

The Silver Knight News

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State Deputy's Message



Worthy Brothers and Sir Knights,

During this blessed Advent season, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for all that you have done throughout the fraternal year to live out the “Cor” principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Your relentless dedication to your councils, parishes, families, and communities continues to be a shining witness of what it means to be a member of the Knight of Columbus in Nevada.

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Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement.get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

State Deputy's Message

Christmastime reminds us of God's profound love—made visible in the humble birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May this holy season fill your homes with peace, joy, and the warmth of Christ's presence. Thank you for all the countless ways you share that light with others through your self-less service and unwavering faith.

On behalf of the Nevada State Council leadership team, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year.

May 2026 bring renewed strength, hope, and unity in our mission as Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

David M. Clarke
State Deputy
Nevada State Council
Knights of Columbus



Message from the EFF Director

Every Gathering is an Opportunity for Men to Encounter Christ

Grand Knights,

As leaders of your councils, you have a unique privilege and responsibility: to ensure that every moment men gather through the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity for them to encounter Christ. Each meeting, event, and activity is more than a routine; it's a doorway to spiritual growth, fraternity, and transformation.

The Knights of Columbus "COR" program, focusing on Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity, is designed to make this mission easier. Through structured prayer initiatives, faith formation resources, and opportunities for genuine brotherhood, COR helps councils create environments where men don't just attend, they engage, reflect, and grow closer to Christ.

Why this matters:

- Men are seeking purpose and meaning in a chaotic world. Every council gathering is a chance to offer them direction through Christ.
- Unstructured meetings risk being ordinary; structured spiritual engagement makes them extraordinary.
- Consistent prayer, formation, and fraternity strengthen your council and empower your members to live heroic lives.

We encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity, whether it's a social event, a service project, or a council meeting. With COR, these moments can become powerful encounters with Christ that transform hearts and strengthen your council.

Let's lead with faith, act with courage, and create moments where men truly meet Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

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Indifference to evil is worse than evil itself.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Membership Update



State Secretary Leo V Carew III welcomes Dr Jonathan Melgar

When faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain, its message becomes meaningless.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

On Dec. 15 the Nevada State Council received a challenge from Robert Kish, Territorial Growth Director - West: recruit 57 men into the Order by the end of the month. As this newsletter goes to press, we need 24 more new members.

However, David Clarke, the State Deputy sends his congratulations to the following five councils for already attaining their fraternal year intake goals and well on their way to star status:

10780 Our Lady of the Valley District 9 in Parump,
13897 Saint Robert Bellarmine District 3 in Fernley,
14144 Christ the King also District 9 in Las Vegas,
14820 Saint Sharbel Mission District 11 in Las Vegas,
15061 UNLV District 10 in Las Vegas.

In addition:

13842 St John Vianney District 1 welcomed seven new members on Dec 9.

Deacon Melancon presided over a successful pulpit outreach at Saint Joseph Husband of Mary on Sunday Dec. 14. His efforts resulted in the collection of 37 signed candidate cards.

State Secretary Leo V Carew III spearheaded recruitment for Council 12877 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Christmas celebration and welcomed Dr Jonathan Melgar into the Order. (See photo.)

Achieve Your Cor Goals with HeroicMen.org



The Knights of Columbus Cor initiative calls councils to strengthen faith, increase engagement, and form men of courage and virtue. HeroicMen.org, a trusted Catholic resource, is now a powerful partner in helping councils achieve these goals.

How HeroicMen.org Can Help Your Council:

- Faith-Driven Content: Provides videos, articles, and discussion guides rooted in Catholic teaching, perfect for Cor study sessions.
- Engages Men of All Ages: Inspires men to deepen prayer life, live virtuously, and take leadership roles in the parish and community.
- Ready-to-Use Tools for Councils: Offers content councils can integrate into meetings, retreats, and small groups to reinforce Cor objectives.
- Supports Brotherhood & Formation: Encourages men to connect, grow together, and commit to service, building stronger councils.
- Aligns with Cor Metrics: Directly supports council goals for recruitment, engagement, faith formation, and charitable action.

Best of all, it's FREE!

Explore HeroicMen.org and discover resources that will empower your members and fulfill your council's Cor mission. Reach out to me if you need any help.

~Tom Melton (702) 510-5481

Dear Lord, grant me the grace of wonder. Surprise me, amaze me, awe me in every crevice of your universe. Each day enrapture me with your marvelous things without number. ...I do not ask to see the reason for it all: I ask only to share the wonder of it all.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Note from State Historian

Wishing You and Yours a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year *Schedule More Exemplifications!*

Council updates are as follows:

*We are closer to God when
we are asking questions
than when we think we
have the answers.*

Abraham Joshua Heschel

- 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: jmichael_brady@att.net 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

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!

History of Knights and Wheelchairs

History of the Wheelchair Foundation (Celebrating 25 Years) and the Role of the Knights of Columbus

The Wheelchair Foundation was founded in June 2000 by philanthropist Kenneth E. Behring. Inspired by humanitarian trips delivering relief supplies, Behring committed major resources to create a global program dedicated to providing manual wheelchairs to individuals who could not otherwise obtain them.

The Foundation operates as a division of the Behring Global Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity. Its mission focuses on raising awareness of mobility challenges worldwide and delivering wheelchairs to children, teens, and adults in need. Early milestones include:

- ~ 2006: Over 425,000 wheelchairs distributed or committed worldwide.
- ~ April 2006: Surpassing 500,000 wheelchairs delivered across 144 countries.
- ~ November 2007: Reaching more than 650,000 wheelchairs in 152 countries.
- ~ Now 2025: Together we have delivered more than 1.2 million wheelchairs to people in 156 countries.

Wheelchairs are rugged, foldable, and suitable for challenging environments. The Foundation partners with NGOs, disability organizations, Rotary Clubs, and government agencies to identify recipients and coordinate distribution. Thousands continue to benefit each year from improved mobility, independence, and dignity.

Knights of Columbus and Their Ongoing Role

Dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Our Orders involvement in wheelchair charity work is centered in the Global Wheelchair Mission (GWM), which began partnering with major wheelchair-distribution charities around 2023.

Through parish-based fundraisers—especially “Wheelchair Sunday”—local councils raise money to sponsor wheelchairs, typically at a bulk cost of about \$150 each. Councils may fund single chairs or entire shipping containers, depending on community support. Knights participate both by raising funds and, in many cases, helping deliver chairs directly in domestic and international missions.

The partnership between wheelchair-distribution foundations and the Knights of Columbus combines global logistics infrastructure with grassroots volunteer energy and fundraising power. This synergy has resulted in tens of thousands of additional wheelchairs reaching individuals worldwide. Council level program participants are confirmed in 37 states.

The Lasting Impact

Together, the Wheelchair Foundation and the Knights of Columbus have dramatically expanded global access to mobility. Their combined efforts continue to restore independence, dignity, and hope to people across the world who gain the gift of movement through a wheelchair. This has been a major statewide program in California and perhaps Nevada should consider doing the same. I'm sure program mentoring will be available.

Remember that there is meaning beyond absurdity. Know that every deed counts, that every word is power...Above all, remember that you must build your life as if it were a work of art.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

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

***Fr. Wojciech Prawda, Parochial Vicar,
and Associate State Chaplin
St Rose of Lima Parish, Reno NV***



Fr. Wojciech Prawda

Indifference to evil is more insidious than evil itself. It is a silent justification affording evil acceptability in society.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

This isn't one of those stories where little Wojciech folds his hands at age four and dreams of becoming a priest. I didn't dress up in priestly vestments for Halloween. I didn't even serve at Mass until I was 22 — and then only because someone handed me a bell and said, "You're up." I stood there like a deer in liturgical headlights.

I grew up in Radom, Poland — a city about the size of Reno, but with fewer casinos and more pierogi. After my First Communion, I was supposed to become an altar server, but I got pneumonia and missed the training. Divine dodge? Maybe. Still, the Church was always home. My mom loves to remind me how I knelt to pray every night — no bribes, no threats.

In high school, I'd stop by the Jesuit church before exams — sometimes to beg, rarely to thank. One Lent, the Jesuits invited us to a silent summer retreat. Meditation? I thought that was strictly for monks in Nepal. But I went. Turns out, it was all about meditating on Scripture. And I liked it. So, I went again. And then — bam — the thought: "Maybe priesthood?" I was 18. I panicked. "No way," I told God. "I barely know what I'm doing." I swore off retreats. What if, next time, they hand out cassocks?

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Knight in the Light

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

After graduation, I went to England to earn some money (if you own an old Parker pen, I may have assembled it). Then came Berlin — computer science, big city, big dreams. I even found a Polish parish. But when my friends returned to Poland, I was left alone. Alone with God. And that's when the thought came back — louder this time "Priesthood?" It wasn't just the loneliness from not having friends around — something deeper felt off. Like a piece was missing, something I couldn't quite name. It was as if I was carrying an unanswered invitation to follow someone extraordinary on a mission I hadn't yet accepted.

I walked into church. The priest was in the confessional. I spilled my soul. He didn't push. Just listened. Suggested. Invited. Around that time, I discovered Fr. Roderick — a Dutch priest with a podcast about faith and tech. He helped me realize that being a priest doesn't mean giving up your passions. That was a game-changer.

When I told my parents, they looked at me like I'd announced I was moving to Mars. "Think it over," they said. So, I did -- for six months. I prayed: "God, if you want me, you know what to do." And He did.

I almost missed my seminary interview. I was the last one in. But I got in. And I was on time — barely.

Years later, I've served in parishes, earned a doctorate, taught students, and even officiated at my sister's wedding. Today, I'm in Reno, Nevada — serving a Church that feels like home no matter where I go. One faith. One mission. One unexpected journey.

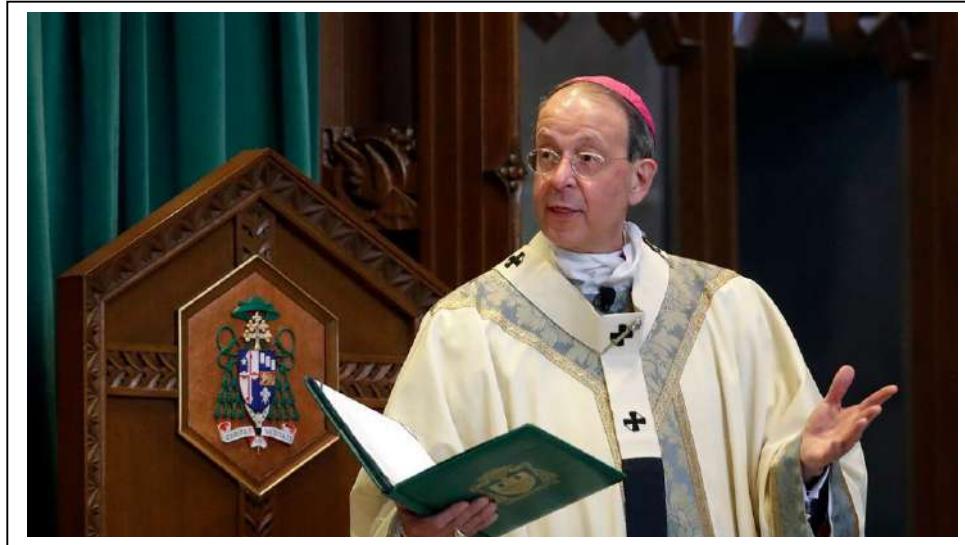
And now, the Knights of Columbus. In Poland, I knew of them mostly by reputation and stories. Always positive. But I had to come to the U.S. — almost like reaching the source — to actually become a Knight. And I don't regret it for a second. How better to do great things for God with than them?

Vivat Jesus!

Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, or mend a broken bridge, or rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge



When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

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 Mt 3:10 the Gospel for Dec. 7.

“Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

In these reflections over the past year, we have meditated on the importance of our faith bearing fruit in good works. In a way, this Gospel passage, quoting St. John the Baptist, might seem out of place during Advent. But throughout this season, we reflect not only on Christ's coming in the incarnation, but also his second coming in judgment at the end of the world. Let us pray and work to ensure we lead truly faithful and fruitful lives as disciples of Jesus.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend some time reflecting on the four last things — death, judgment, heaven and hell — to better prepare yourself for eternity.

Questions for Reflection:

Do I live with my sights set on heaven? Am I aware of the reality of hell? Do I live my life so as to be prepared for my death and judgment?

Walk for Life - West Coast



Walk for Life march in 2024

The most powerful voice on the West Coast for the voiceless --- the unborn children of God --- is the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. The Walk this year will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026. This event amplifies pro-life messages and broadcasts them across mainstream media outlets throughout the nation. It is the most significant event for raising awareness and converting hearts to revere life. Participants, also known as Walkers, can hear testimony from life-affirming Emmy Award winners, former abortion clinic workers who are now prominent pro-life advocates, and other notable faith-filled persons and from organizations such as EWTN, Priests for Life, and Live Action.

This year's speakers include **Jason Jones**, an award-winning film producer, author, humanitarian, and the President of the Human-Rights Education and Relief Organization (H.E.R.O.); **Glendie Loranger**, the Executive Director of Life Services, a pregnancy medical center, in Spokane Washington; **Elizabeth Barrett**, a pro-choice agnostic who turned into a pro-life Christian through the miracles she experienced in her Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) journey; and the **Rev. Clenard Howard Childress, Jr.**, who has spoken at almost every Walk West for Life Coast since its founding.

The Walk is 1.8 miles. It begins at 9:30 at St Mary's Cathedral, proceeds to a rally at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 and then down Market Street to the Embarcadero Plaza.

Walkers will leave the event empowered by knowing that tens of thousands of life-revering individuals marched with them, and they are supported by millions of other pro-lifers around the world. Also, Walkers will have gained the knowledge to help others on their conversion journey to revering life at all stages.

For more information or to register for the Walk for Life Bus Service, use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/WFLRenoBus>."

Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart.

Abraham Joshua Heschel



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WALK FOR LIFE

JANUARY 24, 2026



SAN FRANCISCO, CA

- LEAVE RENO AT 6:30 AM
- RETURN APPROX. 9 PM
- \$40 PER ADULT
- \$20 PER STUDENT
OR UNDER 18



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775-846-1436 - Elda

Coat Drive featured on Fox 11 Morning News



This year, Worthy Knight Joseph Gurgui stepped up to take over leading Council 13842's annual Coat Drive from Worthy Knight John Murphy who has run the event for more than a decade. With John's guidance and help, the drive was a resounding success.

Joseph arranged for his dad, SK Tom Gurgui, to be interviewed on the Fox 11 Morning News show with Marianna Daniele on Wednesday Dec. 3. where he discussed the Coat Drive. "I got to meet Chris Murphy (Marianna's co-host on the Fox 11 Morning news show) who is a Knight of Columbus from Immaculate Conception in Sparks," said Tom. "Both Marianna and Chris were very friendly and helped us advertise the Coat Drive."

"We had several Bishop Manogue Catholic HS students helping us throughout the day as well as plenty of Knights," Tom explained. "Many of the donors who showed up that day said that they saw the broadcast."

Besides coats, many donors gave money. John Murphy took the donated cash (\$780) to Costco and bought new winter coats in various sizes which he placed on the collection truck. The truck driver from Catholic Charities was very pleased with the amount of coats and clothing that was collected in one day.

Awe is an intuition for the dignity of all things, a realization that things not only are what they are but also stand, however remotely, for something supreme.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Margaret Prior needs a kidney donor



Awe is a sense for transcendence, for the reference everywhere to mystery beyond all things. It enables us to perceive in the world intimations of the divine

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Margaret Prior, a parishioner of St. Thomas More Catholic Community in Henderson, NV, is in urgent need of a kidney donor. Margaret is married to Worthy Knight Robert Prior of St. Thomas More Council 17996.

Margaret was diagnosed with a rare hereditary kidney disease—ALPORT'S SYNDROME—when she three years old. "I have watched this disease take the lives of my beloved mother, two uncles, and a niece—each far too young. At age 12, I became my mother's home dialysis caregiver, helping her three times a week after school. That experience changed my life—and taught me the harsh reality of kidney failure," said Margaret.

"Today, I am blessed with a loving husband of 30 years, two amazing children, and six beautiful grandchildren who are the light of my life. MY GREATEST WISH IS SIMPLE: MORE TIME. More time to love them, laugh with them, and be part of every precious moment.

"Because Alport's is genetic, most of my family members are not medically eligible to donate. I am currently on the LONGEST WAITLIST for a deceased donor kidney. I've been told my wait could be 5 years or longer. I may not have that long."

To find out how you can help Margaret, visit
<https://kidneyformargaret.com/>

Help Margaret Prior Find a Living Kidney Donor

A Call for Compassion & Hope

Margaret Prior, a beloved member of our community, is in need of a **living kidney donor** due to kidney failure.

For Her Story & How To Help:
www.KidneyForMargaret.com



Your support can make
a difference.

**Become a
donor today!**



PLEASE ...

- SHARE HER STORY
- SPREAD THE WORD
- SHARE A FLYER
- SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- SHARE QR CODE & WEBSITE

Join her advocate team at
KidneyDonorForMargaret@gmail.com

Donor donation can come from
anywhere within the United States.

Please share with your family
and friends.

**Listed for Transplant at Mayo Clinic, Phoenix AZ

Let's "Pass the Hat" in Support of Grace



LGH Development Director, Stephanie Gazar, describes the renovation project

To sense the ultimate in the common and the simple: to feel in the rush of the passing the stillness of the eternal. What we cannot comprehend by analysis, we become aware of in awe.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Since 2007, Living Grace Homes (LGH) provides a safe haven for young, homeless, pregnant and parenting young women ages 14 to 24. It offers programs and support for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of these women. Over a span of 18 years, LGH has helped carry 854 babies to term. "We help young women and their families break the cycle of poverty by empowering them to change their family trees," said director Kathleen Miller.

Currently, there is an urgent need for more beds for pregnant needy or homeless women in Las Vegas area. The solution is a property in Henderson which LGH acquired from the Diocese of Las Vegas. This property will:

- Add 34 more beds serving 90 more families per year.
- Begin to serve an unmet need – women over age 24.
- Improve staffing efficiency and enhance training and daycare.

The new property needs a lot of renovation. Funds are needed to augment grants to get the new facilities up and running. In this way, more women and children and families can be loved, sheltered, supported, and become successful. Local Knights have been volunteering to clean up the site.

Under its ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) Program, Supreme offers a 25% match (up to \$12,500 on a \$50,000 max.) for any funds donated by Knights of Columbus councils.

Aid and Support After Pregnancy

ASAP

Program Overview

What is the ASAP program?

ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) is a featured program to support pregnant women, mothers, and their children, both born and unborn, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

Through ASAP, for every \$500 a council or assembly donates to a qualifying non-profit pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization.

What organizations can I support through ASAP?

Non-profit (501c3 – U.S. / Registered Charities – Canada) pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes that do not provide, refer for, or promote abortion or contraception, and are welcoming of Catholics, are eligible. Contact your local diocesan "Respect Life" office regarding qualified organizations to support. Visit kofc.org/asap and review the grant instructions for more details.

What activities qualify for ASAP?

There are a variety of activities you can organize to qualify for ASAP funds – most fall within the categories of financial support and material assistance:

- Examples of financial support include: direct donations, Baby Bottle Drives, proceeds from fundraisers, open houses, etc.
- Examples of material assistance include: donations of baby items (equipment, food, formula, diapers, wipes), clothes (maternity, baby, infant and toddler) and other items often listed on a center's or maternity home's website.

How can I find organizations to support?

Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes can be found by searching through databases available at heartbeartinternational.org, birthright.org, care-net.org and pregnancycarecanada.ca. Local Catholic Charities, diocesan pregnancy resource centers, and other organizations are also in need of support. Past Ultrasound Initiative participants also qualify. Many dioceses and parishes are involved with local pregnancy centers – ask them for suggestions.

Where can I find resources?

Visit kofc.org/asap for a handbook, grant request instructions, brochure, posters, and the online application form. Some of those resources, as well as K of C branded baby bottles, can also be ordered on [Supplies Online](#).

How can I apply for the additional funds from Supreme?

Apply for funds online at kofc.org/asap. Applications must be submitted in the same fraternal year in which the council or assembly made the donation.



UPHOLDING THE IMAGE OF GOD
IMAGO DEI
Sanctity of Human Life Conference

FEATURING:

Megan Basham



NY Times award winning author, "Shepherds for Sale" and Cultural Reporter for Daily Wire.

Dr. George Delgado



Doctor and Director of Abortion Pill Reversal Protocol

Shane Idleman



Pastor of West Side Christian Fellowship, Podcaster, and Christian Author

Nurse Jessica Williams



Nurse, and mother of an abortion pill reversal survivor.

Melissa Clement



Director of Nevada Right to Life

Jason King



Lead Pastor of Calvary Chapel Boulder City

Richie Box



Lead Pastor of Living Grace Four Square

The Imago Dei Conference establishes a shared purpose and responsibility of Nevadans by bringing the community, churches and organizations together to be educated on the social, cultural, and political issues surrounding life and the image of God, Imago Dei. This conference will equip you with resources and inspire confidence to be engaged in the public square.

Register Today



Saturday January 17, 2026 | 8 am - 5 pm

10050 Banbury Cross Dr

\$35 Regular Admission | \$25 Student Admission

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included

IMAGODEICONFERENCE.ORG

First "Ignite Life" luncheon held in Southern



Mark Gilmour



Pastor Gregg Seymour

St. Thomas More Council 17996 and host, Southern Nevada Life Director Mark Gilmour, held a beautiful new regional "Ignite Life" lunch on Saturday, Dec. 13 --- the day after the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The lunch was intended to promote LIFE and Knights' Life programs, to defend the culture of life, and to save lives, all at the request of State Deputy David Clarke. The State Deputy, State Treasurer Joseph J. "JJ" Wilder and 40 men and women from four surrounding parishes (including several Knights) were in attendance.

They heard:

- ~ A faith reflection from a SK Drees, a benedictine oblate
- ~ Messages of Hope and Healing
- ~ Stories of Council 17996's Faith in Action
- ~ Practical advice for Council LIFE Activities
- ~ Invitations to join the Order
- ~ Guest Pastor Gregg Seymour who announced the third annual Christian pro-life conference called "Imago Dei," scheduled for Jan. 17, 2026 in Summerlin
- ~ Introduction to a checklist of all Knights' LIFE programs (which is available from our State Life Directors).

The degree to which one is sensitive to other people's suffering, to other (people's) humanity, is the index of one's own humanity

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Council 13897's Half-Year Family Award



Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

SK Rudy Forster (Honorary Life Member) and Lady Dot receive the Family of the Half-Year Award from Fr. Justin Lazar and Worthy Grand Knight Ted Schmidt of Council 13897 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish.

New Pipe Organ at Our Lady of Wisdom

Choir Master at Our Lady of Wisdom Church at UNR's Newman Center, SK Joseph Zhou, shows off his newest toy. This beautiful pipe organ was installed on Dec. 10, 2025.



Council 11029's Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

Council 11029 thanks all the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) parishioners who generously donated to the 2025 Tootsie Roll Drive. Donations totaled \$4,067.50. Opportunity Village Buffalo Campus Production Floor received \$3,254 and Special Olympics here in Nevada received \$813.50. Malcolm McCollum, Opportunity Village VP of Operations sent the Council a beautiful "thank you" email.



L to R kneeling: Tessa Valdez Production Lead, Roberto Jimenez Production Manager, Jacob Brown Production Supervisor, Brett Farley KoC

L to R standing: Jim Soriano KoC Treasurer, Jim Hurja KoC District Deputy, Malcolm McCollum OV VP Operations, Bob Brown OV CEO, JJ Wilder KoC State Treasurer, Rick Sherman KoC 2025 Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman

Awareness of the divine begins with wonder.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Welcome New Knights



Good Exemplification at Council 4887 Nov 23. Three new Knights with two more waiting in the wings.

*Wonder rather than doubt
is the root of all knowledge.*

Abraham Joshua Heschel



Council 13842 inducted seven men as new members on Dec 9.



Knights of Columbus Tour
of Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada
St. Vincent's Food Pantry
500 East 4th Street, Reno 89512
Friday, January 16 – 2 – 3:30pm

This opportunity is so important as the Knights of Columbus further seek to partner with and understand the depth of services they continue to support through their collaboration with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.

Each Catholic Charities agency, across the nation, has a particular mission, charism, and outreach model. Each entity is responsive to the unique civic and geographic circumstances in which each agency is established. Donors make flexibility possible; flexibility to human needs which present themselves as individuals who struggle with hunger, poverty, addiction, mental health, housing, and stability approach us for assistance when all other resources have disappeared.

Monique Jacobs will be leading this tour on site at our 4th Street campus. Monique has been in service to the church for over 40 years in many roles related to parish and diocesan leadership. She understands how, given the opportunity, people's hearts are moved by the needs of others. She has now found a ministerial home at Catholic Charities and is aware of the misconceptions that many people have of this agency. This tour will be a walking experience where you will be accompanied through each of the departments at this site with lots of room for questions. We are so grateful that you are interested in learning for yourself what happens on this holy ground.

If you can carpool, it is highly recommended as parking is at a minimum on site. The tour usually lasts for an hour but allowing for questions we are scheduling it for an extra 30 minutes. Looking forward to it!

This Month's Photos

Council 4997 Annual Pancakes with Santa Breakfast



Council 4997 at Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Reno held their Annual Pancakes with Santa breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 14. Pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausages were on the menu along with coffee, orange juice and plenty of hot chocolate. Students in the parish's religious education programs and their parents worked along-side the Knights serving the meals in support of the event.



This Month's Photos

Coats for Kids



A happy young man receives a gift of warmth from Sir Knight Jose Lopez at Saint Robert Bellarmine on Dec. 10, 2025

Ponderosa Council's Annual Coats for Kids and Breakfast with Santa

On Dec. 6, the Knights of Ponderosa Council 4928 and Ladies of the Knights Auxiliary distributed 240 coats, 200 scarves and 300 pairs of gloves. In addition, 48 coats were given to Catholic Charities "Thriving Families" program. These programs were the joint efforts of the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows in Sparks, our Council's LIFE program and Catholic Charities ELEVATING FAMILIES. We served more than 500 breakfast meals that day!



This Month's Photos

Ponderosa Council's Annual Coats for Kids



This Month's Photos

Candidacy Mass

Bishop Daniel Muggenborg celebrated a Candidacy Mass at our Lady of Wisdom Church at UNR's Newman Center on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Please welcome our newest Northern Nevada seminarian Jesus Gonzalez.



This Month's Photos

Knights Celebrate Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is traditional Filipino nine-day "novena" of Masses which begins on Dec. 16 and runs until Christmas Eve. Mass is celebrated as early as 2:30 to 5 a.m. and is popularly known in Tagalog as Simbang Gabi, or "Dawn Mass." This year Bishop Daniel Muggenborg celebrated Simbang Gabi at St Therese of Little Flower Church. Mass was concelebrated by several priests in the diocese.



THE FILIPINO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF RENO
Joyfully Invites You To Join Us
In Our Centuries Old Filipino Tradition of –

SIMBANG GABI 2025

A SERIES OF NINE
HOLY EVENING
NOVENA MASS
TO CELEBRATE AND
DELIGHT IN THE MESSAGE
OF HOPE,
JOY AND LOVE
CHRISTMAS BRINGS.

DEC 15 – 23

875 East Plumb Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502
 VENUE: St Therese, Church of the Little Flower

This Year's Simbang Gabi Theme:
Be Inspired To Live As A Witness For Christ.

SIMBANG GABI 2025 NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
MON	DEC 15	6:00 PM	9. Therese, Church of the Little Flower
TUE	DEC 16	6:00 PM	9. Therese, Church of the Little Flower
WED	DEC 17	6:00 PM	9. Therese, Church of the Little Flower
THUR	DEC 18	6:00 PM	ELIJAH PROPHET JAKARTA
FRI	DEC 19	6:00 PM	9. Therese, Church of the Little Flower
SAT	DEC 20	7:00 PM	9. Therese, Church of the Little Flower
SUN	DEC 21	7:00 PM	9. Therese, Church of the Little Flower
MON	DEC 22	5:00 PM	9. Therese, Church of the Little Flower
TUE	DEC 23	6:00 PM	9. Therese, Church of the Little Flower

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 Mr. Maripas Ramos, Ethnic Ministry Office at 775.226.9423 or Visit Us @ <http://www.catholicreno.org>
 TO SPONSOR MASSES. PLEASE CONTACT
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 Note: This yearly annual event of the Filipino Diocesan Council of Reno (FDCR) are hosted this year by the St Therese, Church of the Little Flower Filipino Community with the assistance of the Ethnic Ministry of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.



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Holy Cross Christmas Dinner and Party

On Friday Dec 19, Ponderosa Council 4928 Knights and the "Ladies of the Knights" auxiliary put on a Prime Rib Christmas Dinner, Door Prize Raffle, and a one-shot Bingo game for a Grand Prize. 210 people were served by the 30+ volunteers who worked at the event. The dinner raised money for Holy Cross Church and Ponderosa Council's charitable projects, including Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, The St. Vincent Dining Room, and Reno Seminarians. More than \$4500 in door prizes were awarded to ticket holders including the grand prize Bingo winnings of \$795. Bingo was conducted electronically over the big-screen monitors.

Of special interest was a bottle of red wine given to WGK Anthony Watts by a mutual long-time friend of Pope Leo XIV. The friend knew the Holy Father when he (Pope Leo) was a priest in Chicago. After he was installed, Pope Leo sent his friend the bottle of wine from Rome. The friend later gave it to GK Watts during a recent trip to Chicago. The wine bottle shows the Crossed Keys Papal Seal. It was auctioned off specifically to support Reno Diocese seminarians. It sold for \$570.



This Month's Photos

ICC Christmas Dinner and Party



A jolly time was had by all on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Council 12877 hosted a grand Christmas party for the volunteers who perform their unselfish works for our parish priest, Fr. Philip George. The amazing cooks in the parish prepared and served a prime rib dinner with all the side dishes. We had a rousing "steal the gift" session with more than 90 participants and SK Michael Masterpool did a dramatic reading of "Santa Claus is coming to Nevada." The night concluded with State Secretary, Leo Carew III inviting Dr. Jonathan Melgar to join the Order. (See picture on page 4.) He was happy to accept the invitation.

