
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	Chris Traver (14784)
District 13	Councils 11174, 11179, 11512, 13691, 15790	Dennis Murtaugh (11029)

Other Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

State Program Director	Dan St. Pierre
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr.
Webmaster & Communications Director	Rick Sherman
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. Reifsnnyder
	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
Catholic Citizens Essay 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. Reifsnnyder
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	Richard Menard
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
Southern Nevada State Recruitment Chairman	Ray Troik
Northern Nevada State Recruitment Chairman	Michael Alvendia
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

Armed With the Faith

SK Patrick E Kelly

Knights of Columbus volunteers to deliver 100,000 Copies of Armed with the Faith Catholic Prayer Book to Active-Duty Military Personnel



Supreme Knight

Knights of Columbus volunteers, including some serving in the military, delivered the first of 100,000 copies of the new 6th edition of the Armed with the Faith Catholic prayer book to the Edwin Cardinal O’Brien Pastoral Center in Washington, D.C., home base for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The prayer books will be sent to active-duty U.S. Military personnel serving our country around the world. Upon arrival, the handbooks were blessed by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., of the Archdioceses for the Military Services, USA. Since 2003, more than 600,000 copies of Armed with the Faith, developed in partnership with the AMS, USA, have been given to Catholic U.S. servicemen and women, including those in National Guard and Reserve units.

The Armed with the Faith prayer books are designed to hold up in arduous conditions, with features including waterproof and tear-resistant stock, and plastic binders that enable the turning of pages without a sound. This new 6th edition of Armed with the Faith also features an introduction from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, himself a veteran with an impressive military career.

“Throughout my military career, my fellow soldiers and I were strengthened and comforted by a daily commitment to prayer, as we asked for God’s intercession to protect our nation and help us preserve our freedoms,” said Supreme Knight Kelly. “It’s my hope that today’s active-duty military



Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., of the Archdioceses for the Military Services blesses copies of the prayer book Armed With the Faith.

personnel will find the Armed with the Faith Catholic prayer book their indispensable resource for reflection and prayer.”

Supreme Knight Kelly served in the United States Navy for 24 years, on land and sea, on active duty and reserve status. As a Judge Advocate General, he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the U.S. Naval War College. He served on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and aboard the USS Guam as the Staff Judge Advocate for Amphibious Squadron Two. His personal awards include three Navy Achievement Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the JAG Corps Reserve in 2016.

Commenting on the prayer book distribution, Archbishop Broglio added: “Once again, I renew my gratitude to my brother Knights of Columbus who actively contribute to the spiritual growth and welfare of the men and women in uniform and their families. Armed with the Faith is a precious example of their solicitude, which is expressed in so many ways. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly continues a great tradition of patriotic service to our country, both as a retired Naval Officer and now from New Haven.”

The Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service also publishes a home edition of Armed with the Faith for distribution to non-active-duty personnel, including military families, veterans, members of ROTC units, and students at the U.S. military service academies.

Diocese Announcements

Reno Diocese - Simbang Gabi 2021

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg



Eighth Bishop of Reno

THE FILIPINO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF RENO
Request The Honor of Your Company To Join Us
In Our Centuries Old Filipino Tradition of –

SIMBANG GABI




SIMBANG GABI NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE 2021						
DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	HOST ORG.	CELEBRANT	
WED	15 Dec	6:00pm	*ICC	*FDCR	Most Rev Daniel H. Mueggenborg	
THU	16 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	*OLOS	Fr. Chris Kanowitz	
FRI	17 Dec	6:00pm	*STCLF	STCLF	Fr. Paul McCullom	
SAT	18 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	STCLF	Fr. Arlon Vergara, OSA	
SUN	19 Dec	6:15pm	ICC	ICC	Fr. Philip George	
MON	20 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	ICC	Fr. Beda Martinez	
TUE	21 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	*SAG	Fr. Honesto Agustin	
WED	22 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	SAG	Fr. Loy Torrente	
THU	23 Dec	6:00pm	ICC	FDCR	Fr. Joseph Infante	

WATCH THE OPENING NIGHT OF SG2021 VIA LIVE STREAM THRU OUR WEBSITE SITE.

A SERIES OF NINE HOLY EVENING NOVENA MASSES TO CELEBRATE AND DELIGHT IN THE MESSAGE OF HOPE, JOY AND LOVE CHRISTMAS BRINGS.



AS WE OBSERVE THE TRADITION OF SIMBANG GABI 2021
LET OUR THEME THIS YEAR BE:
"The Christian Catholics - Grateful and Gloriously Hopeful In The Advent of Christmas, Despite the Pandemic Crisis".

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Visit Us: <http://renodiocese.org/home/ourworks/ethnic-ministry/>
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ANOTHER BLESSED TRADITION OF THE FDCR & HOSTED THIS YEAR BY THE BLD & THE FILIPINO MINISTRY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Las Vegas Diocese - Simbang Gabi 2021

Most Reverend George
Leo Thomas Ph.D.



Third Bishop of Las Vegas
Roman Catholic Diocese
of Las Vegas

"SIMBANG GABI" - December 15-23, 2021



Simbang Gabi is a traditional custom among Filipinos originating from the Philippines during its early years of Christianity. It is a nine (9) series of novena masses celebrated in catholic churches in the early morning leading up to Christmas eve in joyous anticipation of baby Jesus' birth.

This is a very much desired Filipino religious tradition for families to stay late or wake up early, attend mass and fill many churches. After the liturgy, delicious Filipino food and delicacies are served and shared by families. Thus this novena becomes both a religious and social gathering. In the Diocese of Las Vegas, these novena masses are rotated around the city, celebrated in different parishes at their regular mass time, as published in parish bulletins. Parishioners are invited to attend and participate in the novena. The Pastor/Associate at the assigned parish may preside the liturgy. Visiting priests may be welcome to concelebrate. The readings of the day are read and proclaimed. A simple reception/fellowship usually takes place after mass.

Las Vegas 2021 Simbang Gabi Schedule of Diocesan Mass/Novena: Date, Time and Location

1. December 15, Wednesday at two churches
 9:00 AM - **Guardian Angel Cathedral**, 302 Cathedral Way, Las Vegas, NV 89109
 6:00 PM - **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, 1811 Pueblo Vista Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89128
2. December 16, Thursday at two churches
 7:30 AM - **Holy Spirit**, 5830 Mesa Park Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89135
 6:00 PM - **Saint Bridget**, 220 N. 14th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101
3. December 17, Friday at two churches
 8:30 AM - **Christ the King**, 4925 S. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89118
 7:00 PM - **Saint Anne**, 1901 South Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89104
4. December 18, Saturday at two churches
 7:30 AM - **Holy Family**, 4490 S Mountain Vista St, Las Vegas, NV 89121
 5:00 PM - **St. Francis of Assisi**, 2300 Sunridge Heights Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89052
5. December 19, Sunday, 5:30 PM - **Our Lady of Las Vegas**
 3050 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89107
6. December 20, Monday - 6:00 PM - **St. John Neumann**
 2575 W. El Campo Grande Ave., North Las Vegas, NV 89031
7. December 21, Tuesday at two churches
 8:00 AM - **St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**, 7260 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89117
 6:00 PM - **St. Thomas More**, 130 N Pecos Rd, Henderson, NV 89074
8. December 22, Wednesday at two churches
 12:00 Noon - **Saint Joan of Arc**, 315 S. Casino Center Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101
 6:00 PM - **Prince of Peace**, 5485 E Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89142
9. December 23, Thursday, 6:00 PM - **St Christopher**, 1840 N Bruce St, North Las Vegas, NV 89030



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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

Reno Visit & Meeting with Bishop Mueggenborg

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

Brothers,

On Monday, November 29, 2021, several members of the State Team had an opportunity to meet with Bishop Mueggenborg in Reno. It was a very productive meeting and many topics were discussed.

We also attended several Masses in Lovelock, were there for the Blessing of the Altar Mass in Stead, attended the Necrology Mass followed by an Exemplification Degree at St. Teresa of the Little Flower. In all, we recruited 8 new members, and initiated 4 new members to the third Degree.



Left to right: State Membership Director, DD Chris Traver, State Deputy Joe Haun, Bishop Mueggenborg and State Advocate John Long.

Message from the Desk of the Immediate Past State Deputy

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Warmest Greetings this Advent Season!

It's the time of the year where preparation and longing for the birth of our Infant Jesus awaits us ushering joy throughout humanity!

“May Christ's peace and hope be with your family now and in the days ahead may His love warm your hearts may He give you a spirit of wisdom.”

My dear Brother Knights, there is no limit in what we can achieve together as a council, state and Order as a whole, this year 2021 opened up and flew by with all its splendor despite global uncertainties that besets society with this pandemic, we still focused on every facet, that the end of this would be a response for the Knights call for action to save lives and change lives in every need by our new and creative ways.

Let prayers and kindness exude in our hearts and minds in moving forward to carry on the great works of the Knights, a timeless mission into the future.

From my family to yours, A Merry Christmas!

“May a Christmas star shine into your heart and burn in your spirit bright may Jesus' peace bless you and bring true joy to you and your loved ones.”

Vivat Jesus!

Toni Pascua, IPSD

Supreme Director

Star of wonder, the Star of Night, The Star of Royal Beauty Bright!

Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us!

Message from the State Treasurer

SK Tom Villardi



State Treasurer

Hello Brother Knights,

Well it's December! The year is coming to an end but the fraternal year continues on for six more months. The first thing I'd like to say is how proud I am of our Worthy State Deputy & our fantastic Membership Director. The effort that they have put in during the first half of this year is nothing short of amazing. Please keep in mind that's coming from the man who had the job two cycles ago. I know how hard it is and they keep on recruiting and keep growing our State Membership.

With the Midyear Convention coming up, I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone. I plan to do a little more housekeeping and make sure we have all the correct information for the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries that are coming to the meeting. So make sure you check in with me during registration.

As your State Treasurer everything is looking good on the finance side of things for the State. Remember again, this year checks will be mailed out on Monday morning after the convention to all the designated parties. See you this weekend, travel safe and as always if there's a question I can answer do not hesitate to call me.

A few more things; the Councils that received the tootsie rolls orders, please advise when you plan to do your drive and if you have done it already please get your paperwork in to Worthy State Secretary Meynard, so we can get the money out to the charities before the end of the year. Also the first boxes of Coats for Kids have started coming into my warehouse yesterday. I will advise when all of the coats are in for the Southern Nevada region.

Vivat Jesus.

Message from the State Program Director

SK Daniel C St Pierre

Worthy Brother Knights of Nevada,



State Warden & Program
Director

As I write this, I am thinking ahead to the State Mid-Year meeting. Hopefully, I will see many of you there. It is a great opportunity to talk with reps from other councils, share war stories and come up with solutions to various problems. We will have a plenty of time set aside to talk about programs, so I won't belabor the point now. However, I do want to pass out some information to the larger audience based on current events particularly in regards to our Pro-Life programs as the Supreme Court is about the take up the Dobbs case that has potential to overturn or significantly degrade Roe v Wade.

Consecration to the Holy Family (Family Category): The timing selection of this program is important as the Feast of the Holy Family this year is on December 26th, the Sunday after Christmas. To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. To get the most out of this consecration, it is wise to prepare by fasting and prayer. As I have small children in my family, fasting over Christmas sounds outrageous, but Advent is a time for preparation similar to Lent, so putting forth this extra effort may make Christmas more enjoyable. Please give this program a look. See if you can get your council and parishioners to participate. It is accomplished at the family level, but try to get as many families to accomplish this as possible. All of the materials are available online.

Novena for Life (Life Category). As alluded to above, this is a critical point in time for our country (and the world) when it comes to abortion, and prayer is a key component of righting our ways. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils are asked to promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. Supreme has provided posters for advertising as well as Gospel for Life Prayer Cards and Rosary for Life Prayer Cards. Remember, this is an activity you can do both virtually or in person, depending on you COVID posture. You can do this now and pray for Dobbs (prayfordobbs.com), 9 Days for Life (January 19-27, 2022), or as your council sees fit. This important part is to pray for life! Pray for the Pro-Life lawyers and pray that the Supreme Court Justices weigh the case in terms of justice and truth.

As with all Supreme-built programs, you can scale these to the size of your council as they are designed to give the Knights of Columbus an opportunity to bring awareness to these causes. I

encourage you get something started and to expand on those efforts every year. Participants don't have to be Knights either... the idea is to get the whole community involved. And don't forget to fill out the Form #10784 online to make sure your council gets credit for, and Supreme gets feedback on, the project (It only takes seconds to fill out).

For all your Faith in Action Resources click here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab0>. There are many other links from there. Browse around. It's all laid out, but still don't hesitate to send me any questions.

Fraternally,

Dan St. Pierre, FDD, PGK
Nevada State Warden and Program Director



O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.

We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Building the Domestic Church  [KofC.org/DomesticChurch](https://www.kofc.org/DomesticChurch)

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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State Directors/Chairs Announcements

A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi, or Mass at Dawn, is a nine-day Novena to prepare for the birth of Christ. Traditionally, the novena begins on December 16 as early as 4 a.m. Since the Mass is celebrated when it is still dark, Simbang Gabi can also mean Mass at Night.

The most important religious significance for those who attend Simbang Gabi is to be nourished with faith and understanding that each individual, regardless of color and creed, is a reflection of Christ in their homes, at work and school. This season of Advent preparation is the perfect time to ponder how this truth influences our thoughts, actions and spiritual lives.

SIMBANG GABI is one of the longest and most popular among the Filipino traditions in the country. It is when Catholic churches across the nation start to open their doors shortly before the break of dawn to welcome the faithful to the Simbang Gabi mass.

Simbang Gabi or Mass at Dawn is a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. The novena begins December 16 as early as 4 in the morning and culminates with the “Misa de Gallo” on Christmas Eve to welcome the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. In some churches, the panuluyan is reenacted showing the effort of Joseph and Mary to find a suitable birthplace.

ORIGIN

Simbang Gabi traces its roots in Mexico when, in 1587, the Pope granted the petition of Fray Diego de Soria, prior of the convent of San Agustin Acolman, to hold Christmas mass outdoors because the Church could not accommodate the huge number of people attending the evening mass.

During the old times, the pre-dawn mass is announced by the ringing of the church bells. In some rural areas, an hour before the start of Simbang Gabi, a brass band plays Christmas music all over the town. It is also believed that parish priests would go far knocking on doors to wake and gather the faithful to attend the misa de gallo. Farmers as well as fishermen wake up early to hear the Gospel before going to their work and ask for the grace of good harvest.

SIMBANG GABI NOW AND THEN

The changing of times does not break the preservation of celebrating Simbang Gabi although it is celebrated in new ways. Still, the tradition of Simbang Gabi continues. Part of it are the colorful lights and lanterns that fill every streets. Beautiful parols are hung in every window. Songs of the season are played everywhere to warm the hearts. Families, friends and even individuals find its way going to the nearest church to attend the nine-day novena. Shortly after the misa de gallo, families

gather in their homes to celebrate Noche Buena and feasted on various delicacies like queso de bola, bibingka, puto bungbong, or a drink of salabat or hot chocolate.

SIGNIFICANCE

Simbang Gabi has become one of the most popular traditions in the country. But it is not just a tradition that is celebrated because we need to do so. It is a significant moment not only because it strengthens relationships among family members but also because it is the time where our faith is intensified. This is the time where we mostly feel the presence of the Lord because it is the spiritual preparation for Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. It does not matter if one has the stamina to complete the novena or not, what really matters is what is inside the heart. The blessing does not depend on the number of mass attended, but what is important is the disposition of the person who receives the Lord's blessing.



A Message from the State Membership Director

SK Christopher Traver



State Membership Director

How To Hold a Successful Open House

We have done some successful recruitment drives; however, we still have many candidates who have not completed their online exemplifications. With the Holiday season soon upon us, it would be a good idea for councils to have an open house to showcase our good works and invite the candidate and his family for them to see as well. Here are some tips on how to hold a successful open house

Step One: Schedule a meeting room at the Parish at least 30 days before the open house. The room should be scheduled for at least 2.5 hours, minimum, allowing the council to set up and break down. The open house should not be more than. One hour. When scheduling, aim for the beginning of the week since schedules tend to be more available on Monday and Tuesday.

Step Two: Invite your pastor and field agent. They tend to make recruiting activities more impactful. Make sure both can make it, and be sure to include them as part of your presentation. Hopefully, your pastor will be willing to speak about the council and the good works for the Parish.

Step Three: Schedule a degree one week in advance or two following the open house. This will allow you to welcome new members into your council immediately.

Step Four: Place an advertisement/invitation to all eligible me **and their families** in the church bulletin two weeks before the event.

Step Five: Challenge all council members at the council meeting preceding the open house to hand out one personal invitation each to an eligible member of the Parish. The challenge should be issued by the Grand Knight and the Field Agent. **Be sure to invite the families too.**

Step Six: Send invitations out to any member of the Parish who is on the council's prospect list. **Be sure to invite their family too.**

Step Seven: Call prospective attendees a few days before the event to encourage them to attend, or make sure they are coming. In cases where the prospective member was invited by a specific Knight, that Knight should make the call. **This makes it personal and increases the chances the man will attend.** In cases where the prospective member was invited by the council, the Grand Knight should designate someone to be responsible for follow-up.

Step Eight: Prepare your presentation. Keep it brief, **and make sure to empathize with what the prospective member and his family would get by joining the Knights of Columbus.** Be sure to

highlight your council's programs too. You should also plan on showing one of the Faith In Action Videos. Go to kofc.org

Step Nine: Rehearse the presentation. The presentation should be done by your best presenter, your Grand Knight, field agent, membership director, or someone else. Whoever he may be, or perhaps have several presenters who are splitting the presentation.

I hope this helps your council hold successful recruiting events.

Thank you and God Bless

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF



General Agent

What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)

I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. I hope and pray that you and your family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in me. I have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. I consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agent. One way I may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online. Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!

Vivat Jesus!

State Historian Report and December 2021 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

**Wishing You a Blessed Christmas and a
Joyous New Year 2022!!!**

“God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.”

- Pope Francis I

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 noteworthy 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 Rick Sherman, State Communications Director to collect and archive this information.
4. 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 you, my brothers.

History of the Knights of Columbus

More History of Bishop Patrick Manogue

Fr. Manogue began a tireless and vital apostolate among his former mining companions. He had the Irish quality of being at home anywhere. Mansion or shanty, saloon or wigwam welcomed him and all who had assumed that Fr. Pat Manogue would be different now that he was a priest soon revised their assumption. Being a priest enhanced somehow the vitality, good nature, and charm of this giant of an Irishman.

He made long trips into the wilderness by himself, sleeping along the trail or on the floor of a log cabin. On his journeys he converted many Native Indians who could always be distinguished by their Irish baptismal names. He gave gifts of crucifixes and medals to the children he baptized, and those gifts became prized possessions into their adult life, gifts from their Soggarth Aroon. His favorite method of teaching religion to wandering bands of Indians was to gather them into the church and explain the meaning of the altar and tabernacle, the Bible, the baptismal font, Stations of the Cross and the statues.

On one occasion Fr. Manogue was summoned to administer the last rites to a dying woman in a remote mountain cabin. After the long and difficult journey, he was met at the cabin door by the woman's husband who brandished a gun and threatened to kill the priest if he attempted to enter the cabin. Like a man picking up a naughty puppy, Fr. Manogue picked the man up despite the gun and left him on his backside beside the path while he went into the cabin to give the woman the anointing of the sick and viaticum.

Through summer heat and winter snows, Fr. Manogue crossed Nevada on foot and on horseback, sleeping on the floor of a chief's wigwam or on a cot in the back room of the nearest saloon. He was a man of undaunted energy, determination, and stamina.

After being pastor of Virginia City for 19 years, Fr. Manogue was selected by Pope Pius IX to be the Titular Bishop of Ceramus and co-adjutor bishop to Bishop O'Connell of the Grass Valley Diocese. However, as a condition of his acceptance of the appointment, Fr. Manogue was adamant that the diocesan headquarters of Grass Valley being transferred to the thriving city of Sacramento. Bishop O'Connell himself had tried to secure Sacramento for the Grass Valley See but was rebuffed by both the Archdiocese of San Francisco and Rome. But before his ordination as bishop by Archbishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany on January 16, 1881 in St. Mary Cathedral, San Francisco. Bishop O'Connell did not retire as bishop of Grass Valley for another three years.

The promised relocation of the See to Sacramento took five years to accomplish. Alemany's successor, Chicago priest Archbishop Patrick Riordan, reopened the question and refused to give up the state capital unless Bishop Manogue agreed to take several rural counties from San Francisco. Bishop Manogue was enraged and lashed out publicly against Riordan and Bishop O'Connell whom he accused of trying to undermine transfer of Sacramento. Bishop Manogue later exacted a petty vengeance on Bishop O'Connell by making the old prelate beg for his promised pension. But Archbishop Riordan prevailed in his demand. On May 16, 1886, Pope Leo XIII changed the boundaries of the diocese making Sacramento, the capital of

California, the See City of the diocese, making Bishop Manogue the founding bishop of the new Sacramento diocese. Bishop Manogue then proceeded to focus on building a cathedral for the new diocese.

Remember: The 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!!! We just celebrated the first year of his "Blessed" status on October 31, 2021.

Visit the website: www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org

“Knight in the Light”

FVSM Sir Knight Marvin (Marv) James Harris, CPA, Captain US Army

Former Vice Supreme Master SK Marv Harris was born on April 14, 1942, in Los Angeles, CA. He attended the University of Northern Arizona graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also attended Trinity University in Belfast, Ireland and later obtained an MBA from the University of Utah.

Commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Army and served in Viet Nam as a company commander with the 173rd Infantry Division in 1966 and 1967. He completed his military service in Europe.

After his military service he was employed by NBC in New York City and later in Salt Lake City. He later worked for Disney Corporation, Radio Division, and Families First of Northern California. He was active in Kiwanis International and eventually appointed District Lt. Governor for the Utah and Idaho District. Sir Knight Harris also served as President and CEO of several social welfare organizations and as a chaplain for the Utah Prison System.

He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1995 and served as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and many other positions proceeding through the seats of the Knights. He was appointed as the Vice Supreme Master for the St. Junipero Serra Province in 2011 and completed his term of service in 2015.

SK Marvin James Harris passed away on October 10, 2021, Reno, Nevada. His wife Gerry and daughter Melissa were at his side. He is survived by Gerry Harris and his three daughters Rebecca Harris, Elizabeth Tucker and Melissa Varner, two Grandchildren and five Great Grandchildren. His son Robert Harris, died in 2006.

His funeral Mass held on October 30th, at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral, Reno, Nevada. Officiating was Fr. Chuck Durante with the Eulogy by Sir Knight Donald Krolak and Lectors VSM Sir Knight Dave Ryan and Sir Knight Brian Saeman.

The Knights of Columbus Color Corps members, State Deputy Joe Haun and other State Officers, and Worthy Masters from Nevada and California. Eighteen Knights were present to celebrate this Warrior for his Country and the Knights of Columbus.

By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Assembly/Council Announcements

Our Lady of Las Vegas - Trunk or Treat

SK Joe M Suarez, Jr



Grand Knight
Council #9102



Ponderosa Council 4928 - November Activities

SK Thierry V Barkley

REMEMBERING OUR TROOPS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



Grand Knight
Council #4928

One of Ponderosa Council’s annual service initiatives is supporting the Blue Star Mothers of Spanish Springs by preparing personalized holiday cards for inclusion into the “care packages” that the moms send to our troops on duty throughout the world during the holiday season. SK Mario Diaz, pictured above, initiated our **Holiday Cards for the Troops** program in 2015.

The value of this program relies greatly on the unique and personally-prepared holiday card messages, especially those completed by school-aged children. Just add a care package and you have a program that encourages patriotism, and a gift that shows our military personnel stationed overseas that we care and thank them for their service.

This year, despite on-going pandemic restrictions, particularly within the schools, our members, church, and community groups, all soldiered on and were still able to complete approximately 350 Christmas and personalized holiday cards in support of the Blue Star moms’ program. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit!

Saint Andrew Council 8078 - November Activities

SK Robert J Hartman



Grand Knight
Council #8078

SOCCER CHALLENGE CONTEST

On November 22 & 23 we held our annual Soccer Challenge Contest at Garrett Jr. High School. My very special thanks to Brothers Bob Moravec, Steve Abramowski & Victor Santangelo. We had **163 kids** participate in this contest.

Coming up in late December and early January will be the Basketball Free Throw Contest. Our record for participation in this contest was set several years ago with 397 kids participating. So as you can see, we will need more Knights working this event.

St. Jude, Council 9102 - Autism Foundation Donation

SK Joe M Suarez, Jr



Grand Knight
Council #9102

Tootsie Roll Drive Check Presentation



Pictured left to right:

SK Jack Cooper, DGK Nino Erolin, Corinne Spitzer, Events & Marketing Director of the Ackerman Center, SK John Hedge, State Associate Chaplain Fr. Gerry Grupczynski and GK Joe Suarez Jr.

Our Lady of Las Vegas Inaugural Golf Tournament

SK Joe M Suarez, Jr



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Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

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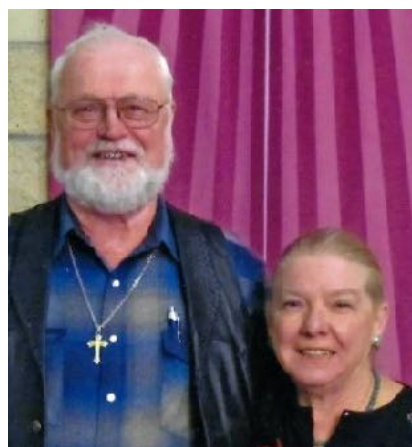
FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER 2021

MANN FAMILY

SK Richard and Lady Angela Mann have participated in Ponderosa Council activities for over 20 years. Richard has over 35 years in Scouting. He is proudest of his tenure as Scoutmaster. Ponderosa Council is thankful for his many years as our Charter Representative for Troop 14 and Pack 14.

Lady Angela helped produce newspapers for over 46 years including eight years that she and Richard owned the Virginia City newspaper. In a different era, Sam Clemens would have enjoyed working for her, but never the Twain did she meet.

Recently, Holy Cross parish expressed “sincere gratitude” for Angela’s time and editorial talent producing its weekly parish bulletin for many years. Ponderosa Council named her to its Volunteer Rookie Team as the “Iron Lady” for working all six days of the Nugget Rib-Cookoff. Together, we recognize them as our Family of the Month for doing their best in duty to God and country.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER 2021**CHARLES W. MOSES**

Long recognized as Ponderosa Council's champion and program chair for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, Bro. Chuck Moses travelled a different path this year. First, he was required to drive over 450 miles to Tonopah to complete the transport of Tootsie roll product from Las Vegas as well as the time needed to complete local delivery to scattered councils in northern Nevada.

Secondly, when not en route, Bro. Chuck volunteered his time (1) at the Sparks Police Dept. Appreciation Luncheon grilling and serving, (2) at the Ponderosa Council Soccer Challenge enduring the discomfort of unseasonal wet weather, and (3) by completing multiple Council dress orders (but not the sewing) so that our members look their best in Ponderosa green. In sum, he is our Knight of the Month for all that he does to help Ponderosa Council achieve its fraternal goals.



Saint Andrew Council 8078 Recognitions

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER 2021

MATT & MONICA DELL'ORTO

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER 2021

STAN WALKER



Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us