

# The Silver Knight News

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## State Deputy's Message



Worthy Brothers and Sir Knights,

Praying this message finds you well and in high spirits as the momentum of this Jubilee year of faith, service, and brotherhood continues to build to a crescendo.

Please be advised that an erroneous state council per capita billing was recently sent out. Kindly disregard this billing mistake. The correct Nevada state per capita billing will be issued in December. I sincerely apologize for any confusion and appreciate your understanding and patience.

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*Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist.*

*Pope Pius X*

## State Deputy's Message

As we enter the "heart" (i.e. Cor) of the fraternal year, I urge all Nevada councils to:

Finalize plans for Church Membership Drives and forward dates to WDM Joe Haun.

Conduct a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest with local schools or parishes

Complete outstanding Coats for Kids orders promptly with Sir Knight Mike Caudell

Submit Tootsie Roll orders with Sir Knight Rick Sherman via NevadaUKnight

Please review and settle any balances on respective Supreme Council billing statements, which are due no later than October 10. These council specific billing statements from Supreme can be found under the Reports tab on the Knights of Columbus website via Officers Online login.

Please maintain Safe Environment council requirements in your cross-check. Worthy State Advocate Michael Brady and Sir Knight Mike Caudell are helping councils resolve any compliance issues.

I would also like to extend heartfelt congratulations to councils that have earned Supreme-level awards for the past fraternal year. The dedication and unwavering commitment of these councils to Knights of Columbus principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism are truly commendable. District Deputies should receive Fraternal Year 24-25 council award plaques shortly. I kindly request that District Deputies bring these plaques to the Mid-Year Meeting for an awards ceremony. The Mid-Year will be held at Saint Patrick Catholic Church Hall in Fallon, Nevada, on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

Thanks again for all that you do in service to our Church, our communities, and for "the good of the Order." Your continued worthy efforts in this sacred endeavor make a very meaningful difference across the entire Nevada jurisdiction.

Vivat Jesus!

## Message from Regional Growth Director: Early is Easy

We are two months -- 16.67%, 1/6 -- of the way through our Fraternal Year. What is your Council's progress through your year's activities, growth and Faith formation?

Has your Council completed and had approved your Officers Chosen Report Form 185 so both the State and Supreme can get your Council Leaders the resources needed to do the jobs they volunteered for?

Has your Council completed and had approved your Program Personal Report Form 365 so both the State and Supreme can get your Program Leaders the resources and support needed to promote and staff all the good works you do in your Council, Parish and Community?

Has your Council appointed an EFF Director and submitted his name to both the State and Supreme so he can get the resources needed to provide the best opportunity for the men of your Parish and Community grow in their faith and the through that faith to look for a way to put that Faith into action in one or more of our great programs?

Have YOU asked just one man this month to join us in growing in Faith by participating our COR initiative?

Have YOU given just one man and his family to opportunity to protect their financial future by participating in our GREAT Fraternal Benefits by becoming a member of the Order?

Have YOU asked just one man this month to join us in our good works by becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus?

Are YOU required to complete our Safe Environment program to help protect all the vulnerable people, kids and vulnerable adults, in our Parish and Community and have YOU done it?

Have YOU received the information (training) to perhaps SEE a person who is being abused somewhere else and needs to be rescued?

It took me one hour and nine minutes to complete this vital program intentionally using the slowest method I can find to do it.

Do YOU have just one hour to spare to protect the most vulnerable in our Community?

Has your Council coordinated with your Fraternal Benefits Field Agent to hold a local Fraternal Benefit Event to start the year off in style? Has your Council invited **your Parish** and **ALL your Brother Knights** to see what we can offer in the way of financial protection of our futures and our families?

*The greatest obstacle in the apostolate of the Church is the timidity or rather the cowardice of the faithful.*

*Pope Pius X*

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## Message from Regional Growth Director

Has your Council given all your members the opportunity to fulfill the vision of Blessed McGivney in protecting the widow and orphans, the family of all our Brother Knights?

Have YOU taken advantage of our World-Class benefits by meeting with one of our Fraternal Benefit Agents to be sure your family is protected?

Are YOU participating in our benefits so the Order can continue to provide relief to the victims of disaster, man-made and natural, in the U.S. and throughout the world?

If the answer to any of these questions is “no” or “I don’t know” or “I think so,” when will the answer be “YES” for YOU and your Council?

When will it be EARLY enough to make next May and June EASY for YOU and your Council?

When will it be EARLY enough to put the boring, irritating, frustrating, tedious but NECESSARY work behind you so your Council can grow and thrive so you can meet the needs of your Parish and Community this year and for years into the future.

When is **EARLY IS EASY** enough for YOU?

**EARLY IS EASY**

*If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved.*

*Pope Pius X*

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## Recruiting new members: status report

Joe Alvin Haun, PSD and Nevada State Membership Director, reports that as of Sep 17, 2025 Nevada is falling further behind in reaching its recruiting target for this month. To achieve 20% of the quota by Oct 1, 2025, we need to recruit another 25 members this month. To reach Nevada's target of 53 new members by the end of September, we need to recruit at least 38 men by the end of the month.

What can we do to stay on track to meet our target? Well, the obvious answer is to find recruiting opportunities. Here are the recruiting opportunities that I am aware of for the rest of the month:

Sep 13, 2025- Car Show at Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church. The recruiting team has a booth at the event.

Sep 17-21, 2025 - The San Gennaro Feast at the M Resort (Las Vegas, NV). The Knights and recruiting team have a booth at the event.

Sep 20-21, 2025 - Church Drive at St John Neuman (Las Vegas, NV). The recruiting team will be at this event.

I need your help to reach our target number for September 2025. Please discuss the Knights of Columbus with other Catholic men and encourage them to join the order. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the application online, but it can change a life.

Nevada's membership started at 7,834 (June 30, 2025) and has grown to 7,899, an increase of 65 members YTD. Target: 8,000 by June 30, 2026.

In the months ahead, Nevada will need to recruit a minimum of 53 members per month to meet our targets on Oct 1 (20% of the quota) and Dec 31 (50% of the quota). Hitting these targets will significantly reduce Nevada's overall quota of 574 (now 573).

*The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.*

*Pope Pius X*

## Note from State Historian

### **Routines Return, Serving Christ and Inviting New Members** *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-kofc.com](mailto: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

*If the Angels could envy,  
they would envy us for Holy  
Communion.*

*Pope Pius X*

#### **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!**

## Bishop Manogue and His Schools

Toward the end of 1894, the Carson News reported, "A Well-known Man Dying. Bishop Manogue, one of the best men that lived in Nevada, is dying in Sacramento. His memory will ever be cherished by hundreds of people whom he befriended here in the pioneer days. Father Manogue never paraded his good deeds and was always averse to letting the world know the extent of his charities." On May 3, 1895, he was buried in Sacramento. There were many mourners from Virginia City, Carson City, and Reno who attended his funeral.

### The First Bishop Manogue High School

In 1948, 53 years following his death, a new school appeared on the banks of the Truckee River, about three miles from Sparks and five miles east of Reno. The property was known as the 15-acre Flick Ranch since 1937. The land and ranch house were purchased by the Reno Catholic Diocese to be used for a Catholic high school. At that time, there were only two high schools in the area: Reno High and Sparks High. Bishop Manogue High School became the third, named for the miner and priest, the first pastor of Virginia City; hence the athletic teams became "Miners," and the colors, green and gold, are traditional Catholic colors. Total student registration was 118. By 1953, that number was 158 students. In 1956 the school has outgrown its current facilities. The Diocese began looking for a new Reno high school location. The Diocese made good use of the high school property following its closing in 1958. First it was a monastery for thirty Dominican Brothers and in 1962, it became an independent community known as the Brothers of the Holy Rosary.

### The Second

By August, a site was found near the university campus in north Reno, and Bishop Robert J. Dwyer of the Diocese of Reno turned the first spade to start construction. By June of 1957, the chapel and classroom sections of the "The School on the Hill" as it was known locally, were completed.

### The Third

As the student count grew, by the 1990's, the school found itself in the same position as the first Manogue High School: not enough room. Even with six portable buildings added to the campus, it could not keep up with the growth and demand of technology. The 23 acres of the Manogue campus was sold to University of Reno. The third Bishop Manogue High School groundbreaking was held on March 21, 2003. This was a 52-acre site near Zolezzi Lane in south Reno. The Grand Opening was August 30, 2004, with a current population of 778 students. Bishop Manogue's legacy has continued for 163 years.

Excerpts taken from "FootPrints, Summer 2025, volume 28, number 3, HRPS"

*Let the storm rage and the  
sky darken - not for that  
shall we be dismayed. If we  
trust as we should in Mary,  
we shall recognize in her,  
the Virgin Most Powerful  
"who with virginal foot did  
crush the head of the  
serpent."*

*Pope Pius X*

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

### ***Sir Knight Jody Gunderman, PGK and PFN***

Jody Gunderman and his wife Debbie relocated to the Silver State from Denver in 2001. The family was familiar with moving as they had moved from Seattle to Milwaukee, to New York City, then to Denver, to Baltimore, back to Denver and finally Reno. When they arrived in Reno their son Jerome was 16 and daughter Erica 10. Now, Jerome is married with two children and works as a Librarian in the Sparks Public Library. Erica followed her passion and became a Special Education Teacher in Washoe County after graduating from the University of Nevada with a master's degree in special education.



**SK Jody Gunderman**

*Nothing would please us  
more than to see our  
beloved children form the  
habit of reading the  
Gospels - not merely from  
time to time, but every day.*

*Pope Pius X*

Jody met his wife Debbie when they both worked in Seattle at the Allstate Insurance Regional Office. At the time he was attending the Albers Graduate School of Business at Seattle University where he earned his MBA. Jody had moved to Seattle shortly after graduating from the Knauss School of Business at the University of San Diego. Jody later graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 2014.

Jody and Debbie were married in 1982. Jody has worked as an Operations and Financial Officer in the Property & Casualty Insurance industry spanning the country from Seattle to Manhattan. When the Gunderman's moved to Reno, he was the National Director for Harley-Davidson's Financial Services. In 2010 he was recruited by John Deere to be the CFO for their Capital Corporations in Reno and their bank in Wisconsin. He was later promoted to President of one of Deere's North American Banks and appointed as a Lobbyist to the U.S. Congress on behalf of Deere and the Industrial Bankers of America where he was a Board Member.

Jody retired from John Deere in 2022. After a three-week retirement, he accepted an appointment to the Board of Directors of Harley-Davidson's Eaglemark Savings Bank. He currently works full time as an Executive Consultant for Info-Tech Research Group and has clients all over the world.

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

Jody and family joined the St. Rose of Lima parish in Reno in 2002 when it was meeting at a Montessori School while the beautiful new Church was being built. He keeps busy at the church as an usher, proclaimer (lector), Parish Council President, member of the Corporate Council, member of the Bishop's Finance Council and Past Grand Knight of the St. John Vianney Council 13842.

Prior to being elected Grand Knight he was the Faithful Navigator for St. Andrews Assembly 3118. When he joined as a Charter Member of the Council in 2005, he never imagined he would one day follow in the footsteps of founding Grand Knight Brett Zicarelli who often told him that he (Jody) would become a Grand Knight one day. "I am honored to have been the Grand Knight for such an active and committed Council," said Jody.

Being engaged in Liturgical Ministries at St. Rose has deepened Jody's knowledge and understanding of the Church -- what it does and what it needs. This has served him well in understanding how the Knights can provide valuable services to the parishioners, priests and community at St. Rose of Lima. Serving his Brother Knights, fellow parishioners, and clergy at St. Rose of Lima has been a blessing to Jody and his wife Debbie (who serves several times a month as a Eucharistic Minister). "I have been blessed with experiencing first-hand the power of prayer. The concern for our brother Knights and their families has been a bonding experience for our Council. When our prayers have been offered and answered we have become not just witnesses but believers in how powerful our prayers can be."

Jody indicated that working for nearly a year to plan for the 115th Annual State Convention for the Nevada State Knights of Columbus Council brought together a core group of Knights who worked tirelessly to ensure that Council 13842 would prove worthy hosts for the state convention --- which coincided nicely with the 20th Anniversary of the Knights Council at St. Rose of Lima. "It is gratifying beyond words to see how Knights joyously give of their time and treasure to help those in need."

Jody looks forward to finally retiring for good and focusing on travel with Debbie and their friends. He will always remain dedicated to the Knights and looks forward to volunteering with his brothers.

*Truly we are passing through disastrous times, when we may well make our own the lamentation of the Prophet: "There is no truth, and there is no mercy, and there is no knowledge of God in the land" (Hosea 4:1). Yet in the midst of this tide of evil, the Virgin Most Merciful rises before our eyes like a rainbow, as the arbiter of peace between God and man.*

*Pope Pius X*

## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

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 14:27 the Gospel for Sep 7.

**“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”**



*The daily adoration or  
visit to the Blessed  
Sacrament is the practice  
which is the fountainhead  
of all devotional works.*

*Pope Pius X*

Suffering is an inescapable part of human life, a consequence of the fall. When we deal with our suffering in a virtuous way, we unite ourselves to the cross of Christ. In fact, Jesus tells us that taking up our cross is an essential condition for being his disciple. The wonderful thing is that God will supply whatever grace and strength we need to carry our cross, if only we ask for it in faith. May we always carry our cross daily with courage as faithful followers of Christ.

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

This month, as we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Sept. 14, I challenge you to undertake some sacrifice or mortification — such as abstaining from meat one or two days a week — to strengthen your willingness to carry your cross daily.

### Questions for Reflection:

What are the crosses you must carry in your life? Which do you struggle with the most? Do you faithfully and regularly seek strength from Christ in carrying your cross in prayer and the sacraments?

## A New Way to Achieve Great Things

This question challenges everything I was taught about success. I grew up believing that achieving great things required careful planning, structured goal-setting, substantial resources, and the right people. Whether you're launching a business, starting a ministry, or organizing a project—typically, you'd need facilities, equipment, funding, and expertise.

And yet, Jesus showed us another way.

He taught us that faith and love can move mountains. That with even a mustard seed of faith, we can accomplish what seems impossible. In a world driven by material wealth and resources, Christ and His disciples led a movement that changed the course of history—starting with almost nothing. This is the power of faith in action.

Faith + Focus = Fruitfulness

So how do we apply this to our councils, our ministries, and our lives today?

Let's explore the blend of practical action and faith-driven purpose:

### 1. Focus on Action, Not Just Ideas

Small, consistent steps—taken in faith—produce powerful results.

You don't need to have it all figured out. Start moving, and God will guide your steps.

### 2. Leverage the Power of Community

You are not alone. Surround yourself with believers, supporters, and doers. When one person's faith wavers, the community lifts them up. Together, we are stronger.

### 3. Embrace a Growth Mindset Don't fear obstacles—embrace them.

Every challenge is chance to grow. With faith, setbacks become setups for something greater.

### 4. Be a Wise Steward of What You Have

Maximize your time, talents, and resources. Strategic prioritization beats having a big budget. Faith helps us see opportunity where others see limits.

Our Model: Jesus and the Saints

Jesus didn't start with an army—He started with 12 willing hearts. Mother Teresa didn't start with millions—she started with compassion. Their lives

*We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our times.*

*Pope Pius X*

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## A New Way to Achieve Great Things

remind us that great missions begin with deep faith and focused love. As disciples of Christ, we're invited to walk the same path—serving together.

So, how do we focus our councils to do more with less?

The answer is: **Prioritize. Simplify. Focus. Act in Faith.**

Here's where to start:

**FAITH:** Promote initiatives that build spiritual strength:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Simbang Gabi
- Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations
- COR weekends and retreats

*Faith is the strength that sustains our mission.*

**FAMILY & COMMUNITY:** Engage in programs that bring people together and make a visible difference:

- Coats for Kids
- Food drives
- Wheelchair distribution
- Ultrasound & ASAP support

*Charity is the fruit of our love for God and neighbor.*

**RECRUITMENT:** Set clear goals and work closely with your Parish Priest. Show your parish what your council is doing. People will be drawn to purpose and impact.

*Recruitment is the fuel that keeps the mission alive.*

**FOCUS:** Warren Buffet, Bill Gates, and countless leaders echo one truth: Focus is the key.

Don't try to do everything. Do a few things that matter—and do them well.

*Focus is the engine that drives performance.*

In Conclusion

You don't need a fortune to change the world—you need faith, focus, and follow-through. With Christ at the center, and love as our mission, we can accomplish more than we ever imagined.

~ Alfonso S. Pena

*The Church alone, being  
the Bride of Christ and  
having all things in  
common with her Divine  
Spouse, is the depository  
of the truth.*

*Pope Pius X*

## Blessed Michael McGivney Leader Fellowship



The purpose of the Leader Fellowship program is to help State Deputies identify, train, and develop future leaders of the order. Knights with a potential to serve as state officers may apply and those who are accepted will follow a practice-based curriculum and will then receive a Knights of Columbus leadership certification. The curriculum consists of virtual monthly workshops that focus on the habits and skills necessary for effective leadership. It will also feature guidance on how to practice leadership virtues and skills between sessions. All participants should also anticipate a two-day in-person education session.

I was selected by our WPSD David Ryan to be Nevada's representative to the annual Blessed Michael McGivney Leader Fellowship. Here is an executive summary of the event.

The two-day leadership training session met the week of August 15 in Washington, DC. The men in attendance were chosen by their respective jurisdictions, one from each state in the US and province in Canada. Many were District Deputies, Junior State Team Members, and even a handful of State Officers.

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*Among all the devotions  
approved by the Church  
none has been so favored  
by so many miracles as  
the devotion of the Most  
Holy Rosary.*

*Pope Pius X*

## McGivney Leader Fellowship

Each day began by praying the rosary, then followed by the various sessions and concluded with Mass. The days were intense, filled with deep prayer and thought, and focused on teaching the participants the skills and virtues associated with leadership. We studied scripture, the writings of Saints Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, and others relating our faith to leadership within the Knights.

The first day was a deep dive into prayer and humility. We focused on the need for Knights of Columbus leaders (and leaders in general) to be men of intense prayer. We learned that as we pray, God gives us grace for responding to his invitation, and then that grace grows our relationship with him and prepares us for the day's tasks. Next, we spoke about humility and how it was a necessary virtue for leadership. Humility -- meaning one has a true understanding of the self -- allows one to properly understand their role and avoid the pitfalls of pride. It also allows one to be properly magnanimous, another virtue that we spoke of.

The second day focused on the virtue of magnanimity, which St. Thomas Aquinas describes as the "stretching of the soul to great things." Magnanimity is the virtue that allows a person to perform great deeds and difficult acts. When combined with humility and an understanding of one's proper identity rooted in God, this leads to greatness. Think of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, who knew his identity as both a son of God and a priest of God and who had a great vision to bring about our order and actually did it. Think about Jesus Christ, who sought the redemption of the world through His sacrifice, and knew He could do it because of His identity as God's Son and the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

The sacraments were made readily available, with confession and Mass on Friday and Saturday. We spent time venerating the relics of St. John Paul II and a relic of the True Cross. It was a powerful weekend of conversion and prayer. I am deeply grateful to WPSD Dave Ryan for sending me to this training.

~ Trent Schafer

*I accept with sincere belief  
the doctrine of faith as  
handed down to us from the  
Apostles by the orthodox  
Fathers, always in the same  
sense and with the same  
interpretation.*

*Pope Pius X*

## SEAS's VBS Kids Raise Money for Coats



During this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) Parish in Las Vegas, the kids were asked to bring in money they had saved or earned for the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" program. Only \$21 is needed to buy a new, warm zero-degree rated winter coat. Over the two weeks of VBS, the kids brought in \$612 -- enough for nearly 30 new coats!

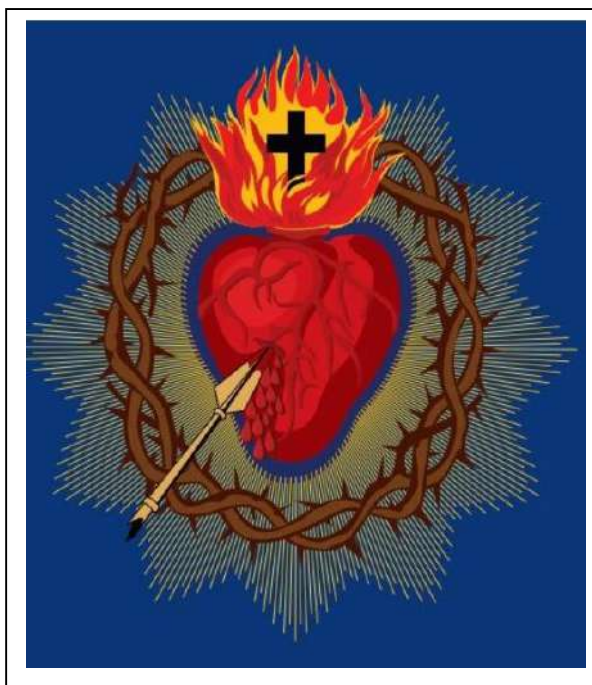
The Youth Ministry at SEAS surprised Mother Seton Officers during its meeting Aug 14 and presented a check for \$612.35

*Once for all beloved children,  
the surest, easiest, shortest  
way is by the Eucharist. It  
is so easy to approach the  
holy table, and there we taste  
the joys of Paradise.*

*Pope Pius X*



## COR: transforming the future of our Order



*Our Apostolic  
Mandate requires  
from Us that We  
watch over the purity  
of the Faith and the  
integrity of Catholic  
discipline.*

*Pope Pius X*

The Knights of Columbus have built a wide-spread reputation for charity and service, but now, more than ever, men of the Order are hungering for something deeper -- a more authentic faith formation and brotherhood that equips them to lead their families and parishes with courage.

COR is not just another program; it is a movement to reignite Catholic manhood, forming Knights who are grounded in prayer, accountability, and a mission that flows from Christ Himself. When men are formed in faith first, charity, membership, and growth follow naturally and powerfully.

Each time men gather, whether for service, fellowship, or formation, it is an opportunity to help them encounter Christ. Let's be intentional in making every meeting, event, or casual get-together a place where men are strengthened in faith, challenged to grow, and reminded of their mission as disciples.

By centering our activities on prayer, formation, and fraternity (the COR pillars), we can build a brotherhood and an environment where men truly meet the Lord and carry His light into their families, parishes, and communities.

~ Tom Melton, Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation

## Warriors to Lourdes Military Pilgrimage



In partnership with the Archdiocese for Military Services U.S.A., the Knights of Columbus provides the opportunity and means for our non-wounded, wounded, ill and injured U.S. warriors to participate in the Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage for a period of prayer and spiritual guidance.

We accompany and support our warriors and their families throughout the course of the pilgrimage which occurs during the annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) on 22-24 May 2026 in Lourdes, France. The application phase for Warriors to Lourdes Military Pilgrimage opened on 15 Sep. The link to the application can be found at <https://lnkd.in/gewh6vSp>.

The Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place 19-25 May and the theme for the 2026 pilgrimage is "Sentinels of Peace."

Please encourage those you know that are applying to complete their applications early. Send me -- Lt Col (Ret) William Villegas II, USAF -- a direct message if you have questions. My number is: (702) 279-9311 or email: [villefe4@outlook.com](mailto:villefe4@outlook.com).

Every \$3,000 raised sends a warrior to Lourdes.

*He traced the path of the happiness which is possible on earth and of the perfect happiness in heaven: the royal way of the Cross.*

*Pope Pius X*

## McGivney article appears in IBD

### INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY

Investor's Business Daily (IBD) is a newspaper and website that covers the stock market, international business, finance, and economics. It was founded in 1984 by William O'Neil as a print newspaper and is now owned by News Corp, the parent company of the Wall Street Journal.

In Feb 2006, Investor's Business Daily published an article about how Fr. Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus.

"Many hard-working immigrants - most of them Catholic -- died young of diseases they had no money to prevent or treat," the article reads. "McGivney couldn't turn his back on suffering, so he founded a fraternal welfare society to provide sick benefits and low-cost life insurance for the Catholic poor."

Founding a fraternal group and obtaining affordable life insurance the poor in his parish was a major challenge for a priest who was not trained in finance, especially because the church hierarchy wasn't in favor of the idea. However, through diligent efforts, Fr. McGivney received approval of the church and then called on prominent local leaders to oversee his mission. After receiving a charter from the state of Connecticut in 1882, he sent out letters to local parishes describing the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus in the event of accident or illness -- \$5 a week for up to 13 weeks.

Once the Knights became a viable organization, Fr. McGivney took a step back. In 1884 he declined to be re-elected as the secretary of the Supreme Council and as the IBD writer observed, "The only thing McGivney liked better than working with the men of the Knights ... was standing back and watching them work together."

*These are teachings that it would be wrong to apply only to one's personal life in order to win eternal salvation; these are eminently social teachings, and they show in Our Lord Jesus Christ something quite different from an inconsistent and impotent humanitarianism.'*

*Pope Pius X*

## Pope Leo XIV's genealogy



On June 11, 2025 the New York Times published an article tracing Pope Leo XIV's genealogy back 15 generations. The article was written by university professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. in collaboration with American Ancestors and the Cuban Genealogy Club of Miami.

The farthest back the team could go was to Spain in the 1500s on the pope's mother's side. "Four of his 11th-great-grandfathers are listed as "hidalgos" ("gentlemen," or minor untitled nobility) in the 1573 census for Isla, a small town in northern Spain. On his father's side, at least five generations were born in Sicily," reads the Times.

How did the pope end up with a French surname, even though his paternal grandfather's ancestors were almost all Italian? Well, there was a bit of a scandal in 1917. The Times reports "An extramarital affair produced two sons out of wedlock, Jean, the pope's uncle, and Louis, the pope's father. They were given their grandmother's maiden name, Prévost."

Of the pope's eighth-great-grandparents known to have been born in France, all had relocated to Quebec in the 1650s.

"Through one Canadian ancestor, Louis Boucher de Grandpre, who was born in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, the pope is related to numerous Canadian-derived distant cousins, including Pierre and Justin Trudeau, Angelina Jolie, Hillary Clinton, Justin Bieber, Jack Kerouac and Madonna," according to the Times.

As I read the Pope Leo's genealogy, I am reminded of the genealogy of Jesus in chapter 1 of Matthew's Gospel. In both cases we find diverse ethnicities -- Rahab was Canaanite and so likely was Tamar; Ruth was a Moabite and Bathsheba, probably a Hittite. While Pope Leo's ancestors were Spanish, French and Italian. We also find scandals -- David and Bathsheba and the Pope's grandmother. But what counts most importantly, it is the result of the ancestry -- in one case Christ himself, in the other case, His Vicar.

*The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself.*

*Pope Pius X*

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## ICC ministries join together to feed the hungry



Last May, two very active ministries at Immaculate Conception Church (ICC) in Sparks the Bukas Loob sa Dyos (BLD) Mission Apostolate -- "Bukas Loob sa Dyos" means "open in the spirit to God" -- which is headed by Knights of Columbus State Secretary, Leo Carew's wife Connie, and ICC's Padre Pio Ministry joined forces to carry out a monthly "feed the hungry" program.

A team of volunteers from both ministries met at the ICC hall to form an assembly line to fill bags not just with food but with love. They prepared more than 300 food packs (sandwiches, chips, pretzels, granola bars, cookies, bananas, bottled water and fruit juices). Then they then trooped to a spot on Fourth Street in downtown Reno where 15 volunteers braved the pouring rain (and at times, snow), to hand out food packs and drinks, socks and beanies to their brothers and sisters in need. The "feed the hungry" program has continued every month since May.

Many thanks to sponsors Paul and Cynthia Wong (and volunteers) and to Nemias Sagun and Leo and Connie Carew.



*We have nothing to say  
which you have not  
already heard, no  
doctrine to propound that  
is new to anyone; but we  
treat of matters which it  
is necessary for everyone  
to bear in mind, and  
God inspires us with the  
hope that our message  
will not fail to bear  
abundant fruit.*

*Pope Pius X*

## This Month's Photos

### Real Choices Gala




Knights from several councils in the Reno and Sparks area attended the "Real Choices" Gala on Thursday, Aug 21 at the Elm Estate in Reno. "Real Choices" is a women's health center committed to helping women make informed pregnancy decisions. State Deputy David Clarke, State Secretary Leo Carew III and State Life Director Dr Steve Brown were also in attendance.



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## Volunteer "Thank You" Dinner

**It's Time to Celebrate You!**

Our wonderful Wednesday Student Lunch volunteers

*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."*  
- 2 Corinthians 9:11

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**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Mass at 6:00pm**

**Dinner at 6:30pm**

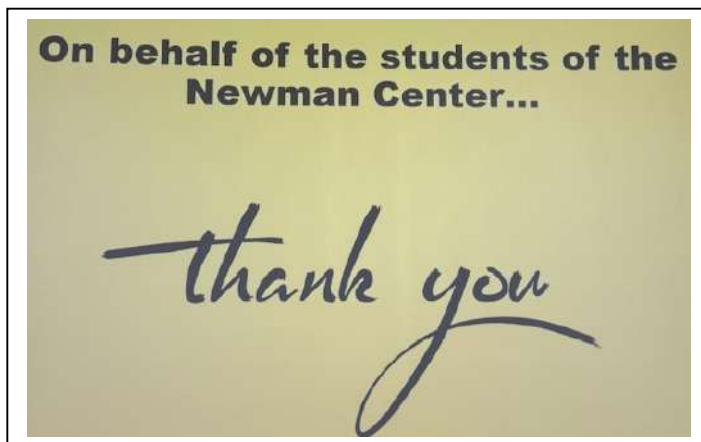


Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg hosted a "Thank You" dinner on Aug 13 to show his appreciation for all the volunteers who helped provide student lunches at UNR's Newman Center. Several Catholic organizations, including half a dozen K of C Councils, have provided a free lunch every Wednesday to UNR students. The program has been and continues to be a resounding success.



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