

SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

"Spearheading Membership and Empowering Mentorship
One Brother Knight at A Time."

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State Deputy's Message

Worthies,

As I travel to Orlando, Florida to attend KofC event, my heart and thoughts are with you all, especially to all Grand Knights and District Deputies who achieved the Star Council Award for FY 2022-2023. It takes effort, hard work and dedication to get this. You have proven that you are capable of supporting your parish, community and family.

I would like to thank His Excellency Archbishop Thomas, Bishop Greg and Bishop Daniel for their continuous support to the Knights. We wish them well.

Great job to our 3 Grand Knights who are also Deacons who made it to this Award. (Deacons Dave, Richard and Raul).

For those who did not make it last Fraternal Year, I can see great things happening this year and this is your chance.

Congratulations to the following Grand Knights and District Deputies for Achieving your Star Council Award!!!

Council	Name	Grand Knight	District Deputy
4997	Msgr. Patrick J Connors	Ryan Harris	Matthew Mareno
5448	Pope John XXIII	Angel Santana	Carlos Sanchez
8282	St. Viator	Tom Edwards	Erickson Dennis Tagudar
9102	Our Lady of Las Vegas	Saturnino Erolin	Gerry Rockwell
9899	Prince of Peace	Deacon Dave Walker	Gary Bird
10780	Lady Of The Valley	Deacon Richard Minch	Gary Bird
12877	Our Lady of The Desert	Leo Carew III	Steve Schiwart
13392	San Lorenzo Ruiz	Edgar Enriquez	Gary Bird
13456	St. Francis of Assisi	Tim Cronin	Ed Verceles
13842	St. John Vianney	William Stone	Michael Houdyshell
13897	St. Robert Bellarmine	David M. Clarke	Pete Comerford
14544	St. Anthony of Padua	Sam Franco	Bob Sotelo
14784	Holy Spirit	Brian Sondgeroth	Terry Zehl
14820	St. Sharbel	David Gomez Deacon Raul A. Abejuela	Ed Verceles
16207	UNR	Tim Watts	Matthew Mareno
17996	St. Thomas More	Tom Melton	Dennis Murtaugh

Let's go out there and celebrate and thank your men and women who assisted you in making this happen.

You will be presented the Award during this MidYear in December 2023 at Christ The King Catholic Church, in Las Vegas.

Thank you!

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Holy Father's

PRAYER INTENTIONS

August 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



State Chaplain's Message

Worthy Brothers,

During two years as an Associate State Chaplain, I have met some of our Brother Knights during three consecutive State Conventions and other gatherings. Being affiliated with the Order in the State of Nevada is indeed a great blessing to serve my brother Knights. I believe this is God's way for me to work harder, not to live in idleness, but to expand my missionary work as an Augustinian missionary. This pastoral work is beyond my parish boundary, but it is a sacred 'CALLING" to commit myself to the wider needs of the Church.

On July 15, 2023 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, presided by Most Rev. Daniel Mueggenborg, DD, Bishop of Reno, I was formally installed as your newly elected State Chaplain. I have received the symbolic medal of the Cross attached to my office to be the focus of my total commitment to Christ so that I can bring my Brother Knights intimately closer to Jesus Christ, our Lord. This cross is heavy when I rely on my effort to do my task, but it becomes easy when I, too, being united to Christ, believe He does carry it for me and for others.

Since our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney became elevated to

the altar of God as "Blessed," I have never stopped uttering prayers for his intercession. Every day I humbly ask our founder's prayer for me and for all the members of the Order. His holiness, love and concern for every man and his family all become living proof of his greatness, which we all admire and benefit from his pastoral zeal and holiness. His dedication to his parishioners' spirituality and well-being spreads even up to the present



as a living witness of dedication and piety.

Being a priest, I have learned so much from our Blessed McGivney in that I sincerely value my ministry of priesthood, especially for those entrusted to me by God. The simplicity of his heart, envisioning how he would respond to the needs of his flock and being dedicated to the early immigrant vis-a-vis with his

parish mission and life, was exceptional. Blessed McGivney extended his work visiting the sick and prisoners and accompanying them in their own joys, sufferings, and sorrows. The work he did made his entire life consecrated to God.

Blessed Father Michael McGivney's life as a priest is a good example for me to cherish the journey with my parishioners out of great love and care for them and for every Knight in the State of Nevada. I must be attentive that my duty as a State Chaplain is a confirmation that I am not only confined within the four walls of my church, but I must widen my pastoral concerns and activities. This is exactly what Pope Francis is telling all priests that we must go and seek those people in the periphery or marginalized people in our society, seeking them to manifest the merciful face of Christ. Our four ideals of our Order (Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism) must be laid down so that they become real. I am ready to inherit the true smell of the sheep and live with them, walk with them, and listen to them.

Within this fraternal year 2023-2024, please allow me to shepherd you closer to Christ, together with my two Associate Chaplains, Fr. Gerry in the South and Fr. Philip in the North. Now comes the great moment of opportunity to make us visible to share the grace and mercy of the Lord. I pray that we will all grow together and continue to be active to fulfill things, not solely for the sake of written reports to be submitted to the Supreme Headquarters, but to realize that our good works are the ultimate product of our spirituality and union with Christ.

Lastly, our important goal as members of the Knights of Columbus is to keep and cooperate with the mission of Christ and His Church. Everything will happen through our active collaboration with the local Parish Priest. Work hand and hand with the priest to dispense your noble work with his guidance. No matter how uncooperative your priest may be, it is embedded in our veins to seek strength and wisdom to be submissive to God's will, and where our lowliness has the potential to become something with greater light that will result in success.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is ready to embrace us to heal the pain we go through. She suffered with and after the death of her Son, but she never succumbed to all those frustrating human experiences. She continues to be our mother, whose heart is totally united with our



own struggles. We find her in the company of every Knight. The Blessed Mother is always praying with us.

I would like to encourage you to be an example to others. Take the time to invite former Knights to your meetings. If ever there are some hesitations, then always believe that God forgives us. He wants us to forget the past and move on. When we can forgive and show mercy as well, there is God in our own interior life, who is willing to give life to others and let our inner goodwill constantly shine through.

I would like to thank Worthy State Deputy Meynard Infantado and other State Council Members for their confidence given to me. I pray for greater accomplishments and stronger fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!!!

From the Website of the Diocese of Reno

From the Order of St. Augustine, Fr. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA, a Filipino missionary in the United States from the Province of Santo Niño de Cebu, has been installed as the new Nevada State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. This honor is the highest religious office awarded by the State of Nevada Knights, a fast growing fraternal jurisdiction with nearly 7,000 members.

The formal presentation took place on July 15, 2023. It was presided by The Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno, and the Nevada State Deputy Meynard Infantado. It was there he received the symbolic jewel of office, which, in his own words, will help him focus on his total commitment to Christ so that he can bring his Brother Knights intimately closer to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Fr. Arlon is currently the Parochial Vicar at St. Therese of the Little Flower Catholic Church, Reno. His pastoral work and impact extend well beyond his parish boundary. He is a strong advocate for the canonization of their fraternal founder, the Blessed Fr. McGiveney, and helps more than 45 active councils promote the growth and spiritual life of the fraternal order. He believes this is God's way for him to work harder, not to live in idleness, to expand his missionary work.

Prior to accepting this new responsibility, Fr. Arlon served as Associate State Chaplain from 2019 to the present and was recognized as State Chaplain of the Year in 2021-2022.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Secretary's Message

Brothers,

We're on our way to the Supreme Convention in Orlando. This will be my first Convention and I'm really looking forward it. I haven't been back to Florida in over 10 years; not sure how I'll feel about the humidity this time of year though after living with this "dry heat" in Vegas.

I expect to learn more about the various FIA Programs and how they have changed this year. I will certainly pass the information on.

Earlier in July, we held our District Deputy Training, and we were fortunate to have Darryl Barrios, Supreme Director of Fraternal Training and Communication join us. He shared quite a lot about some of the changes we can expect, and I'd like to share with you the one that I found most interesting.

Supreme has been rolling out a COR Meeting Initiative. The word 'cor' is Latin for heart and the root of the word courage. Courage is a defining quality of a Knight, enabling him to boldly live for Christ and proclaim the Gospel, the true charity of evangelization.

The COR Meeting exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each COR Meeting is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ (to be evangelized), to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, and to prepare them for the courageous mission of evangelization. This is so essential, especially at this time in our country.

You can expect to receive notifications shortly on the Coats for Kids Program. As you know, this is a featured program and aside from filling a need, it creates visibility of our good work and potentially attracts new members to the order.

Vivat Jesus!

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Upcoming Nevada Events

08/08	Formation Degree Exemplification Our Lady of Las Vegas
08/19	Bowl for the Gold Special Olympics NV
10/14	Nevada State Council 1st Annual Bowling <u>Tournament</u>
11/11	Nevada State Council Gala Evening
12/02	Nevada State Council Mid Year Meeting Christ The King - Las Vegas

August 2023 Readings

08/06/23
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

08/13/23 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/20/23 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/27/23 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

State Membership Director's Message

Worthy Brothers,

One area where I often hear members voice their concerns that they do not get enough or any training. There are several ways that training is available to both officers and members. First, the State has training meetings. Second, ask your DD if there is an area you need assistance, they have the experience and knowledge. Third, Supreme has developed a number of training programs and videos that you can take or view online. Just go to www.kofc.org and in the search box type officers training. It will bring up a number of training programs that you can use to learn about your duties and responsibilities as an officer. All your officers should be using the Supreme training programs to prepare them for their current and future officer positions.

On programs, I ask that your main focus be on growing our faith in your parish by hosting faith-based programs. The Supreme web site offers several outstanding programs that each of your councils can offer the members of your parish. Why faith-based programs? The Pew survey shows that 68 percent of Catholics who leave their faith for another religion is that we are not offering them programs that will allow them to strengthen and grow in their faith. Also, over 66 percent of Catholics do not believe in the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. They see it as just a symbolic representation.

One last thought: please meet with our pastor, which you should be doing at least monthly, asking what your council can do for the parish and community programs the parish sponsors or supports. Suggest hosting a one-day men's retreat in the parish at least twice a year. Ask Father about establishing small faith-based groups in the parish.

God Bless,

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#2561	Rev. Robert Gotta
#2739	Fr. Sauveur Dominic
	Tambourin
#2776	Fr. Michael J. McGivney
#2777	Our Lady of Sierra
#2820	Fr. Joseph O'Callahan
#3118	St. Andrews
#3134	Our Lady of Tahoe
#3375	Guardian Angel
#3566	St. Pedro Calungsod
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State Program Director's Message

KEYS TO ANY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

In our recent on-line special meeting of District Deputies and Grand Knights, I talked about the Supreme recommended programs. I defined and explained each program details of what they are to help the newly elected Grand Knights in hopes that when they are made crystal clear, they can be more understood, easily and successfully implemented. The programs were divided into four (4) distinct categories:

- A) Faith
- B) Family
- C) Community
- D) Life

I suggested for them to discuss these programs in one of their Council meetings and choose one or two that best appeal to them, has the most support of the members, and what will help their communities the most.

After making the selection, I asked them to form a committee and start making plans on how to implement them. Before you can get your member to commit, you have to tell them why you are doing it and who will benefit?

I also outlined the things to do such as:

- A) Have a volunteer sign up sheet
- B) Organize
- C) Make a detailed list of the tasks that need to be done D.) Assign list of tasks to your volunteers
- E) Follow-up
- F) Tract progress

This brings up the subject of strategies and tactics. We often hear about this in the implementation stage of any planned project. But what is it? What is the difference between the two. An understanding of this process can be applied in any situation and is a useful tool to reaching the desired goal.

What is the difference between strategy and tactics?

Your strategy is the why and how you do something, whereas your tactics are what you actually do. Strategy guides the actions you take by ensuring they lead to the outcome you want: Where, What and When.

Strategy vs. Tactics examples

In business, your strategy will always tie your tactics to your bottom line. For example:

- Changing your brand perception is a strategy; putting your brand on a billboard is a tactic.
- Diversifying revenue is a strategy; launching a new product is a tactic.
- Verticalizing your content is a strategy; creating landing pages for each vertical is a tactic.

For Example doing a food drive to feed the poor.

Strategy:

Why - In the area where we live, there are 1,000 homeless people who sometimes go to bed hungry. The situation is growing because of the pandemic and the state of our economy.

How - do we start it?

Make an appointment with the local grocery store Manager. Explain to him what you are trying to do. Ask him if he will be willing to donate the food that they would otherwise throw away? Tell Them that you will be willing to pick them up and distribute them to the hungry.

Tactics:

A) Where - Now that you have established the connection, you can tell your volunteers about the good news and ask them who has the pick- up truck and ask your Parish Priest for a place to temporarily store them.

B) What - Set-up the schedule of pick-up among those who volunteered. Also the people who will receive them and arrange them in the designated area. If the parish have freezers or refrigerators, put perishable goods in them.

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- C) As the program gets going, ask the Parish Priest to make a pulpit announcement of your food drive and ask the parishioners to donate non perishable goods.
- D) When Prepare your schedule of pick-up, receiving and distribution of the food collected. In our case at CTK, we have an organization who will pick it up and distribute them to the poor.

There is more to it than what I have listed. There are sometimes Homeless people who will come to our "Manna Cupboard" to ask for food which we accommodate.

The example is merely to illustrate the thinking behind the use of strategy and tactics in the implementation stage of an idea or project to reach your planned goal. Strategy is the broad concept while tactics is the specifics.

Fraternally,

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Aid & Support After Pregnancy

ASAP is a relatively new initiative to help mothers and babies by supporting pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100.



Culture of Life Fund

Over 1 million moms have seen their unborn children thanks to the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program. Since 2009, the Order has funded more than 1,500 ultrasound machines through donations from councils and the Culture of Life Fund.



Knights History

Nevada History

Diocese Moves from Grass Valley to Sacramento

By 1880 Bishop O'Connell's Unpopularity with his clergy had reached a nadir and even Roman authorities agreed he needed to be eased out. Two men turned down offers to be Bishop O'Connell's coadjutor. Finally, local priests and even Bishop O'Connell himself pressured Father Manogue to accept episcopal ordination. Archbishop Alemany also endorsed Father Manogue, but he was not eager to work alongside Bishop O'Connell nor leave his beloved Virginia City; however, a petition drafted by his fellow clerics at their retreat in 1880 begged him to take the position.

As a condition of acceptance Father Manogue demanded that diocesan headquarters be transferred from Grass Valley to the thriving city of Sacramento. In fact, Bishop O'Connell had earlier actually tried to snare Sacramento for the Grass Valley See, but had been rebuffed by San Francisco and Rome.

At this time, however, all agreed with Father Manogue's proposal, and in January 1881 he was consecrated a bishop in St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Bishop O'Connell finally retired in 1884.

It took nearly five years for the promise of relocation to Sacramento to take effect. By 1885, a deal had been struck with outgoing Archbishop Alemany to readjust diocesan boundaries.

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Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Remember:

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

Continue:

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

Pray that Pope Francis I will be the one to Canonize our Blessed Michael McGivney!

Visit the website:



Knight in the Light

Journey of a Priest

Fr. Edmund Nnadozie, MSP

4th Degree Knight, Chaplain of the Year 2022-2023

I was born in Nigeria; My parents were Catholics and this in turn informed my direction and turn in life to become a priest. At an early age, I became an altar server, and this helped me to be more involved in the church. The decision to become a priest was not an easy one, especially considering the family dynamics at play. I was the first of two boys who are twins and I also have six sisters. However, once I communicated my resolve to my parents and family, the support and encouragement they gave me helped in my initial journey to the priesthood. Consequently, when I entered the minor seminary, I was preparing myself for the journey that will take me many more years to complete. Having completed my minor seminary training, I took some time before entering the major seminary. This time around, I was attracted to the newly established missionary seminary at the nation's capital of Abuja. For some reason, my spirit of adventure and being inquisitive led me to consider the missionary priesthood. Writing about it now makes it look easy but just imagine traveling from your community to another part of the country with no family and relatives around. What I missed in seeing my immediate family, I found among my colleagues and classmates, all of whom had the same situation of being far from home. June 28, 1997, was the day I finally said a big yes to God, the day of my ordination.

My journey to America came as a quest for more education; I was already a teacher at our major seminary, the same place from where I graduated and was ordained. This quest made me get a scholarship from Catholic Theological Union and the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin center all in Chicago to do my doctorate. When I finished my studies in Chicago, I thought I would return to the seminary and continue teaching but my religious order felt I needed to handle one of the parishes given to us in Galveston-Houston archdiocese. I ministered there for seven years and thereafter, using my training as a certified chaplain, worked at the University of Maryland medical center, Baltimore. Remember that I am a missionary and so when I was recalled home to work in Nigeria, I gladly went. It was short-lived as I was called back again to work in Chicago. It was to be another temporary assignment.

Coming to Las Vegas was not even on my radar. Again, as a missionary, I was ready to minister where needed. One of the first things I quickly realized at St Thomas More parish where I serve now, was the need to strengthen the spiritual life of the parishioners. That led me to give approval for the establishment of the Knights of Columbus and Legion of Mary who are both doing well.

I enjoy working with people and it gladdens my heart to see the growth of the parish as the numbers attest.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Jump Starting The New Fiscal Year

July 9th marked the formal kickoff of the new fraternal year by District 2 with a change in District Deputy leadership and a Joint Installation of Officers. Councils 4928, 10577 and 12877 all participated. Twenty-one (21) council officers were honored with their jewels of office.

Veteran District Deputy SK Michael Caudell, re-appointed after a 21 year hiatus, scheduled this event immediately following a full day of "refresher" training in Las Vegas. He did so to focus quickly back home in Sparks on the possible.



Messages of spiritual enlightenment and encouragement were presented by State Chaplin-designee Fr. Arlon Vergara, OSA, and host parish Immaculate Conception Pastor Fr. Philip George. District Deputy Mike encouraged council officers to reach for Star Council status ... or double Star status ... or triple Star, whatever they can best achieve.

This event was capped by a yard party and food on the grill with over 30 members and family in attendance, some of whom, spent time in the in-ground pool. It was a refreshing way to start the new fraternal year.

- Russell J Bernhardt, FSES

District Deputy Training & Installation

On Saturday, July 8 the new District Deputies were installed following a day of training. Training was held at Council Markich Hall. The Installation was held following Mass at St. Joan of Arc in downtown Las Vegas. We were fortunate to have Darryl Barrios, Supreme Director of Fraternal Training and Communication join us the entire day. At dinner later that evening, Fr. Siarhei signed up on-line.



- Al Cuccinelli, SS

Fans of Fans for Seniors

Before the Chevy Silverado, there was the Chevy 3100. Before built-in air conditioning, there were box fans. Before the triple digit heat, there were members who brought cooling relief to seniors in need.

On July 11th, Ponderosa Council 4928 made its initial delivery of 21 box fans donated by its members valued at \$528.57 to the Washoe County Human Services Agency in support of their "Fans for Seniors" drive. The Council is a big fan of this fan program which runs to August 30th. As a council, and as led by our Program Chair W. Anthony Watts, Ponderosa Council is more than halfway toward topping last year's record total of 40 fans.



Participation in Helping Hands programs is a wonderful way for members to put their Faith in Action. With this initiative, once done, we can all breathe easier. That's cool.

George A. Minter, GK

4th Degree **Exemplification**

On Saturday, July 15, we held a 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Joseph, HOM in Las Vegas. Over 20 new SKs achieved 4th Degree status. Welcome Sir Knights!!



- Tom Villardi, DM

Supreme Family of the Month/Year

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention.

The submission forms can be found at www.kofc.org/stateforms.

Knight of the Month

Supreme's Faith in Action program model recognizes the changing needs of today's Catholic men. The key to remaining relevant is the implementation of faith-filled family programs aided by council chaplains who act as spiritual advisors to our brother knights and their families. Ponderosa Council lost that voice with the passing of Fr. George C. Wolf last September.



With great fortune, in January, Fr. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA, the Parochial Vicar of St. Theresa of the Little Flower Catholic Church, Reno, volunteered to be our Council Chaplain. In doing so he has offered the spiritual guidance and direction needed to further the success of our Council to help our members to live out their commitment to the Catholic faith and the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. For all that he does, Fr. Arlon is recognized as our July Knight of the Month.

- George Minter, GK

Family of the Month

For the Month of July, Ponderosa Council 4928 recognizes the Angela Malone family. Angela, a widow since the tragic loss of her husband Kevin in March 2017, is co-chair of the Holy Cross Catholic Community Altar Server Ministry. She also teaches Religious Education.

When not volunteering, Angela keeps track of the family. Her three adult children are Thomas, Kaitlin, and Maggie. Both daughters are married with children, which makes her a grandmother. Still at home are Kevin, Samantha, and Michael.



Maggie was the first to serve as an altar server training Kevin, who in turn trained Sammy who is now training Mikey, all under Angela's guiding hand. Thomas is a member of the University of Nevada Reno Council 16207 (Newman Center) and serves as the Diocese of Reno Vice Chancellor under Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. She raised them well.

- George A. Minter, GK

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