

The Silver Knight News

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State Deputy's Message



State Deputy Meynard Infantado

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come to the end of this Fraternal Year 2023-2024, I want to thank all of you personally for the historic and successful 2-year run that we've had. I could not have done this without you all - from regular Members to Council Officers, Clergies, Insurance Agents, Chairs/ Directors, District Deputies, State Officers and Supreme Reps.

My gratitude is overwhelming

and I am so delighted that we have come to this point without any mishaps or untoward incidents. I thank the Holy Spirit for guiding us through these years with His divine knowledge and wisdom to run the State Council. My devotion to our Blessed Mother through Holy Mass and the Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday at Prince of Peace Church is what keeps me going and excited to follow in the footsteps of Blessed Michael McGivney.

I am passing the baton to our next leader, PSD Dave Ryan. Let's continue to support him and his wife, Lady Tracy, as we go through the process.

On behalf of my wife, Yolanda and daughter Maliah, I would like to thank all the wives and families for their support. Without them, our work would not be complete.

May God bless us all and may Our Lady of Guadalupe guide us all the way.

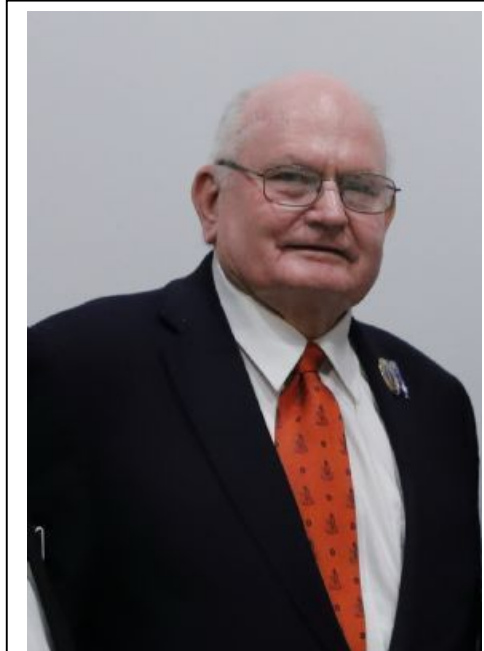
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When we speak about wisdom, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about virtue, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about justice, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about peace, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about truth and life and redemption, we are speaking about Christ.

St Ambrose

Introducing Our New State Deputy



State Deputy Elect David Ryan

Brothers,

Thank you for electing me to be your State Deputy for the Fraternal Year 2024/2025. It is an honor for me to serve you, my brothers of the State of Nevada and, be assured, that I will work hard to do so. As we begin a new fraternal year, we need to accept the challenges associated with growing the order in Nevada by supporting the various programs and activities that require our time, talent, and treasure.

Worthy State Deputy Meynard, thanks for the opportunity serve

as your Membership Director. I appreciate very much the faith you had in me to let me serve you again for the 2023/2024 Fraternal Year. Please pass on my wife Tracy's thanks and gratitude to your wife Yolanda for her hospitality and all the time she dedicated to working with and hosting the ladies at the different functions.

At the training session for State Deputies in New Haven, our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly asked me to pass along his thanks and gratitude. This last year was a record year for the Knights in both growth and charitable giving. Nevada was one of the leaders in both areas. The order now has over 2.1 million members, but as Supreme Knight Kelly said, "Our real work is only beginning. Our potential is limited only by the breadth and scope of our own individual knights who dedicate themselves every day to bringing our faith to others around the world. We are a growing force for Christianity and need to expand our efforts in bring the Word of God to our neighbors."

We have a new program this year based on Evangelization and Faith Formation. I appointed Brother Tom Milton and Brother Terry Walsh as directors for this program. These men will receive training from

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Introducing Our New State Deputy

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Supreme on this new initiative. Supreme has also just completed the Men of the Word Bible Study program in Spanish which we will need to introduce to our Hispanic Brothers. The program books for this Bible Study are available from Supreme under item number 11443-S. Grand Knights, if you have a Spanish Mass in your parish, please order copies of these books and make an appointment with your pastor to implement this Bible Study program in your parish.

Supreme has a lot of confidence in Nevada. Our membership growth goal this year is 574 for Circle of Honor. This goal is 264 more than the combined goals for all the councils in Nevada and 119 more than the 2023/2024 goal. I am confident that we can achieve and even exceed this goal, but



No one heals himself by wounding another.

St. Ambrose

it will require every council to be "membership active" and to be involved in and to promote our programs and activities. Our programs and activities are what attracts new members. Men of the parish see and hear about the good we provide to the parish and they want to be a part of our councils. To help in this area I am asking every council not just to announce upcoming events in the parish bulletin, but then, after the event, to **thank** the parishioners for their support by publishing in the bulletin the results of the program or activity, the amount raised and the charity to which the proceeds were donated. This will accomplish two things: first, it shows the members of the parish we appreciate their support and second it tells parishioners who was helped by their donations. This step alone can increase parish support in the future and draw men who want to be involved in our programs and activities.

Our dear Savior lived to do His Father's Will. First, I propose in our daily work, we do the will of God; second, we do it in the manner He wills; and third, we do it because it is His will. By being the men God meant us to be, we will set Nevada on fire for the Lord.

God Bless
David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM
State Deputy

Note from the State Historian

We're Crossing the Finish Line of Our Columbian Year! The 142nd Supreme Convention is August 6-8 in Quebec City, Canada

Schedule More Exemplifications!

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.

*Let your door stand
open to receive Him,
unlock your soul to
Him, offer Him a
welcome in your mind,
and then you will see the
riches of simplicity, the
treasures of peace, the joy
of grace. Throw wide the
gate of your heart, stand
before the sun of the
everlasting light.*

St Ambrose

Knights in Nevada History

More on the 4th Degree Formation History

On the 1950 jubilee of the Fourth Degree, William Mulligan reflected on its historical programs: the WWI program in support of the KofC Huts; the Historical Commission “to put a stop to the perversion and falsification of American history”; the essay contest, Catholic Action, and the retreat movement. On December 4, 1949, on the eve of the jubilee, the Fourth Degree was established in the Philippine Islands, Father George Willman, S.J., who is considered the second founder of the Order there, was appointed Special Master, and he led the exemplification or initiation of 160 candidates.

Mulligan stressed the present and future work of the Fourth Degree, simultaneously patriotic and religious. However, because “a war is being waged to secularize all American life, the permanent estrangement of those words ‘patriotic’ and ‘religious’ is being attempted.” Mulligan criticized those “zealots” dedicated to popularizing a “doctrine” that the human person “is no more than the creature of society, subjected to the society for existence, identity, and rights,” rather than “a creature of God.” Mulligan reminded the members that God is the source of all rights and identity, “freedom under God and unto God is the (Citizen’s) birthright... Genuine Americanism and the Christian religion are historically and in character closely akin.

Excerpt from: “Patriotism and Fraternalism in the Knights of Columbus”

by Christopher J. Kauffman

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Remember: The message Blessed Michael McGivney has for us is 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!

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

The devil tempts that he may ruin; God tests that he may crown.

St Ambrose

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

Sir Knight Captain Shane Paul Tanner, GK



Family. CAPT Shane Paul Tanner was born in Auburn, NY. He is the firstborn son of Paul Tanner and the former Teresa Dziel. Teresa is a first-generation American, and firstborn daughter of Antoni and Janina Dziel. Antoni and Janina Dziel each come from poor Polish Catholic farmers, who survived the Holocaust and Nazi invasion of Poland during World War II and emigrated to America after the

War. Antoni and Janina each worked in factories in Syracuse, NY, raised four kids who each went to Catholic School, then College, and subsequently led successful and productive lives.

Faith. Shane was raised in humble Polish Catholic traditions for his entire life, attending Blessed Trinity Catholic School in Auburn. He learned at an early age to value hard work, discipline, family, and being a humble servant of God. He also learned firsthand from his Polish family and community to value the many freedoms that we have in the United States, and to not take them for granted. Having moved to Houston, Texas when he was 10, he was active in his church all the way through high school. He served as a Sextant, an Altar Server, Directed the Youth Choir, and was Plank owner and First Chief Squire of the Columbian Squires. As soon as he turned 18, he received 1st degree exemplification in the in the Knights of Columbus. As a young Knight, he quickly learned the value of Service from the older Knights which he would carry with him throughout his life. There is much wisdom that is passed to a young Knight while he is serving coleslaw at the serving line of the Lenten Friday Fish Fry!

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*Prayer is the wing
wherewith the soul flies
to heaven, and
meditation the eye
wherewith we see God.*

St Ambrose

Catholic Charities Seeks Knight's Help

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada is extending a heartfelt call for volunteers from the Knights of Columbus councils in Reno and Sparks. The organization needs dedicated individuals to assist in serving meals to the homeless at the county homeless shelter on East Fourth Street in Reno. This initiative aims to provide nourishing meals and compassionate support to those in need within our community.

The effort requires local Knights of Columbus councils to commit to one day a month, supplying seven volunteers to help serve the meals prepared by Catholic Charities. This small but impactful commitment can make a significant difference in the lives of the homeless population, offering not just food, but also a sense of dignity and community. Each council can choose their own day that repeats each month.

Catholic Charities has also reached out to other organizations, including the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Jehovah's Witnesses, to participate in this worthy cause. Their involvement highlights the importance of interfaith collaboration in addressing the pressing issues of homelessness and hunger in our area.

It would be a profound testament to the Knights of Columbus's mission of charity and service to see Catholic men step forward and support this initiative. By volunteering, members can embody the values of faith, fraternity, and charity, bringing hope and assistance to those who need it most. Let us join hands and make a meaningful impact in our community.

Please contact Lisa Ross at Catholic Charities at lross@ccsnn.org to coordinate for your council to sponsor a day.

- SK Lee Hernandez



*Our own evil
inclinations are far more
dangerous than any
external enemies.*

St Ambrose

Flowers for Moms



Our crew of 9 (only two of whom are pictured here) covered the surge after each mass at the main parish entry doors.

After each of the five Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses at Holy Cross Catholic Community on May 11/12, Ponderosa Council 4928 knights passed out a total of 494 long-stem carnations to some very happy moms as we all celebrated Mother's Day.

The moms were thrilled to have been remembered on their special day. Several stopped to chat and wish us well. Of equal importance was that Pastor Issac Jose appeared to be very pleased with the success of this event. A total of 15 volunteer hours were recorded plus an unknown number of hugs from the recipients

-George A. Minter, GK

As in paradise, God walks in the Holy Scriptures, seeking man.

St Ambrose

Other Knights covered the parish front lawn.



Knights Help MOMs with Pancakes



"The Ministry of Mothers (MOMs) actually started 30 years ago at Little Flower parish," explained ministry leader Christine Rossi. "The pastor at that time, Father King asked my mother, Paula Rathier, to organize a group for Catholic mothers. I remember helping her set up chairs and putting out plates of cookies."

MOMs started at St Rose of Lima last January. Thirty-seven moms come together twice a month. Alternately, one group of moms make breakfast for the others. Then they have a live speaker (or a video) followed by discussion, craft time and prayer. Topics range from marriage, to motherhood to Catholic spirituality. Meetings last about two hours. "The only requirement for membership is that you must be a mother with a child under the age of ten," said Christine.

The moms bring their "little ones" with them -- all 120 of them. "We hire a licensed nanny service," Christine said. "These ladies are trained even to handle medical emergencies." This is where the Knights come in. "We asked the Knights to help us with some of the costs," added Christine. "They gave us a \$500 donation and the proceeds of a pancake breakfast. A dozen of us moms came to help serve." (Proceeds of the breakfast came to \$1,100).

"A very heartfelt thank you to the Knights. We include you in our prayers," said Christine.

*The rich man who gives
to the poor does not
bestow alms but pays a
debt.*

St Ambrose

Knights Asked for Sponsorship



David Willems

David Willems is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Reno. Last month Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg gave David an assignment: enable students from rural parishes to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. The conferences are an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville held every year in 25 locations across North America. "Our young people are especially struggling with their identity and worth. This is why helping them encounter the Lord is vital," said David. The mission of

*Love is like a shadow,
one can only catch it by
falling into it.*

St Ambrose

these conferences is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. And they succeed.

Over the last two decades, 20% of those ordained to the priesthood or professing vows to a religious order have attributed the Steubenville Conference as the place they heard God's call. "We had three parishes in the summer of 2023 attend and five individuals came forward when asked if they felt a call to the priesthood or religious life," David added. "These are inspiring numbers about the power of these conferences."

"I am pleased to share that on July 12 to 14, I will lead 31 teens and chaperones from a few of our rural parishes in our diocese to a Steubenville Conference in Tucson, AZ. Please keep these individuals in your prayers that they may come to know, love, and serve the Lord throughout their life," David concluded.

David asked if Councils in the Reno Diocese would be willing to sponsor a conference attendee.

Shed for the Marvin Picollo Riding School



L to R: SK Steve Bryan, Sue Lennon, SK Chip Lindloff, and SK Don Eberlein

"Special needs kids -- that's what the Marvin Picollo School is all about," said Sue Lennon, Program Facilitator at the School. "We are one of two schools in Reno that are set up for special needs kids. We have about 80 kids right now --- many of them in wheelchairs. What makes Marvin Picollo unique is our equestrian program. There's nothing like it in the state."

"As part of their physical education, the kids come here to ride horses," Sue explained. "I've seen kids come here all tense, with their arms crossed tightly and looking fearful. We get them on a horse and after a lap or two around the arena, they relax, their arms come down to their sides and they begin to smile. That's my reward. That's what keeps me at the job -- the smile." Sue has worked at the school since 2001.

The equestrian school gets no money from Washoe County. It relies entirely on donations and fund-raising events. "That's where the Knights come in," said Sue. "The Knights have paid for a swamp cooler, a lift to get the kids off and on the horses, a wheelchair ramp, some fencing and now a tack shed."

Council 13842 intended to pay the entire cost for the building the shed. ACE Charter High School's construction department agreed to put the tack shed together, showcasing the practical skills of its students. The High School donated not just the labor, but also the cost of materials needed for the shed. Reno Rock Transport laid the concrete pad without charge. The Council paid to transport the shed to Marvin Picollo, then three Knights painted the shed.

*And let them remember
that prayer should
accompany the reading of
Sacred Scripture, so that
God and man may talk
together; for "we speak
to Him when we pray;
we hear Him when we
read the divine saying."*

St Ambrose

American Flag Exchange



L to R: SK Don Eberlein, SK Rich Solferino and SK Bill Stone

It is not enough just to wish well; we must also do well.

St Ambrose

Following discussions at an earlier Assembly meeting, Sir Knight Rich Solferino put together a flag exchange program. He first tested out the idea of an exchange at a Pancake Breakfast at St Rose. "Give us your old, faded or torn American flag and we'll give you a new one," he offered. The response was strongly positive.

Rich then bought 80 American flags from Amazon. ("They had the best price," he said.) Then Rich and a team of veterans from Council 13842 took the time to fold each flag properly. At all the Masses on the Memorial Day weekend, Rich and several other Knights set up a table in the Narthex at St Rose of Lima for the flag exchange. "I was amazed at the response. We collected 31 old flags and gave out 69 brand new flags," Rich said. At one Mass, SK Chris Bessey appeared in his "dress blues." He is a retired Navy pilot with the rank of Lt. Commander. The response was astonishing. Vets congratuated the Knights for their efforts. One woman took a new flag and kissed it. "I love this flag," she said, "I love this country."

Rich collected more than \$700 in donations. He plans another flag exchange on the Labor Day weekend. "But first we'll have to buy more flags. We only have 11 left."

Delivering the Goods



The devil's snare does not catch you, unless you are first caught by the devil's bait.

St Ambrose

State Treasurer Tom Villardi had an assignment for Worthy Sir Knight Russell J Bernhardt, the Financial Secretary and Publicist for Ponderosa Council 4928: deliver checks to the four Seminarian Raffle winners in Northern Nevada. "As promised, I presented the winning \$1,000 raffle ticket award to Ross Armstrong of Holy Cross Catholic Community Church in Sparks today. Attached is photographic evidence of Ross with smiles. The other guy also smiled," said Russell. "I also awarded the winning \$75 raffle ticket award to Trixie Anne Manito of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sparks today. Trixie also was all smiles. Finally, I turned over the two winning raffle ticket awards totaling \$400 to our Worthy Council Treasurer Bryan Recla. He didn't smile because it's back to the bank for him. It's hard being a council officer in the early morn."

Family of the Month for May 2024



For the month of May, Ponderosa Council 4928 recognizes Bro. Robin K. Pagni and Lady Christi as our Family of the Month for their continuing contribution to the success of two of the Council's signature service initiatives: the annual Sparks Police Department Appreciation Luncheon and the Bishop's Youth Rally luncheon.

Bro. Robin helped plan, coordinate and purchase food for these events, and Lady Christi helped in food prep, set up, and cafeteria-style service for both programs as an active Lady of the Knights. To be fair to both, however, these duties often overlap because they volunteer as a team.

- George A. Minter, GK

If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt.

St Ambrose

Knight of the Month for May 2024

Bro. Arthur G. Taviera is a relatively new member who currently holds the Ponderosa Council 4928 office of Inside Guard. At many Holy Cross weekend masses during the month of April, he was a frequent promoter of Seminary Education Fund raffle ticket sales and membership in the Council with success.



In addition, he volunteered to assume the responsibility for weekly collection of donated aluminum beverage cans deposited in the council recycling bin located in the parish parking lot, then bagging and delivering them to the WM - Recycling Facility in Reno. The proceeds help fund our Student Financial Aid program. For all that he does, Bro. Art is recognized as our May Knight of the Month.

- George A. Minter, GK

Family of the Year

At the end of each Fraternal Year, a committee of Ponderosa Council Knights review the Families of the Month for the previous year. They look for activities the family has performed and commitments the family fulfilled that are extraordinary, excellent, and "above and beyond." The family is then awarded the "Family of the Year" distinction.



Few can match the commitment of the Deacon Herbert A. Melendez family to Holy Cross Catholic Community in Sparks, NV. SK Herb has been a Council member for over 17 years and a Former District 2 and District 6 Deputy, as well as a Former State Council Hispanic Development Field Director (North). His bilingual language skills have not only helped as a recruitment tool for new members, but he has also served as a language translator for the Council and during the Spanish mass.

On September 10, 2022, SK Herb completed the four-year Diocese of Reno Diaconate Formation program and currently serves as a Deacon at the parish. Lady Mirna is equally active in the parish and is a member of the Ponderosa Council Ladies of the Knights. Herb Jr. is a Council member who is on active military duty. Daughter Irazema now lives on her own in Reno, NV working as a health specialist for the state of Nevada. Son Khris is a Council member and a volunteer teacher in the parish Children's Liturgy class program. Daughter Yisseth and son Joshua frequently operate the remote monitor screens on display during mass. For all that they do, the Melendez family are recognized as the Council's Family of the Month for February.

What is impossible to God? Not that which is difficult to His power, but that which is contrary to His nature.

St. Ambrose

Knight of the Year

At the end of each Fraternal Year, a committee of Ponderosa Council Knights review the Knights of the Month for the previous year. They look for activities the Knight has performed and commitments the Knight fulfilled that are excellent, extraordinary and "above and beyond." The Knight is then awarded the "Knight of the Year" distinction.



*When we find ourselves
in some grave danger we
must not lose courage
but firmly trust in God,
for where there is the
greatest danger, there is
also the greatest help
from Him who wants to
be called our 'Help' in
times of peace and in
times of tribulation.*

St Ambrose

SK Russell J. Bernhardt has held the office of Financial Secretary since July 2019. In addition to addressing the day-to-day membership records accounting, and providing the financial oversight of the Council, he understands the importance of communication as the glue that holds the membership together to achieve program success. As such, he continues to serve as the Council Webmaster, the Council Publicist, and as Program Chair for such diversified service initiatives as the Council Student Financial Aid Program, and Knights at the Aces ball game ticket sales. For all that he does, SK Russell is recognized as the Ponderosa Council Knight of the Year.

As the Columbian Year Ends

By Al S. Pena State Program Director

Our year end State convention held on May 4-6 was the most attended in the history of our State. His Excellencies, Archbishop Leo Thomas and Bishop Gregory Gordon celebrated the mass at the Sand Coast Casino & Resort.

Brothers, as this 2023/2024 Columbian year draws to a close, I encourage you to look back and view the accomplishments you have done. The picture indeed was rosy and spectacular and full of promises: four of our Councils have achieved STAR Council status by reaching or exceeding their membership quotas and meeting the requirements for insurance promotion and 12-13 more just need to complete the other requirements.. We have a month more to go and there are still some Councils on the brink of earning it. We were first in group 4 and 8 nationwide in achieving our membership quota. Now, as we enter into a new Columbian year, we can celebrate and take pride in what we have accomplished and start making plans to do what we have not.

The place to start is do what we term in management as a post mortem analysis of your SP7 report. As the term implies, a postmortem report is a collaborative reflection that allows a team to assess the successes, challenges, and failures of a particular project after it is completed. In other words, it is an opportunity to conduct a retrospective analysis of work processes, team-collaboration, and technology use in the workplace.

You can start by filling out Form 1728 which is an analysis of your Council activities for the year. For those Councils who have achieved a STAR status, picking up another program will simply add another feather to your cap. To those who have not, select from the list of programs under the categories of Faith, Family, Community and Life. Keep in mind that you need four points in each of this categories to earn your Columbian award. You earn two points if you selected a featured program and meet the minimum requirements. One point for a non featured program. (Please refer to the attached worksheet.)

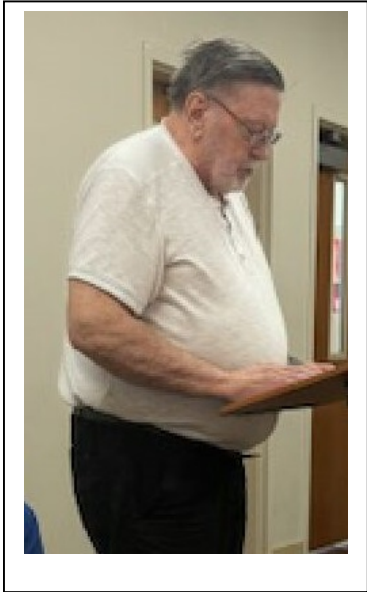
Once you have selected your programs, engage and organize your members. Have a signup sheet for volunteers who are willing to volunteer their time, effort and energy to make the program successful. Successful programs attract and vice versa. You can appoint a Chairman for each committee who will report to the over-all Program Director. The over-all Program Director is responsible for keeping track of the activities of the chairman of the different program committees. He will create a chart of the Council's programs as they ended up the year and add new programs that they have decided to add. He is responsible to report the progress of each Committee to the Grand Knight at the monthly Council meeting.

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*Do not desert a friend in
time of need, nor forsake
him nor fail him, for
friendship is the support
of life.*

St Ambrose

Second COR Session for Council 12877



Council 12877 in Sparks hosted the second round of The COR on Sunday June 9, 2024 at Immaculate Conception Church. We joined together and prayed the Holy Rosary before the 9:30 Mass then proceeded to the Faith Formation Building to discuss St Joseph. WGK Ritchie Matoza welcomed 38 men as Faith Director Terry Walsh and Deacon Ron Klonkie facilitated the program. State Treasurer elect and council trustee Leo Carew III was also in attendance



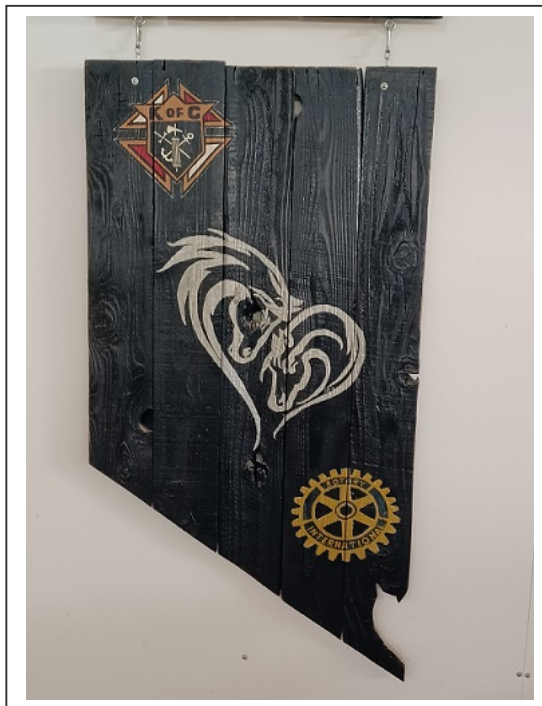
This Month's Photos

MOMs Breakfast



This Month's Photos

Marvin Picollo School



Knight in the Light

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Service. Heeding the call to service, Shane went on to attend Texas A&M University as a member of the Corps of Cadets. As a cadet, he was Head Drum Major of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band and was also a member of SEAL Platoon, while still finding time to remain active as a Knight. Upon graduation in 1998, he was commissioned in the United States Navy, immediately left for flight school, and earned his Wings of gold in 2000.

His operational tours span the East Coast, West Coast, Japan, and Europe. He has flown with VAW-121 "Bluetails", VAW-115 "Liberty Bells", VAW-117 "Wallbangers", VAW-120 "Greyhawks", and commanded the VAW-125 "Tigertails" the Fleet's first E-2D Hawkeye squadron. He has flown with Carrier Air Wing ONE, FIVE, SEVEN, and ELEVEN, while embarked onboard the USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), USS JOHN F KENNEDY (CV 67), USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), and USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) in support of Operations NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, numerous patrols in the Western Pacific. During his 26 years as a Carrier Aviator, Shane accumulated over 3,300 hours in the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye, E-2C, F/A-18D, F-16B, S-3B, E-3B, and others. He logged over 600 carrier arrested landings, and 174 combat missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Patriotism. After multiple tours at sea, he was stationed in Washington, DC on the Joint Staff. Here he became involved in the local Council, and pursued full Knighthood from 2012-2014, when he was exemplified in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degrees. He then became active in the local Assembly, bringing to full realization his Catholic Patriotism, deeply rooted in his family heritage. Here he held minor Officer positions in both the Council and Assembly, while he learned about the administration and upkeep of the Knights organization from the older Knights, who were quickly becoming less old than him!

Later, during his tour in Naples, Italy from 2019-2022, he served in various Officer positions in the San Gennaro Council and culminated as Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. He also participated in the European Assembly for Military members. During this experience, Shane grew to appreciate the solemn sacrifice that truly accompanies service as a Faithful Knight, and the impact that the organization has on the community and the world around them.

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Knight in the Light

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Legacy. Shane is happily married to the former Carly Camp, his college sweetheart. Carly is an Elementary School Teacher, and they both taught Catholic Catechism to elementary age children during Sunday School. Shane and Carly have raised three daughters, Chloe, Sasha, and Layla, who are each strong in the Catholic Faith. All three are currently attending Texas A&M University, studying Business, Sociology, and Nutrition, respectively. They are members of St Mary's Catholic Church in College Station, where they perform in the Church Orchestra, playing Violin, Cello, and Contra-Bass Violin. Shane is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Fallon, NV, where he is a member of the local Council and Assembly. Though he is still enjoying the charity, unity, and fraternity of his brother Knights, he has realized that they are no longer older than him! The wisdom, spiritual growth, and Catholic brotherhood that he shares with his fellow Knights all over the world, garnered over the course of 31 years of Knighthood, must now be passed down to the next generation of young, Worthy, and Faithful Knights. This is our Legacy.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

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The Committee Chairman for each program will report Council activities and keeps track of these activities in his chart such as:

- 1.) The number of Council members who participated
- 2.) Non-members
- 3.) The number of volunteer hours
- 4.) What was accomplished
- 5.) Opportunities discovered
- 6.) Problems encountered
- 7.) Who benefited. How many? Please quantify your answers.

If you follow this simple tracking procedure, you can stay on top of programs you are doing and planning to implement and be able to track progress or lack of progress and address those accordingly. The Council activities should be intensely focused on the Programs and the results. This is how you solidify your Community support.

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As the Columbian Year Ends

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I have attached a program handbook compiled by the Program Director of the State of California which I will ask our incoming State Secretary to distribute to you for your reference. There are at least 42 programs on the list, but there could be more depending on the needs of your respective communities. You can tailor your programs and get your communities involved.

In addition, the Knights have a Wheelchair drive program. I encourage you to do some fund raising in your Council for the purpose of buying wheelchairs. All you have to do is get the permission of your Pastor. A video is available for your members and parishioners to see and feel the gratitude of the children and adults who were the lucky beneficiaries of these wheelchairs. It gave them mobility and a chance to be independent. Whereas before they have to rely upon a member of their family to carry them on their backs to even just go to the bathroom. Now, they can get around with a wheelchair. The parents are also very grateful for our help and support. For countries where these wheelchairs are going, they are a gift from heaven. Is this not what faith in action is all about?

We communities are going through dramatic changes. We have seen the increase in homelessness from one end of the spectrum to the other. People living in tents, under the bridge, parks, and empty houses and buildings. This is not America. This is not a picture of one of the richest countries in the world. With the increase in homelessness comes the need for more assistance, food, sanitary facilities, water, clothes, health care, etc. The Knights of Columbus have long been a source of little comfort of our brothers in need. Many are even veterans who have been vested with misfortune of losing their homes, getting divorced or are suffering from PTSD or some form of disability. We have not and will not turn our back on them and the other sectors of our society who are needing help.

Brothers, the challenge is upon us to help the members of our community needing help. We cannot afford to turn our backs on them. Let us unite and make a determined effort to make a difference in our community. Let our presence be a symbol of hope and a head start of a new beginning. Let us not leave anybody behind.

Matthew 25:36 (NIV)

"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."