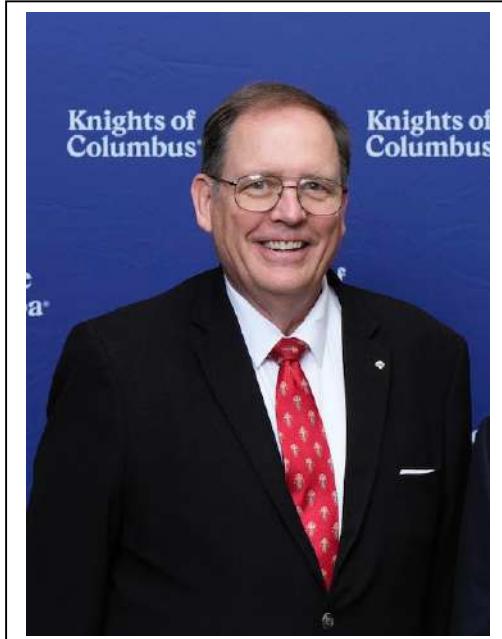


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State Deputy Midyear Address Jan.17, 2026



Brothers Knights, Worthy Clergy, and Distinguished Guests:

Good morning and thank you for this significant gathering at the midpoint of this fraternal year. It is always a blessing to come together as brothers united in faith, fraternity, patriotism, and in service to both the church and the people of Nevada.

This mid-year meeting serves as an opportunity to reflect on our progress—but more importantly, to recommit ourselves to the mission that defines us as Knights of Columbus. At the very heart of that mission is the defense of human dignity, particularly the dignity of human life. Every day the right to life movement continues to encounter significant challenges, particularly within our state and throughout the nation. While the United States Supreme Court's Dobbs decision represented a substantial triumph for national legislative endeavors, Nevada State Legislative Question 6 increasingly endangers the most vulnerable segments of our society—the unborn, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities who lack a voice. As Catholic men and devoted citizens, we cannot remain indifferent. Preserving life transcends mere political considerations; it is a profound moral obligation rooted in both our faith and natural law.

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Worship changes the worshiper into the image of One worshiped

Jack W. Hayford

State Deputy Midyear Address

In Nevada, all 8,000+ Knights of Columbus members are urged to advocate for the sanctity of life while simultaneously supporting mothers and families through initiatives such as local diaper drives and the Supreme Council Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program, which helps new mothers who are facing challenging circumstances.

Our sacred responsibility is to engage respectfully, prayerfully, and courageously disseminate information to our neighbors to ensure that Nevada law reflects the inherent value of every human individual. Nevada State Council Life Directors: Worthy Sir Knight Mark Gilmour and Dr. Steve Brown will provide further details on how we can defeat enshrining Question 6 into the state constitution on November 3, 2026. The Knights of Columbus have long been at the forefront of the Right to Life movement through advocacy, education, prayer, and direct support. Each Nevada council, roundtable, assembly, and every brother have a very important role to play. Please watch a special message from Melissa Clements, Director of Nevada Right to Life (See page 15 for video.)

As we embark on the second half of the fraternal year, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to this crucial Pro-Life mission.

May the Holy Spirit guide our efforts, may Our Lady of Guadalupe intercede, especially for the “needy and the outcast,” who rely on the Knights of Columbus to put “Cor” values into action, and for the “good of the order.”

Vivat Jesus!

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

Message from the State Chaplain

Brother Knights,

It has been a while since I've written to you, I know.

As we begin a new year and move from Christmas into Ordinary Time, let us consider the theme of the readings on this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. John the Baptist saw Jesus at the riverbank and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." John the Baptist pointed others to Jesus. We are called to do the same.

As we get to know Jesus -- intimately -- especially in the Eucharist, we can be the "John the Baptists" in our world who point others to Jesus. Many times, we feel that God can't use us to be his witness. Sometimes we think that we are unworthy, too young or too old or not holy enough. But Jesus called us to be His disciples. We need only respond to His call.

John the Baptist pointed others to Christ. Where do our lives point? Every day, through every action, we point towards something. Do we point to Jesus by forgiving others and ourselves, admitting our mistakes, standing up for peace, serving people rejected by others, speaking openly about faith, and doing what is right when that is hard to do so? Do they look at us and consider following Jesus because they see how worthwhile discipleship is to us?

We are not perfect. The best Christian witnesses are often imperfect people who show others how to learn from their mistakes and start over. Take a moment and look at your actions. Be patient with yourself. Believe in yourself. Our testimony could save someone from making a mistake that could lead him to jail or the cemetery. So, who or what are you pointing at?

As we begin a new liturgical year, let us ask ourselves if we are bringing others to Jesus. Are we growing in our faith? Do we study our faith regularly? Do we read the Bible regularly? Do our Knights of Columbus Council and Assembly meetings have a component where we study our faith? Are our Councils and Assemblies using the resources that the Knights of Columbus have: Cor, Faith in Action, Into the Breach and other great resources which are available to help us grow in our faith? If not, I urge every council, assembly, and member of our Order to become men of faith and action. Let us truly be practical Catholics growing in our relationship with Christ and with each other. Let us point ourselves and others to Jesus.

Jesus gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, yet when the Spirit comes, He is loaded with packages! He desires to release much more in us and through us than we could ever imagine. These gifts are given for delivery, not for accumulation. We receive them to pass them on to others.

Jack W. Hayford

Message from Regional Growth Director

New year – New plan

Brothers and Leaders,

With the holidays behind us we can now look forward to the new year in the Order. This is a time to look at the end of 2025, evaluate our progress, recognize our successes and as importantly, acknowledge those areas where we fell short or even failed completely.

At the half-year point, failure can be a new beginning, if we choose to make it so, but only if we are willing to analyze and honestly evaluate the reasons and even the excuses of how we missed the opportunities that were presented to us and make concrete plans to change what we are doing.

I encourage Councils, Districts and even States to take a look at the 2025 portion of Fraternal Year 2025-2026 and answer the following questions:

- What worked and how do we keep it going?
- What didn't work and can we fix it or do we need to go in a different direction?
- What didn't we accomplish and what is the concrete schedule to complete it?
- What can we do differently and when will we do it?

These are simple questions that have a profound impact on us, our families, our Councils, Parishes and communities and yes, on the whole world.

I look forward to seeing your successes and helping whenever and wherever I can.

Vivat Jesus,

Chuck Davlin
Regional Growth Director

Breakthrough happened around me when breakup happened within me.

Jack W. Hayford

Message from the General Agent

Brothers,

Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026! On January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies -- for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you? Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, contact your local agent to learn more.

On an admin note, we thought we had lost the phone number from the Tuuri agency and the ability to have continuity. However, the good news is that the office line has been retained, and you can contact me with the information below. Thank you!

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God created us to be channels of blessing, but our ability to receive the resources with which He wants us to bless others, depends on our being able to give them away - freely, faithfully, generously.

Jack W. Hayford



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Note from State Historian

Happy New Year 2026 Looking Forward to our Mid-Year Meeting on January 17 *Schedule More Exemplifications!*

Council updates are as follows:

Prayer is essentially a partnership of the redeemed child of God working hand in hand with God toward the realization of His redemptive purposes on earth.

Jack W. Hayford

- 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!

The Founding of Catholicism in Nevada

With a Focus on the Knights of Columbus

Catholicism on the Nevada Frontier

Catholic life in Nevada emerged under frontier conditions marked by mining booms, isolation, and cultural diversity. With few priests and vast territories, lay leadership became essential to sustaining parish life.

The Need for Organized Lay Support

As parishes formed across Nevada, the scarcity of clergy created a need for organized Catholic laymen to assist with charitable works, parish maintenance, and community cohesion. This environment proved fertile ground for fraternal organizations.

The Knights of Columbus in Nevada

The Knights of Columbus arrived in Nevada in the early twentieth century as Catholic communities sought stronger lay organization. Councils were established in population centers and mining towns, providing a stable Catholic presence during periods of rapid social change.

Supporting Parishes and Clergy

Knights of Columbus councils played a critical role in assisting priests who served large geographic areas. Knights helped fund church construction, maintained parish buildings, and ensured continuity in parish life when clergy were reassigned or absent.

The overcoming power is God's; the overcoming privilege is ours!

Jack W. Hayford

Charity and Social Outreach

Charitable works were central to the Knights' mission in Nevada. Councils organized aid for widows, orphans, unemployed miners, and families affected by mining accidents. These efforts reflected Catholic social teaching and filled gaps in early social welfare systems.

Community Stability in Boom-and-Bust Towns

In mining communities subject to rapid economic cycles, Knights of Columbus councils offered continuity and moral structure. Even as towns declined, councils often preserved parish records, cemeteries, and sacred objects.

Patriotism and Public Life

Nevada Knights actively supported veterans, war relief efforts, and patriotic observances. Their visible participation helped integrate Catholic communities into broader civic life and countered anti-Catholic sentiment prevalent in the early twentieth century.

Education and Youth Support

Councils promoted Catholic education through scholarships, support for parish schools, and youth programs. These initiatives contributed to the long-term formation of Catholic leadership in Nevada.

Legacy of the Knights of Columbus in Nevada

Today, the Knights of Columbus remain integral to Nevada's Catholic life. Their legacy reflects the enduring importance of lay leadership in sustaining faith communities across challenging geographic and social landscapes.

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

***SK Michael Caudell, PGK, PFN, FDD, FCCC,
State Chairmen Positions and
Ceremonials for 20 Years***



*The resource from which
God gives is boundless,
measureless, unlimited,
unending, abundant,
almighty, and eternal.*

Jack W. Hayford

My name is Michael Caudell. I have been a Knight of Columbus for more than 30 years. I was born in Fremont, CA to my parents, Lupe and Loren Caudell, on Dec. 10, 1963. At birth I was only 3 lbs., 3.0 ounces --- I didn't think that was significant, but looking back, I guess I was granted a little grace then and so I thank God for allowing me to live.

When I was five, my father passed away so my mother raised me. She was tough, but I had a great childhood living in the Bay Area. After high school, I decided I wanted to go to college. My Mom suggested the military. I talked to a Navy recruiter and learned about a new program called BOOST which stood for "Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training." It was a way for minority children to become officers in the Navy. My grandmother and grandfather (on my mom's side) came from Mexico and Greece, so I qualified. After boot camp, men in this program went to a prep school then to college. I succeeded and was assigned to the ROTC unit at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

I wanted to be a physicist, but in my third year, I hit a wall called "Differential Equations." With a year and a half to graduate, I had to pivot. Failure was not an option. If you failed in this program, you went straight to the fleet as an enlisted man. I had enough credits in other areas to get a degree in Economic History. I didn't know what I was going to do with that degree, but I had to do something.

In June 1988, I graduated and became a Naval Officer. I chose Surface Warfare and was assigned to a fleet oiler, the USS Roanoke AOR-7. I served aboard her from 1989 to 1992. I saw much of the world during that time. You know what I learned? There's a lot of water in the world – LOL.

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

After I left the Navy, I had no idea what I was going to do. Watching television one day, I saw a commercial for a business school called Heald Business College which taught accounting. In the service, as a collateral duty, I did a form of accounting. I understood it and was good at it. At Heald Business College, my life changed. I met and fell in love with my wife, Charity, who was also a student at the college.

Charity had immigrated to the US from the Province of Bohol in the Philippines. When we met, she and her family had been in the US for two years. At Heald Business College, Charity and I had some classes together, but I really didn't get to know her until one day, in class the teacher stood up and said that Charity needed someone to give her a ride to school every day. Let's just say I was not slow in volunteering. Shortly afterwards, we began dating. Later, I graduated with an associate's degree in accounting.

Charity and her family moved to Reno after her graduation. I moved to Reno too. In 1995, we were married. In 1996, our daughter Mikaela was born and son Caelan followed in 1997.

My Knights of Columbus career started while Charity and I were dating. I attended St. John's Catholic Church in San Lorenzo, CA and had joined a Filipino Choir. One of the choir members asked me if I wanted to join the Knights of Columbus. I knew almost nothing about the Knights other than occasionally they would show up at Mass in their Regalia. My first encounter with them, however, was not at the Church. Ironically, it was on the baseball field. When I was a teenager, I was on the major league team of the Knights of Columbus. I don't think any of us players knew who the Knights were, and we didn't care because it was baseball, but when we won the championship in my second year, the Knights treated us to a spaghetti dinner at the parish hall where later I would later become a member. I didn't do anything significant though with the Knights until I became a father and was living in Reno where I attended Little Flower Church. After a membership drive there, I transferred to Council 978 and started my time as an active Knight.

The time has gone by fast, and I am very proud to be a 30-year Knight. I have served in so many positions and have held many titles over the years. I have been a Grand Knight twice serving once at Council 978 and later at Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877. I have served as District Deputy #1 and District Deputy #2. I have also been active in the 4th Degree serving numerous positions including Faithful Navigator and Faithful Color Corp Commander. My biggest passion in the Knights has been ceremonials where I have served on a variety of teams for 20 plus years. I have held a variety of jobs in State Programs as the spirit as moved me. This year I volunteered to be the State Chairman for the Coats for Kids Program and the State Chairman for Youth Protection.

I currently work for a property management company called Nevada Commercial Services. I have been here going on 22 years as an Accountant. I serve as a lector at Immaculate Conception Church and I'm on the Vocation Committee. I look forward to serving many more years in the Knights and in the Church.

Vivat Jesus!!!

*In every storm there is a
'Peace! Be still' Christ will
speak where prayer's call
invites Him.*

Jack W. Hayford

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge



We magnify Him who is worthy above all others and adore Him simply because of who He is.

Jack W. Hayford

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 4:16, the reading for Jan. 25.

[T]he people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

Why would anyone sit in darkness? When it is dark, we ordinarily seek a source of light so that we may see — and be seen. Unless asleep, one who remains in the dark typically wishes not to be noticed. When we immerse ourselves in unrepented sin, we effectively enter into darkness. Like Adam and Eve after the fall, we hide from God. But Jesus calls us forth into the light, inviting us to repent of our sins, so that we might embrace Christ, the light of the world, who leads us to everlasting life.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to make an examination of conscience every day — perhaps using A Guide to Confession, published by the Order's Catholic Information Service (kofc.org/cis) — and to make a good confession at least once.

Questions for Reflection:

How does the daily practice of examining your conscience affect your outlook or behavior? How is a good confession akin to moving out of the darkness and into the light? In what ways can you be a better witness to the light of truth?

Message from EFF Director

Creating Encounters with Christ: A Call to Nevada Knights

Nevada is a challenging mission field for Catholic men. Our councils are spread across great distances; our members balance demanding schedules; and the culture around us often works against Prayer, Formation and Fraternity (Cor). In this reality, Catholic men will not grow in Christ by accident; they must be invited, formed, and supported.

This is where leadership matters.

Leadership in the Knights of Columbus is not defined by a title, but by initiative. Strong councils are led by men who intentionally create opportunities for Knights to gather, to pray together, grow in faith, speak honestly about the challenges they face, and serve shoulder-to-shoulder. When these opportunities are absent, councils drift into routine. When they are present, brotherhood and faith come alive.

Christ Himself formed a small group. He walked with men, challenged them, and sent them on mission. Nevada Knights need the same model today. Monthly meetings alone are not enough. Men need intentional formation, authentic fraternity, and leaders who expect engagement, not passivity.

Leaders do not convert hearts; Christ does. But leaders are responsible for creating environments where Christ can work. For Nevada councils, this means prioritizing Prayer, Formation and Fraternity, making gatherings purposeful, and moving from maintenance to mission.

The Knights of Columbus in Nevada were founded to lead. Our parishes and families need strong, faithful Catholic men now more than ever. Let us lead with intention, create opportunities for brotherhood, and ensure that every Knight has a real chance to encounter Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Melton PGK
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*As I lift my voice in
praise, O Lord, distract
me from my distractions,
awaken me from the
dullness of mind, and
transform habit and
routine into vibrant times
of worship.*

Jack W. Hayford

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Knights Tour Catholic Charities Campus



Eight Knights from five Northern Nevada Councils visited the Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN) campus on east 4th St. in downtown Reno on Friday, Jan 16. Monique Jacobs, CCNN's Director of Mission and Identity conducted the tour.

"The first question anyone asks is always about food," said Monique. "We are the oldest active dining room in Northern Nevada. We serve 1450 hot meals every day: 350 on campus for lunch and 1100 lunch and dinners at the Nevada Homeless Shelter Cares location. We also provide meals for Eddy House and Reno Behavioral Health. In addition, we serve breakfast to our city's unsheltered population through the Reno Gospel Mission. These folks must attend a faith-based presentation or prayer, but we have no conditions for our service and we do not proselytize."

"We are also the largest, most active pantry of its kind in Northern Nevada and work with more than 33 other food pantries in the north. Once a month, anyone can come for food. Seniors are welcomed twice a month. We give a food box (45-65 lbs. of food) which equals a whole week of meals, not random food. More than 35,000 people obtain food from our pantries each month."

"Right now, we have a challenge ahead of us. We used to receive a grant from the Federal Government of \$2 million a year -- roughly 20% of our budget. Now, the grant comes with strings attached. In order to receive federal money, we must turn over to them our client data base. Our Board of Trustees wrestled with and prayed about this issue. They decided that it would be a betrayal of our client's trust to release their files, so we turned down the federal grant. Bishop Mueggenborg was very gracious and authorized one 'second collection' a year in each parish in the diocese to make up for the missing money. We are very grateful to him for that."

Character is more than a man-to-his-God humility, for it involves transparency and accountability to others, not merely a private quest for purity.

Jack W. Hayford

Breakfast with Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg



Worshiping God even amid despair is a way to defy the Adversary and declare our valuing of the good—the best—in life: the Lord!

Jack W. Hayford

The Catholic Professional & Business Group (CP&BG) holds a breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Atlantis Hotel Casino. The Group offers an opportunity for business networking and the chance to hear both lay and religious speakers who encourage and motivate members to live an exemplary Christian life.

On Jan. 14, the guest speaker was Bishop of Reno, Daniel Mueggenborg who spoke about "The greatest ministry need in Northern Nevada" -- St. Mary's in the Mountains. The church, located in Virginia City, is one of Nevada's first Catholic churches. In 1868, Fr. Patrick Manogue, who later became the first bishop of Sacramento, oversaw the construction of a brick church— which was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1875. At the height of the Comstock's Big Bonanza in 1876, St. Mary's rose again with its redwood arches, white pine moldings, and 2,264-pound bell. "Restoration of St. Mary's is, first and foremost, about evangelization, not merely the preservation of a historic building," said Bishop Mueggenborg. "Each year, close to 2 million people visit Virginia City as a National Historic Site, and many of them tour St. Mary's. For countless visitors, this is their first encounter with a Catholic faith environment."

The Bishop also talked about building a "discernment house" near the Newman Center at UNR. This house will enable young men discerning a vocation to the priesthood, to live a full week as if they were in seminary.

The Catholic Professional Group encourages its members to contribute ideas and suggestions for potential speakers and topics of interest. Annual membership fees start at \$90. For more information go to <https://catholicprofessionals.org/>

Question 6 – The Abortion Amendment

Question 6, Nevada's Abortion Amendment, gained 65% of the vote on November 2024. However, to be enacted as an amendment to the Nevada Constitution, it must gain a majority vote in November 2026. If Question 6 passes:

- Abortions will be permitted up to the third trimester
- Any healthcare practitioner (nurse, chiropractor, etc.) may perform an abortion
- No parental notification or consent is required for a woman under 18 to receive an abortion
- State and local government cannot regulate for health and safety in an abortion clinic



Video <https://youtu.be/gqpPzuHmdvs>

Worship is about encounter -- coming into God's presence

Jack W. Hayford

STATE QUESTION NO. 6

Amendment to the *Nevada Constitution*

Initiative Petition C-05-2023

CONDENSATION (Ballot Question)

Should the *Nevada Constitution* be amended to create an individual's fundamental right to an abortion, without interference by state or local governments, whenever the abortion is performed by a qualified healthcare professional until fetal viability or when necessary to protect the health or life of the pregnant individual at any point during the pregnancy?

Video <https://youtu.be/DBWQtrDe8MQ?si=uPYiMhhH8eGBME5I>

State Council Holds Mid-Year Conference



You don't need candlelight and fireside glow to make Christmas happen... It's Him...It's priceless to discover the pleasure of His company.

Jack W. Hayford

Nevada State Council held its Mid-Year Session on Saturday Jan 17 at St Patrick's Church in Fallon. St Patrick's is one of the oldest parishes in Nevada. From 1866 to 1905, visiting priests from Virginia City's St. Mary of the Mountain (See related story on page 14.) made monthly visits to Fallon where services were held in homes of various parishioners. The original St. Patrick's Church and Rectory, built in 1939, can still be seen at the corner of East and Richards Streets in Fallon. The 1400 lb. bell that was at the original site is now in front of the present church which was constructed and dedicated in 1964.

More than 60 Knights from all over the state were on hand. Honored guest included: Supreme Director Toni F Pascua, Regional Growth Director Chuck Davlin, and General Agent John Stice.

State Deputy David Clarke welcomed the attendees to the session and then showed a three-minute video by Melissa Clement, the Executive Director of Nevada Right to Life. (See related story on page 15.)

Supreme Director Toni Pascua showed slides of a Knights of Columbus tour of Rome which included an audience with Pope Leo XIV.

State Membership Director Joe Haun challenged Nevada councils to recruit 500 new members every year for the next four years. "We have 8,000 members now, with another 2,000 members by 2030, we will qualify to host the National Convention," he said.

The State Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation, Tom Melton, spoke on the importance of Cor initiative. "We want to transform the hearts of men through Christ-centered brotherhood and help them become leaders and missionaries of Jesus Christ and evangelize to the world," said Tom.

During the session, State Deputy David Clarke presented Star Council and Star District Awards.

Passing of Sir Knight Dennis Kathrein



SK Dennis Kathrein

It is with deep and heartfelt sorrow that I am letting you that Brother and Sir Knight Dennis Kathrein passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Br. Dennis was an Honorary Life member of Fallon Council 4828 and Father Sauveur "Sam" Dominique Tambourin Assembly 2739 in Fallon. Br. Dennis joined the Order through Fallon Council 4828, on March 18, 1992, giving him nearly 44 years of service to the Order. He completed his 2nd and 3rd Degrees on April 3, 1993, and joined the 4th Degree on November 11, 2000.

Through the years, Br. Dennis served in numerous Council and Assembly offices and chairman positions, including both Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator. Br. Dennis always helped with various church and council functions and fundraisers whenever he could. Although his health slowed him down in more recent years, Br. Dennis kept in touch with our parish and with our Council members. Brother Dennis will be missed by the members of our Council and Assembly, by our fellow parishioners, by his many other friends, and especially by his family. Please pray for the repose of Br. Dennis's soul and for his family.

Jim Shurtliff, PGK and Financial Secretary Fallon Council 4828 and Faithfull Navigator, Fr. Dominique Tambourin Assembly 2739

Part of the power of song is that it is a beautiful expression of devotion...singing releases the pent-up joy and thanksgiving we feel because of God's grace and goodness.

Jack W. Hayford

Ignite Life Report for January 2026

March for Life

In 1973 the Supreme Court ruled in Roe vs. Wade that abortion was a federal constitutional right. The next year the March for Life began in Washington DC with the Knights of Columbus as one of the founding organizers. Forty-eight years later, the March for Life still is the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. On Jan. 24, several parishes in Northern Nevada sent five busloads of supporters – including the State Deputy and the State Secretary -- to this year's March for Life event in San Francisco.

Knights of Columbus Life Programs

We are asking Councils and individual Knights to engage in some of these programs (See page 19.) or related eligible activities as a public witness for the Culture of Life. Attend local events and marches, conduct baby bottle campaign, visit, pregnancy centers, and help at a maternity home cleanup days.

Fund Raising Activities

In addition, we ask you to raise money for Life charities.

In Las Vegas, two local pro-life agencies are expanding to help meet the growing demand to save women and their babies. How do we respond? We are asking Councils to help raise 50% of the \$50K cost of a new ultrasound at First Choice Pregnancy Services. Supreme will match the other half. The Knights of Columbus has helped supply 2,000 ultrasound machines nationally.

Question Six

Question Six, Nevada's Abortion Amendment will be on the ballot this November. If it passes, abortions will be permitted up to the third trimester. (See related story on page 15.) The State Catholic Conference asks you to pray and write letters urging a NO vote on Question Six.

Supreme Announces an Added ASAP Match Incentive

Councils that recruit three members between Feb. 1 and Mar. 31 AND donate at least \$500 through the ASAP program any time during the 2025-26 fraternal year (including donations made since July 1, 2025) will receive an additional \$250 for one pregnancy resource center or maternity home they supported. The top 10 recruiting councils will also receive an additional \$750 for the pregnancy resource or maternity home, bringing the total incentive to \$1,000 for those winners!

Let potential members in your parish know that by joining your council, they could help earn funds for your local pregnancy resource center.

Please note: To qualify, councils must apply for ASAP through the online form at kofc.org/asap or this link. Councils that have already received a grant through ASAP in the 2025-26 fraternal year do not need to reapply. This \$250 will be in addition to the standard amount your council already earns(ed) as part of the standard ASAP program.

COR Program

Invite more men into formation (COR) and small groups. Help men learn, lead, or join LIFE programs. We also have materials and videos for COR sessions on Life.

Invite men to join the Knights starting with Life events and others. The men who join are often our best FIA volunteers. Learn the big picture. WHY we are needed. The Mission. The Goals.

Mark Gilmour and Dr. Steve Brown, Co-Life Directors

*There are many streams of cleansing--beginning with the Blood of Jesus!
I want us to study and experience them all, as God works among us to free, heal, and mature His people!*

Jack W. Hayford

Knights of Columbus Life Programs

KNIGHTS LIFE PROGRAMS		X = St. T.M.
<i>National Menu</i>		
1	March for Life	
2	Novena for Life	
3A	Pregnancy Center Support Baby Bottle Campaigns Attend galas / recruit a table WRMC (Allyfe) Run/Walk Meet Preg Ctrs and learn their needs	X X X
3B	Maternity Home Support Attend galas / recruit a table Meet Maternity Home and learn their needs Do volunteer work	X X X
4	Silver Rose	
5	Ultrasound Program Meet Preg Ctrs and learn their needs Raise funds for machine	
6	AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP) GRANT Apply for National Knights partial match grant	X
7	Christian Refugee Relief	
8	Mass for People with Special Needs	
9	Special Olympics	
10	Global Wheelchair Mission	X
11	Leave No Neighbor Behind	NEW
<i>Blue = Featured - Double Credit for Council Award</i>		
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OTHER LIFE PROGRAMS at ST. THOMAS MORE

Qualify as Miscellaneous Life Activities

12	Faith Formation – COR – on LIFE topics, Gospel of Life	X
13	Help other ministry pray a Novena for Life	X
14	Imago Dei conference	X
15	Visit the Sick	X
16	SIDEWALK PRAYER WITNESS	X
17	Legislative advocacy	X
	NV Life – Q6	
	Assisted Suicide	
	Letter writing	
	Voter Registration TBD	
18	Organ Donation advocacy, assistance	NEW

#18 is a concept not official program.

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Lunch at UNR's Newman Center



Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., UNR students (Catholic and non-Catholic alike) come to the Newman Center on campus for a free lunch. On Jan. 21 six Knights from Council 13842, their Ladies and several Center volunteers were on hand to serve lunch. State Deputy David Clarke and State Secretary Leo Carew III were also present to meet and chat with the students.

[G]rumbling is an expression of unbelief and ingratitude. Praise, on the other hand, is an expression of faith and gratitude.

Jack W. Hayford

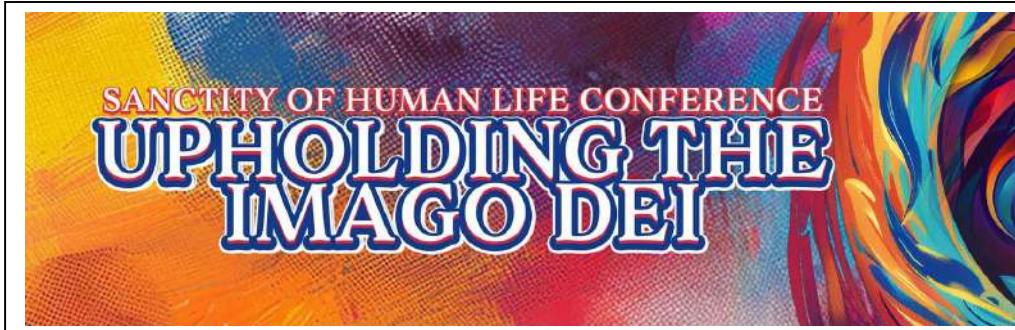
Volunteer Keli Wilson said these weekly lunches started last year with a call from Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. "We need to tell them it's okay to be a university student and Catholic at the same time," he said. Whenever possible, the bishop said, meals should be "home-made." This Wednesday's menu was fried or roasted chicken, whole kernel corn, Caesar salad (croutons optional) and variety of cakes and cookies for dessert.

"The kids loved it," said Chuck, a Center volunteer. "They have a meal plan at the University cafeteria, but who wants the same thing every day? This is a chance for something out of the ordinary."

"These lunches have been a fabulous success," said Fr. Joe Walsh, the current administrator of Our Lady of Wisdom Church. "We have more than 35 candidates in our OCIA classes and quite often we have more people at Mass than can fit in the sanctuary." So, what does he do? "We fill the dining hall with chairs and broadcast Mass on our Jumbotron screen."

Asked how he likes his assignment at the Newman Center and Our Lady of Wisdom, Fr Joe replied, "Oh, I love it. These kids are so full of energy and ideas. They -- and others like them -- are the church leaders of tomorrow."

Imago Dei Sanctity of Life Conference



The Third Annual "Upholding the Image of God" -- Imago Dei Sanctity of Life Conference was held in Las Vegas on Jan 17. State Pro-Life Director Mark Gilmour attended. Imago Dei is not just a Conference, but a movement with frequent meetings to share best practices among various churches (Catholic and Protestant) and other organizations.

The Keynote speaker was Dr. George Delgado, M.D. and Director of Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) and of Culture of Life Family Health Care. Dr. Delgado is a regular guest on Catholic Answers Live, the most widely heard show on Catholic radio. He and his wife Liz received the St. Gianna Molla Pro-Life Award at the 2017 Walk for Life West Coast. He is a Fourth Degree Knight.

Most abortions now occur by women taking an abortion pill. Many people do not know this desperate step to end a baby's life can be safely reversed. Dr. Delgado established Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) a medical treatment program that connects women who have changed their minds after taking mifepristone (RU 486 - abortion pill) and want to reverse the effects of the abortion pill. Pregnancy Centers in Nevada and across the U.S. use this treatment to save many babies from abortion.

Dr. George Delgado



Doctor and Director of Abortion Pill Reversal Protocol

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

Faith doesn't mean that you don't see the problem. Faith means you can see past the problem to the answer.

Jack W. Hayford

Veteran's Memorial Monument for Fernley



Dec. 30, 2024, marked the end of a heart-felt project for SK Ken Sawyer and SK Richard Sherman. The Knights of Columbus Veteran's memorial was dedicated and blessed in the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC) in Boulder City, NV.

Negativity is simply the devil's language spoken by those who have his perspective. God's language is faith.

Jack W. Hayford

In its June 2025 issue, *Columbia* magazine carried a photo and short paragraph about the placing of a memorial at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Sir Knight Jim Shurtliff, Worthy Faithful Navigator of Father Sauveur Dominic Tambourin Assembly 2739 in Fallon wants to place a similar Memorial Monument at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley. His goal is to have the monument in-place before Memorial Day, May 25. His second choice for installation is Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Initial cost estimates run \$6,000-\$8,000 which includes the monument, its base, shipping and installation. A concrete slab on which the monument will sit may be an additional cost.

SK Jim is asking for funding assistance from other Assemblies, Councils, and Parishes in Northern Nevada. "Let's give our Knight-Veterans in the North the same remembrance their brothers receive in the South," said Jim. Contact Jim at shurtfam@cccomm.net to support this project.

Service in the Desert: The Amargosa Trek

On Dec. 13, seven dedicated Brothers from Council 10780 in Pahrump, NV, made the 52-mile journey to Amargosa -- (formerly Lathrop Wells) an unincorporated town located on U.S. Route 95 in Nye County -- to support the mission church, Christ of the Desert. Their mission was to refresh the 79-foot trailer used for religious education—a vital space for the youth in that community. Equipped with 10 gallons of paint and two spray guns, the crew worked tirelessly from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM. They were incredibly grateful for all the hospitality they received. Lyn Rose provided a wonderful lunch of pozole and burritos (generously supplied by El Valle restaurant).



L to R: Brenden Delee, Abel Hilario, John Demko and GK Vern Hee

L to R: Tom Smith, Brenden Delee, and John Demko



What an important lesson for all of us! The words that come out of our mouths are a direct indicator of what is in our hearts.

Jack Hayford

Coats Distributed by SEAS Council

During last summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) Parish in Las Vegas, the kids brought in money they had saved or earned for the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" program. Over the two weeks of VBS, the kids brought in \$612 -- enough for nearly 30 new coats!

Last month, Mother Seton Council 11029 and SEAS Youth Ministry delivered 144 coats to Patti McGuire, SEAS Pastoral Associate for Human Concerns & Outreach. Patti insisted that all coats were given to families with children in need. The coats were distributed in conjunction with the Human Concerns Ministry Angel Tree program on Dec. 20. More than 250 families had a good Christmas because of this joint program.

Pictured below are Brother Knights and Outreach volunteers Bill Hoffman and Jim Hurja who also volunteer twice monthly with SEAS Outreach Food Program for families in need and Golden Groceries for seniors 60+.

Rule with the heart of a servant and serve with the heart of a king. This is how Jesus used His authority.

Jack Hayford



This Month's Photos

Council 12845's Year-End Activity Wrap-up



On Nov. 18, members of the Council 12845 and St. Gall's church staff conducted a flag retirement ceremony. Parochial Vicar Father Biju Malancheruvil offered a prayer and gave a blessing. Camille Munguia played a drum during the ceremony.



On Dec. 3, Council 12845 conducted a free "Breakfast with Santa" for 200 children and parishioners. The council prepared and served pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice. The event was a great success!

On Dec. 12, the Council served lunch to all the volunteers at the Minden Gardnerville Food Closet. The event was covered by Channel 2 TV news. Here GK Ruben Munguia, the Deputy Grand Knight and the Past Grand Knight present a check for \$1,250 Minden Gardnerville Food Closet. On Dec. 19, the Council conducted our monthly food drive.

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Council and Parish honor their veterans

Council 12877, Our Lady of the Desert, and Immaculate Conception Parish, both in Sparks, NV, started a program to honor their deceased veterans with a shadowbox for the flag presented at the veteran's burial. After the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, Jan. 11, the Council and the Parish honored deceased veteran Mike Hendon by giving his widow, Betty, a shadowbox for her husband's flag.



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Walk for Life in San Francisco

On Saturday, Jan. 24, five buses left the Reno Diocese for the annual Walk for Life in San Francisco. Walk participants State Deputy David Clarke and State Secretary Leo Carew III started the day with Father Philip celebrating Mass at 5:30 AM at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sparks.

The buses arrived to a glorious sunny day in San Francisco at 10:30 AM. The Nevadans met up with brother California Knights from Elk Grove, Sacramento, and even San Francisco. "It was very impressive to see so many college students and those of a younger generation involved in the walk," said Leo Carew. "We look forward to joining this walk again next year -- maybe even right here in Nevada."



Early morning Mass



State Secretary and State Deputy



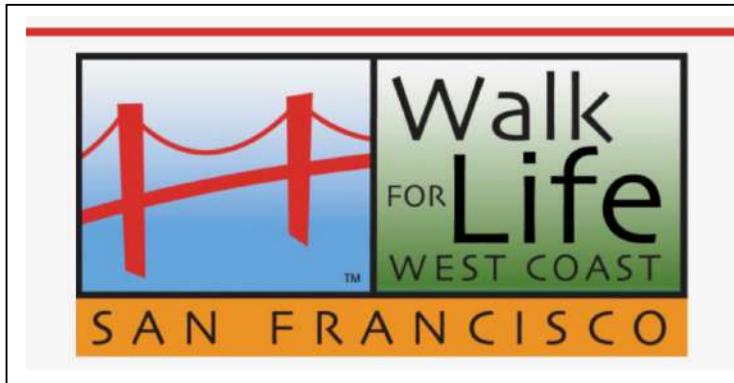
Brother Knights from Sacramento

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Walk for Life in San Francisco



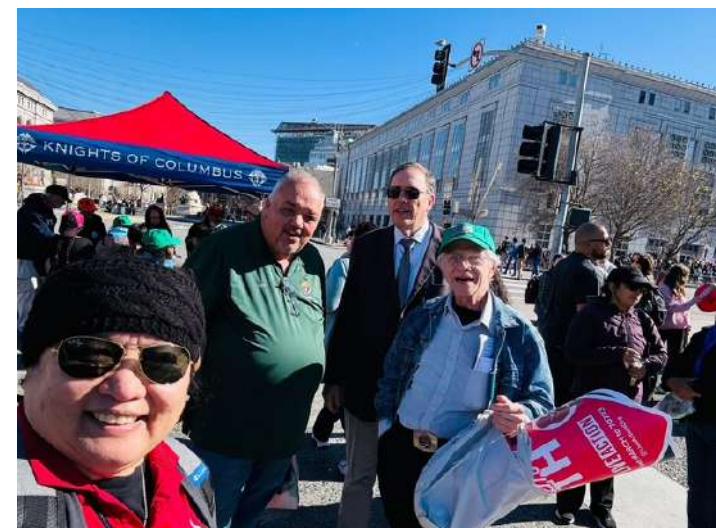
San Francisco Knights



Filipino council from South San Francisco



Rick Harold listened intently



Mrs State Secretary Connie Carew and Greg Amundsen from San Jose council