# The Silver Knight News

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# State Deputy's Message



**State Deputy Meynard Infantado** 

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### Good day!

First let me say a word about the 114th State Convention. I sat up close and watched Archbishop Thomas and Bishop Gordon say Mass. This was a moment I will never forget as a Catholic and as a Knight. The Gala Dinner after Mass was the largest ever put on by the Knights of Columbus in Nevada the 114 year convention history. I found it personally rewarding to see so many Knights come together.

Next, I want to congratulate our new State Officers: David Ryan, Dave Clarke, Leo Carew, Mike Brady, and J. J. Wilder. God's blessings on your

efforts in the coming year. May Blessed Fr. McGivey be your guide.

My personal congratulations also to all the Award Winners. I am very glad the State Council can recognize your accomplishments and my hope is that other Councils will be inspired by your efforts.

I want add how very proud I am that, in total, Nevada Councils reached 120% of the membership goal set by Supreme. Throughout the state, a good number of councils exceeded their membership goals and half-a-dozen were only one or two short of their goals. Very good work! Membership growth has always been one of my priorities.

Lastly, I want to thank leadership team I have had the privilege to work with this passed year. Each member of the team took on his assigned tasks and saw them through to completion. Look at the results: an outstanding convention and an outstanding year. You made it happen. My thanks to every one of you.

Enjoy the good weather and have some family time this weekend.

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The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross.

Anthony of Padua

# Congratulations to Our New State Officers



L to R: State Treasurer Leo Carew, State Deputy David Ryan, State Secretary Dave Clarke, State Warden Mike Brady, and State Advocate J. J. Wilder.

These five State Council Officers were elected Sunday, May 5, at the 114th Annual Convention in Las Vegas.



### Membership Growth Report

### Brothers,

Many councils had a phenomenal year inviting men to join our Order. As of today, Nevada is at 115.97 percent of the goal set by Supreme. I want to apologize to Grand Knight Richard Matoza and members of council 12877. I missed recognizing them at the convention as a top performer in membership. They are at 200 percent of their goal. Fantastic job!

The following seventeen councils have reached or exceeded their goal for membership: 2828, 4997, 5448, 5693, 7708, 9899, 10442, 12877, 13392, 13842, 13897, 13944, 14144, 14544, 14784, 14820, & 17996.

The following seven councils need only one to three more members to meet their goals: 978, 8078, 11029, 12690, 6688, 12845 & 13754, 7322, 1780, & 13456. If these councils host one more delta drive, we could have twenty or more Star Councils.

Brothers, we are in the final straight to the finish line for this fraternal year. If your council has not invited one Catholic man to join your council this year, I ask you to host at least one delta drive between now and June 30. Let's finish the year strong and push our judication over the top to the pinnacle level.

If you have any questions or concerns about membership, please give me a call at 702-338-8097 or drop me an email at david.m.ryan1946@gmail.com.

God Bless

David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM State Membership Director

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.

### Note from the State Historian

# The 114th Nevada State Convention's Success is in the History Book. The 142<sup>nd</sup> Supreme Convention is August 6<sup>th</sup>-8th 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.

The life of the body is the soul; the life of the soul is God.

### Knights in Nevada History

# More on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Formation History

The 1901 official description of the Fourth-Degree emblem reads:

"It is a red Isabella cross, a white dove and blue hemisphere, our national colors. It signifies: a dove, 'Columbia,' Flying with the Cross of Faith to the western hemisphere: also, the Holy Ghost, dove of peace, conveying Christianity to the New World."

The watch charm is a miniature emblem on the front side, while on the back is the escutcheon of the constitution, which was also worn on the red, white, and blue baldric. In accord with Christian Knighthood, the sword's handle was in the shape of the cross. The uniform was the formal wear of the period: top hat, black Prince Albert cutaway coat, white shirt, and black tie. The first uniformed corps to as honor guard occurred in Brooklyn in 1902, but the corps was dressed in the three uniforms of the armed services: Marines, Army, and Navy. The following year, the Supreme Board of Directors stipulated that the original formal wear was the only uniform allowed in the color guard with one exception, the New York first regiment uniform that originated in the Civil War.

### 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.

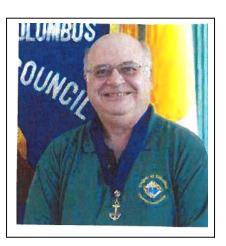
Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's "Blessed" status!

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

Charity is the soul of faith, makes it alive; without love, faith dies.

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

### Sir Knight Thierry V. Barkley, FN



Thierry V. Barkley was born March 21, 1955, in Paris, France. The Barkley family emigrated to the United States in August 1967 and moved to Reseda in the San Fernando Valley in 1969. Thierry graduated from Reseda High School in 1972 with honors including membership in the

California Alcuins Scholarship Federation, Outstanding Teenagers of America and elected a member of the City of Los Angeles Ephebians Society for his civic activities.

Thierry attended UCLA, graduating in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He attended UCLA on a full four-year scholarship as a California State Scholar. At graduation he was honored as one of 50 Chancellor's Marshalls (Blue & Gold). In the summer of 1976, Thierry was proud to see his father's 4th Symphony "America 1976" performed by the San Diego Symphony as part of the nation's bicentennial celebrations

Thierry obtained his Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law, in San Diego in 1979. During this time, Thierry worked with then Prof. Houston Lay who was the director of the International Law Program. Thierry was both a member and director of the School's Phillip C. Jessup Moot Court Team as well as an associate editor with the International Law Journal.

In 1979 Thierry moved to Nevada clerking with the Hon. Merlyn Hoyt for the 7th Judicial District Court. Thierry stayed on for a second term and set roots in Nevada. After a stint as a city prosecutor and general practice, Thierry met his future wife and converted to the Catholic faith.

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The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey, and those who nourish themselves with this honey produce sweet fruit.

### Bishop's Youth Rally 2024



For more than 20 years, Ponderosa Council 4928 has been the sponsor and lead council for the annual Bishop's Youth Rally luncheon. The event is usually held in March at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. This year, nine local councils contributed financial support for the event which welcomes many grammar school age participants from Diocesan parishes to faith programs, Mass, and lunch on-the-house. This year, Old Man Winter changed that schedule with a foot of snow on event day. The Rally was rescheduled to May 11.

On the morning of the rescheduled event, three knights from Msgr. Patrick J. Connors Council 4997 set up their charcoal grill and cooked hamburgers and hot dogs. Meanwhile, 11 Ponderosa Council knights and seven of our Ladies of the Knights helped set up the cafeteria, various food and condiment tables, directed and served approximately 165 youth, chaperones and staff, ending with cleaning up all.

Dignitaries in attendance included Fr. Paul McCollum, Pastor of St. Theresa of the Little Flower Catholic Church, and Fr. Dariusz Miskowicz, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Our Lady of the Snows is reputed to be the home parish of Old Man Winter.

GK George A. Minter

He prays best who does not know that he is praying.

# Eucharistic Congress Held at St Rose



On Saturday April 27, St Rose of Lima Parish hosted the Diocese of Reno Eucharistic Congress. Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg lead the celebration. This is part of a two-year national Eucharistic Revival sponsored by the Catholic Bishops in America. More than 900 people from parishes all over the Diocese registered online for the event.

At noon, Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg led a Eucharistic procession from St Rose to Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. He was preceded by six altar servers with candles and an incensor, followed by the 4th Degree Knight color guard and nearly 500 parishioners.

After the procession, attendees could hear lectures by Dr. Scott Hahn in English in the church, or walk the short distance to Bishop Manogue High School and hear lectures by Sister Norma Pimental in Spanish. Dr. Scott Hahn is the Scanlan Professor of Biblical Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he has taught since 1990. Sister Norma Pimental is a Mexican-American nun of the of the Missionaries of Jesus. Pope Francis praised her for the work and advocacy. In 2020 she was featured as one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People.

Beside the 4th Degree Color Guard, Council 13842 provided 17 of the 21 (or 81%) ushers in attendance during the day.

Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey.

# Sparks Police Appreciation Luncheon





On May 2, Ponderosa Council 4928 hosted its 5th annual Sparks Police Dept. Appreciation Luncheon. This program is never challenged for lack of volunteers. Eighteen knights, and four of our Ladies of the Knights volunteered a total of 134 hours helping plan, shop, setting up, and manning two outdoor grills and the makeshift Training Room line, serving more than 65 officers and staff during this 21/2 hour "lunch hour."

Program Chair Bro. Robin K. Pagni coordinated this event with the city and helped promote this event with station staff. In addition, he and Grand Knight George A. Minter presented a \$600 donation to Police Chief Chris Crawforth (all pictured on left) in support of the City of Sparks Victims Services Unit, a program that provides both emotional and practical support for victims of crime and their families. It's the least we can do for our men and women in blue.

We are formed by environment and grace, by politics and prayer, by church and conscience.
All God's creatures conspire to teach us as well. We stumble. We stutter. We rise. We are lifted.

### Pancake Breakfast with Youth Group



The annual Pancake Breakfast with St Rose of Lima's Youth Group usually takes place in May. This time it was held on April 21

Linda Walsh, Director of Youth and Confirmation, explained that the funds collected from the breakfast will be used to help offset the cost of sending 21 teens and four chaperones to the Steubenville Youth Conference. The Franciscan University at Steubenville, OH, sponsors 20 Youth Conferences every year held in 17 locations throughout the country. This year, St Rose's Youth Group will go to Denver, CO on June 22 to 24. Linda noted that four St Rose teens were selected into the Conference's LEAD program. They will depart on June 17 for several days of training as youth leaders.

This year's Conference speakers include Father Michael Schmitz and Jackie Francois Angel. Fr. Mike is the director of the Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth and chaplain for the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Jackie is a home-schooling mom from Orange County, CA. She has written a book (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) called 5 Steps to Discerning God's Will.

This year's Conference theme is "Illuminate" from John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not comprehend it."

The Knights raised more than \$1,000 at the Youth Group Pancake Breakfast.

Seek refuge in Mary because she is the city of refuge. Mary provides shelter and strength for the sinner.

### Centennial Assembly Receives Diocesan Award



In recognition of the many contributions of volunteers across the Diocese during the prior year, the Diocese of Reno holds an annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. At this year's dinner, held last month at the Atlantis Casino Resort, Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg recognized the Bishop Manogue Assembly 612 for its on-going Diocesan support, its devotion to the Eucharist, its celebration of Catholic citizenship, and its love of the Church through ceremony and tradition.

In the past year alone, Assembly 612 has participated in 16 Color Corps "call outs" in support of Diocesan ceremonials: the multi-day Relics of the Passion presentation, the Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose visitations, and other local parish events and funerals. Assembly 612 is also one of the few Assemblies that donate engraved traveling chalices to new Diocesan priests and to military chaplains. This is done in memory of deceased Assembly members.

In this -- its Centennial year-- the Assembly achieved another remarkable milestone. It is only the second parish organization --- and the first Knights of Columbus organization ever --- to be so recognized by the Diocese of Reno in its dinner event's 21 year history! It's been a very special fraternal year for Bishop Manogue Assembly 612. Cheers!

Earthly riches are like the reed. Its roots are sunk in the swamp, and its exterior is fair to behold; but inside it is hollow. If a man leans on such a reed, it will snap off and pierce his soul.

Anthony of Padua

- SK Thierry V. Barkley, FN

### Raffle Ticket Sales Trophy Remains with 13842



The prayer of the monk is not perfect until he no longer recognizes himself or the fact that he is praying.

Anthony of Padua

Under the leadership of Trustee Steven Bryan, St John Vianney Council 13842 once again won the Seminarian Raffle Ticket Sales gold-cup trophy. In addition, the Council won the silver-cup "Percentage of Sales" trophy.

Steven Bryan expressed his gratitude toward the Knights of the Council. "I couldn't have done this by myself," he said. "What made this happen was the small army of Knights at every door at every Mass selling tickets. Thanks guys!"

Both gold and silver trophies will be on display in Caramela Hall until next year.

Total sales for St John Vianney was \$21,100. Total per sales per member for St John Vianney was \$108. Overall amount collected statewide was \$70,172.

# Passing of Newsom Battle Maples

Dr. Newsom Battle Maples was born in Rocky Mount, NC, on December 26, 1934 and ascended to heaven on April 30, at the age of 89. Newt was a parishioner of St. Alberts, a member of Council 7322 and of Assembly 3118.

After joining the Air Force in 1953, Newt discovered a passion for singing while stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, AK. There, he met Mary Angela Finn and fell madly in love. They toured all over Alaska performing duets for the USO troops. Newt and Mary wed on August 31,1957. Three memorable moments for Newt were singing "How Great Thou Art" to his wife, Mary, during their 50th, 60th and 65th celebratory anniversaries at Mass, a tribute that reflected his love for her and his deep spirituality.

Throughout his career, Newt was known for his kindness, patience, and dedication to nurturing young minds. As a 4th Degree Knight, he was deeply committed to his faith, participating in various community and charitable activities. His sense of duty to others and his unwavering commitment to his family and students left a lasting impact on everyone he encountered. He will be dearly missed.

# Bishop's Youth Rally Attendees



Notice the printing on the back wall

Men will surrender to the spirit of the age. They will say that if they had lived in our day, faith would be simple and easy. But in their day, they will say, things are complex; the Church must be brought up to date and made meaningful to the day's problems.

# Family of the Month for April 2024



SK Bryan and Lady Sandra Recla frequently work as a team. Bryan is the Ponderosa Council 4928 Treasurer and a frequent volunteer at council fundraisers and service initiatives. Sandra is an active participant in the Council's Ladies of the Knights program.

Most recently this family team worked the food serving line at the Breakfast with Santa program, helped prepackage meals for later use by the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, and participated as a family at the Council's recent Corporate Communion mass/reception with Bishop Daniel at Holy Cross. Putting their faith in action is what they do ... and for doing so, Ponderosa Council is pleased to recognize them as our April Family of the Month.

Our thoughts ought by instinct to fly upwards from animals, men and natural objects to their creator.

Anthony of Padua

# Knight of the Month for April 2024

For his continued support of Holy Cross Catholic Community, Ponderosa Council 4928 honors Bro. Ronald J. McClain as its Knight of the Month for April. He frequently serves as a Lector and as a Eucharistic Minister with family at the Saturday evening mass.



For the prior two years, Bro. Ron has led the parish Catholic Service Appeal Campaign and was instrumental in developing the newly formed parish Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund application program. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, he was formally recognized for his faith-based contributions by Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg at the annual Diocesan Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It was an honor well deserved.

### This Year's Award Winners

Faith Activity of the Year

St. Robert Bellarmine 13897 **Eucharistic Adoration/Silver Rose** 

**Community Activity of the Year** 

Our Lady of the Valley 10780 Love Thy Neighbor

Family Activity of the Year

Ponderosa 4928 Breakfast with Santa & Coats for Kids

**Best Cor Program** 

St.Thomas More 17996 Grand Knight Tom Melton & Program Director Mark Gilmore

**Ladies Auxiliary of the Year** 

Ponderosa 4928 Ladies of the Knights (Joyce Minter)

Life Activity of the Year

Holy Spirit 14784 Baby Bottle Campaign

**Nevada State Recruiting Team** 

San Lorenzo Ruiz 13392 **Daniel Ramos** 

David Ryan St. Joseph, Husband of Mary 10442

Pope John XXIII 5448 Carlos Sanchez

**Chaplain Activity of the Year** 

Fr. John McShane Our Lady of Las Vegas Council 9102

Family of the Year

John Paul Aderinola Our Lady of the Desert 12877

**District Deputies of the Year** 

Edmundo Verceles St. Sharbel 14820

Terry Zehl Holy Spirit 14784

**Knight of the Year** 

Fred Wells St. John the Baptist 12690

**Grand Knight of the Year** 

Deacon Dave Walker Prince of Peace 10780

### Prayer Request for Danielle



The wisdom of the worker is revealed in his handiwork.

Anthony of Padua

My fellow Brother Knights,

I write you today to ask for your prayers for my daughter Danielle Menard Mazurowski. Danielle was diagnosed nearly eight years with a ultra rare cancer called adrenocortical carcinoma. The cancer is now in Stage 4. This forced her to retire from an elementary general music teacher career.

She is currently in a clinical trial sponsored by Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago. The plan is for her to have a double lung transplant. However, she must remain in Chicago for 12 months following organ transplant. Her family has had to pick up their home in Virginia and move to the Chicago area where they rented a home in the Chicago suburbs. This has created a tremendous financial burden on them for housing (they have a mortgage on their VA home), as well as utilities, meals and transportation. A Go Fund me account has been set up to assist the family to meet the financial challenge that they will be facing.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/danielles-yearlong-cancer-treatment-in-chicago?utm\_campaign=p\_cp%2Bfundraiser-sidebar&utm\_medium=copy\_link\_all&utm\_source=customer

I will be joining her in the future as one of her caregivers. If you have any questions, feel fee to contact me at: richardc.menard@outlook.com

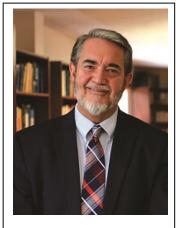
Fraternally, SK Richard Menard Council 8282 Pro-Life ChairArchdiocese of Las Vegas (K of C) Pro-Life Chairman

### This Month's Photos

### **Eucharistic Congress**













Sr. Norma Pimentel





### This Month's Photos

### Council 13842 Hosts Youth Pancake Breakfast











### Knight in the Light

Thierry and Mary Ellen married in the Ely Catholic Church in June 1983. They moved to Reno where Thierry started his career in insurance defense litigation in 1983. The Barkley's have made Sparks their home since 1986 raising four children Richard, Robert, Marriah and Christopher and three grandchildren Lane, Kidden; and Addyson. Thierry's community involvement in the Catholic community started with ushering at his Parish at Holy Cross in Sparks. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1998 completed his three degrees that year. He is an Honorary Life Member. With the Knights of Columbus, he was a Past Grand Knight (2008 and 2021); District Secretary (2007-2008) for the Master of the Fourth Degree Nevada Marvin Harris; District Deputy 2012-2015 with Star District and DD of the year 2013; Nevada State Council Advocate 2015-2019; and is currently the Faithful Navigator for Bishop Manogue Assembly 612 a Star Assembly.

Thierry firmly believes that Charity has been an important part of his life as well as community service. His Catholic faith and the Church's moral compass and ethics have been truly important in his life and business practice.

Thierry is a successful trial attorney licensed for 43 years and is an Office Partner for Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP at their Reno office. Mr. Barkley is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and awarded Who's Who in America 2024-2025.

### **ADMITTED**

- Nevada State Courts
- U.S. District Court District of Nevada
- U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

### **EDUCATION**

- Bachelor of Arts, University of California Los Angeles, 1976
- Juris Doctor, California Western School of Law, 1979 MEMBER

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

- State Bar of Nevada
- Washoe County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Knights of Columbus