

The Silver Knight News

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Assembly 612 Celebrates 100 Years



Bishop Manogue Assembly 612

Veterans Day November 11, 2023, was not only a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good, it also marked the Centennial of the Institution of Bishop Manogue Assembly 612.

In the morning, the Assembly stepped off in the annual City of Reno Veterans Day Parade. In the evening it held its annual Military Appreciation Dinner honoring SK Anthony Pagano, a 98 year old veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. The guest speaker was Lt. General Leslie G. Smith, USA, Ret., a veteran of more than three decades of military service who last served as the 66th Inspector General of the U.S. Army.

Also in attendance was Vice Supreme Master of Junipero Serra Province, SK Tim Fukuda; Supreme Board of Directors Member, SK Toni Pascua; and Northern Nevada District Master, SK Daniel Dexter.

- Faithful Navigator Thierry V. Barkley

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Coming Events

Announce your upcoming events here.

Send the event date and a brief description to varond@ymail.com

From the desk of the State Treasurer

Sir Knights,

November was by far the busiest month. Just to list a few events: Veterans Parade, Veterans Dinner, Coats for Kids, Exemplification, and the Tootsie Roll Drive ---all this, in addition to our monthly Food Distribution Drives, Assembly Meetings, and Thanksgiving. All these events were successful and meaningful to our order and close to my core values.

A highlight for me was the 1-year anniversary of my stroke on Nov. 21. I am very proud of my recovery thus far, and I couldn't have made it without the prayers and support of the Knights – Thank you! I am happy to be released from my driving restrictions and I am back on the road again. We can't forget the hugest event of the year for Las Vegas – Formula 1. My company played a key role in making that happen and I was blessed to attend in person. I also turned 71 years young on Nov. 26, and I celebrated at home with my wife Gigi, my 4 children, and 8 of out 10 of my grandchildren.

We have the Mid-Year Convention this week, I'm looking forward to seeing you there. Simbang Gabi Rev Mass kicks off on Dec. 15. Along with plenty of Christmas events to celebrate. Keep an eye out for my emails.

Brothers, I want to remind you that no matter what position or role I hold in the order, my dedication to my faith and dedication to you is what I value the most. I am always a phone call or email away if you need me.

Vivat Jesus!

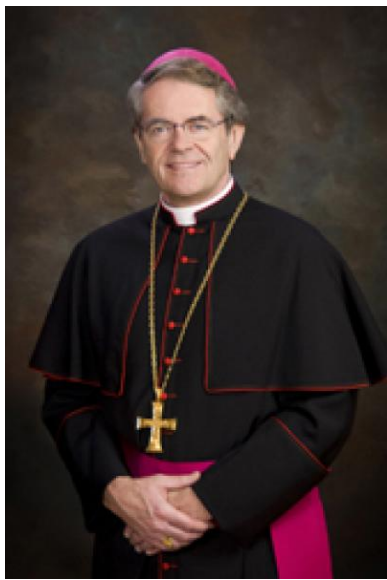
WST Tom Villardi

*Because God has made
us for Himself, our
hearts are restless until
they rest in Him.*

Saint Augustine

75th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner

The Knights of Columbus celebrated the 75th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at St. Thomas More Catholic Community in Henderson. The new Las Vegas Archbishop, Rev. George Leo Thomas, gave the evening's keynote address. Pastors and priests from all over the city were in attendance. The Monzu Italian Restaurant catered the dinner.



Archbishop George Leo Thomas



Dinner from Monzu Italian Restaurant



Brother Knights of Mother Seton meet and greet KoC State Deputy Meynard Infantado and State Secretary Al Cuccinelli

*To fall in love with God
is the greatest romance;
to seek him the greatest
adventure; to find him,
the greatest human
achievement.*

Saint Augustine

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Note from the State Historian

***Wishing You and Yours Sir Knights and
Brother Knights a Blessed Christmas and
A Joyous New Year!***

Schedule More Exemplifications!

***Congratulations to our newly appointed!
Northern District Master for Nevada
SK Dan Dexter***

Council updates:

- I continue to be in contact with our District Deputies and Grand Knights to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the noteworthy events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to the size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position on your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
- In concert with Worthy State Deputy Meynard Infantado and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each Council's records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/updated over the continuing "Columbian Year" by the Council Historian.
- Please use my email address: historian@nv-kofc.com to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, my Brother Knights.

*The truth is like a lion;
you don't have to defend
it. Let it loose; it will
defend itself.*

Saint Augustine

Knights in Nevada History

The Fourth Degree in Nevada, November 12, 1923

(The Reno Evening Gazette Reports, Fourth Degree Exemplification Given for Ninety-Six Members of the Catholic Order)

Teaching of Patriotism

Hon. E.A. Decker, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada, was introduced as one of the foremost jurists of the west, receiving a standing ovation. He praised the Knights of Columbus for its war activities in this country and for the war work on the other side. He said in substance, "Men and Women Make a Nation. It cannot be made in any other way.

"The growth and development of our government was decided by the nations in the early days but flourished and became the strongest and best in the world. While our past has been glorious, it is our future that demands our attention. Not in my lifetime and perhaps not in the lifetime of any of young men of today may our liberty be challenged, but the victory of peace should be greater than the victory of war and that victory should be to keep our nation one of complete solidarity. Solidarity of public opinion is the thing we must keep in mind.

"Every Order should carry on a program to that end. Teaching its young men of our government, the rights it bestows and the duties it imposes and further, every institution should teach and develop patriotism in the hearts of its members"

Remember these words are from 100 years ago!

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Remember: The message Blessed Michael McGivney has for us is that we carry on the work he began 141 years ago, when he gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's "Blessed" status!

Pray that Pope Francis I will Canonize our Blessed Michael McGivney!

A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.

Saint Augustine

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

Sir Knight Dan Dexter

PGK, PFN, FDD, FD Marshal and Northern Nevada District Master

My wife Mary and I have one son, Mark, and one grandson, Gil. I am a Private Airplane Pilot (with Instrument rating) and I am a Eucharistic Minister at St. Rose of Lima Church in Reno. After working 30 years in the insurance industry, I sold my agency in 2021 and retired.

I was a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for 14 years. The Auxiliary's mission is to educate boaters in seamanship and boat safety. Over the years, I participated in several search and rescue missions in South Florida. I left the Auxiliary with the rank of Commander.

My original Council number was 8419 in Wellington, FL. I joined the Knights in 1984 and became a 4th Degree 1987. After moving from Wellington to Melbourne, FL. I was an active member of the Council in Palm Bay, FL for many years and the Controller for the Council for 2 years.

In 2007 we moved to Reno and I became active with the local Council. In 2009, State Deputy Dave Ryan asked me to become District Deputy #1 in Reno. I was Grand Knight for more than 4 years for Council 978 beginning in 2011. My focus was to bring together Catholic men of different ethnic backgrounds to find unity in a council of brothers. I also chaired the Reno Air Race committee. Our Council provided security and tickets checks at two of the entrance gates during the races.

I was one of the eight Sir Knights who founded the St. Andrews Assembly 3118 in 2008. I was the Chartered Pilot and later, Captain, Navigator and, in 2011-2012, Admiral. In 2010 to 2018, I put together six 4th Degree Exemplifications to bring Knights into the 4th Degree and especially into the St. Andrews Assembly.

As Color Corp Commander for six years, I lead both Assembly 3118 and 612 in the opening ceremonies of the Northern Nevada Special Olympics and in Reno's Veterans Day Parade. Under my leadership the two assemblies work together so we can have the Color Corp participate in special events, funerals and to be available for the bishop.

In 2018, District Master Rick Sherman asked me to be the District Marshal for the Northern Nevada covering eight Assemblies. In 2022, when he was appointed as District Master to Nevada, Master Tom Villardi asked to continue as the District Marshal. I continue to plan 4th Degree Exemplifications in Reno and in Winnemucca.

Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.

Saint Augustine

Spaghetti Dinner -- Un ottimo pasto!



Council 13842's fine Italian chefs

SK Hugh Ricci, his wife, Pam, and several Knights from Council 13842 in Reno, NV arrived at the St. Rose of Lima church kitchen at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28. They had a job to do and only ten hours to do it. They had to transform 60 pounds of beef, 30 pounds of uncooked pasta, ten loaves of French bread, eight bags of Caesar salad and untold secret ingredients into a spaghetti dinner with 14 gallons of marinara sauce and 700 meat balls for a parish dinner following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Hugh had prepared all the dry ingredients for the meatballs ahead of time into zip-lock bags. "We worked with five pounds of beef at a time," said Hugh. "We followed a family recipe from Brent Zicarelli's mother, Rose. (Brent was the founding Grand Knight of our council.) The recipe was originally handwritten in Italian, but I got an English translation." added Hugh. Once the ingredients were mixed, Hugh instructed 14 Knights (including Parochial Vicar Fr. Rodel) on how to roll the meat into perfectly round 1" balls.

In the meantime, Rose prepared the sauce. She followed a recipe that has been in her family for generations: a little olive oil, chopped onion, minced garlic, red wine, crushed tomatoes, some parsley, a dash of salt and a pinch of black pepper. She mixed the ingredients in a huge pot and set it to simmer. She brought her own very special spoon to stir the sauce. SK Bill Stone said the spoon reminded him of a boat oar.

The Women of St. Rose also helped with dinner. They laid out the bread and salad, and helped serve. "We served more than 170 hungry parishioners," remarked Hugh. "And still had enough to serve a meal to everyone who helped in the preparations."

The perfect evening could be summarized in this misquote from Guy Fieri of Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, "Winner! Winner! Spaghetti Dinner!"

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

Saint Augustine

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Update from ASU Missionary

FOCUS is a Catholic outreach organization whose mission is to invite people into a relationship with Jesus in the Catholic Church. Javier Hernandez is a member of FOCUS and is currently a missionary at Arizona State University. Here is an update from Javier.

- 80+ students have joined and are participating in a Bible Study;
- 12+ students accepted an invitation to discipleship;
- We host a weekly sports night and about 50 student attend;
- We hosted a St. Pope John Paul II Feast Day party;
- We prepared and distributed 80 PBJ sandwiches and clothing to the homeless in Phoenix;
- I gave a spontaneous testimony for a student at his naturalization ceremony;
- We have registered 53 students so far for our SEEK24 Conference which takes place in St. Louis next January.

District 2 Soccer Challenge Medalists

*The greatest kindness
one can render to any
man is leading him to
truth.*

Saint Augustine



Ponderosa Council 4928 Community Director, SK Thierry V. Barkley, worked in coordination with District Deputy SK Michael Caudell and the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) to support the District 2 Soccer Shoot-off held at the Shadow Mountain Sports Complex in Sparks, NV on Oct. 29.

Despite bone-chilling cold, Ponderosa Council 4928 program boys swept all four District competitions. In the Boys 14 class, Logan Flickinger (top left) scored 240 points out of a possible 300, frequently nailing 20 point corner shots for top overall score.

- George A. Minter, GK

Christmas in the Philippines

Around this time of the year I get this feeling of nostalgia remembering Christmas in the Philippines. It's a kind of loneliness that brings me back to the time when I was a young boy busy making lanterns (Parole). The Filipinos have the longest Christmas Celebration in the World --- It starts in September. Kids in my block in Kamuning, Quezon City, Philippines where I grew up, were busy preparing to attend Simbang Gabi --- a nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas --- and making lanterns by hand.

In Kamuning, my family and I would go to The Sacred Heart Parish Church which is about 5 blocks from where we lived. We didn't mind the long walk down the dark street because we were usually accompanied by other friends who went to the same church. We started around 10:00 p.m. for midnight Mass.

After Mass, we'd hang out at the corner of KD and K1st St. because our neighbor Mrs. Pastor had a couple of long tables where she served hot tea, rice cookies (bibingka) puto seco, (purple rice that is mixed with coconut juice) that is placed in a bamboo and steamed until cooked. Oh it is so good especially with hot tea. Mrs. Pastor was famous for this and there were a lot of our neighbors who would eat there or order "take out." Oh how I miss those unique Christmas delicacies like puto bong bong, puto Maya, puto, kutchinta and lots, lots more. Filipinos are known for their hospitality. It is not surprising to get invited to taste some of these delicacies.

In the Philippines, you will feel Christmas all around you. The Lanterns hanging on every house windows, the ritual of Simbang Gabi, the putting together of the Belen or the Nativity scene and the singing of Christmas Carols which you can hear from carolers going around the neighborhood to raise money. The coming of the cool winter chill that ushers in the start of the Christmas season. The smiles in the faces of people you meet in the streets. The stores decorated with different color twinkling lights. Christmas trees with wrapped presents at the foot. Stores overstocked with toys, gifts and decorations. Every kid's and shopper's dreamland. Christmas music is heard everywhere.

In the Philippines, people save up to spend on town fiestas, Christmas and New Year. I don't think much has changed. The lanterns we used to make by hand are now made of mother of pearl and the lights which decorate the lanterns are spectacular.

At our house, my father made it a point that before midnight, we kids should be home because there is some food prepared for us like ham, cheese ball, and fruits like oranges, grapes, apples, and different kinds of nuts. We also had coffee and tea. We ate together after saying a small prayer of thanks to the Lord and then we got ready for bed.

- Al S. Pena, State Program Director

*The measure of love is to
love without measuring.*

Saint Augustine

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Mass with Pope Francis



SK John Murphy, his wife, Lisa, and two very good friends, Edgar & Rozanne Gonzales, were vacationing in Rome during the first week of October 2023. The Gonzales' obtained tickets for the two couples to have an audience with Pope Francis. However, this was the week the Vatican was hosting a worldwide synod – the Synod on Synodality. So the audience turned into a Mass in St. Peter's Square. "We arrived before 6 a.m. for the Mass at 9 a.m. and waited in St Peter's Square with 10,000 of our closest friends," said John. "We had to go through two different security checks, but the process was easy to maneuver."

*God provides the wind,
Man must raise the sail.*

Saint Augustine

At the 16th General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality which began Oct. 4, there was a renewed look at the world and the Church and their demands: women and the laity, diaconate, ministry and magisterium, peace and the climate, the poor and migrants, ecumenism and identity, new languages and renewed structures, old and new missions (including the "digital" mission). 253 bishops, archbishops and cardinals from around the world, including 20 from Eastern churches, were part of the 344 voting members of the Synod.

Before Mass the bishops, archbishops and cardinals progressed in two lines into St. Peter's. "The robes of the bishops were magnificent to see. No two robes were alike. The bright colors and embroidery of the robes were dazzling. Bishops from the West wore the standard type mitre, but the Eastern Rite bishops wore round, gold-colored miters. The pageantry was something to behold," said John. Mass lasted 90 minutes. "I thought the Mass was in Latin," John remarked, "but it was in Italian."

"This Mass was the highlight of our trip." John commented. "It was fantastic, a lifetime memory and a deeply profound moment for me as a Catholic." SK John Murphy is the Treasurer of Council 13842 in Reno.

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Ponderosa Council #4928 Knight of the Month



SK Thierry V. Barkley

As our Council Community Director, SK Thierry V. Barkley worked in coordination with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) to host our Council's annual Soccer Challenge youth event at the Shadow Mountain Sports Complex in Sparks, NV. It was held in the heat and sunshine of August. Twenty (20) contestants competed. Winners in 7 classes moved on to the next level of competition.

On Oct. 29 Thierry coordinated with AYSO to support the District 2 Soccer Challenge Shoot Off. This time the event was held with wind chills in the thirties. Ten (10) total shooters competed for District-level medals.

.As a man for all seasons, SK Thierry is recognized as our Knight of the Month for his ability to coordinate these events, often on short notice, to help reinvigorate family participation in this youth program.

Ponderosa Council #4928 Family of the Month



SK Mark and Lady Judy Lane have long been recognized as a team, particularly during their support of the Sprouts Initiative. However, this month, they are recognized as our Family of the Month for two different contributions.

Lady Judy enjoys decorating and gift wrapping and was the Decoration Committee Chair for Holy Cross' largest parish fundraiser. Over the past months, she helped assemble 165 silent auction gift baskets and 25 live auction displays, as well as promote event ticket and raffle sales. She was also recognized by the Diocese as the Holy Cross Catholic Community Volunteer of the Year.

Together they make quite an impact.

The cost of obedience is small compared with the cost of disobedience.

Saint Augustine

This Month's Photos

SK Anthony "Tony" Pagano was our Military Appreciation Dinner honoree.



Three WW II veterans: one 102 yrs. old; 101 yrs. old, and Tony in the middle as the youngster at 98 yrs. old.



The attention that a pilot gets from the girls. Tony was a "co-pilot" who was taken for a ride in the 1942 bi-plane. He was Army, but the girls did not know.

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Lady Pam Ricci



SK Hugh Ricci

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