrew's. Knights assist the residents from the bus to Mass, escort them and then visit with them during the Extended Liturgy and escort them back to the bus afterward. We have also joined with other groups to put on a Father's Day Party, Superbowl Party, Christmas Party and the annual "Veteran's Olympics" and Veteran's Day Celebration. Finally, several members of our Council are "Committal Ministers" commissioned to provide Graveside Internment Rites for the Veterans and Spouses, who come from other Parishes outside the area or from the Veteran's Home. This is our way of saying Thank You to those who sacrificed so much to protect and preserve this "One Nation Under God"

Fraternally: Robert J. Hartman GK Co. 8078
Nevada's No.1 Council by a Dam Site



COUNCIL # 10780: OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

(Council Chaplain) Father Henry Salditos is celebrating his 25 years (Jubilee) as Priest at 10:30am 3-22-2014. The celebration will be held at Our Lady Of The Valley Parish in Pahrump, NV.

Knights of Columbus Council 10780 has two Round Tables of the Knights of Columbus formed. One at Our Lady Of The Desert Parish in Amargosa, NV and one at St Therese Mission in Tecopa, NV.

God Bless
Grand Knight Edward Bowler
Our Lady Of The Valley Council 10780
Pahrump, NV 89048
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COUNCIL # 12543 HOLY APOSTLE

**Knights of Columbus Council 12543 Sponsors
Youth Basketball**

As part of its commitment to community involvement and youth development, the St. James the Apostle-based Knights of Columbus Council in Las Vegas sponsored a basketball team. The team consisted of students' ages 12 & 13. The games were played between January and March 2014. This was the first sponsorship of its kind for the council. The endeavor was rewarding and exciting for both the participants and the sponsors.

The events were held at Doolittle Community Center on J Street. Doolittle Community Center is located on the "West-Side" of Las Vegas, across from the Andre Agassi Academy, and only a couple of hundred yards from St James the Apostle. A total of eight teams drawn from across the city participated in this sporting event namely the Symbolic Art Rebels, 76ers, WC Rebels, Dream Team, M'Pyre, Zulus, Vegas Elite, and Dog Catchers. Our Council sponsored the 76ers team. There were both boys and girls in all the teams.

The choice of this location for the sponsorship of a team is quite unique. It shows that we as the Knights of Columbus have a special pride in supporting our neighborhood and surrounding community and in developing our youth to be good corporate citizens. It was also an opportunity to make our neighbors aware of the good things that the Knights do and who we are in general. To see these kids run up and down the court with "Knights of Columbus" embroidered on the back of their jerseys was something to be proud of.

At the conclusion of the season there will be an opportunity during a small award ceremony to reinforce to these young people the need to stay committed to their education, remain law-abiding citizens, and be respectful of their parents, their teachers and all those placed in authority over them. In doing this they would be making positive contributions to society as a whole.

With resources available, future sponsorships are intended. Please enjoy the pictures which include play actions and spectator excitement



COUNCIL # 11029 MOTHER SETON



Mother Seton Council 11029 sponsored Squire Circle 5271 member, Nicholas J. Salamunovich is awarded the ... "Squire of the Body of Christ" The 89th recipient worldwide The first awarded in Nevada

The Knights of Columbus Council (Knights) of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton (SEAS) Roman Catholic Church is pleased to announce that Nicholas J. Salamunovich (Nick) has achieved Squire of the Body of Christ. The Squire of the Body of Christ Award is the highest award a Squire can achieve. The award is given by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, with worldwide headquarters at 1 Columbus Plaza. New Haven, CT 06510.

The Knights of Columbus motto is ...

In Service to One, In Service to All.

The award is the first such award given to a Squire in the State of Nevada. The Knights of Columbus are very proud of Nicholas' achievement and offer their congratulations to this outstanding Catholic young man.

To achieve this prestigious award, Nick progressively complete 96 specific service contributions, in areas of "Home and Family", "Squires and Knights", "Community and Country", and "Church". One example of Nick's achievement was his leadership in planning, organizing and directing a fund raising drive at SEAS which generated nearly \$12,000 contributed to the Las Vegas First Choice Pregnancy Center. Quite an achievement for a 17 year old.

Nick's achievement of Squire of the Body of Christ will be celebrated by the Knights', Squires', family members, friends and SEAS parishioners February 8th. The celebration will include an 11 AM Mass with Bishop Joseph A. Pepe, followed by a 12:30 PM luncheon at Bears Best.

Background ... Nick, a 17 year old senior at Bishop Gorman High School has been a member of the SEAS Squire Council for six years. At SEAS, he is also an altar server, and very active in the youth and drama ministries.

The Squires are a worldwide organization for Catholic young men between the ages of 10 and 17. These young men participate in a variety of activities (known as contributions), and accomplish 'achievements' in the areas of: Home & Family, Squires & Knights, Community & Country, and Church. Squires are able to advance to progressively higher levels of achievement in an Advancement Program by completing at least four achievements in each of these four areas. The highest level of achievement is Squire of the Body of Christ. The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Squire Circle 5271 is proud and honored to announce that one of their Squires has achieved the highest level of this most prestigious award.



COUNCIL # 13456: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Worthy Brother Knights,

I would like to share with you a very worthy situation that we have in our Council #13456, Saint Francis of Assisi. One of our Knights is a fourth generation Knight in his family. This all started in Cambridge Massachusetts, (St. Peter's Parish on Observatory Hill) Council # 74 where Michael F. Hillery born in 1860 became a Knight on September 28, 1913. Subsequently Paul Fred Hillery who was born in 1894 became a Knight also in Council # 74 on May 16, 1920. Then in April 1946 Thomas Hillery became a Knight. Again, in Council # 74 a Thomas H. Hillery Jr. became a First Degree Knight on September 1, 1994.

I do believe there are not too many families that have had a Knight in their family for over 100 years. Quite the feat! Thomas Hillery Jr. has since become a 2'nd and 3'rd degree on April 20, 2013, who, by the way, was knighted with his Grandfather, Paul F. Hillery's sword. Thomas Jr. has since become a 4th Degree in Rev. Theodore Van Skee Assembly this past January 2014.

Thomas has again been a part of something special by becoming one of if not the first certified member of our First Degree Team playing the part of the Chancellor. In addition, he is now our team leader for our First Degree Team and has done an exemplary job since take over that position.

Thanks for letting me share this with you all. Vivat Jesus!

Edward S, Boreczky
Grand Knight
Council # 13456



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 13456, SERVED AT HENDERSON SENIOR CENTER DURING THE RECENT THANKSGIVING WHEREIN AT LEAST 800 SENIORS HAD THEIR LUNCH.



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COUNCIL # 13754: MESQUITE

How I met my dearest friend, Ed Gutierrez

(aka Uncle Ed)!

By: Art Hammerschmidt, Council 13754

My wife and I first met Uncle around 2004. I was ushering at La Virgen De Guadalupe Catholic Church in Bunkerville, NV, when this nice older gentleman entered the church. As Usher, I seated him and talked briefly with him. He was visiting from Southern California. After mass, my wife and I were eating breakfast at the Casablanca coffee shop when I walked Ed by himself. We invited him to join us. We hit it off instantly! There was a kindness in this man that you felt immediately, a warmth that touched us within our hearts and souls.

Having lost his wife, Josephine, a few years earlier, Ed would visit his daughter frequently, driving back and forth from LA alone. Ed was about 85 years young at the time. His daughter was also having a difficult time; her husband was gravely ill and shortly after, passed away. A year or so later, Ed moved to Mesquite to live with his daughter permanently, as she was going through chemotherapy. It became our ritual every Sunday after mass to have breakfast together. From that time on, we were family.

Ed and I both love music, particularly jazz and blues. Ed was an accomplished musician that played the tenor saxophone most of his adult life. He would

visit at my home and listen to my collection of music while we talked. When Ed found out that I was involved with the Salvation Army Kettle Program, he volunteered to play his sax while I rang the bells. He has been doing this ever since.

Ed knew I was a Knight and eventually I talked him into becoming a Third Degree Knight when he was in his late 80's. When we asked if he would like to become a Fourth Degree Knight, he said he was too old. However, we brought up all the many organizations he belongs to and attends frequently and said that "too old" wouldn't fly. So Ed at age 92 is becoming a Fourth Degree Knight along with me on 22 March 2014.

He is constantly giving of himself to other people and charities of all kinds – The Salvation Army, the Senior Center, Mesquite Veterans Center, Highland Manor Convalescent Home, La Virgen De Guadalupe Catholic Church, the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus, just to name a few. The word "no" does not exist in his vocabulary. He is an inspiration to all of us with his endless love of giving and caring for others.



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The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) designated the Washington-based facility dedicated to Pope John Paul II as a national shrine.

Beginning on Sunday, April 27, the day set by Pope Francis for Pope John Paul II's canonization, the shrine will be known as the "Saint John Paul II National Shrine." It will mark the occasion with liturgical celebrations, a reception, and a gathering of young people.

"The American bishops are pleased to reflect the love of Catholics in America for John Paul II by designating this location a national shrine," said Louisville Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, who signed the bishops' decree today as USCCB president. "This national shrine is truly America's fitting tribute and remembrance of his legacy."

The Knights of Columbus took ownership of the facility in 2011 to create a shrine dedicated to John Paul II and his contributions to the Church and society. Currently known as the Blessed John Paul II Shrine, it is located on the site of the former John Paul II Cultural Center at 3900 Harewood Road in northeast Washington.

Decree signed by Archbishop Kurtz, USCCB president

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