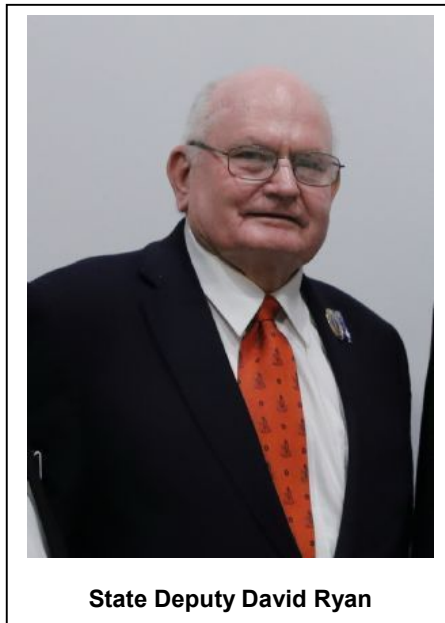


# The Silver Knight News

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## State Deputy's Message



Our Bishops are asking all Catholics to Vote **NO** of Question 6 in the upcoming General Election. Question 6 or "The Nevada Reproductive Rights Amendment" on the November Ballot aims to overturn current Nevada Law to make unrestricted abortion a constitutional right. As Catholics, we must **vote NO!**

What does this mean for Nevada?

- **No Limit:** An abortion may be performed up to the moment of birth.
- **No Physician Required:** Non-physicians can perform abortions in unsafe and unregulated facilities.
- **No Parental Consent:** Underage women can have an abortion without parental knowledge or consent.

As Catholics, we cherish God's gift of life from the instance of conception to the moment of natural death. We cannot allow outsiders to exploit Nevada by making it an abortion hub for the nation.

**Vote NO** on "Nevada Reproductive Rights Amendment." **A NO Vote** will not change the current Law in Nevada. The amendment allows any practitioner/health care provider to perform abortions.

Here is an article from Verywell Health that explains who health care providers are:

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*Therefore let us repent and pass from ignorance to knowledge, from foolishness to wisdom, from licentiousness to self-control, from injustice to righteousness, from godlessness to God.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## State Deputy's Message

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What Is a Healthcare Provider? By Elizabeth Davis, RN  
 Updated on August 16, 2024 -- Fact checked by Marley Hall

*A healthcare provider is a person or entity that provides medical care or treatment. Healthcare providers include doctors, nurse practitioners, midwives, radiologists, labs, hospitals, urgent care clinics, medical supply companies, and other professionals, facilities, and businesses that provide such services.*

*The term "healthcare provider" is sometimes incorrectly used to refer to a health plan or health insurance company. However, an insurer or health plan administrator does not deliver care. Instead, that entity pays the person or other entity that provides the care (assuming the service is covered by the plan and you've met your responsibilities in terms of referrals, prior authorization, and cost-sharing).*

*This article explains what you need to know about healthcare providers and how their services interact with your health insurance plan*

*Who Are Healthcare Providers?*

*The healthcare provider you're probably the most familiar with is your primary care physician (PCP), who gives you primary care services like screenings, vaccinations, and routine exams. There are also specialists that you see when you need certain specific medical care.*

*There are different types of healthcare providers. Any type of healthcare service that you might need is provided by one of them. Not all healthcare providers are physicians or doctors. Here are examples of non-physician healthcare providers:*

- *The physical therapist that helps you to recover from your knee injury*
- *The home healthcare company that provides your visiting nurse (the nurse is also a healthcare provider)*

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- *The durable medical equipment company that provides your home oxygen or wheelchair*
- *Your pharmacy*
- *The laboratory that draws and processes your blood tests*
- *The imaging facility that does your mammograms, X-rays, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans*
- *The speech pathologist (speech therapist) who works with you to make sure you can swallow food safely after a stroke*
- *The outpatient surgery clinic where you had your colonoscopy done.*
- *The specialty laboratory that does your DNA test*
- *The urgent care center or walk-in clinic in your neighborhood shopping center*
- *The hospital where you receive inpatient (or in some cases, outpatient) care*
- *The air or ground ambulance company that transports you to the hospital in an emergency.*
- *The emergency department staff who stabilize you in the event of an accident or serious illness*

Would you let your physical therapist remove your appendix, tonsils or operate on another part of your body? With this amendment he/she can perform abortions on your child without your consent, but your children cannot receive vaccines without parental consent. Which is more dangerous to your child's health and life?

**As Catholics we have a moral obligation to VOTE NO on Question 6.**

May God's Blessing be with you and your Family.

David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM

State Deputy

*If God rewarded the righteous immediately, we would soon be engaged in business, not godliness...we would be pursuing not piety, but profit.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Message from the State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

I have just returned from New Haven, CT at the State Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Training along with Tom Melton, our State EFF Chair. We discussed the COR Initiative that Supreme has asked every council to undertake.

So, what is the goal and purpose of COR? COR exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue, in their relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other as missionary disciples through prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each meeting is to provide men to encounter Christ (to be evangelized), to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood, and prepare for the courageous mission of evangelization.

COR is Latin for heart and has been inspired from St. John Henry Newman's motto: "Cor ad cor loquitur" or "Heart speaks unto heart."

As missionary disciples and practical Catholics, as brother Knights we are called to put our Catholic faith into action. As an Order we do a lot of charitable works, but these works in themselves will not get us to heaven. What gets us to heaven is having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing that relationship with others. We need to grow in that relationship through prayer, study of our faith, reading the Scriptures, and helping others in need. COR is the means and opportunity for men (Knights and men of the parish) to encounter Jesus Christ and the Gospel, grow as disciples, and make disciples who are unified in mission.

COR does not have to be complicated. Do you do a Holy Hour as part of the Faith in Action component of the Knights? If so, add some instruction as part of the Holy Hour and you are doing COR. Are you participating in "Exodus 90" with other Knights and men of the parish? Then you are doing COR. Do you do a fish fry or pancake breakfast? Then maybe have a basket where you ask those attending to write some intentions that they would like prayed for, and then at the end of the event, pray over the basket of intentions and offer your own and you are doing COR.

During the next few months, Tom Melton and I will offer suggestions of activities you can do as a council and parish. Also at the mid-year meeting in Reno, we will be talking about COR in greater detail. Until that time, what I am asking each council to do is to appoint a Council EFF Director. This is different than the Faith Director you currently have in your council. Let your District Deputy know who that person is so that Tom and I, and Supreme can send them information to help them in their position. Each Council EFF

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*When lies have been  
accepted for some time,  
the truth always  
astounds with an air of  
novelty.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Message from the State Chaplain

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Director, State Deputy, State Officer, and Grand Knight will have free access to FORMED from Augustin Institute to help launch COR in your council and parish.

I am excited to see how men coming together and growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ and each other will set our parishes and councils on fire for Our Lord. As we implement COR it will help recruit more men who want to grow and live their Catholic faith, which will help our membership grow.

As we approach the month of October, we remember that October is Respect Life Month. I urge you to get involved with 40 Days for Life. Pray a Rosary for Life. Host a Baby Bottle Drive. Sign up to be a Prayer Warrior for the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Sign up and attend a prolife dinner. Urge your fellow Knights, parishioners, family and friends to Vote No on Amendment 6 this November and share the Nevada Catholic Conference of Bishop's Video on this terrible amendment that would enshrine abortion in Nevada's Constitution. Let's all support life from the moment of conception until natural death.

As we continue this fraternal year, let us put our faith into action. Ask another Catholic man if he might consider becoming a Knight and recruit him to be one. Encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As a Council participate in the RSVP program to support a seminarian. Learn about our Catholic faith. Participate in COR. Volunteer as a liturgical minister in your parish. Participate in Adoration. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These are just some ways to grow in our relationship with Jesus and our neighbor.

Please be assured of my prayers and support for each of you and your families. I prayed at the tomb of Blessed Michael McGivney and had you and your families and all the Knights in the State of Nevada as my mass intention at St. Mary's in New Haven, CT. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Yours in Christ,

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*All our life is like a day  
of celebration for us; we  
are convinced, in fact,  
that God is always  
everywhere.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Message from the Seminarian RSVP Coordinator

Worthy Leaders,

As the Seminaricians have gone back to school, I want to provide you with the updated RSVP tracking worksheet that I put together for this year. Once again I am asking for your help. We are very fortunate now to have six Seminaricians in the North and 12 in the South. We need to pray for these men and help them financially.

Clearly, we need priests and we need our priests to understand the Knights are focused on supporting them, now and after they are ordained. The RSVP program is designed to be a good start in showing how much we appreciate them. Remember for every \$500 you send to one seminarian, Supreme sends you back \$100. So, it costs \$400 to send \$500.

I sent a tracking log to the GK's and FS's for the Councils. If I need to resend, please let me know. Look at the top of the tracking log. You will find the name and a photo of each Seminarian. You will also find an address where each will be continuing his journey to the priesthood.

The first part of the RSVP Program is to send personal messages to each seminarian telling him that he is important to us, and we are praying for him and appreciate his sacrifices. I am asking each Council to highlight a seminarian every month. Mention him in your newsletter and on your website. Ask your Council members to send him a note or card. Consider placing a notice in the parish bulletin asking your parishioners to do the same.

One way to guarantee that all seminaricians receive notes and cards each month is to match your District number to the Seminarian number at the top of the tracking worksheet. Thus, District 1 starts with Seminarian one, District 3 with Seminarian three, and so on. Then next month, move on to the next Seminarian. I have included photos of each Seminarian. Use these to highlight the Seminarian of the month. The point is, Seminarician need to understand that they are appreciated by every Knight. It does not matter if your council is sending funds that month.

Clearly the second part of the RSVP program is financial help for personal needs. The diocese pays for education and room and board, but not for such things as toiletries and other incidentals.

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*We work while singing, we  
sail while reciting hymns,  
we accomplish all other  
occupations of life while  
praying.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

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## Message from the Seminarian RSVP Coordinator

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I am asking each Council to advise me of how much money they anticipate sending during the year and to which Seminarian. The tracking part of the worksheet helps me see that the funds are balanced among the Seminarists and balanced over the course of the year --- which is a concern shared by both bishops. Tracking avoids a "feast and famine" situation with lots of funds coming at Christmas and nothing the rest of the year. So, I am asking that you provide me with the proposed funding, and in what month your Council can support which seminarian(s).

Tracking allows me to respond with suggested alternatives to keep things balanced as needed. We have had situations where one seminarian received several thousand dollars, while two others received nothing. And trust me, they talk to each other.

Consider placing a note to the parish bulletin stating that parishioners can make contributions to seminarists through your Council. Explain \$500 / \$400 aspect so that if you support five seminarists, you will be able to help a sixth from the Supreme Rebate.

Remember the more the parish knows about what the Knights are doing, the more it helps in recruiting.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken

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*If you do not hope, you  
will not find what is  
beyond your hopes.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Note from State Historian

### ***Routines Return, Serving Christ Schedule More Exemplifications!***

#### ***Council updates are as follows:***

- I continue to be in contact with our District Deputies and Grand Knights to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the noteworthy events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to the size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position on your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
- In concert with Worthy State Deputy David M. Ryan, FVSM and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each Council's records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/updated over the continuing "Columbian Year" by the Council Historian.
- Please use my email address: [historian@nv-kofo.com](mailto:historian@nv-kofo.com) to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, my Brother Knights

*It is not your outward  
appearance that you  
should beautify, but your  
soul, adorning it with  
good works.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

#### **Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!**

**Remember:** The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, that we carry on the work he began 143 years ago, when he gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

**Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's "Blessed" status!**

**Pray that Pope Francis I will Canonize our Blessed Michael McGivney!**



## Knights in Nevada History

### More on the 4th Degree Formation History

#### POLITICS IN PLAY

The Fourth Degree's patriotism, conceived and developed in opposition to several forms of anti-Catholicism, was based on the compatibility between Roman Catholicism and American democracy. This patriotism was energized by the 1959 election of Pope John XXII and the 1960 election of John F. Kennedy. Two anti-Catholic caricatures were thus exposed as shams. The warm, good-hearted openness of Pope John dispelled the anti-Catholic myth that portrayed papal power in terms of world conquest; while the generally esteemed leadership qualities of John Kennedy put to rest the bias that a Catholic President could not be loyal to American democracy and Roman Catholicism.

In his famous address before the Greater Houston Ministerial Association, Kennedy referred to Communism ninety miles from our shores and to the impoverished children he had witnessed in West Virginia, but those issues were "obscured by the religious issue, because I am a Catholic and no Catholic has been President". In opposition to Kennedy was a long line of Protestant leaders, led by Norman Vincent Peale, who had been organized as the National Conference of Citizens for Religious Freedom a few days after Kennedy announced His decision to run for the Democratic nomination. One Protestant pastor remarked that Khrushchev and Kennedy were comparable, as both were "captives of a system," an echo of Paul Blanshard's *Communism, Democracy and Catholic Power*. In 1960 Blanshard published *God and Man in Washington*, an allusion to the book written by the leading Catholic conservative, William F. Buckley, Jr., *God and Man at Yale*. Blanshard challenged Kennedy to state his position on Canon 1374 obliging parents to send their children to Catholic schools under pain of excommunication. Though Blanshard understood that few bishops rigidly enforced canon law on this issue, he was relentless in exposing the contradiction. He later was convinced that Kennedy was indeed a separationist, and in a book edited by him, *Classics of Free Thought*, Blanshard included Kennedy's address to the Houston Ministers' Meeting.

In his address to the Houston ministers, Kennedy responded to the Protestants. "I believe in an America where separation of Church and State is absolute... where no church or school is granted any public funds or political preference... I believe in a president whose views on religion are his own private affair, neither imposed on him by the nation nor imposed by him as a condition of holding that office." Kennedy assured his audience that he believed in a "Presidential office that is not limited nor conditioned by any religious oath, ritual or obligation."

Excerpt from: "Patriotism and Fraternalism in the Knights of Columbus"

by Christopher J. Kauffman

*The Lord ate from a common bowl, and asked the disciples to sit on the grass. He washed their feet, with a towel wrapped around His waist - He, who is the Lord of the universe!*

*Clement of Alexandria*

**Knight in the Light** Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

**Sir Knight Leo V. Carew III, PGK, PSW,  
State Treasurer 2024-2025**

Sir Knight Leo Vincent Carew III is a member of Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 and of Bishop Manogue Assembly 612, in Northern Nevada.

In his eight years as a Knight, SK Leo Vincent Carew III has held several offices including Warden, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and currently, Immediate Past Grand Knight and Council Trustee. During this time, he helped secure Star and Double-Star status as Membership Director. He is also Pilot in the Fourth Degree Assembly.



**SK Leo Carew III**

*If you enroll as one of  
God's people, then  
heaven is your country  
and God your lawgiver.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

During SK Leo's stewardship, Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 received an award for its Food for Families and Life Programs. Leo culminated his term with Immaculate Conception Catholic Church's hosting the Nevada State Council's 113th State Convention in May, 2023.

Leo is active in the parish life of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Sparks, NV. He is a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, an usher and a lector. He and his loving and supportive wife, Connie, are choristers, special ministers of the Eucharist, members of the parish vocation ministry and active members of the BLD Reno or the Bukas-Loob sa Diyos (Open In Spirit to God) Catholic Covenant Community.

SK Leo was recognized by the Nevada State Council as an outstanding Knight. He received the Outstanding Service Award and declared Grand Knight of the Year in 2021.

Leo provides dedicated service to the Nevada State Council as its State Treasurer for the Columbian Year 2024-2025. Earlier, he served as Nevada State Warden and Associate Membership Director of Northern Nevada. He is a committed servant leader.

He is inspiring in his spoken and written support for the needs and direction of the Council and of the State. He takes pride and feels elated in his K of C membership, as it carries out and implements noteworthy projects and activities that he feels passionate about. He is personally engaged working on programs on our faith, family, community and life that put our "faith into action".

## Benchmarking Our Programs

By Al S. Pena State Program Director

Brother Knights, as your Program Director, I have been racking my brain to come up with ways to track our progress towards setting up goals not just to earn your Star award at the end of the Columbian Year, but also to get the biggest return for your efforts when you unite and motivate your Council to work together and accomplish just about anything you set your mind on. This is goal setting 101. Let me walk you through some commonsense ideas step by step.

- First, I am sure that by now you have received the Excel Worksheet that I have asked our Worthy State Communications Director SK David Varon to send to you. (The worksheet is included with this email.) The worksheet has the Supreme recommended programs based on the four pillars of our campaign programs namely: Faith, Family, Community and Life. The featured programs in these areas will satisfy two of the four requirements for the Columbian Award. By choosing two featured programs in each category, you would have satisfied the requirements for a Columbian award. This award is one of the challenges you will encounter that will test your faith and determination to make your Council shine in the eyes of your community. Mobilizing volunteers is always a challenge. Following the time-tested SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) planning method will help smooth the way to the successful implementation of your goal.
- Second, I will ask you to please send me an update of the Programs you are currently doing and additional ones you plan to do this current Columbian year. I will be glad to keep you informed of your progress towards your goals. I would also request each District Deputy to collect data regarding programs from the Councils under their jurisdiction. This will also give the DD's the opportunity to assist those Councils who are having difficulties to get their programs going.
- Third, I will encourage Councils to take pictures of the participants and recipients and collect testimonials from recipients about the benefits they receive from the programs. Their testimonials will be sent to Bro. Dave Varon for publication. Also, publish these photos and testimonials in your parish bulletin. Submit these when doing your form SP7. This is a breeze if you methodically and diligently collect the data as you go along.

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*Possessions were made to be possessed; goods are called goods because they do good, and they have been provided by God for the good of men: they are at hand and serve as the material, the instruments for a good use in the hand of him who knows how to use them.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Benchmarking Our Programs

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- Fourth, I intend to ask our State Deputy to recognize and award Councils which have the best and the most successful programs implemented.

They will be judged based on a standard criterion:

- How many members of the Council were involved?
- How much time, talent and resources did they contribute?
- Who benefited?
- How many were served?
- Did this lead to growth in the council membership?

Your success no matter how small is like opening the floodgates for more successes. Celebrate it and recognize your members for a job well done. Be generous with compliments but be slow in criticism.

*Explain the Scriptures  
by the Scriptures.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

Please remember to do these:

a) Officers Chosen for Term, Form 185

b) Form 1728 - Review of last year's activities and plan for future activities. It is always advisable to plan this at the start of the new Columbian Year. It will also give your Council a chance to identify deficiencies and incorporate new (if any) requirements.

c) Stay on top of your program implementation. Find out why it is not going according to plan and make corrections as necessary.

d) Collect all the data needed as described in (D), take pictures and get testimonials if you can from the beneficiaries. Make a report about your activities to your DD for his comments. This report will be submitted to the Supreme to be considered for the Columbian Award.

Here's an acronym to remember - PECS

P = Plan

E = Execute

C = Collect

S = Report/submit

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## Question 6: The Right to an Abortion



**Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg**

A constitutional amendment to protect access to abortion will appear on the Nevada ballot this November as Question 6. This amendment establishes the right to an abortion in the Nevada Constitution. The Nevada Catholic Conference (NCC), in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Las Vegas and the Diocese of Reno opposes this amendment.

Nevada Right to Life spokesperson Krystal Minera-Alvis described the ballot question as misleading, given that abortion rights are already codified in state law. “As an organization, we stand firm on the fact that this amendment is unsafe and dangerous for women of all ages,” Minera-Alvis said in the statement. (Source: PBS.org)

His Excellency Daniel Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno and member of the Nevada Catholic Conference, filmed a four-minute YouTube video which states official public policy voice of the Roman Catholic Bishops in the State of Nevada.

Click here to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/gqpPzuHmdvs>

*The rule of life for a perfect person is to be in the image and likeness of God.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Council 13456's Membership Drive



St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 in Henderson, NV accomplished a Delta Church (Membership) Drive after each Mass over the Aug. 10-11 weekend. Seven men joined the Order. This photo shows the officers and members of Council 13456 with State Deputy David Ryan (4th from right) during the drive.

*Prayer is happy company with God.*

*Clement of Alexandria*



State Deputy David Ryan (3rd from left) and Bud Lesser, Council 13456 Grand Knight (2nd from left), welcome new members Ian Lim and Dominador Larina (4th and 5th from left). Also in photo are Brian Pupkiewicz and Supreme Director, Toni Pascua.



## Wildfire Couldn't Stop Council 13842



A fast-spreading wildfire, dubbed the Davis Fire, broke out Saturday, Sept. 7, around 2:30 p.m. The fire consumed 6,500 acres and at least 14 buildings. For a time, Interstate 580 was closed in both directions from Damonte Ranch Parkway in south Reno to College Parkway in Carson City; it reopened to traffic on Sunday morning. Washoe County Sheriff's office ordered mandatory evacuations of hundreds of homes. Power was cut for more than 18,700 NV Energy customers in the Washoe Valley area south of Reno "to prevent further ignitions and protect first responders," the utility company said.\*

Then came Sunday morning. The Knights of Council 13842 had promised a pancake breakfast for 250 hungry parishioners. Three Knights showed up for duty --- one with only three hours of sleep, he was evacuated at 1 a.m. (The usual crew is a dozen or more.) The Knights were all veterans at breakfast routines. One baked sausages, another stirred pancake batter and the third set up serving bins, griddles, coffee and juice dispensers. One Knight called out in despairation "Where is Fr. Rodel when we need him?" Fr. Rodel, a frequent help in the kitchen, could not make it, so the Knight called his wife (the Knight's, not Fr Rodel's). Lady Stephanie arrived a half-hour later and immediately went to work making scrambled eggs --- 24 12-inch frying pans worth (roughly 360 eggs!).

A crisis was averted. The skeleton crew of Knights and Lady Stephanie served breakfast on time. GK Jody Gunderman reported that several parishioners who had spent the night in an evacuation center, said this was the best pancake breakfast they have ever had.

Later after clean up, Lady Stephanie had some advice for the Knights, "Gentlemen, if you are going to stand for several hours and prepare scrambled eggs -- don't wear 2-inch high heel shoes. My feet are killing me."

\*Source: kolotv.com

*The Lord has turned all  
our sunsets into sunrise.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Bringing Drink to the Thirsty



Often referred to as the "Super Bowl of BBQ Rib Competitions," the 2024 Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook Off was held in the heart of downtown Sparks, NV from Wednesday, August 28 to Labor Day, Monday, September 2. It was also the eleventh consecutive year that Ponderosa Council 4928 has volunteered as AAT-certified beverage servers under Nevada state law.

*When you see your  
brother, you see God.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

This year's event experienced near perfect end-of-summer conditions: no pandemic; no triple-digit temps, no torrential rain; no air quality alerts; no mud-soaked Burning Man attendees, just the aroma of BBQ on the grill and thirsty customers in lines. The crowds were record setting. On one evening shift alone at one of our stands, we served over 1,000 lemonade orders, along with plenty of bottled water, soda, beer and adult beverages. It was well worth the effort.

Twenty-seven member knights and ladies donated 475 hours of their time and energy in service, which, in terms of tips and wages, will cover the Council's expenses for 12 x 2 cases of coats under Supremes' Coats for Kids program, six Diocesan seminarians under Supremes' RSVP program, Food for Families donations to Catholic Charities, and student financial aid to the families of our Bishop Manogue CHS students.

In sum, our Council volunteers worked very hard for good causes over a six-day period while wearing very stylish, red piggy tees. You can't beat that!

□ GK W. Anthony Watts



## Lunch at UNR's Newman Center



**Volunteers with Bishop Mueggenborg at Newman Center student luncheon**

From 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. lunch is served each Wednesday at the Newman Center adjacent to the UNR campus. On Sept 4 and Sept 11 the Knights of Columbus Council 13842 provided wholesome meals. "The kids loved it," said Chuck, a Center volunteer. "They have a meal plan at the University cafeteria, but who wants the same thing everyday? This is a chance for something out of the ordinary."

Volunteer Keli Wilson said these weekly lunches started with a call from Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. He wanted to introduce the newly remodeled Newman Center to the students. "We need to tell them it's okay to be a university student and Catholic at the same time," he said. The Bishop designated Our Lady of Wisdom church, which is part of the Newman Center, as a ministry to the students and not a local parish. He appointed Fr Bobin Babu administrator of the church.

Lunches started three weeks ago when Keli Wilson brought in lasagna and French bread. She expected 40 students; 70 arrived. Last week, worthy Knights Tom Gurgui, John Murphy and Jody Gunderman served up pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans and coleslaw. They expected 70 students; 93 arrived. This week SK Jody Gunderman and Lady Debbie cooked up 16 pounds of spaghetti with meat (and meatless) sauce, and sweet Italian sausages. PGK Don Eberlein provided garden salad and French bread. Keli Wilson provided dessert -- your choice of peach or berry cobbler with vanilla ice cream. Ninety students were expected; 123 arrived and made short work of the offerings.

Worthy Knight Lee Hernandez said that during lunch the Bishop took him to the front door of the Newman Center. He showed him the picnic tables outside which were crowded with students eating spaghetti lunch. "This is working," said the Bishop. "Two years ago we had 30 student members of the Center. Today we have more than 400."

*Above all Christians are not allowed to correct by violence sinful wrongdoings.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Letter from Bishop Mueggenborg after the Holy Spirit Mission Fire

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### Pastoral Letter

September 8, 2024  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

To The Faithful of Holy Spirit Mission, Washoe Valley Nevada

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with urgent and heart-felt pastoral solicitude that I write to you offering my encouragement and support at this time. The tragic fire in Washoe Valley on Saturday, September 7, 2024 affected so many people's lives, including all of you as members of Holy Spirit Mission. Please pray for the first responders who acted quickly and effectively to minimize the damage and loss of human life.

The situation developed so quickly that none of us could have anticipated the magnitude of the devastation which would result. It was with sadness that I received word on Saturday evening that Holy Spirit Mission had burned and was completely destroyed. I immediately left St. John the Baptist Parish in Lovelock on Saturday night and drove straight to the Mission in the hopes of recovering the Blessed Sacrament. I am aware that many parishioners of Holy Spirit Mission attempted the same thing. The first responders were understandably concerned about anyone entering that area due to the ongoing danger of the fire and so none of us were permitted any access into Washoe Valley.

Thanks to the assistance and accompaniment of the Washoe County Sheriff and his deputy, I was able to make a site visit to Holy Spirit Mission on Sunday, September 8 along with Father Arlon Vergara, and some hastily-recruited members of your community past and present including Vincent Toomey, Michael Imus, Chris Imus, Ron Lunt, Zac Lunt, and Matthew Combs. The Sheriff and members of the Lyon County Fire Department facilitated our efforts to recover anything we could from the Mission.

Nothing could have prepared us for what we saw when we arrived at the mission. We were saddened beyond words at the smoldering debris that was once the House of God. As an immediate sign of hope, we saw the undamaged statue of the Blessed Mother standing in watchful attention over the site of the former Mission chapel. The Blessed Mother is particularly close to her adopted children in Christ when they suffer affliction and distress.

Our first and primary effort was to locate and recover the Tabernacle in the hopes that the

## Letter from Bishop Mueggenborg after the Holy Spirit Mission

Blessed Sacrament might have been miraculously spared. Unfortunately, the intensity and duration of the fire had completely destroyed the Tabernacle and all its contents. The heat was so intense that it actually fused metallic pieces together. As such, nothing remained of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our next effort was to recover important documents and sacred vessels from the office safe and the sacristy safe. We did retrieve some intact documents from the office safe but, unfortunately, the sacristy safe was unable to endure the fire. Most of the contents were severely damaged or destroyed. This includes the historical Sacramental records of the Mission. We did recover parts of the Monstrance, a Chalice and the Holy Oil stocks - but even these were badly damaged.

Because of this, I especially ask your help in reconstructing these lost Sacramental records. Please supply copies of any Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage certificates you might have so that Father Arlon can reconstruct these records. If you do not have original certificates, then please submit any other documentation you may have so we can substantiate the important sacramental history, which will be necessary as people seek further Sacraments.

Additionally, I want to thank and recognize Brother Hall, our new Superintendent of Catholic Schools, whom I have appointed as supervisor of Bishop Manogue High School, for generously offering the Bishop Manogue Chapel for the congregation of Holy Spirit Mission to use each Sunday. I believe that this location will give you a stable place for Sunday worship and will help your community to preserve its unity as you plan your future.

I hope you know of my personal support of you. I trust in the words of scripture when Saint Paul tells us, "we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).

I trust that God, who has been accomplishing good work in you and for you, will bring it to fulfillment. I hope that you share that trust and confidence as well, and that the experience of this tragedy may become a source of deepened faith, greater commitment, and blessing for your community.

With every best wish, and an assurance of prayer, I remain

Yours in Christ

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Most Rev. Daniel H Mueggenborg  
Bishop of Reno

## Record number of fans delivered to seniors



*He who knows himself  
knows god.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

Ponderosa Council 4928 set a new record this year in its Fans for Seniors drive. Each year the Council partners with the Washoe County Human Services Agency's (HSA) to deliver box fans to people 60 and older. "I reported on the initial success of the Council's 2024 Fans for Seniors drive by delivering 32 box fans to the Washoe County Senior Center," said GK W. Anthony Watts. "Our goal was 41 or more fans."

"This is one of our most important donation drives and continues to grow every single year. Keeping our seniors cool is the goal during the sweltering summer months," said HSA Director Ryan Gustafson.

This year Ponderosa Council Knights stepped up with 50 fans at a value of \$25 each for total of \$1250. The Council program involved 20 volunteers working a total of 39 hours and the program qualified under the Fraternal Programs - Community section.

## 2024 Ponderosa Council Soccer Challenge



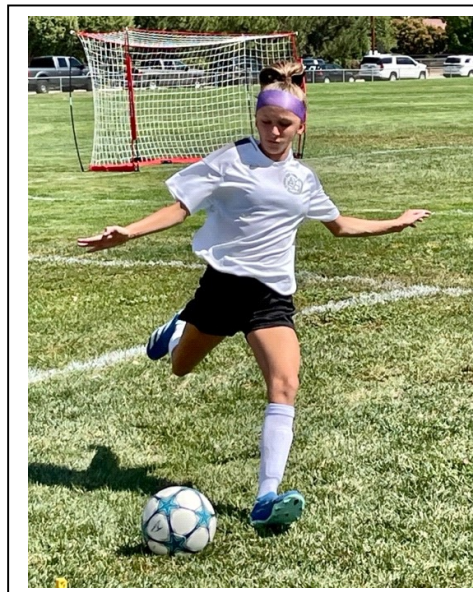
Ponderosa Council 4928's annual Soccer Challenge works best when coordinated with the local American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) program. This year's organizational teaming brought out 23 boy and girl competitors to take their best shots on goal. Our prior year Soccer Challenge was highlighted by four boy category winners who went on to win Nevada State Council titles, two of whom, Logan Flinkinger age 14 and Josua OConnor age 13, are pictured below with awards.

At this year's event, nine Council members volunteered 27 hours to help plan and setup the event, register contestants, score and record shots on goal, and to help in ball retrieval. Five winners in 9 to 14 youth classes moved on to the next level of competition.

□ GK W. Anthony Watts

*There is one river of Truth which receives tributaries from every side.*

*Clement of Alexandria*



## Co-Knights of the Month for September 2024

Bro. Jun Bautista made his Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity on July 2, 2024. As a Holy Cross Catholic Community parish Greeter, he is part of a new wave of younger parish candidates wishing to put their faith in action by joining the Knights of Columbus.

Under the Council's "New Member Mentoring Program" which focuses on developing quality knights, Jun was encouraged to step up and become active in the Council. He opted to volunteer at the upcoming Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook Off committing to three day shifts totaling 18½ hours working the Coke® trailer beverage station with fellow members. This initiative earned him a prestigious Ponderosa Council 4928 ball cap. More importantly and to top it off, it made him feel welcomed and a part of our active Council, which is the primary goal of our mentoring program.

For his contribution of time and energy over the holiday period, Bro. Jun Bautista is recognized as our Knight of the Month for September. Welcome aboard!



**Bro. Carmelito "Jun" Bautista**

As our newest member, Bro. Julian X. Lopez made his Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity in person in our Council Chambers on Aug. 6, 2024. He is also our youngest member and one of only two Ponderosa Council 4928 members born after the turn of the century. In his short time as a Knight, Julian's contributions have been remarkable.

First, he volunteered to work three shifts at the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook Off: twice in a Coke® trailer beverage station and full time on Labor Day in the B-2 Big Beverage station. His participation totaled 18½ hours and earned him a prestigious Ponderosa Council ball cap.

In addition, on Sept. 7, he volunteered at the Council's Soccer Challenge program held at the Shadow Mountain Sports Complex in Sparks. There he worked the target soccer net retrieving over 300 balls shot on goal while a crew of our older members retrieved the few missed by these future soccer stars.

For all that he has done supporting Council fundraising and the Soccer Challenge Community program in this short period, Bro. Julian X. Lopez is recognized as our Knight of the Month for September.



**Bro. Julian X. Lopez**

*Those who glory in their looks - not in their hearts - dress to please others.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## Family of the Month for September 2024



SK Robert and Lady Lisa Holleman have long been recognized for their support of Holy Cross Catholic Community, not only as Eucharistic Ministers and parish Lectors, but also in many other ways, both inside the church and on the parish grounds. This month they are recognized for their continuing support of a major Ponderosa Council 4928 fundraiser: The Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook Off.

Together, this high-energy volunteer team worked all five evening shifts and all day Labor Day in the B-2 Big Beverage station, volunteering 37½ billable hours each. Lisa was the queen of mixologists preparing summer drinks virtually non-stop. Bob took customer orders and helped deliver a large variety of canned and bottled beverages and draught beer to thirsty customers.

In addition, while he was cleaning up the beverage station at closing time, Lady Lisa was responsible for calculating and sharing consumer gratuities with Nugget Casino Resort staff, the barbacks, and the Council well after the beverage stand was closed to event attendees. For all that they do, team Holleman is recognized as Ponderosa Council's September Family of the Month..

- W. Anthony Watts, GK

*'Eat my flesh,' Jesus says, 'and drink my blood.' The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients, he delivers over his flesh and pours out his blood, and nothing is lacking for the growth of his children*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## In memory of Macedonio "Curly" Iniquez



**PSD Macedonio "Curly" Iniquez**

*I think that one must approach the Logos Savior, not induced by the fear of punishment and not in the expectation of some kind of a reward, but primarily for the sake of the good in itself. Such will stand on the right in the sanctuary.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of our Brother in Christ, Macedonio "Curly" Iniquez. He was called home to be with the Lord on August 28, 2024 at the age of 94. Curly owned the Sunset Lounge in Chicago, where he met his wife Irene. They were married July 4th, 1963 in Las Vegas, NV. Curly became known as "The Candy Man" due to his career in the vending business with Vega Vending.

Curly was a regular parishioner at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and an active member of the Knights of Columbus where he proudly served for more than 25 years. One of Curly's proudest accomplishments was being elected as the Nevada State Deputy in May 1998. Continuing his dedication to the Knights, in May 1999, Curly was appointed Chairman for the Cause for Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney, the beloved founder of the Knights of Columbus. In February 2020, Curly was recognized and honored by the Las Vegas Diocese for his 15 years of dedicated service as Chairman of the annual fundraising event for Mentally Challenged and Disabled Children and Young Adults known as the "Happy Times" program.



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## In memory of Richard Thiede



**SK Richard Thiede and Lady Diana**

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of our Brother in Christ, Richard Thiede. He was called home to be with the Lord on August 12, 2024 at the age of 84. Richard left his wife of 65 years, Diana (nee Souza) --- they were high school sweethearts and married in 1959 --- and four adult children, Jennifer, Jeffrey, James and Julie.

Richard was known for his faithfulness and his loyalty. Long after he was married, he made a point of visiting his parents every week for Wednesday lunch. His daughter Jennifer said she will never forget the many times she and her dad went to Sunday Mass together. "We would sit in the front pew and he held my hand during Mass. I can still feel his hand over mine."

Richard joined the Knights of Columbus in 1972, and achieved 4th Degree status in 2009. In 2005, when Council 13842 was founded, SK Richard was elected its first Advocate.

*Prayer that runs its  
course till the last day of  
life needs a strong and  
tranquil soul.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

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## In memory of PSD Ted Aceto

Past State Deputy Paul Dendary informed us that PSD Ted Aceto went into the hands of the Lord in his sleep on Friday, September 13, 2024.

## Pilgrimage to Blessed Stanley Rother Shine



*Just as God's will is creation and is called 'the world' so His intention is the salvation of men, and it is called 'the Church.'*

*Clement of Alexandria*

In August, six Diocesan seminarians, several discerning candidates, our newest priests, Fr. Rodriguez and Fr. Walsh, plus Tom Malone of the Office of the Bishop, all traveled to the Sooner State for a period of spiritual retreat of quiet reflection and prayer in support of priestly formation. While in Oklahoma City, OK, the participants pictured above visited the Blessed Stanley Rother Shine. The ties to Bishop Daniel were strong.

Both Bishop Daniel and Fr. Stanley Rother were born in Okarche OK. Bishop Daniel entered Oklahoma State University (OSU) to pursue a science degree. However, in the spring of 1981, he served at a Mass in Oklahoma celebrated by Fr. Rother. On July 28, 1981, Fr. Rother was murdered in Guatemala by a right-wing death squad. On December 1, 2016, Pope Francis officially recognized Fr. Stanley Rother as a martyr for the faith. He was the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified.

In time, Bishop Daniel graduated from OSU with a bachelor's degree in science and entered the seminary. He was ordained in 1989 and installed as the Bishop of Reno in 2021.

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Councils are strongly encouraged to participate in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) to take full advantage of Supremes' rebate program, whether you can just support one, several, or all your Diocesan seminarians with a \$500 donation to each. In the Diocese of Reno, just remember to coordinate your donations with the Chancery Office in advance to assure balanced support for each seminarian. In the Diocese of Las Vegas, remember to coordinate your donations through SK Kenneth J. Sawyer.

□ SK Russell J. Bernhardt, Publicist

## Giftng Our 2024-25 Seminarrians



Earlier in the week, Ponderosa Council 4928 met with Vice-Chancellor Thomas Malone to confirm the 2024-25 Diocese of Reno seminarian class, their current USPS mailing addresses, and to receive Bishop Mueggenborg's permission to release a personal gift of \$500 to each under Supreme's RSVP program guidelines. The Council was well received, and permission was granted.

Shortly thereafter, all six (6) council checks were drafted, and Recorder Daniel Garon, Financial Secretary George Minter, and Treasurer Byran Recla (each pictured above) met to expedite release. Expectations are high that the Council will receive \$600 in RSVP program rebates from Supreme by as early as October. The following refrain was in the air. Apologies to Kenny Rogers.

You've got to know when to thank 'em  
Know where to address 'em  
Know when to draft your checks  
And to the mailbox run

You got to count your blessings  
When kneeling at the altar  
Praying for their priesthood  
And that six rebates will come.

□ W. Anthony Watts, GK

*The purified righteous man has become a coin of the Lord, and has the impress of his King stamped upon him.*

*Clement of Alexandria*

## This Month's Photos

SK Leo Carew III in High Desert Catholic



State Treasurer Sir Knight Leo Vincent Carew III is featured on the front page of the current issue (Fall 2024) of High Desert Catholic, the Magazine of the Diocese Of Reno. Leo's story describes how he overcame an addiction to alcohol and how he found his birth mother in Reno.

To read Leo's remarkable story in this issue of High Desert Catholic, visit [www.highdesertcatholic.org](http://www.highdesertcatholic.org).

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## Holy Spirit Mission Fire



The Holy Spirit Church, located half-way between Reno and Carson City -- about 16 miles from Lake Tahoe, is a mission church of St. Rose of Lima Church. It was established in 1971, closed for a time, and re-opened it as a Tridentine Mass center. The Church contained some traditional Catholic art, including a mural behind the altar depicting the 1937 vision of Sister Lucy of Fatima. About 50 people attended the two Masses on Sundays. The Holy Spirit Mission Church was the only place in the Diocese of Reno where Mass was said in Latin. On Saturday, September 7, 2024, Holy Spirit Mission burned to the ground. These pictures were taken by Fr. Arlon Vergara, the current church administrator.

## This Month's Photos

### Council 12877's COR Session



On Sunday, Sept 8 Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 in Sparks, NV, hosted another session of COR. We welcomed our new faith Director Frank under the guidance of our GK Richard Matoza and past faith Director Terry Walsh. Twenty-five eager men enjoyed a fellowship time of coffee and pastries, then watched "Into the Breach" together.



# This Month's Photos

## Council 12877's Scholarship Award



Each year, Lady of the Desert Council 12877, hosts an annual Turkey Bingo, usually on the second weekend of November (this year will be no exception). Proceeds of this event go into our scholarship program. In April, we start taking applications for our scholarship program and give students about a month to submit required forms.

We are very pleased to announce that this year Devine Osuji is our 2024 Knights of Columbus scholar. Devine graduated from Coral Academy High School in June with a 4.2 GPA. He will attend the University of Nevada, Reno, to pursue a bachelor's degree in Microbiology and Immunology. He hopes to go into the medical field. Devine's father Ben, is an active member of our council. We look forward to Devine's future achievements.



## This Month's Photos

Seminarian "plus up" funds presentation to Archbishop Thomas on Sept 18, at Saint Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, Fernley, NV

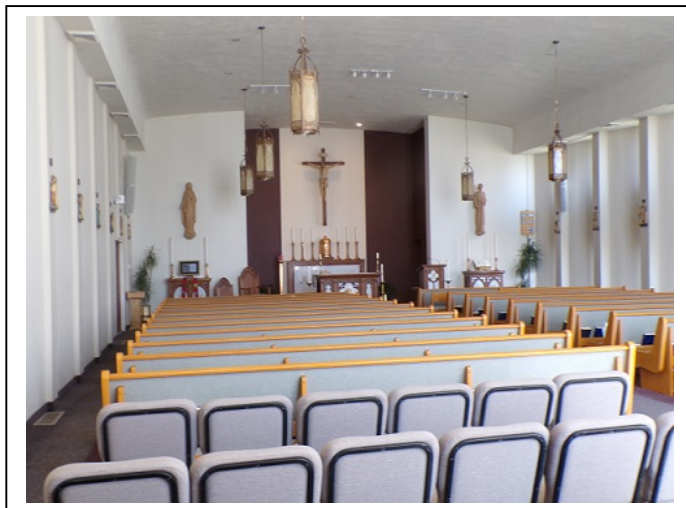


**L to R: Bishop Daniel Muggenborg , Jose Lopez, State Treasurer Leo Carew, Archbishop George Leo Thomas, State Secretary Dave Clark, and Associate State Chaplain Father Arlon Vergara OSA**



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UNR Luncheon at the Newman Center



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## UNR Luncheon at the Newman Center




**WolfPack Catholic**  
101 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89503

**MASS AND CONFESSION**

- MONDAY 9/9**
  - Adoration & Confession- 5:00 Pm
  - Mass- 6:00 Pm
- TUESDAY 9/10**
  - Adoration & Confession- 5:00 Pm
  - Mass- 6:00 Pm
- WEDNESDAY 9/11**
  - Adoration & Confession- 7:30 Pm
  - Candlelight Mass- 8:30 Pm
- THURSDAY 9/12**
  - Adoration & Confession- 5:00 Pm
  - Mass- 6:00 Pm
- FRIDAY 9/13**
  - Adoration & Confession- 5:00 Pm
  - Mass- 6:00 Pm
- SUNDAY 9/14**
  - Mass- 10:00 Am & 6:30 Pm

**10 Reasons to visit the Newman Center:**  
• Prayers of Mass  
• Pool, ping-pong tables, and foosball  
• Quiet study spaces  
• Community Coffee bar  
• Bible Studies  
• Mission trips and Service Opportunities  
• Wednesday lunch  
• Free Wifi  
• Snacks and pastries

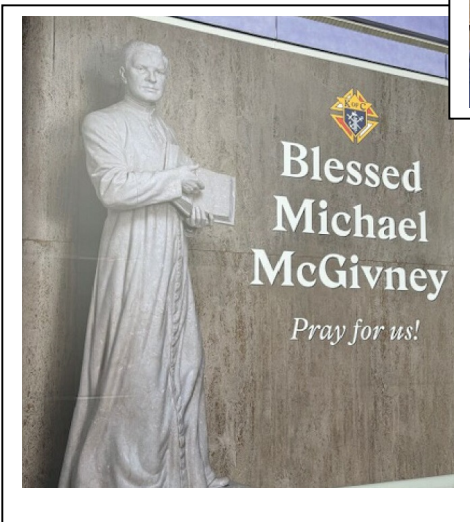
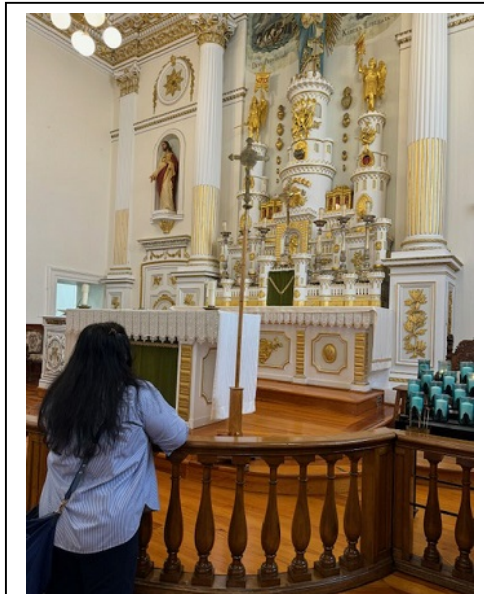
**This Week...**  
• Every Mon: Coffee House open Mon-Fri from 8am-11am (fresh pastries Mon and Wed)  
• Every Wed: Free Student Lunch 8:30am-1pm  
• Every Friday: Waffle Bar 8am-11am  
• Saturday 9/20: Trivia Night at Newman 6:45-8:15

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Supreme Convention



The Silver Knights News wishes to thank State Treasurer Leo Carew for these pictures,



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## Supreme Convention



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## Benchmarking Our Programs

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Here is a list of Awards for your Council to consider:

- McGivney Award: Reach 5% net growth in membership: minimum 5, maximum 15
- Founders Award: Promote and host two Fraternal Benefit Seminars (virtual or in-person) (99 members or less 10 must attend and 100 or more 15 must attend. Note: a member will only be counted once even if he attends two or more FBS.
- Columbian Award: 16 program credits—four in each of the four Faith in Action categories (remember featured programs count for two program credits).
- Overall Council Excellence
- Good standing with the Supreme Council
- Fully compliant with Safe Environment requirements (USA & Canada only)
- Submit Service Program Personnel Report (#365) – Due August 1
- Submit Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) – Due January 31

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that whoever asks receives, whoever seeks finds, and whoever knocks will find an open door.

