

# The Silver Knight News

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## State Deputy's Message



Brothers,

As we embark at near warp speed upon a new fraternal year, please accept my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your steadfast commitment to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism that define the Knights of Columbus. The past year has been filled with many remarkable achievements across our state councils, highlighted by what some say is the greatest comeback ever regarding growth garnering the Supreme Council's prestigious "Circle of Honor" (COH) recognition for Nevada. Kudos to the brothers with the epitome of a "can do" attitude who went the extra miles to make COH a reality.

This new fraternal year presents us with numerous fresh opportunities to grow our membership, deepen our charitable outreach, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood with implementing Supreme's "COR" initiative. I strongly encourage every council to embrace the theme of "For the Good off the Order" by engaging in the many Faith in Action service projects that address local needs and exemplify our Catholic values.

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*The aim of education is to guide young persons in the process through which they shape themselves as human persons-armed with knowledge, strength of judgment, and moral virtues-while at the same time conveying to them the spiritual heritage of the nation and the civilization in which they are involved.*

*Jacques Maritain*

## State Deputy's Message

Let us also renew our focus on supporting our clergy, aiding those in need, and nurturing seminarians through sending encouraging cards, letter, digital messages, supporting RSVP for their individual sundry needs, and through vigorous sales of Seminarian Raffle Tickets which builds up the Diocese seminary tuition fund. Together in unity, we will build a stronger, more vibrant Knights of Columbus presence throughout Nevada.

I am extremely confident that with your leadership, many talents, and infectious enthusiasm, this year will be one of record growth and spiritual fulfillment. May God bless you and your families as we journey forward in the spirit of fraternity and service.

Vivat Jesus

David Clarke  
State Deputy



## Message from the State Chaplain

Brother Knights,

As I write this, we have just finished the District Deputy Training here in Las Vegas on Saturday, July 12. Our State Deputy, David Clarke, issued a challenge to grow our membership. I countered with my message -- yes, we need members, but not just anyone. We want men who will live their Catholic faith. We want men who will do something in our councils -- not just come to meetings. We need men who will be active in our council programs, and active in ministering to our neighbors. We need men who will grow in their Catholic faith and help others grow as well. We are all recruiters. For example, I talked with a man who was having his marriage validated. Just before his wedding I asked if he was willing to grow in his Catholic faith. He said yes. How many men have you asked?

If your council or assembly is not participating in COR, the Faith in Action initiative, Bible studies, or anything else that might help you grow in your Catholic faith, then tell your Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator that you want grow in your Catholic faith and find out how can they help you.

As we begin a new fraternal year, 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 others to grow in our faith. Let's discuss what we will do during this fraternal year in our meetings. How can your Council and Assembly support those in the Becoming Catholic program (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 next year? 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 our seminarians by actively participating in the RSVP program and the Seminarian Education Fund raffle drive? If not, why not? Let's us reach out to our neighbors and help them. Let us be the Good Samaritan. Let's support our priests and seminarians. Let us grow and learn more about our Catholic faith. When we are a neighbor to all, you will be amazed at how our faith is spread. You will be amazed by a growing relationship with God. You will be amazed at how your council will grow and the things your council will accomplish. Are you ready to be the Good Samaritan?

Fr. Steven Hoffer

*We do not need a  
truth to serve us, we  
need a truth that we  
can serve*

*Jacques Maritain*

## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge



*Some truths are seen  
better through tears.*

*Jacques Maritain*

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month. This month we look at Luke 10:36-37 the Gospel for July 13.

***Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."***

In the parable of the good Samaritan, we again witness the Lord's call to put our faith into action. Neither the priest nor the Levite stopped to render aid to alleviate the injured man's suffering. The true act of love came from an unexpected source: a Samaritan, a person with whom a practicing Jew of those days would not ordinarily associate. Let us be good Samaritans when we encounter others in need, remembering that we are called to love and serve all people in need.

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to serve as a good Samaritan to others with whom you might not normally associate — whether it be people who are homeless, the poor, the homebound or others.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Who is your neighbor? Have you found yourself ignoring those in need when it is inconvenient for you to assist them? How can your response to the needy you encounter more closely reflect the example of the good Samaritan?

## Circle of Honor 2024-2025



Rank	Jurisdiction	Div	INTAKE					
			Quota	Prior Day	Today	Diff	Need	Percent
1	Rhode Island	4	229	287	292	5	*	127.51%
2	Oregon	4	365	457	462	5	*	126.58%
3	Manitoba	4	295	338	371	33	*	125.76%
4	Alabama	4	408	465	469	4	*	114.95%
5	New Hampshire	4	290	301	306	5	*	105.52%
6	Nevada	4	554	539	567	28	*	102.35%
7	Mississippi	4	316	262	266	4	50	84.18%
8	Arkansas	4	291	234	237	3	54	81.44%
9	Oklahoma	4	540	426	432	6	108	80.00%
10	South Dakota	4	372	251	252	1	120	67.74%
11	North Dakota	4	444	265	269	4	175	60.59%
TOTALS			4,104	3,825	3,923	98	507	95.59%

The Nevada State Council ranked sixth in Division 4 of Supreme's Circle of Honor tribute for the last Fraternal Year. The Council achieved 102.35% of its assigned membership quota.

Here are some facts to provide a context for these rankings.

State	Population	Percent Catholic
Rhode Island	1,112,308	42
Oregon	4,272,371	12
Manitoba	1,484,135	*
Alabama	5,157,699	7
New Hampshire	1,409,032	26
Nevada	3,320,570	25
Total USA	342,034,432	21

\*Based on answers in the 2021 census, 53.3% of the Canadian population identify as Christians. Catholics form the largest Christian group in Canada with 29.9%, or 10.9 million people.

With nearly half its population Catholic, Rhode Island's achievement of 128% of its recruitment goal is impressive, but not surprising. In Alabama where only 7% of the people are Catholic, an achievement of 115% is both impressive and surprising. Nevada can be proud. It had the highest quota in the division which it fulfilled by bringing in more knights than anyone else in the division.

**Go Nevada!**



## Note from State Historian

### **Congratulations to the New Slate of Officers! Columbian Year 2025-2026**

#### *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 David M. Clarke 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-koec.com](mailto:historian@nv-koec.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

*Let us not go faster than  
God. It is our emptiness  
and our thirst that He  
needs, not our plentitude.*

*Jacques Maritain*

#### **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!**

## Regalia of the Patriotic Degree: Cape and Chapeau

You will recall the distinctive ceremonial regalia historically associated with our highest and most visible level of our Order. Here is the history for review:

Established in 1900, a military inspired regalia was developed, reflecting the patriotic and chivalric ideals of the time with the cape and chapeau serving both symbolic and aesthetic functions. Surprisingly, the original cape colors for the rank were purple for the Faithful Navigator, white for Masters, red for Marshals and black for members. The regalia symbolized chivalry and the medieval Knight's mantle, connecting us to our spiritual and historical heritage. The chapeau, military-style adorned with ostrich plumes, color-coded by rank. This Regalia gave a dramatic and formal appearance at processions, Church events and ceremonies.

Circa 2016, concerns arose that the regalia was overly elaborate, difficult in maintenance and cost of production, and the desire to present a more modern appearance. From 2017-2019 transition to the new Regalia was initiated. The transition was completed in mid-2019 despite some resistance from traditionalists wanting to retain the historic image.

Even though the cape and chapeau are no longer part of the official regalia, they remain a cherished symbol of our Order's visual and ceremonial heritage.

*The first step to be taken by everyone who wishes to act morally is to decide not to act according to the general customs and doings of his fellow-men.*

*Jacques Maritain*

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

***Sir Knight Fr. Thomas (Boby) Malancharuvil,  
Parochial Vicar Our Lady of the Snows, Reno***

Name:

Rev. Dr. BOBY JOHN

Baptism Name:

Thomas Malancharuvil

Born:

05.17.1975, Kaipuzha, Kerala, India.

Parents:

Mr. John Varughese & Mrs. Moni John (Late)

Brother:

Siby John (younger brother), Govt. Service, Kerala State, India.

Home Parish:

St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Ullannoor, Kerala, India.

Home Diocese:

Pathanamthitta, Kerala, India

Schooling:

Girideepam L. P. School, Kaipuzha, Kerala, India.

R. R. U. P. School, Ullannoor, Kerala, India.

High School:

Padmanabhodayam High School, Mezhuveli, Kerala, India.

Pre-Degree:

Kerala University, Kerala, India.

Date of Joining the Minor Seminary:

06.20.1990, (St. Aloysius Minor Seminary, Pattom, Kerala, India.)

Philosophy:

St. Mary's Malankara Major Seminary, Nalanchira, Kerala, India.

Places of Regency:

St. Mary's Queen of Peace Basilica, Palayam &  
Pastoral Education Centre, Kuravankonam, Kerala, India.

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*Christianity taught men  
that love is worth more  
than intelligence.*

*Jacques Maritain*



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

### Theology:

St. Mary's Malankara Major Seminary, Nalanchira, Kerala, India.

### Diaconate:

03.30.2000, St. Mary's Major Archiepiscopal Cathedral, Pattom, Trivandrum, Kerala, India. (by Moran Mor Cyril Baselios Catholicos, Major Archbishop, Trivandrum, Kerala, India.)

### Ordination:

12.26.2000, at Holy Angels, Adoor, Kerala, India. (by Moran Mor Cyril Baselios Catholicos, Major Archbishop, Trivandrum)

### Bachelor's Degrees:

- 1) BTh, St. Mary's Malankara Major Seminary, Nalanchira, Kerala, India.
- 2) BA (Philosophy), Kerala University, Trivandrum, Kerala, India.
- 3) B-Ed, Bhopal Degree College, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, (Barkkathulla University, Bhopal), India.

### Post-Graduations:

- 1) MTh, St. Mary's Malankara Major Seminary, Nalanchira, Kerala, India.
- 2) MA, (Public Administration), St. John's College, Anchal (Kerala University, Trivandrum, Kerala, India.)
- 3) M-Ed, Christ College, Bhopal (Barkkathulla University, Bhopal, India.)
- 4) MBA, Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management University, Sikkim, India.

### Licentiate:

Canon Law, Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Rome, Italy.

### Doctorate:

Administration (DA), European Institute of Management and Technology, Switzerland.

### Languages known:

Malayalam, English, Hindi, Italian.

### Languages Studied A1/A2 level for Academic Purpose:

Sanskrit, Tamil, Syriac, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Dutch, German,

*God does not ask for  
'religious' art or 'Catholic'  
art. The art he wants for  
himself is Art, with all its  
teeth*

*Jacques Maritain*

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### Parishes Served :

St. George Malankara Catholic Church, Enathu (2001)  
 St. John's Malankara Catholic Church, Puthusseribhagam (2001)  
 St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, kizhakkupuram (2001)  
 St. Ignathios Malankara Catholic Church, Manjadimukku (2001)  
 St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Kaithapparampu (2001)  
 St. Benedict's Malankara Catholic Church, Karavallloor (2001-07)  
 St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Manalil (2001-07)  
 St. Theresa's Malankara Catholic Church, Vilakkupara (2001-07)  
 St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church, Bhopal (2007-15)  
 St. John's Malankara Catholic Church, Kadamannitta (2015-18)  
 St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Thonnamala (2015-18)  
 Viario Parrocchiale, Madonna del Carmine,  
 Mercatale. Madonna della Croce, San Donnino.  
 Chiesa di San Biagio, Pierle.  
 Chiesa di Sant'Andrea, Sant'Andrea di sorbello.  
 Cappella di Mengaccini, Mengaccini. (Diocesi di Arezzo-Cortona-San  
 Sepelcro). Italy (2021-22)  
 Vicario Parrocchiale, Santa Maria, Vogongano, Poggio d'Acona,  
 Calbenzano,  
 Santa Maria Subiano, San Giorgio, Subbiano, Castel Neovo,  
 Marcena, Italy (2022 -24) Advice for Aspiring Leaders

### Missions Served:

Jabalpur Mission, Madhya Pradesh & Nagpur Mission, Maharashtra

### Present Position:

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Snows Parish & School, Reno, NV, USA  
 (July 2024 to present)

### Permanent Address:

Malankara Catholic Bishop's House,  
 Diocese of Pathanamthitta  
 Chittoor, Pathanamthitta-689645

*A true Christian is a man  
 who never for a moment  
 forgets what God has done  
 for him in Christ and  
 whose whole comportment  
 and whose activity have  
 their root in the sentiment  
 of gratitude.*

*Jacques Maritain*

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

### Institutions/ Departments Served:

Director, MCYM, Adoor Eccl. District, Archdiocese, Thiruvananthapuram  
Director, MCYM, Ayoor Eccl. Dist., Archdiocese, Thiruvananthapuram  
Director, MCA, Ayoor Eccl. District, Archdiocese, Thiruvananthapuram  
Guest Lecturer, St. John's College, Anchal (2003-07)  
Chaplain, St. Joseph's Hospital, Anchal (2003-07)  
Founder Manager, Puspagiri English Medium School, Vilakkupara  
Presbiteral Council Member, Archdiocese Trivandrum (2006) Principal, St. Thomas Convent Sr. Sec. School, Ayodhya Nagar, Bhopal (2007-09)  
Vice-President, Bhopal Malankara Catholic Association, Bhopal (2007-15)  
Manager, St. Thomas Convent Sr. Sec. School, Ayodhya Nagar, Bhopal  
Manager, St. Thomas Convent School, Arera Hills, Bhopal (2007-15)  
Chaplain, Bethany Convent (Ayodhya Nagar & Subhash Nagar), Bhopal  
Regional Director (Bhopal), Prachodana Social Service Society, N. Delhi  
Member, Pastoral Council, MCC-ETRI (2007-15)  
Member, Finance Council, MCC-ETRI (2007-15)  
Member, All India National Association of Catholic Schools ('07-15)  
Founder Manager, St. Thomas Convent (Hindi Medium) School, Bhopal  
Founder Director, Mar Baselios College of Nursing, Bhopal ('09-15)  
Founder Managing Director, Bethany Hostel, Ayodhya Nagar, Bhopal  
President, Ecumenical Church Committee, Bhopal (2010-15)  
Director, Family Apostolate, MCC-ETRI (2010-15)  
Director, Bible Apostolate, MCC-ETRI (2010-15)  
Director, Prayer Groups, MCC-ETRI (2010-15)  
Principal, St. Thomas Convent Sr. Sec. School, Ayodhya Nagar, Bhopal  
Local Manager, St. Mary's U. P. School, Thonniyamala (2015-18)  
Public Relation Officer, Diocese of Pathanamthitta (2015-18)  
Member, Pastoral Council, Diocese of Pathanamthitta (2015-18)  
Member, Administrative Council, Diocese of Pathanamthitta (2015-18)  
Member, Finance Council, Diocese of Pathanamthitta (2015-18)  
Director, Media Commission, Diocese of Pathanamthitta (2015-18)  
Director, Jagratha Commission, Diocese of Pathanamthitta (2015-18)  
Director, Malankara Catholic Association, Pathanamthitta Eccl. District  
Director, Anugraha Social Service Society, Diocese of Pathanamthitta  
President, Kerala State Minority Commission, Pathanamthitta District  
Founder President, MCBCM, Baselian Trust for Global Charity (2017 onwards) Capo, Roma Malankara (2019-20)  
Founder Chaplain, The Syro Malankara Community, Rome & Italy  
Founder National Coordinator, Fondazione Migrantes, Conferenza Episcopale -Italiana (2019-2021)

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*There is nothing man  
desires more than a heroic  
life: there is nothing less  
common to men than  
heroism.*

*Jacques Maritain*

## Ordination of Father Francis Coyne



*God's love causes the  
beauty of what He loves,  
our love is caused by the  
beauty of what we love.*

*Jacques Maritain*

Francis Coyne was born in Reno and graduated from Bishop Manogue High School in 1998. He earned a BA in psychology and theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH in 2002. Following some work experience in roofing, construction, and cabinetry, he spent twelve years in religious life: six as a missionary, and six as a monk. Completing his seminary formation at St Patrick's in Menlo Park, CA, Francis was ordained a transitional deacon on August 8, 2020. After being accepted as a 'seminarian' for the Diocese of Reno, he worked as parish administrator of Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center. Fr. Francis was ordained by Bishop Daniel Muggenborg at St. Rose of Lima Church on June 28. Now that he has been ordained, his diocesan assignment is split between being the Chaplain at Bishop Manogue High School, and Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral.

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## Ordination of Fr. Francis Coyne

Fr. Francis made a profound impression on SK Joseph Gurgui, Faithful Scribe of Assembly 3118 and fellow Knight of Council 13842. Joseph writes: "The Seek 2024 conference set my soul on fire. I asked Bishop Mueggenborg for guidance, and following his advice, I asked then-Deacon Francis to be my spiritual director. He accepted, and we have been working on building up a life of contemplative prayer ever since.

"I had the privilege of attending Fr. Francis's ordination and his first Mass. After Mass, Fr. Francis invited everyone who wished to receive an individual blessing to come forward -- I was among the last to receive his blessing. He thanked me for my service to the Church and then blessed me. I had a deep peace that resembled the peace I often feel after receiving Sacramental Absolution during Confession.

"I don't know if it was due to the efforts I had made over the last year and a half to grow in holiness -- making me more disposed to receive grace from Fr. Francis's blessing. Or, if it was because my spiritual director who blessed me when he was a deacon is now blessing me as a priest, but either way, I am immensely grateful to our Bishop for recommending Fr. Francis Coyne to be my spiritual director and for ordaining him to the Priesthood. I am also grateful to Fr. Francis for his message to me always to be still and contemplate God's love for not just the world and the Church, but for me individually, specifically."

*Not only does the democratic state of mind stem from the inspiration of the Gospel, but it cannot exist without it.*

*Jacques Maritain*

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## IPSD hosts "ice breaker" social



On Friday July 11, Immediate Past State Deputy David Ryan hosted an "ice breaker" social hour at his home in Las Vegas for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Dignitaries and attendees of the District Deputy Organizational Meeting. Also present were Damien O'Connor, Vice President of Evangelization & Faith Formation and Supreme Director Toni Pasqua. A great time was had by all.



## Father Francis Coyne's First Mass

*There is no place  
in the world but  
contains some trace  
of God.*

*Jacques Maritain*



Newly ordained Fr. Francis Coyne celebrated his first Mass at St. Rose of Lima Parish on Sunday, June 29. During the presentation of the gifts, Northern Nevada District Master Dan Dexter presented Fr. Francis with a chalice from the Fourth Degree Knights of St Andrews Assembly 3118. The chalice was inscribed with the names of Sir Knight Brent Zicarelli, Founding Grand Knight of our Council and Sir Knight Richard Thiede, Founding Advocate of our Council.

"The chalice symbolizes the priest's role in the Eucharist and his dedication to the Church," said Chip Lindloff, Past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3118. "It also represents the support of the Knights of Columbus for newly ordained priests and it encourages the priest in his spiritual journey and ministry."





# Reno Historical Society on Bishop Manogue



## FootPrints

Dedicated to Preserving and Promoting Historic Resources in the Truckee Meadows through Education, Advocacy and Leadership.

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### The Bishop and his Schools

by Debbie Hinson

If you have lived in Reno any length of time, you've no doubt heard the name Bishop Manogue, likely in the context of the attractive, sprawling high school south of town. Or maybe you attended one of its smaller, previous incarnations. But you may not realize there was a very noteworthy man behind that name, one who came to Nevada in the era of the Virginia City mining boom, and made a lasting imprint on our state and our city who continue to honor him. Prior to achieving the title, he was simply Patrick Manogue of Cussey Kilkenny, Ireland.

#### The Bishop

Patrick was born May 28, 1831. Around the age of 16, he left Ireland for America, upon the death of his parents. He traveled to Chicago, enrolling at the St. Mary of the Lake school. He also found work evenings, to send money back to his siblings in Ireland. Leaving Chicago in 1853, Patrick arrived in Moore's Flat, California, some 17 miles northeast of Nevada City, attracted by tales of gold discoveries in the vicinity. He worked as a laborer in the mines there, and after purchasing a share of a mine, he became a partner, which allowed him to continue to send money home.

He affirmed his desires in the mining community while continuing to study at night. Patrick stood 6'3" and was powerfully built, due to the physicality of mine work, but his mind was turning to more esoteric pursuits. He had developed a strong connection to the people of the area, especially the miners and Chinese immigrants. Archbishop Joseph Alemany of San Francisco recognized this ability to connect with all levels of humanity and arranged for Patrick to attend Saint-Sulpice Seminary in Paris, France.

There, Patrick Manogue became fluent in French, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, as well as Irish Gaelic, completing his studies in 3 1/2 years. He was ordained as priest on December 21, 1861. Due to his mining experience, Archbishop Alemany assigned the new priest to Nevada, where the Comstock Lode had attracted thousands hoping to stake a claim and make it rich. Arriving in Virginia City in 1862, it must have been startling for the newly-ordained Father Manogue to find that his new assignment covered an immense area. He traveled extensively through his parish, usually by horseback, to bring the Eucharist, hear confessions, assist the sick, bury the dead and marry the engaged. He also brought the Sisters of Charity to Virginia City to educate children, care for orphans and operate a hospital.



Left: An early photo of Father Manogue and Right: As Bishop Manogue.

His predecessor Father Hugh Gallagher had built a wooden church, but it had been blown down within two years of construction by the vicious winds that whipped through the town. Father Manogue set about having a new church built, dedicated as St. Mary's in the Mountains Church, by Eugene O'Connell, Bishop of Grass Valley on July 17, 1864. It was also a wooden structure, located a block away from the current St. Mary's.

By 1867, the growing town needed a much larger church due to a massive influx of Irish immigrants, arriving to work the mines. This time a brick structure was erected across the street, dedicated again by O'Connell in 1870, bearing the same name. But just five years later, the event known as the Great Fire of 1875 seriously damaged this structure. It was rebuilt the following year and still stands today, considered by many to be the most majestic structure of Virginia City.

One of the most beneficial relationships the Father developed in his time in Virginia City was his friendship with John Mackay, one of the Bonanza Kings, who had also labored in the mines before becoming wealthy. Mackay contributed the funds to rebuild St. Mary's and was always generous with his gifts to the church.

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*The philosopher says  
that God's knowledge is  
the measure of things,  
and that things are the  
measure of man's  
knowledge.*

*Jacques Maritain*

The Summer 2025 edition of "FootPrints," the quarterly publication of the Historic Reno Preservation Society features a three-page article on Bishop Patrick Manogue's life and contribution to the Catholic life in Nevada. The article is well-researched and includes several photos of Father Manogue. You may obtain a free copy of this issue of FootPrints at the following web address.

<https://www.historicreno.org/index.php/archives/footprints>

## Columbia Magazine Notes Veteran's Memorial



In its June 2025 issue, Columbia magazine carried a photo and short paragraph (see page 28 of the magazine) about the placing of a memorial at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC). The project was headed up by SK Ken Sawyer and SK Richard Sherman who together raised the \$6,400 needed to purchase the monument and to put it in place. The monument measures 48" x 42" and is made of black granite. Ken Sawyer, Richard Sherman and SK Robert Williams did all the groundwork and laid the concrete slab. On Dec 12, the monument was delivered and put in place. On Dec 30 Bishop Gregory Gordon blessed the monument. More than 75 Knights and families, including 23 Knights from the Color Corp, participated.

"I am very proud of this memorial to Knights who have served their country in the military," said Air Force veteran Ken Sawyer.

*It is implanted in the  
Christian soul, by the  
side of the running  
waters, under the sky of  
the theological virtues,  
amid the breaths of the  
seven gifts of the Spirit.  
It is natural for it to  
bear Christian fruit.*

*Jacques Maritain*





# REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1ST



## Join Us for the Annual St. Rose of Lima Charity Golf Tournament!

We invite all members of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish to take part in this exciting annual charity golf tournament! Whether you're an avid golfer or just looking for a fun day with friends, this event is a wonderful way to support our parish community while enjoying a premier golf experience at The Club at ArrowCreek. Come play, volunteer, or cheer on participants—your involvement makes a difference!

Compete in groups of up to four on the stunning Challenge Course at The Club at ArrowCreek, featuring breathtaking Sierra Nevada views. Enjoy green fees, breakfast, practice balls, and a fantastic awards banquet.

## INFORMATION

The Club at ArrowCreek  
Challenge Course  
September 20, 2025  
Shotgun Start @ 9:30 AM

## PACKAGES INCLUDE

Green fees & Cart  
Breakfast  
Practice balls  
Bottled water on carts  
Awards banquet after play  
Silent auction & raffle  
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## This Month's Photos

### Fr. Francis Coyne's Ordination





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### K of C Night at the Ace's Game



"Saturday in the park, I think it was The Fourth of July" sang the iconic band Chicago.

But this was a Friday night at the Greater Nevada Field with more than 200 friends, family and brother Knights at the Reno Aces Fourth of July game. Newly elected state officials, including State Deputy David Clarke, State Secretary, Leo V Carew III, and State Advocate James Michael Brady were in attendance. A beautiful evening for baseball -- the fireworks started early, but, alas, the home team did not prevail. The Knights, however, enjoyed a great time together, celebrating their values of charity, unity, and fraternity.



## This Month's Photos

Blessed Michael McGivney relic at  
Our Lady of the Valley



SK Francisco Diaz and Lady Sheila Diaz obtained a third class relic and a beautiful portrait of Blessed Michael McGivney. Knight Hank Centuolo hand-man frames for each item. On Sunday, July 13 at Our Lady of the Valley in Pahrump, Fr. Bruno Mauricci blessed both the relic and the portrait. Many members of Our Lady of the Valley Council 10780 and Fr. Joseph Bochenski Assembly 2532 were in attendance.





## This Month's Photos



State Secretary and Scholarship Chair for Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877, Leo Carew III, and Grand Knight Richard Matoza present a check for \$2000 to Joseph (Joey) Michel. Joey has been an altar server for more than 10 years at ICC and his grades at Spanish Springs High School propelled him to be this year's Knights of Columbus scholarship recipient. Joey's father, Peter, is a retired Washoe County Sheriff and brother knight who currently works with his wife Meredith at Immaculate Conception Church. Father Steve was on hand for the presentation. Congratulations Joey and good luck at UNR.

The newly elected State Officers of Nevada convened with district deputies at Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Las Vegas the weekend of July 11-12. Also in attendance was Supreme Director, Damien O'Connor who is the Director of Faith Formation and COR.





## This Month's Photos

### Eucharistic Procession at St. Albert's



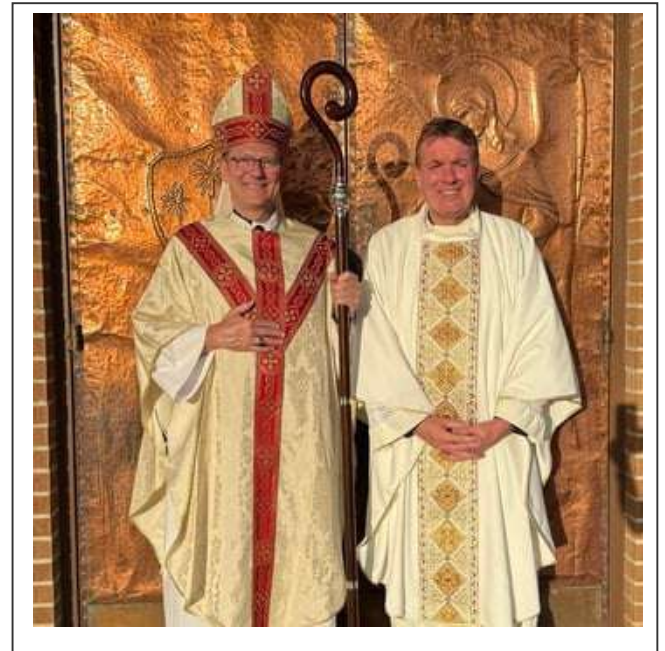
Fr. David Michael led a Eucharistic procession around the St. Albert the Great Parish campus after the 10 am Mass on Sunday June 22. Many Knights from Christ the King Council 7322 and parishioners joined the procession to honor the Holy Eucharist in an open display of love and devotion to our Lord and Savior.





## This Month's Photos

Fr. Liam Reilly's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary



The Knights of Northern Nevada gave Fr. Liam Reilly a chalice celebrating his 25 years as a priest. Fr. Liam is the pastor of St. Joseph's in Elko, NV.

"I wish to express my sincerest gratitude to all who made this Jubilee Celebration last evening such a joyful and meaningful occasion.

"To God, for blessing me during my lifetime and especially during these 25 years, to Bishop Mueggenborg, for traveling, for his kind words and for leading our Eucharistic celebration, to the priests and deacons who participated, to our wonderful parish staff, to the Knights of Columbus, to the Ladies Auxiliaries, to the Women of St. Joseph, to our brilliant youth ministry team and Confirmation students, to the Hispanic leaders and to the members of the wider parish family." -- Fr. Liam

## This Month's Photos



Exemplification on June 29 at Msgr. Patrick J. Connors Council 4997.

Installation of officers for Saint Thomas Aquinas Cathedral Parish Council 978.





## This Month's Photos

Fr. Coyne's first Mass

