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# THE SILVER KNIGHT

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## Leadership Positions

## Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

State Deputy	Joe Alvin Haun
State Chaplain	Rev. John McShane
State Secretary	Meynard Infantado
State Treasurer	Tom Villardi
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Dan St. Pierre
Associate State Chaplain	Rev. Gerald R. Grupczynski, SChr.
Immediate Past State Deputy	Toni F. Pascua
State Executive Secretary	Al Cuccinelli

## District Deputies / Councils

District 1	Councils 978, 4997, 7322, 16207	Mathew Mareno (7322)
District 2	Councils 4928, 10577, 12877, 14588	Steve Schiwart (4928)
District 3	Councils 4828, 6688, 13897, 13924	Pete Comerford (13924)
District 4	Councils 4781, 12845, 13842, 13944	Michael Houdyshell (12845)
District 5	Councils 1340, 2380, 2511, 2666	Charles Reifsnyder (1340)
District 6	Councils 5448, 9437,9899	Jesus Sanchez (9437)
District 7	Councils 7708, 8282, 13754	Bill Ennis (13754)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 12690	Gerry Rockwell (13392)
District 9	Councils 10442, 10780, 14144, 14784	Raymond Foster (10442)
District 10	Councils 3741, 13456, 15061	Matthew Garnes (13456)
District 11	Councils 8078, 13392, 14820	Edmundo Verceles (14820)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Dennis Murtaugh (14544)

## Other Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

State Program Director	Dan St. Pierre
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr.
Webmaster & Communications Director	Kenneth J Sawyer
Special Assistance / Sick and Bereavement Chairman	Roger Watson
State Training Coordinator	Ed Verceles
State College Council Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
State Young Adult Outreach Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Budget Committee Chairman	Meynard Infantado
State Disaster Committee Chairman	Terry W. Zehl
State Public Relations Chairman	Steve Coe
Health Services Chairman	Dr. Thomas D'Amato
State Historian	J. Michael Brady
State Newsletter Editor	Al Cuccinelli

## State “Faith in Action” Program Chair

State Faith in Action Program Chairman Dan St. Pierre

## State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

State Faith Program Director	Hilarion Cordero Jr
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	IPSD Toni F. Pascua
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. Reifsnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair
State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	PSD Thomas Thorn
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr
Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Mark B. Foxwell
Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair (Las Vegas)	<i>Vacant</i>

## State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Al Pena
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	Daniel Barry
Awards/Report Forms Director	Al Cuccinelli
State Squires Committee Chairman	George A. Minter
Soccer and Free Throw Chairman	Robert Hartman
Keep Christ in Christmas Program Chair	Digna Pena

## State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Community Program Director	Raymond Brewer
State 365 Club Committee Chairman	PSD Ray Gardea
State Convention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Robert Hartman
Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Pete Comerford
State Recognition Committee Chairman	Daniel Mathews
State Audit Committee Chairman	PSD Thomas Thorn
State Round Table Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnyder

State New Council Development Committee Chair      Sammy Dagher

## State LIFE “*Faith in Action*” Programs

State Life Director	John DeBord
State Silver Rose Chairman	Steven P. Schiwart
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Michael Gagnon
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell
State Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee Chairman	John Suchewski
State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	John Suchewski

## State Membership Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Christopher T. Traver
Online Membership Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Recruitment Committee Chairman	Ray Troik
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis Murtaugh
State Council Reactivation Chairman	Tom Howerter
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	PSD David Strait
State Council Retention Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
State Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator	Jesus Sanchez
State Hispanic Development Committee Chairman	
Reno	Herbert Melendez
Las Vegas	Jesus Sanchez
State Filipino Development Coordinator	
Reno	George Michael Alvendia
Las Vegas - South	Pro Edillo
Las Vegas - North	Francis Dayao

## Supreme Council Announcements



# 2020-2021 Circle of Honor – Pinnacle Award

SK Patrick E Kelly



Supreme Knight

PATRICK E. KELLY  
SUPREME KNIGHT

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Deputies & Immediate Past State Deputies  
**FROM:** Patrick E. Kelly  
Supreme Knight *Patrick E. Kelly*  
**DATE:** July 22, 2021

It is my pleasure to announce the jurisdictions that have qualified for the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor during the 2020-2021 fraternal year. The following jurisdictions succeeded despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, attaining 100% or higher of their intake goal. State Councils achieving more than 110% of their intake goal will receive the prestigious Pinnacle Award. Congratulations to all!

**2020-2021 CIRCLE OF HONOR – PINNACLE AWARD**

**NEVADA – 249.47%**  
Past State Deputy Antonio F. Pascua  
Former State Membership Director Rev. Manuel Guico

**MANITOBA – 218.89%**  
Past State Deputy Daniel P. Shepherd  
Former State Membership Director Guy M. Precourt

**ALBERTA – 191.67%**  
Past State Deputy Vicente R. Reyes  
Former State Membership Director Leonardo M. Sosa Jr.

**LUZON SOUTH – 188.02%**  
Luzon South Deputy Bonifacio Martinez  
Former State Membership Director Manolito M. Magsino

**MINDANAO – 182.34%**  
Mindanao Deputy Gerry Eutemio T. Mission  
Former State Membership Director Adrian B. Boston

**MEXICO NORTHEAST – 159.58%**  
State Deputy Roberto Martinez Ramos  
State Membership Director Luis G. Manriquez Moya

**LUZON NORTH – 149.85%**  
Luzon North Deputy Rene V. Sarmiento  
Former State Membership Director Armando C. Gonzales

**VISAYAS – 139.12%**  
Visayas Deputy Teofrido B. Lagria  
Former State Membership Director Victor D. Lacdao

**2020-2021 CIRCLE OF HONOR – PINNACLE AWARD (cont.)****POLAND – 137.39%**

State Deputy Krzysztof Zuba  
State Membership Director Rafal Szczypka

**CONNECTICUT – 135.19%**

Past State Deputy Gary P. McKeone  
Former State Membership Director William P. Macnamara III.

**HAWAII – 127.94%**

State Deputy Ryan K. Brown  
State Membership Director Cicero T. Seisededos

**TENNESSEE – 125.18%**

Past State Deputy Michael R. McCusker  
Former State Membership Director James P. Dee

**LOUISIANA – 123.92%**

State Deputy George S. Martin  
State Membership Director Richard Yandle

**ALASKA – 118.33%**

State Deputy Billy A. Chrisman Jr.  
State Membership Director Timothy L. Doval

**KANSAS – 116.39%**

State Deputy Jamey C. Roth  
State Membership Director Edward G. Miller

**ONTARIO – 114.61%**

Past State Deputy David C. Peters  
Former State Membership Director Joseph Mathews

**MEXICO SOUTH – 114.12%**

Past State Deputy Rommel M. Palma Garcia  
Former State Membership Director Felipe Lopez Huchim

**TEXAS – 112.98%**

State Deputy Alfredo A. Vela  
State Membership Director Ronald J. Alonzo

**MEXICO CENTRAL – 111.62%**

State Deputy Jesus R. Lopez Garcia  
Former State Membership Director Ricardo A. Lepe Zepeda

**GUAM – 110.81%**

Past State Deputy Bobby O. Pelkey  
State Membership Director Kenneth A. Duenas

**WEST VIRGINIA – 110.34%**

Past State Deputy Paul B. Niedbalski  
Former State Membership Director Samuel W. Gross

**NORTH DAKOTA – 110.32%**

State Deputy Michael L. Steiner  
State Membership Director Brian J. Kingsley

**2020-2021 CIRCLE OF HONOR**

**SOUTH CAROLINA** – 108.60%  
Past State Deputy Daniel E. Barton  
State Membership Director Ronald L. Stanley

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** – 106.95%  
Past State Deputy Dale D. Hofer  
Former State Membership Director Herbert W. Yang

**OKLAHOMA** – 106.51%  
Past State Deputy Matthew Maly  
Former State Membership Director Zachary A. Kastl

**ARIZONA** – 105.26%  
Past State Deputy Mario Vassallo  
Former State Membership Director Bobby D. Nielsen

**ALABAMA** – 104.95%  
State Deputy Joseph E. Flaherty III.  
State Membership Director Evan R. Parrish

**UKRAINE** – 103.72%  
State Deputy Youriy Maletskiy  
State Membership Director Levko Dovhan

**PUERTO RICO** – 103.04%  
State Deputy Jose Vazquez Padilla  
State Membership Director Marcos A. Haddock Colon

**MASSACHUSETTS** – 101.01%  
State Deputy Michael Lesperance  
State Membership Director Edward A. Hebert

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## Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's Statement on Hyde Amendment

SK Patrick E Kelly



Supreme Knight

Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus is extremely disappointed in this week's actions by the House of Representatives to remove longstanding, bipartisan taxpayer and conscience protections including the Hyde Amendment. The House vote to make taxpayers pay for abortions is both an assault on the dignity of life and contrary to the wishes of most Americans. This year's Knights of Columbus/Marist polling, affirming over a decade of previous polling data, shows that 58% of Americans oppose the use of taxpayer funding for abortions.

We urge the Senate to include the Hyde Amendment and other similar provisions as they undertake the appropriations process and for the full Congress to ultimately pass spending bills that affirm this bipartisan desire of the American public. We call on all legislators, especially our fellow Catholics, to have the courage to make a stand for conscience and to not force every tax-paying American to pay for the destruction of innocent life in the womb.

The Knights remain totally committed to supporting the cause of life. In the past decade, we have donated more than 1,400 ultrasound machines to pregnancy resource centers in all 50 states, and we will continue this and other efforts to build a culture of life.

Fraternally,

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## NO TAXPAYER ABORTION



**Tell Congress not to take innocent lives!**

**Over 140,000 have already signed!**



### **WHAT**

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

### **HOW**

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

### **WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?**

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

### **TAKE ACTION**

Sign the petition to Congress!

# PETITION

## Save Hyde. Save lives.

**Taxpayer dollars should NOT pay for abortion.**

The majority of Americans agree with this - both Democrats and Republicans.

For 45 years, the Hyde amendment and similar laws have **protected** taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortion.

The Hyde amendment has been signed into law every year since 1976, whether the Congress and the White House were led by **Republicans or Democrats**.

The Hyde Amendment has saved nearly **2.5 million babies and mothers** in difficult circumstances from the tragedy of abortion.

An overwhelming majority of Americans, including **low-income women and women of color** who are most impacted by it, support the Hyde Amendment and laws that prevent government-funded abortion.

We urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to ensure that the Hyde Amendment and all similar life-saving appropriations riders **remain in place** during the 117th Congress and beyond.

Do not force Americans to subsidize the taking of innocent life. Oppose any bill, including any appropriations bill, that expands taxpayer funding of abortion.

**ADD YOUR NAME**

## Las Vegas Diocese Announcements

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## Las Vegas Diocesan Conference

Most Reverend George  
Leo Thomas Ph.D.

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Third Bishop of Las Vegas  
Roman Catholic Diocese  
of Las Vegas

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*Las Vegas Diocesan Conference  
Sept 17-18, 2021*

*The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV*

**We are excited to announce that the Diocesan Conference WILL be happening in person this year at the Orleans Hotel Conference Center on September 17 & 18, 2021.**

The hotel staff, as well as our Conference organizers will follow all safety protocols with regard to wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing.

**RISE!** is the theme for this year's Conference. We recall familiar stories in scripture where Jesus calls to the person he heals to, 'Rise!' or 'Take up your mat and walk.' or 'Come out!' Each person is restored to their rightful place in society. Each is called to witness to Jesus as Son of God and Savior of the World! We, too, are called to witness to Jesus – as a community of faith – as baptized members of the Body of Christ in the Catholic Church!

Over the next few months you will hear more about our presenters by way of this Conference website and the diocesan parish bulletins. Each parish also has Conference Ambassadors ready and willing to help in any way they are able. ***Don't miss this!***

**[LEARN ABOUT: FOUNDATIONAL FAITH FORMATION](#)**

**[ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN](#)**

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To Modify Registrations**



## State Officers Announcements

## State Officers / District Deputies Meetings Schedule

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

The following chart represents the State Officers and District Deputies meetings for the 2021 - 2022 fraternal year. The State Officers will meet for the first session, and the State Officers and the District Deputies will meet for the second.

Month	Date	Time	Location
July	July 26, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
August	August 30, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
September	September 27, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
October	October 25, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
November	November 29, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
December	December 27, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
January 2022	January 24, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
February	February 28, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
March	March 28, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
April	April 25, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
May	May 30, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
June	June 27, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting

## IPSD Highlights of the Month

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past  
State Deputy

### 2020-2021 Western Rodeo Awards - FINAL RESULTS

**Bull Riding** - 8 second ride – COH 100% Membership Intake - For Membership Director or SD choice.

Criteria:

- 1st to qualify for COH – Intake, gets 100 points plus 1 point per % over 100% on June 30th.
- 2nd to qualify for COH – Intake, gets 70 points plus 1 point per % over 100% on June 30th.
- 3rd to qualify for COH – Intake, gets 50 points plus 1 point per % over 100% on June 30th.

**NV** did fantastic this year with Intake. Making their COH goal back in January, but then to climb to 250% and maintain first place in the Order is a huge accomplishment. **NV** and **IPSD Toni** win another **Western Rodeo Belt Buckle**.

Is it a coincident that **NV** also won the above “Team Roping” event with 89% of their councils achieving the Founders Award? I think not. Our Agents are the best at what they do, and they know how to recruit. Partner with your Agencies and include them in your State Meetings and your Jurisdictional Growth Plan as well.

KS takes 2nd with 86pts and HI 3rd with 78pts.

To all who made their COH goal this year, well done and Thank You. It wasn't an easy year, but you got it done. The West is shaping up for continued growth this year!

Bull Riding (Qualifying for COH)			Be
Date at 100%	Final	Final Event Score	Intake
5/21/2021	0	0	AK
6/15/2021	0	0	AZ
	0	0	CA
	0	0	CO
5/13/2021	3	78	HI
	0	0	ID
5/10/2021	2	86	KS
	0	0	MT
5/28/2021	0	0	ND
	0	0	NE
	0	0	NM
1/4/2021	1	250	NV
6/16/2021	0	0	OK
	0	0	OR
	0	0	SD
6/2/2021	0	0	TX
	0	0	UT
	0	0	WA
	0	0	WY



**Best Bullfighters** - for Retention (Net)

Criteria:

- For Membership Director and Retention Chairman or SD choice.
- Net Positive and get 1 point for each % positive.
- Achieve Net Goal and get 100 points plus 5 points per % over 100%

In this event, everyone scores. Intake is one thing, but are you retaining members too? For many of you, the answer is, "Yes". **NV** wins big in this round with 303% of NET and another **Western Rodeo Belt Buckle**.

UT takes 2nd with 236% and HI 3rd with 115%. Again, many of you are over 100% and have done very well with retention. Thank You.

Best Bullfighter (Net)				Best in the West Jurist.
NET	% of NET	Final Event Score	State	
51	73%	73	AK	
625	109%	145	AZ	
1956	66%	66	CA	
164	33%	33	CO	
254	115%	177	HI	
84	44%	44	ID	
941	112%	160	KS	
50	45%	45	MT	
268	103%	115	ND	
213	31%	31	NE	
192	53%	53	NM	
576	303%	1116	NV	
333	110%	151	OK	
-66	-20%	-20	OR	
211	66%	66	SD	
2681	94%	94	TX	
118	236%	780	UT	
109	45%	45	WA	
9	23%	23	WY	



**Team Roping** - 2 Rounds – Fraternal Benefits Sessions.

Criteria:

- Insurance Promotion Chairman and Field Agent or SD choice.
- Round-1: Highest Percentage of Councils reported on Jan. 1st Star Tracker gets 50 pts, 2nd=25, 3rd=10
- Round-2: Highest Percentage of Councils qualified for the Founders Award for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year gets 50 pts, 2nd=25, 3rd=10

We have a 3-way tie with **NV, NE and HI**, all with 50pts. The rules are, "In the event of a tie, the advantage goes to the highest % intake Jurisdiction". **NV** wins the tie breaker and this event. Earning them a **Western Rodeo**

Team Roping (Fraternal Benefit Sessions)									Best in the West Jurist.
ROUND 1			ROUND 2			Final Event Score	State		
# Councils on 1/1/21	Highest % by 1/1/21	Highest % Intake	Highest % 1/1/21 Score	# Councils on 6/30/21	Highest % Founders			Highest % Intake	Highest Founders Score
0	0%	17	0	13	65%	3	10	10	AK
43	32%	7	0	65	48%	7	0	0	AZ
55	9%	15	0	180	28%	14	0	0	CA
40	27%	8	0	50	33%	12	0	0	CO
16	47%	2	25	29	85%	2	25	50	HI
10	24%	10	0	22	52%	6	0	0	ID
27	10%	14	0	40	15%	18	0	0	KS
0	0%	17	0	8	15%	19	0	0	MT
30	34%	6	0	37	43%	9	0	0	ND
89	53%	1	50	37	22%	16	0	50	NE
0	0%	17	0	23	24%	15	0	0	NM
7	16%	13	0	39	89%	1	50	50	NV
33	43%	4	0	29	38%	10	0	0	OK
18	20%	11	0	30	33%	12	0	0	OR
3	4%	16	0	28	34%	11	0	0	SD
174	24%	9	0	325	46%	8	0	0	TX
16	46%	3	10	19	54%	5	0	10	UT
58	36%	5	0	93	58%	4	0	0	WA
5	18%	12	0	5	18%	17	0	0	WY

**Belt Buckle.** They had 89% of their Councils achieving the Founders Award. A good showing as well by **UT** and **AK** with 10pts each.



**AND OUR BIG FINALLY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**“Best of the West” All-Around Rodeo Champion Cup** - Jurisdiction with the highest number of combined points in all events.

With a total score of 1,626, our **“Best in the West”** for the year 2020-2021 is **NEVADA**. Congratulation to **IPSD Toni Pascua and his Team**. RGD Ray Lopez and I will present this trophy to you soon (after I get it engraved).

Not too far behind is UTAH and State Deputy, Nick Nielson with 1,007 points. UT scored very well with forms and retention this year, but **NV** proved to us once again that membership intake is the key to our success in the Order.



Best in the West		
Jurisd.	Final Total Score	Ranking
AK	203	10
AZ	205	9
CA	86	14
CO	53	19
HI	540	3
ID	129	11
KS	406	4
MT	120	12
ND	220	8
NE	91	13
NM	73	17
NV	1626	1
OK	251	6
OR	80	16
SD	86	15
TX	254	5
UT	1007	2
WA	223	7
WY	68	18

## State Directors/Chairs Announcements



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## A Message from the State Membership Director

SK Christopher Traver

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State Membership Director

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Hello Brother Knights!

My name is Christopher Traver, and I am the new Membership Director for the State of Nevada. I will be working with all of the District Deputies, Grand Knights, and council membership directors to help achieve their recruitment goal for the 2021-2022 Columbian Year.

For this year our goal is to recruit 400 new members! This is an attainable goal, if we all work together. Each month I will be writing on tips on how to successfully recruit new members to your council. This month's article will be on Tips to Recruiting Success.

Here are the 10 steps your council can take to reach your membership quota:

- 1) Talk about positive experiences as a member and share enthusiasm for your council.
  - **Convey a sense of enthusiasm, excitement, and pride when talking about the great things your council accomplishes and the people your council helps.**
- 2) Make a good impression with the right attitude and body language.
  - **Maintain a positive attitude, smile often, avoid being negative, and always look at the perspective member in the eye when talking with him.**
- 3) Talk to the perspective member and his wife about the ways membership can help his family.
  - **Highlight how participation in your council's charitable endeavors can help a man grow in faith. Point out that many of your council's activities and programs, including the insurance program and other benefits, are open to the members entire immediate family.**
- 4) Show unity when conducting a charitable service project.
  - **When members, their families, and other volunteers wear branded Knights of Columbus apparel when conducting a charitable project, it identifies your council to the community and entices perspective members to inquire about joining your council.**
- 5) Ask men to join your council.
  - **Family, friends, co-workers and fellow parishioners represent recruitment opportunities. Ask if they would like to join your council.**
- 6) Approach recruiting in a different way.
  - **Ask a perspective member "would you be interested in learning about membership in our local Knights of Columbus Council?"**

- 7) What to say when the response is “ I don’t have time.”
- **Be prepared with a simple answer. Tell them the amount of time they put in is completely up to them, and remind of them of your council family orientated activities.**
- 8) Promote your council’s spirituality.
- **Emphasize your council’s involvement in the spiritual life of your parish.**
- 9) Involve young people.
- **Ask young men to join your council. Use targeted advertising, especially social media, to reach perspective young members.**
- 10) Follow up with all perspective members in a timely manner.
- **It is essential that follow up communication by personal contact, occurs within a few days. At the most.**

Brothers one thing you need to keep in mind when you are recruiting perspective member is that you are recruiting your replacement. In the next 20 -30 we are going to we are going to need future leaders in our great organizations.

Thank you and God Bless!



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## A Message from the State Ceremonials Director

PSD David W Strait

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State Ceremonials Director

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Worthy Grand Knights and Degree Teams,

We need to bring in new members and complete their exemplifications. To that end I am asking you to host a degree in September, and invite all nearby councils to bring their candidates.

If you have a team that is prepared to conduct the "Charity, Unity, and Fraternity" degree, please select a date and time either on a weekday evening or a Saturday morning in September. The degree should be held in the Church, so you need to arrange the use of the church with your pastor.

Please contact the State Ceremonial Director and report your progress on this. With pandemic protocols it may be difficult to get access to the church facilities, but please try as soon as possible and help pave the way for our incoming new Knights. On-line degrees are available, but there is nothing that compares with the experience of a live degree and the fellowship and welcoming by the officers and established brother Knights.

Please contact PSD David Strait at <dwstrait@cox.net> and let him know how plans are progressing. Also please provide the names and contact information of your ceremonial leaders to the State Secretary and to the Ceremonial Director.

Thank You.

Vivat Jesus

David Strait  
[dwstrait@cox.net](mailto:dwstrait@cox.net)

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## A Message from the State Pro-Life Director

SK John E DeBord

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**State Pro-Life Director  
Northern Nevada**

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Brothers,

Nevada has been divided into North and South for Pro Life. Richard Menard is Pro Life Rep for Southern Nevada.

1) We need a Right to Life Director in every Council. This Knight needs to meet with his parish priest and find out what his priorities would be ... i.e. could ask his parish priest to say a monthly Mass, this Knight could say a monthly Rosary through Zoom or at the Parish.

A Director could get together with the Parish Council and see if a Parish Bus going to the Walk for Life in SF in January 2022 is something that would be favorable (It is not that hard).

Handing out Pro Life cards after Mass. Many different things could be initiated.

2) We have had a monthly Rosary the 4th Thursday of every month. We are changing that to the 4th Sunday of every month at 1900. All are welcome!

3) We are starting a quarterly KofC Rosary at the Abortion Center on Tyrone Rd. The first kickoff will be on 21 August, 2021.

4) We will begin sending out a quarterly Pro Life Newsletter beginning in August.

VIVAT JESUS!!!!!!

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## A Message from the State Silver Rose Chairman

DD Steven P. Schiwart

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Silver Rose Chair

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Brother Knights,

As I mentioned at the State Convention and the DD/GK training, it's time to get the Silver Rose pilgrimage on the paper for 2021. Please pass the word to your GK and FS that the pilgrimage will start in Reno on August 15-16, move west down I-80 to Elko, then south on I-93 to Las Vegas. From there, the Rose will double back up I-95 to Reno again where it will be forwarded to California on Sept 12th.

I have a couple of dates filled from August 20 - August 25, other than that the schedule is wide open.

Another option would be to fill the schedule this year with Northern Nevada, then let Southern Nevada have the Rose next year. I'm open to suggestions.

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Vivat Jesus,

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## Las Vegas Diocese Mass of Sending Forth

SK Kenneth J Sawyer

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Nevada Webmaster and  
Communications Director

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### REMEMBER TO COME AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Several young men have responded to the call of God to discern their vocation as future priests. They are gifts to us from God! Please join us on **Monday, August 16th** for the Diocese of Las Vegas Mass of Sending Forth for our Seminarians.

**The Mass begins at 6:00PM** and is followed by a reception where we can meet and greet all of our seminarians and the new ones beginning their journey.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**  
**1811 Pueblo Vista Drive**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89128**

Vivat Jesus!

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## A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF

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General Agent

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Here it is August already...and the summer is more than halfway over. I hope that you are enjoying some rest and relaxation!

I can't seem to pick up anything to read, whether it's a newspaper, some type of news feed on my computer, or a periodical, without finding articles about retirement. With so many baby boomers getting to that age I guess I should expect it. Articles tell me how to boost my retirement, how to save for retirement, how to use certain plans to have a successful retirement. Some of these articles talk about maximizing the money that I've saved, some talk about maximizing my government benefits, some talk about how I can lower my taxes in retirement. Some articles talk about retirement without even retiring, they say keep on working or take on a new job in the gig economy. Frankly, that doesn't seem like much of a retirement to me.

When I retire I want to do some of those things I've put off over my working years: spend more time with family, travel, get immersed in my hobbies...those kinds of things. I've begun a bucket list to keep track of all the things I'd like to do when I retire.

Here are a few of my thoughts about retirement:

1. I want to retire "to" something, not "from" something. Many believe that the rocking chair on the front porch kills retirees. Retirement means having something different to engage in, not simply sitting around and doing nothing.
2. "Begin with the end in sight." One of the seven habits of successful people as espoused by Stephen Covey. What do you want your retirement to look like? What do you want to do, where do you want to go, how do you want to continue to contribute to your church, your council, and your community?
3. Have goals and have a plan. If you begin with the end in sight, now you have to make a plan on how you want to get there. Write it down, make it happen, the book by Henriette Klauser might be helpful. A goal without a plan to get there is just a dream.

I've talked to a number of members and their spouses lately and retirement always comes up as a topic of conversation when we review their current situation. It doesn't seem to matter their age. I've had members as young as 35 and as old as 70 over the past couple of months want to talk about retirement and making sure that they're set at some point in the future. Let's face it, the 35 year old has a lot more time to plan. Time is an ally for him. As changes occur in the economy, he has time to make course corrections. He has time to contribute more to meet the family's income goals, he'll probably earn more as he progresses in his career. For the older member, time is no friend. Less time to earn income, less time to cope with the vagaries of the economy, and topped out in earning power. The closer one gets to the planned retirement age, the more important that a strategy be in place.

That's where I can help. Our new financial needs analysis tool allows me to plug in your personal information and let you see where you stand. Are you accumulating enough funds to meet your retirement income goal? Are there ways to make sure you'll never run out of money in retirement? Is your money safe and secure, not following the whims of the market?

Let's get together and make sure you have a strategy to put you in the winner's circle.

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin

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## State Historian Report and August 2021 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

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### **Brother Knights Mark Your Calendars**

Please plan to join the first Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day 6 PM Mass on Friday, August 13, 2021, at Immaculate Conception Church, Sparks, Nevada sponsored by Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 and Bishop Manogue Assembly 612. All Catholics are welcome to join in this celebration!!!

#### **Council Updates are as follows:**

1. I continue to be in contact with our District Deputy's and Grand Knight's 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 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 Worthy State Deputy Joe Haun 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 am continuing to work with resources from Supreme, PSD Ray Gardea and SK Kenneth Sawyer, State Communications Director to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received or will be shortly the Biographical information from all but one PSD from 2000 to present.

Please use my email address: [historian@nv-kofc.com](mailto: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 you, my brothers.

## **History of the Knights of Columbus**

### **More History of Bishop Patrick Manogue**

Changes were occurring in California, Moores Flat and Grass Valley were now under the jurisdiction of the Vicar Apostolic of Marysville, Bishop Eugene O'Connell. Therefore, when he was ordained on December 21, 1861, by Cardinal Marlot his destination was Marysville where he arrived on Ascension Thursday in 1862.

On March 3, 1868 the Holy See raised the Vicariate of Marysville to the dignity of a diocese, establishing the Diocese of Grass Valley. There were now fifteen parishes, eleven in California and four in Nevada and nineteen priests. Bishop O'Connell continued to keep his residence in Marysville. In October 1869 he left for Rome to participate in the First Vatican Council and did not return to his diocese until November 22, 1870.

During these years he supplied priests to serve the Native American Indians, the Italians, the French, the Germans, and the railroad construction workers. The Indian mission was in Big Valley, Lake County, CA. The German parish was in Marysville. The railroad parish gave birth to Truckee and Reno. He established Saint Joseph College in Rohnerville, today's City of Ferndale which is part of the Diocese of Santa Rosa. This college opened in 1872 but closed in 1879 due to lack of students.

Bishop O'Connell continued to receive priests from All Hallows College in Ireland, but he did not treat them with respect. In long letters to Rome and to Ireland he lamented the drunken and self-indulgent clerics with which he was regularly afflicted. He moved his priests around the diocese like a chess player which caused some priests to abandon the diocese. From the late 1860's into the 1870's Bishop O'Connell's relationship with his priests deteriorated.

By 1872 Bishop O'Connell found the territory of the diocese too vast to administer effectively by himself and he began to petition Rome for a coadjutor bishop. Rome made two attempts to appoint a coadjutor but both nominees refused the appointment. Finally, on January 16, 1881, Father Patrick Manogue, pastor of Virginia City, accepted the appointment as bishop and was consecrated in San Francisco as Coadjutor of Grass Valley. The Diocese then had twenty-five priests. In addition, fifteen of the parishes had thirty-two missions. There were also six convents of sisters and two orphanages, one in Grass Valley and the other in Virginia City.



**Don't Forget:** Upon beginning our new Columbian year, this is a good time to consider what message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, who carries on the work he began 139 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 and pray for his Sainthood!!!**

Visit the website: [www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org](http://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org)

## “Knight in the Light”

### **Most Reverend Daniel Henry Mueggenborg Appointed 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Reno**

Currently the Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle. Pope Francis I appointed Father Mueggenborg as the Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Seattle on April 6, 2017. He was consecrated as a Bishop by Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle on May 31, 2017. Pope Francis has appointed Daniel H. Mueggenborg as Bishop of Reno and is scheduled to be installed on September 24, 2021.

Daniel H. Mueggenborg was born April 15, 1962, in Okarche, Oklahoma, to Paul and Delores Mueggenborg. He received his early education at the parochial school at St. Francis Xavier Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he attended Mass and served as an altar boy. He was a Boy Scout and received the Eagle Scout Award in 1980.

Father Mueggenborg studied at Oklahoma State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Geology in 1984. Long opposed to the notion of becoming a priest, he served at a Mass celebrated by Blessed Stanley Rother in the Spring of 1981, mere months before Rother’s martyrdom, inspiring him to pursue the priesthood. After college, He entered seminary, studying at St. Meinrad Seminary in Saint Meinrad, Indiana, and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. As a Seminarian, Mueggenborg worked alongside the Missionaries of Charity to serve the poor in Rome, spent a summer as a hospital minister in intensive care units and cardiac wards at St. John Medical Center and spent another summer in Mugumu, Tanzania, working alongside Markknoll Missionaries.

Most Reverend Daniel Mueggenborg was ordained to the diaconate on April 6, 1989, at St. Peter’s Basilica and had an audience with Pope John Paul II at the Apostolic Palace the following day. On July 14, 1989, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Tulsa, during his post-ordination year of studies, Father Mueggenborg served as a chaplain to the Missionaries of Charity convent at San Gregorio Magno al Celio in Rome, where he celebrated Mass attended by St. Teresa of Calcutta. Bishop Edward James Slattery named Father Mueggenborg a Monsignor in 2004. As a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa, Monsignor Mueggenborg served as a chaplain to Bishop Kelley High School, director of the Newman Center and religion professor at the University of Tulsa, pastor of two parishes in Tulsa and one in Bixby, Oklahoma, and assisted in seminary formation as Vice Rector of the Pontifical North American College. Additionally, he served on the boards of directors for Ascension Healthcare and Catholic Charities of Tulsa.

Upon his appointment by Pope Francis I on July 20, 2021, we look forward to attending his installation on September 24, 2021, and welcoming him as the Most Reverend Bishop of Reno.

Submitted by: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

## **Assembly/Council Announcements**

## Boulder City Council - Independence Day Parade

SK Robert J Hartman



Grand Knight  
Council #8078

Photos from the Independence Day Parade staging area in Boulder City, featuring Worthy State Treasurer, Tom Villardi's Knights of Columbus Trolley.



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## Feast Day Masses for Blessed Michael McGivney



Blessed Michael McGivney

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### Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

*God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present. (here make your request).*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Reno Diocese

**Friday, August 13, 2021**

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
2900 North McCarran Blvd  
Sparks, NV 89431**

**Mass begins at 6:00 PM** and the celebrant will be Fr. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA.

All Councils are welcome to participate.

The Color Corp will be there as well.

Attire: please come in suit, social baldric or Council shirts. All guest and family members are most welcome.

**Las Vegas Diocese**

**Friday, August 13, 2021 - Mass begins at 7:45 AM**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
5830 Mesa Park Drive  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89135**

All Councils and Assemblies statewide are welcome.

**Las Vegas Diocese**

**Friday, August 13, 2021 - Mass begins at 8:30 AM**

**Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
5485 E. Charleston Blvd.  
Las Vegas Vegas, NV 89142**

All Councils and Assemblies statewide are welcome.

## **Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements**

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## Ponderosa Council #4928 Recognitions

SK Thierry V Barkley

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Grand Knight

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### FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2021

#### MELENDEZ FAMILY

Few can match the commitment of the Herbert A. Melendez family to Holy Cross Catholic Community. SK Herb has been a Council member for 14 years and a Former District Deputy. In addition to being a Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, and a translator for the Spanish mass, he is the parish Webmaster, and currently in Year 3 of the four-year Diocese of Reno Diaconate Program. Lady Mirna is equally active as a parishioner, mother, and as a participant in Council fundraisers and activities with five sons and daughters, two of whom are members of the Council, one of which is active military. For the Melendez family, Faith in Action begins at home.





**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2021****ROBERT F. BERTSCHINGER**

This month the Council honors SK Bob Bertschinger, 51 years a knight and former softball player on the senior circuit. Scouts would classify him as a versatile player who can cover many bases. He is the Greeter at the 5:00pm mass, as well as head Usher and Eucharistic Minister. Sadly, we have no softball questions for him. He lost a step or two in recent years and has had to hang up his ball cap with his collection of many others. Some new retiree is probably covering left field. Fortunately, we captured him with his other hat on taken at a recent Tootsie Roll drive. He makes our All-Star team.





*Blessed Michael McGivney*

*Pray for Us*