

The Silver Knight News

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State Deputy's Message



State Deputy David Ryan

Brothers:

As we approach Lent --- with Ash Wednesday coming up on March 5 --- let us contemplate the suffering that Jesus went through for us on the day of his crucifixion: from the agony in the garden, to the scourging at the pillar, the crowning of thorns, the way of the cross and lastly being nailed to the cross. He willingly did this for us and for our sins. So let us during this time consider the following during the six days of holy week:

Monday is an opportunity to slow down and reflect on the humanity of Jesus. It

is a good time to consider these questions: What anger and resentment are you carrying around in your daily life? How do you process your anger—in a healthy or unhealthy way? What would your life look like if you could channel your anger into productive and decisive action? Observe Monday of Holy Week by going to Confession. Allow God's forgiveness to wash over you so that you can let go of any anger or resentment that is lingering in your heart.

Tuesday of Holy Week is a time to consider: Who and what am I most grateful for in my life? How often do I express my appreciation for those people and experiences? What would happen in my life if I lived every day from the perspective of gratitude? Observe Tuesday deep cleaning your home. This tradition arises from the Jewish custom of preparing for Passover. Often, decluttering our homes is an avenue to decluttering our souls.

Wednesday of Holy Week is a powerful opportunity to reflect on the following: Where in my life have I experienced betrayal or a violation of trust? Am I holding onto that pain or have I invited Jesus into it? Where have I betrayed myself or lost the trust of others? How can I seek forgiveness and make amends? Observe Holy Wednesday by eating simple meals and offering the sacrifice as a prayer to Jesus.

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The number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim Him with their mouths and deny Him with their actions is what an unbelieving world finds unbelievable.

Karl Rahner

State Deputy's Message

Holy Thursday is the first day of the Easter Triduum, the most sacred days of the Catholic faith. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, many Catholics attend Mass. During the Mass, the priest washes the feet of some members of the parish in memory of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. But the most significant thing that happened on Holy Thursday was that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Jesus was clear when He said, "This is my Body. Eat it ... This is my Blood. Drink it." and "Do this in remembrance of me." It is not a symbol or a metaphor, but a clear and direct command. Jesus impresses upon his disciples that this is a sacred meal of his Body and Blood and that they should continue this practice after he is gone. For over two thousand years, Catholics have taken Jesus at his word and obeyed the command he gave on his final night through the sacred ritual of the Mass.

Good Friday is the day Jesus was tortured, mocked, crucified, and died. It was a day of incredible suffering and hatred—so why do we call it Good Friday? We call it Good Friday because the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus saved us from our sins. And even though it was an incredibly tragic day, it was one of the greatest days in history. Observe Good Friday by maintaining silence throughout the day, especially between noon and 3 pm (when Jesus was on the Cross). Although there is no Mass, many people still visit their church to attend Stations of the Cross. You could also spend time meditating on the Passion of Jesus by reading the Passion accounts in the Gospel. God Bless you and your families

Holy Saturday is a day of preparation for Easter. For families this might mean praying together, preparing their home for guests, and dying Easter Eggs. Although there is no Mass offered in the morning, churches host a short prayer service. When night falls, the Church officially begins its first Easter Celebration at the Easter Vigil Mass!

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important day in history. The universe changed on Easter Sunday. It was an earth-shattering, life changing, historic event, and the ultimate proof that Jesus truly is God. Catholics have been celebrating Easter Sunday for over 2,000 years.

What are your priorities in life right now?

- Lent is an invitation to rearrange your priorities and to focus on what matters most and leave behind what matters least.
- Lent is your invitation to take your spiritual life seriously.
- Lent is the perfect time to form life-giving habits and abandon self-destructive habits.
- Lent is your chance to discover the abundant life Jesus invites us to at Easter.

Take these 40 days to explore God's dream for your life and it will change everything. Are you ready?



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Message from the State Chaplain

As I write this, we are in the middle of the month of February, and yesterday, we celebrated Valentine's Day (actually, the Catholic Church celebrated Saints Cyril and Methodius – the rest of the world and Hallmark – St. Valentine). We are two and a half weeks from the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5. It is not too early to start thinking about Lent (I know I am thinking about Holy Week and Easter). What are we going to give up? Chocolate or sweets? While that is good, and we may lose a few pounds, what do we need to give up? What is preventing us from entirely putting our faith into action? What is preventing us from turning away from sins and addictions?

Lent is a turning away from something preventing us from turning fully to God. Do we need to turn off the television to turn on more time for prayer? Do we need to turn off social media to focus more on helping others? Do we need to make the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation a regular part of our life? Do we need to spend more time reading the Bible or spiritual readings? Let us honestly think about preparing our lives now for a great Lent. Maybe we will participate in Exodus 90 for Lent. Perhaps we will use the Hallow app. Let's do whatever we need to do to start preparing for Lent today.

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Archbishop Lori, Supreme Chaplain Challenge for the month of February:

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command, I will lower the nets." (Gospel for Feb. 9, Lk 5:5)

St. Peter describes an experience to which many of us can relate. Sometimes, we work tirelessly at something but come up empty, failing at our task and seemingly accomplishing nothing. But Peter finds overwhelming success when he listens to the Lord and tries again. It may remind us of the psalmist's words: "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps 127:1a). In everything we do, let us always seek to do God's will. Then, no matter what the outcome, we will not have worked in vain.

Knowing God is more important than knowing about God.

Karl Rahner

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Message from the State Chaplain

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to begin each day by offering all your efforts to God. There are many different morning offering prayers; you can find one version in the Catholic Information Service® booklet Prayer Time or the Vivat Jesus spiritual planner.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you feel that there have been times in your life you have worked in vain because you failed to recognize or follow God's will? Are you ever afraid to "lower the nets" by entrusting your efforts to God? What role does prayer play in growing our trust in God?

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I am going to reissue my challenge for every council and assembly to have a component of faith at every meeting. Let's use the resources that the Knights of Columbus have: COR, Faith in Action, Into the Breach, and other great resources to grow in our faith. Let's discuss what we will do for Lent in our meetings. How can your Council and Assembly support the Elect (those to be baptized, confirmed, and receive Eucharist) and Candidates who will be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and Easter season? Many churches need sponsors and those who can help with the Becoming Catholic process. If you support the Catechumens, Elect, and Candidates and expose them to the work of the Knights of Columbus, you might be surprised at how many new members you can recruit.

Are you supporting the seminarians by actively participating in the Seminarian Education Fund raffle drive? If not, why not? Let's all start focusing on having a great Lenten season. Let us "lower the nets" and bring God into our daily lives. When we do and have God in our daily lives, be prepared to be amazed at how your relationship with God and others will grow.

*In the days ahead, you
will either be a mystic
(one who has experienced
God for real) or nothing
at all.*

Karl Rahner

Message from the Vocations Director



Super Bowl LIX averaged 127.7 million viewers in the United States across television and streaming platforms.

In interviews immediately following the game, Eagles head coach Nick Sirianni and quarterback Jalen Hurts - Super Bowl MVP - both thanked God as the first of their comments. Their faith-filled witness is a beautiful blessing!

As Knights of Columbus, let us continue in our ministry with our eyes fixed on God alone. Let us continue to make prayer an important part of our Council and Assembly meetings:

- thanking God for His marvelous gifts;
- praying for respect for human life from conception to natural death;
- praying for all the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them;
- praying for vocations to priesthood and religious life; and
- asking for the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Knights, for ourselves and our families.

*Only in love can I find
you, my God.*

Karl Rahner

Note from State Historian

Wishing you Happy and Joyous 2025 New Year!!!

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-kofc.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

*In love the gates of my soul
spring open, allowing me to
breathe a new air of
freedom and forget my own
petty self.*

Karl Rahner

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!

The Catholic Church in Northern Nevada

History of the Mad Monks of Virginia City, Nevada

Virginia City, Nevada, is a place steeped in tales of the Wild West, among its more mysterious legends is the story of the Mad Monks of St. Mary's of the Mountains. Though the details have been blurred by time and embellished by storytellers, the core of the story remains hauntingly compelling.

In the mid-19th century, during the height of Virginia City's prosperity, St. Mary's of the Mountains was established as a Catholic church to minister to the spiritual needs of the rough-and -tumble mining community. The church became a refuge for the devout, a beacon of calm in the chaotic world of saloons and mine shafts. However, rumors began to circulate about a reclusive group of monks who had come to live in the shadows of the church. They were known for their chanting, deep guttural voices that echoed through the mountain air, very unsettling to anyone who heard them.

As the years went on, their behavior grew stranger. They built hidden chambers beneath the church. The miners, many of whom were deeply superstitious, began to avoid the church. They talked about the Monks discovering something ancient in the mines.

In 1875, a great fire swept through Virginia City, consuming much of the town, including St. Mary's of the Mountains. The church was in ruins, but there was no sign of the Monks. Some believed they had perished in the flames, while others insisted, they had escaped into the hills or vanished into their underground chambers. To this day, visitors to Virginia City claim to hear faint chanting near St. Mary's at night though the church is silent.

*In love my whole being
streams forth out of the
rigid confines of narrowness
and anxious self-assertion,
which make me a prisoner
of my own poverty
emptiness.*

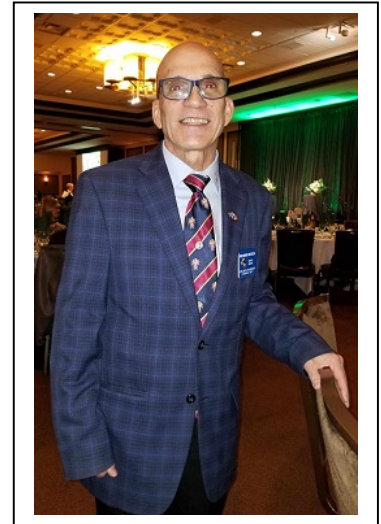
Karl Rahner

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

Brother Richard Matoza, GK

I was born to Raymond Matoza and Arcenia Matoza January 22, 1964, in Gustine California. In 1971 we moved to Santa Cruz where I grew up.

At Santa Cruz I was a three-time wrestling champion in our League. 1981 we move to Sparks, Nevada where I finished my senior year.



*In love all the powers of
my soul flow out toward
you, wanting never more to
return, but to lose
themselves completely in
you, since by your love you
are the inmost center of my
heart, closer to me than I
am to myself.*

Karl Rahner

From high school I followed in my dad's footsteps and worked for Bill Pearce where I became a mechanic and from there moved into management for Firestone and Goodyear for 30 years. Today, I still manage an auto repair shop here in Reno.

I started my Catholic faith as a child with my parents and family went to catechism at Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz. That's where I met some wonderful priests and where I first saw the Knights of Columbus. It was the biggest spaghetti dinner I ever went to in my life and the very best spaghetti. I was about eight years old my mother and grandmother took me. I just remember my white shirt with my black tie was full of red sauce when I left that night.

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

When we came to Sparks, NV, we started our faith at Little Flower Church in Reno. In 2000, my mom and dad moved to Immaculate Conception Church where my dad became a knight. In 2010, I became a knight and for a few years helped my father with turnovers and the basketball challenge.

In 2012 something happened at the church, and I stepped away. In 2018 I started coming back slowly with my father seeing how much I was doing and at the same time he was very ill. I did not know how bad my father was.

My father held every position except Grand knight. In 2020, dad pass away brother knight Leo Carew took me under his wing and my decision was made, I wanted to become Grand Knight someday. It took Leo no time, in one year I went from inside guard to becoming Leo's Deputy Grand Knight.

Under Leo I happened to get Knight of the Year from the Nevada State Council in 2022, my mother was so proud. In July of 2023 I had big shoes to fill, I took over as Grand knight for Leo, in my first year our council received double star. Being a Knight of Columbus has changed my faith and personal life.

I can't express how much it means to be a part of a Catholic men's organization when help is needed the Knights are there. Someone once asked me what it meant to be a Knight? The answer is easy, I became a disciple of Jesus.

*Grace can and does have
a history.*

Karl Rahner

Council Eucharistic Adoration



When man is with God in awe and love, then he is praying.

Karl Rahner

Ponderosa Council 4928 has long promoted member participation in FAITH programs that encourage a deep personal encounter with God. The National Eucharistic Revival Congress did much to rededicate the entire nation to eucharistic Jesus. In the Diocese of Reno, this movement brought about a moment of meditation after communion at each parish Mass.

Working with our parish Deacons to increase Council member participation, and more generally, parishioner participation in the First Friday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration program, our Council opted to promote a third Wednesday of the Month Eucharistic Adoration program commencing in September. It was a simple, direct, and meaningful way to encourage member participation in this faith initiative that was not only beneficial to the participants, but also one that promised a greater Council visibility within the parish. Ponderosa green dress shirts will do that.

On Wednesday, February 19, our Council held its sixth consecutive monthly event. Member knights, family and parishioners totaling 30, participated in an hour of prayer, meditation, and adoration followed by Mass. While this is not a large number, it is a noticeable increase in member participation that will only grow.

- W. Anthony Watts, GK

Council 13392's Diaper Drive -- a Success



Grand Knight James D. Boldrey of San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392 at St. Bridget's Parish reports that their recent diaper drive "was a tremendous success." The first Saturday of every month, the council collects diapers to benefit First Choice, a local pro-life pregnancy center in Las Vegas. This monthly initiative is a core part of the council's Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP).

"My thanks to the incredible generosity of our parishioners," said GK James. "We're very proud to support First Choice's vital work in our community."

*Grace is everywhere as an
active orientation of all
created reality toward God.*

Karl Rahner



Knights Help with Marriage Prep Class



L to R: Jay and Andrea, Fr Chuck Durante, Stephanie and David

Learning always involves self-transcendence. Learning calls forth what is in us, helping us to move toward authenticity and wholeness.

Karl Rahner

Couples who wish to be married with the blessing of the Catholic Church must complete a ten hour preparation class. The purpose is to equip couples for a life together by providing a life-giving view of marriage and by challenging them to communicate openly and honestly with each other. In the Diocese of Reno, this requirement is met by "Engaged Encounter Weekend," a ministry tended for the last 15 years by Worthy Knight Jay Seifert and his wife of 22 years, Lady Andrea.

The couple is helped by five other couples (whose marriages range in the length from five to fifty-seven years). Jay and Andrea and the other couples (who in many cases, are Knights and Ladies) team-teach the weekend retreat and are aided alternately by either Fr. Bob Chorey, Pastor of Our Lady of Snows or Fr. Chuck Durante, Rector of St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral.

The latest Engaged Encounter Weekend took place on Feb 15-16. Seventeen couples attended, mostly from the Reno area. One couple flew in from Fort Worth, TX and three drove in from Fernley. Presenters included Jay and Andrea and Worthy Knight David Varon and Lady Stephanie. Worthy Knight Fr. Chuck Durante, who has been involved in marriage preparation classes for more than 30 years, was also present

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Knights Help with Marriage Prep Class



"I really like this Engaged Encounter weekend," said Jay. "Unlike the Knights or Women of St Rose, this is a ministry we can do together as a couple." Andrea says every Weekend Retreat is a learning experience for her. "I love the stories the other couples tell about their married life -- what difficulties they had and how they grew as a couple."

"What really makes this ministry worthwhile for me," said David, "is how many of the couples come up at the end of the weekend to thank us and say how one session or story particularly spoke to them."

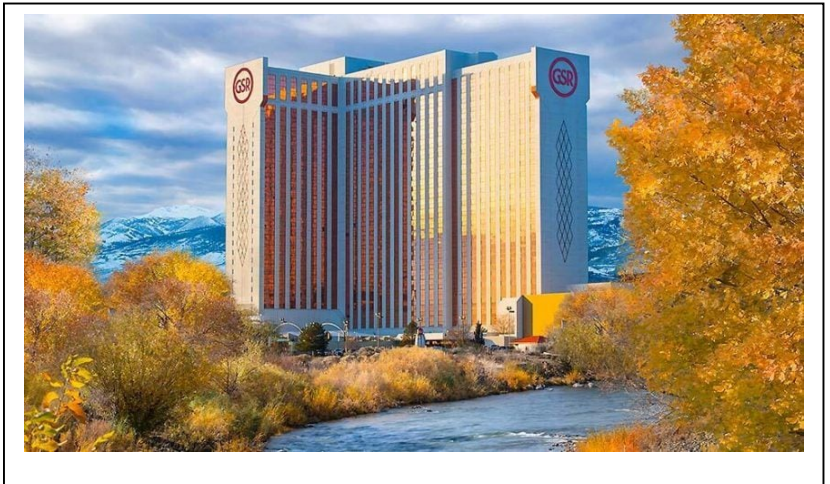
Lady Stephanie said, "It blesses me to witness to these young people about the faithfulness of Our Lord and how He keeps marriages together."

Beside the "presenter" couples, many others (including Knights and Ladies) help "behind the scenes," with set-up, registration and lunch preparation. Jay and Andrea are always looking for couples with at least five years of marriage to share their experiences.

*How often I have found
that we grow to maturity
not by doing what we like,
but by doing what we
should. How true it is that
not every 'should' is a
compulsion, and not every
'like' is a high morality
and true freedom.*

Karl Rahner

115th Annual Nevada Knights of Columbus State Convention



St. John Vianney Council 13842, will host the 115th Annual Nevada State Convention this year at St Rose of Lima Parish and Bishop Manogue High School. (The high school is adjacent to the church property.)

Hotel

The Grand Sierra Resort (GSR), one of Reno's premiere hotels, is the Convention venue for the gala dinner and hotel rooms. Ninety rooms have been reserved at GSR at the convention rate of \$79 for Thursday; \$109 each for Friday and Saturday nights, plus tax and fees. This is a 30% discount over standards rates. Final hotel bookings must be made by April 4, 2025.

Shuttle Service

The hotel provides shuttle service to and from the hotel and the Reno airport. Council Knights will provide shuttle service to and from the hotel and the convention venues including St Rose of Lima Church, the golf outing, the ladies activity and the Newman Center.

Golf

The Council has planned a golf outing at Wolf Run Golf Course in South Reno. The course is well-known for its fairways, water hazards and sand traps. Shot-gun play starts at 8 a.m. (until 3 p.m.) on Friday, May 2. Lunch is included and clubs may be rented onsite.

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115th Annual Nevada Knights of Columbus State Convention

Meal Ticket

The Delegate and attendee meal package is as follows:

breakfast Saturday and Sunday; lunch Saturday	\$50
gala dinner	\$75
reception at Newman Center	<u>\$20</u>
Total	\$145

gala dinner only (for wives and guests only)	\$75
reception at Newman Center (for wives and guests only)	\$20

Menu

Saturday Continental Breakfast 7 a.m.

- ☐ Bacon Breakfast Burrito- Scrambled Eggs, Bacon,
- ☐ Tater Tots, Pico de Gallo, Blueberry Muffins, Fresh Fruit

Saturday Boxed Lunch noon

- ☐ Lays Chips, Macaroni Salad, Cookie, Mustard & Mayo Packet, Cutlery Kit
- ☐ Turkey, Provolone, Lettuce, Shaved Onions
- ☐ Ham, Swiss, Lettuce, Shaved Onions
- ☐ Classic Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Herb Mayonnaise

Sunday Continental Breakfast 7 a.m.

- ☐ Croissants, Butter & Jelly, Blueberry Muffins, Fresh Fruit Cups, Yogurt Parfaits,
- ☐ Mixed Berries, Granola, Vanilla Yogurt

Friday Newman Center Mixer

- ☐ Crispy Brioche, Brie, Candied Almond, Compressed Pear, Honey
- ☐ Wild Mushroom Asiago Truffle Arancini, Smoked Tomato, Ragu, Parmesan
- ☐ Chorizo Stuffed Cornbread Mini Muffin, Cilantro Cream Cheese
- ☐ Korean Spiced Flank Kabobs, Ginger Soy Gochujang

Saturday Gala Dinner

- ☐ Braised Short Ribs and Salmon with appropriate side dishes

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Ladies Activities

On Saturday May 3, the Ladies will have the opportunity to have lunch and learn to play bocce ball at the exclusive ArrowCreek County Club. Bring your camera because the view of downtown Reno is breath-taking from the County Club.

Mass Celebrant

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg has accepted the invitation to celebrate Mass at St Rose of Lima on Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m. and then attend the gala dinner at the GSR.

Shirts

The Council will have “annual event” shirts available for sale. Final details are being worked out. Watch for future updates.

Souvenir Book

The Council is preparing a convention souvenir book. Full and half pages ads are available for purchase.

Delegate Credentials - State Officers Resolutions of Support Council Activity Reports - Council Award Forms

Send all of these items to State Secretary David Clarke at nevada.state.secretary@gmail.com no later than April 1, 2025

Register

Register for the 115th Annual State Convention today at
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Family of the Month for February 2025



SK Marv Cochran is a Past Grand Knight of Ponderosa Council 4928 (2002-2004) and Lady Leslie was a founding member of the Council's Ladies of the Knights band of sisters. For the seventh consecutive year, this family team has chaired or helped co-chair leading support of the Diocese of Reno's annual Diocesan Conference.

This year, their program experience, planning ability, recruiting and leadership skills enabled our Council to meet all program demands of the Diocese with the help of twenty-one members and family who volunteered a total of 268½ hours in service. The Diocese of Reno praised our Council's support and deemed the 2025 Conference a great success. For all that they do, the Cochran family is recognized as our February Family of the Month.

- W. Anthony Watts, GK

What Christ gives us is quite explicit if his own words are interpreted according to their Aramaic meaning. The expression 'This is my Body' means this is myself.

Karl Rahner

Knight of the Month for February 2025



Bro David L. Joyce

Love alone allows man to forget himself... it alone can still redeem even the darkest hours of the past since it alone finds the courage to believe in the mercy of the holy God.

Karl Rahner

Bro. David L. Joyce. is a Life Member with 48 years of service who has remained active in our Council, our home parish and area community service initiatives.

He served most recently as our Council Warden and often teams with Lady Mary Alice serving the needy at the St. Vincent's Dining Room (Reno's oldest "soup kitchen"), as a volunteer during the Council's Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off fundraiser, and as one who helped with the recent Holy Cross Catholic Community Christmas Dinner. For all his time, energy, and commitment, Bro. Dave is recognized as the Ponderosa Council 4928 February Knight of the Month.

Sadly, he and Mary Alice are in the process of relocating out-of-state to be nearer to their children's growing families which are in Colorado, Montana and New Mexico. Our loss is their gain, but his grandchildren will surely keep him as busy as ever.

~W. Anthony Watts, GK

This Month's Photos

UNR Luncheon Hosted by BLD and Council



On Feb 2, BLD and Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 hosted a luncheon at UNR's Newman Center. More than 60 lbs of chicken and six rice cookers were used to make Chicken Adobo with rice. Green salad and cookies were also served.

"The students had a great time and the food was delicious (made and served from the heart)," said State Treasurer Leo Carew III. "I want to thank everyone who helped with lunch and I am so glad Immaculate Conception Church invited us to help with this work of Mercy."

This Month's Photos

Michael McGivney Relic Comes to ICC



GK Ritchie Matoza and DGK Terry Walsh, both from Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877, requested that the Blessed Michael McGivney Relic come to their home parish of Immaculate Conception Church (ICC) in Sparks. The relic was escorted by State Deputy David Ryan and Regional Growth Director Pona Magana. Confirmation and RCIA students were on hand along with Fr. Philip George to venerate the relic and pray the rosary. State Secretary Dave Clarke and State Treasurer Leo Carew were also present.