



THE SILVER KNIGHT

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A Message from the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

My Dear Brothers In Christ:

Greetings for A Happy Easter!!!

The Lenten Season that has been this year is nothing but extraordinary, as we weren't prepared to be in isolation mode from our respective Parish Church, amidst this impeding COVID 19 pandemic.

This was not the kind of Lenten sacrifice that we had perceived as every church and community activity was put into temporary hiatus. Otherwise, we got together in faith through masses offered by our priests online. We prayed with our families and Brother Knights through messenger online.

In actuality, we bounce back the question on how we try to make most in the grand scheme of things, on how we transpose our deeds into action.

As we all witness about the drastic turn of current events that virally and literally changed our world in a flash: God works in mysterious ways as much as there are uncertainties that this pandemic brings beyond our control, it is our faith that was put into test to come together in this crisis so that we can focus on our Lenten journey in a more significant way. This convergence helped us face the reality as we reflect on our thoughts and be in sync with our spirituality in the light of this predicament.

In response to this challenging times, we had scheduled our 110th State Convention on May 2nd, 2020 (Saturday) from 10:00 am to 12 noon. It will be a Tele and/or Video Conference and full details, web and/or phone info to be announced on April 20th, 2020, Monday (2 weeks before the convention). Your full participation will be a pleasure and is appreciated.

For now, we encourage you to take all precautionary measures to keep fit and healthy to overcome this pandemic. Together we will make it through and in the event you might need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach your Grand Knights, Council Officers, District Deputies or the State Council.

Please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD5Z1D1zwVQ> for Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic and Knights of Columbus Into the Breach video series in YouTube.

Lastly, Thank you for all your efforts, support and keeping the Faith alive for the Good of the Order!

Vivat Jesus!

Nevada State Officers 2019 - 2020

State Deputy	Toni F. Pascua
State Chaplain	Rev. Manny Ramirez Guico
State Secretary	Joe Haun
State Treasurer	Meynard Infantado
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Tom Villardi
State Chaplain Associate of Southern Nevada	Rev. Gerald Grupczynski, SChr.
State Chaplain Associate of Northern Nevada	Fr. Arlon Vegara
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas Thorn
State Chaplain Emeritus	Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P.

Other Nevada State Officers 2019 - 2020

State Executive Secretary	Richard Senninger
State Webmaster	Mark B. Foxwell
State Communications Coordinator	Mark B. Foxwell
State Training Coordinator	Richard Senninger
State College Council Coordinator	Don Cortez
State Young Adult Coordinator	Lance Pascua
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State Public Relations Director	Tom Bush
Health Services Chairman	Dr. Thomas D'Amato
State Historian	J. Michael Connor
State Newsletter Editor	Al Cuccinelli

State “Faith in Action” Program Director

State Faith in Action Program Director	Christopher West
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State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

State Faith Program Director	Hilarion Cordero Jr.
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	Milton Ham
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. Reifsnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair

State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	Gregory Sprigg
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Michael Rinaldi
Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Mark B. Foxwell
LV Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Robert McNamara
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State (South) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman	Mariano Santana

State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Community Program Director	Raymond Brewer
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State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	John Suchewski
State 365 Club Committee Chairman	Ray Gardea, PSD
State Convention Committee Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	Gerry Rockwell
Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Robert Hartman
Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Joseph J. Fournier
State Recognition Committee Chairman	Daniel Mathews
State Health Services Committee Chairman	Dr. John C. DiGrazia
State Audit Committee Chairman	Jim Holmes
State Round Table Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnnyder
State New Council Development Committee Chairman	Edmundo C. Verceles

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State Family Program Director	Edgardo Infantado
State Marian Hour Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
State Athletic Events Committee Chairman	Daniel Barry
Las Vegas Catholic Citizens Essay/Poster Contest Committee Chairman	Jim Shurtliff
Youth Director	Michael Caudell
State Squires Committee Chairman	George A. Minter
Soccer and Free Throw Chairman	Robert Hartman
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Gerry Holinski
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell

State Programs Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Tom Villardi
Online Membership Chairman	Dennis Miguez
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Raymond A. Troik
State Recruitment Committee Chairman	Gerry Rockwell
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis J. Murtaugh
Council Reactivation Chairman	William Harmon
Reno Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Todd Carbal
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	David Strait, PSD

Message from the Supreme Secretary, Michael J. O'Connor

MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR
SUPREME SECRETARY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

March 31, 2020

Worthy State Deputy PASCUA,

During these uncertain times we hope this finds you and your family well.

Because of the current issues with the Coronavirus pandemic, we are sensitive to the impact that this has had on our councils. As a result, the Supreme Council has decided to waive the suspension process for the January 1, 2020 assessments. No council will be suspended on April 10, 2020.

Additionally, the Supreme Council will not levy Per Capita, Catholic Advertising, or Culture of Life assessments on July 1, 2020, for the second half of the calendar year.

Please know that this message will be conveyed to financial secretaries, but we would also ask for your assistance in getting this message to the state family and your council leadership as well.

We have taken measures to make sure councils and state personnel do not receive additional delinquent notifications and reports. However, if you receive any contrary feedback, please let me know so that I can make sure your councils can concentrate on the more pressing matters of COVID-19.

Do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

We hope that you remain safe and healthy.

Fraternally,

Michael J. O'Connor
Supreme Secretary

C: Supreme Directors
Executive Secretaries
Regional Growth Directors
General Agents

State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico



Nevada State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings from the Philippines!

I am writing this email while I've decided to stay put and not to fly & travel during this pandemic. I will return to Las Vegas when everything is "clear & safe" to take international flights. As of now, I'm staying put in Metro Manila.

Hope that all of you are also staying home & safe. Many of our Knights of Columbus activities had been put on hold including many of our Catholic Churches & Parish liturgical activities. I am NOT jumping the gun. But I will assume that our K of C Nevada State Convention (on May 1 - 3) might also be affected. Wait for further & future decisions to be made by our State Deputy Toni Pascua.

During these challenging times, let me offer you my "4 Spiritual F's". They are the FOUR good words: FIGHT FEAR, FIND FAITH.

May we all find the strength to live with & go through this pandemic affecting the entire world.

God bless all of us! Vivat Jesus!

With my prayers,

A Message from the State Warden & Membership Director

SK Tom Villardi



**State Warden
State Membership
Director**

Worthy Brother Knights,

During the time of this worldwide pandemic, I know we are all feeling shut in at our homes. But as Knights we are called to serve and we need to take a moment to reach out to our Brother Knights and friends in our parish. Grand Knights – please activate your phone trees and check on your Brothers in need to see how you can be of help. This time at home is also a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the Supreme website and view the new 1 – 2 – 3 Exemplification. If you have any friends or family who you think would like to come join us, this is a great way to introduce them to the Knights of Columbus!

Nevada still stands as #1 in membership for the US this year and #8 in the world! I was able to add 10 Knights this March through the E-membership site. We are only 73 members away from our quota! On that note, please email any completed Form 100s to me so I can set them up in our E-membership system. When we go back to business as usual, we'll be able to put them through their 1-2-3 Exemplification quickly. But a Knight entered into the E-Membership system is a Knight right away!

I'm here to help in any way possible. Please don't hesitate to ask!

Remember to:

1. Support Your Brother Knights
2. Support Your Parish
3. Support Your Community
4. Feed the Hungry
5. Participate in Blood Drives

Thank you and stay safe.

A Message from the State Retention Director

SK Raymond Troik



State Retention Director

NEVADA RETENTION

Isn't this just a fine situation?
Stay home and call all delinquent knights and establish a relationship so our councils can be strong. So this is NO EXCUSES MONTH. We're home and we have the time. LET'S BRING THEM BACK.

Last week I attended a webinar that really hit the nail on the head; I think. I would like to encourage all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Membership/Retention Chairmen to watch the webinar. Why? Because you don't have anything else to do? NO! Because you want full participation by all members of YOUR Council. Check out the webinar.

Use the link below to enter the webcast at any time.

WEBCAST LINK:

<https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/2225706/5AF358B9F8934FA90A0313862AC177A3?mode=login&email=raytroik@me.com>

EMAIL: raytroik@me.com

YOU can use my email address to enter the webinar in case your email doesn't work. I believe they present more ways of accessing information than I even thought of. I'm going to watch it again so I can help/advise when needed.

If you have any further questions or suggestions please contact us directly at fraternaltraining@kofc.org or call the Fraternal Mission department at (203) 752-4270.

We had a recent experience in our Council where one of our members reached out to a delinquent brother. NOTHING! Turns out the brother isn't at his address; doesn't answer his phone and the email bounces back. What do you do? WATCH THE WEBINAR! They have the answer!

I have notification from Supreme of more than 50 members have been dropped from our brotherhood. Let this never happen again. We're letting down our brothers. Granted it NOTall OUR FAULT. Let's try and BRING 'EM BACK! Your Council; Your Project; Your BROTHERS!

Stay Healthy! HAPPY EASTER!

State Deputy March 2020 Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy



With State Warden SK Tom Villardi (forth from left), PR Chairman Tom Bush (fifth from left) and the Southern Nevada Color Corps during the Dedication Ceremony at Veteran’s Village, Las Vegas.



St Jude Council 9102 hosted their Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at Our Lady of Las Vegas. Photo shows Grand Knight Bernie (2nd from right/background) and some of his Council Officers and Members. Also shown (L-R foreground) is State Warden Tom Villardi ,and State Deputy Toni Pascua.

NEWSFLASH

SK Toni Pascua

Worthy Grand Knights:

The Nevada State Council is giving away this nice tablecloth (see attached photo) that you can use for your council meetings, socials or membership drives. All you have to do is complete the following criteria:



State Deputy

1. 100 % in Membership Quota (300% and up in membership Quota will get a personalized - Council name and number)
2. Complete the Faith in Action / Columbian Award Requirements on or before April 15th, 2020
3. Must be in good standing in all Supreme and State Council Assessments on or before April 15th, 2020.
4. Must be in Compliance – Praesidium’s Armatus / Safe Environment



Be one of the First Council to get this prize!

Fraternally,

Toni Pascua
State Deputy
Nevada State Council

"Spearheading Membership Growth, One Knights at a Time"

State Historian Report and April 2020 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Brother Knights - During this time of evolving new normal, in multiple ways, please pray for the wisdom and guidance from our Lord Jesus Christ to help those who are tending the sick and seeking a vaccine.

Other updates are as follows:

1. I am continuing to work with the District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to appoint 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 significant events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position in your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
2. In concert with our new Worthy State Deputy Toni F. Pascua 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.
3. To accomplish the infill of Past State Deputy's Biographical information, from 2000 to the current Columbian year; I will continue to work with resources from Supreme and PSD Ray Gardea to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information for a few PSD's.

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 work with my Brothers. Make this new Columbian Year the best year ever for your respective Council and Assembly.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual State Convention in Las Vegas, May 1st through May 3rd.

Knights of Columbus History Fact:**Ironically, losses of this Pandemic of 2020 have an historic parallel to our Founder.**

Did you know that the Asiatic flu Pandemic of 1889-1890 had a significant impact on our Order 130 years ago? As a result, one of the largest funerals in the history of Waterbury, Connecticut took place. The throngs who attended were grieving the death of Father Michael Joseph McGivney, on August 14, 1890, at age 38, having been ordained only thirteen years prior, in 1877. Delegates were present from nearly all 57 KofC councils which had been started in the first eight years. The bishop of Hartford and more than 70 of Connecticut's Catholic priests were joined by many civic leaders. There was a great procession by the attendees honoring Father McGivney. To celebrate the Centennial of the founding of the Knights of Columbus in 1982. The KofC brought the remains of Father McGivney from Waterbury back to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where he had founded the Order. There he now rests in a setting in which daily Mass is offered for the deceased members of the Order and prayers are said to his honor.

At the first memorial service for deceased Knights held later in the year that Father McGivney died, this is tribute accorded to him:

"He was a man of the people. He was zealous of the people's welfare and all kindness of his priestly soul asserted itself more strongly in his increasing efforts for the betterment of their condition...Oh, Reverend Founder... that act alone which gave life to the Knights of Columbus has surely secured for thee everlasting joy and eternal peace".

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

“Knight in the Light”

WPSD Sir Knight James Joseph Kelly, PSD, PFN, PGK

Born in Los Angeles, California on the 28th of June 1944 to Margaret Mary and Phillip Leo Kelly. His father was an honorary life member, Past Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator in Hollywood, California.

A cradle catholic educated in Catholic Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade in Los Angeles. Upon graduation from high school, while taking a “year off”, was drafted into the United States Army. Released from active duty he returned to California and began employment in Law Enforcement with the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Department in Eureka. He made all of his degrees in Eureka, California in 1967. In 1968 he joined the City of Las Vegas Police Department. He transferred to the Roseville Police Department in 1970 while attending McGeorge School of Law. He obtained his Juris Doctorate and was licensed to practice Law in Nevada in 1973.

He returned from reserve to active duty with the Army in 1973 serving in Germany until 1977. Returned to the National Guard in 1977 and served in various judicial capacities both in the reserves and active duty, He retired on December 31, 1991 obtaining the rank of Colonel.

Upon his move to Reno in 1987 he transferred to Our Lady of Snows, Council 4997 where he was the Grand Knight from 2002 to 2005. During his tenure as Grand Knight the council led the state in membership growth increasing by 340% in 2003. He has served in a majority of the council chairs. He was elected as State Advocate in 2006 and as State Deputy in 2008 where he served through 2010. While State Deputy saw the institution of four new councils and received “circle of honors” award. He was the State Deputy for the Centennial celebration of the Nevada State Council. He remains active in his council serving in several capacities since his term as State Deputy. He is an Honorary life member of our Order.

He married his wife Donna on June 25, 1966. They have 5 children, James (1967), Bridgette (1970), Sean (1972) Mike (1973) and Tim (1978). They have 13 grandchildren the eldest being married in March of 2018. His sons have continued activity in the Knights as 3rd and 4th degree Knights. You may want to connect with our WPSD Jim using his email: jimngbh@hotmail.com.

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

Family of the Month Announcement - February 2020

SK Thomas Thorn



Immediate Past State Deputy

Congratulations to the **Ramon Alano** family from Council 12877 for being selected Supreme's Nevada Family of the Month for February 2020.

Thank you also, to the 5 Nevada Councils that felt their family of the month were worth sending to Supreme for consideration.

Vivat Jesus,

Friends for Life: Dinner & Auction 2020

SK George A Minter

Brother Knights,

Now, approaching some ten years, Ponderosa Council 4928 has participated in the Friends for Life Dinner & Auction, purchasing a table for eight. The Council purchases the table from it's General Fund, made possible through our 3 major outside fund-raising events.



Council #4928
Program Director

The room was packed with multiple parishes and councils purchasing these tables for eight, costing \$600.00 each. In attendance were many of our Parish Priests, Brother Knights with their Wives and even Families.

Numerous Politicians, both past and present were in attendance, all of whom are identified as Pro-Life supporters, this being an election year, we need to know them by their face, name and that they stand with us! On the table, this year is a Statutory Initiative in Nevada for Parental Notification (regarding a minor having an abortion).



Photo-left to right, (with their wives seated) of Ponderosa Council 4928:

1. FDD, PGK George A. Minter (Joyce);
2. PSA, FDD, PGK Thierry Barkley (Mary Ellen);
3. PGK, PFN Michael Morris (Carla);
4. Brother Bryan Recla (Sandy).

VIVAT JESUS!

Twenty Consecutive Years: Challenger Little League

SK George A Minter



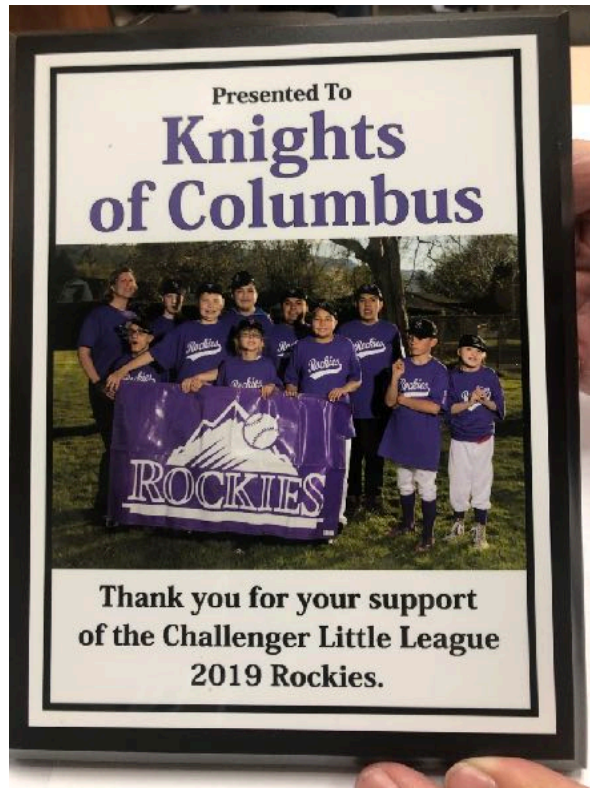
Council #4928
Program Director

Brother Knights,

At Ponderosa Council 4928's March 3rd Council Business Meeting, our Tootsie Roll Chairman Brother Chuck Moses presented this plaque to our Council, marking the 20th year in a row of Ponderosa Council support for this group of People with Intellectual Challenges. It will be hung with the others in our Council chambers.

Twenty-two Knights and family volunteered at the Pyramid Highway, Sparks location Walmart on October 19th and 20th, totaling 126 service hours.

Ponderosa Council covered all of cost, amounting to \$273.00. The \$1,762.00 raised over these two days, went directly to the State Council, who then issued the check to the Challenger Little League.



VIVAT JESUS!

Council 9102 - Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Drive Charity Award

SK Bernie Iwasczszyn

Brother Knights,

On March 6, our council presented Grant a Gift Autism Foundation with our Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds. This is the 2nd year that we were able to donate to this very worthy cause.



Grand Knight



Left to right:

GK Bernie Iwasczszyn, Terri Janison, President & CEO of Grant a Gift Autism Foundation and DGK Joe Suarez Jr.

Annual Hawaiian Luau

SK Fred Smith



Faithful Captain

Mark Your Calendars for a Fun Evening!!

Our Annual Hawaiian Luau is set for June 13. Cash Bar will open at 5:30 and Dinner will start at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are now available for \$25 and your tickets include one free drink.

You can purchase your tickets from me at this week's Assembly meeting, from your Grand Knight, or on our Assembly website: [Click Here for Luau Tix](#).

This is the only fundraiser this Assembly conducts each year. We hope you'll consider attending. See you Wednesday night!

Vivat Jesus!
SK Fred Smith
Faithful Captain and Luau Chairman
509-499-1622

Bishop's Youth Rally; March 7th 2020

SK George A Minter



Council #4928
Program Director

Most Worthy Brother Knights,

I had wanted to get this sent out earlier this week, but I continue to be busy with Knights of Columbus stuff. Most of you know of what I speak.

This is two fold,

1st - as a Thank You to the Councils for their financial and council support for this annual event. Many of your Councils have supported this from the start. I'd Like to thank Councils 4928 and 4997, who turn-out every year to cook and serve. I hope the new way of doing business is to your liking, as we prepared and sent out the refunds...mmm...very fast.

2nd - I'd like the State Council know what we "Up North" have been up to.

You know, I'm a proud member of Ponderosa Council 4928, which will have their 60th Year as a chartered Council on April 10th, 2020. But I'm very proud of when we, individual Councils can coordinate our efforts for an event like the Bishop's Youth Rally and the Special Olympics, etc. "Deus Major Est Imperatores".



VIVAT JESUS!