
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. 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
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>
LV 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	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

1,500th Ultrasound Machine Donated

SK Patrick E Kelly

Supreme Knight

This initiative has allowed more than 1 million moms to see their unborn babies

The Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative surpassed a major milestone today, placing its 1,500th ultrasound machine through its signature donation program.

The machine was donated to the First Choice Women’s Resource Center in New Brunswick, N.J., and blessed by Bishop James Checchio of the Diocese of Metuchen during a dedication ceremony attended by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

“Knights of Columbus believe in the dignity and worth of every human life,” said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. “Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, devoted his life to the care of widows and orphans. We continue the Order’s mission by working tirelessly, through prayer and action, to support mothers and their children, both unborn and born.”

Since 2009, the Knights has placed ultrasound machines in all 50 U.S. states — with more than 100 in Florida, California and Texas. Through the initiative, the Order covers the entire cost of this life-saving technology for the center — local councils raise half the purchase cost, and the Supreme Council contributes the balance. The total value of these machines now stands at more than \$72 million. Beyond the Ultrasound Initiative, local councils have donated funds and supplies worth nearly \$14 million, and members offered more than 1.3 million man-hours, to assist pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes from 2018 to 2020.

“Now is a crucial moment for life. Our compassion, understanding and generous support are all essential,” Kelly said. “Our bold witness is needed to change not only laws, but also hearts and minds.”

Knights of Columbus also put their pro-life beliefs into action through many other pro-life programs, including Marches for Life, diaper drives, Special Olympics, Masses for People with Special Needs and more.

Diocese Announcements

The Senate Must Codify Abortion Right Now

Most Reverend George
Leo Thomas Ph.D.



Third Bishop of Las Vegas
Roman Catholic Diocese
of Las Vegas

Bishop George Leo Thomas' Response to Las Vegas Sun Guest Column by U.S. Representative Susie Lee

On May 15, 2018, I preached my first homily as the new Bishop for the Diocese of Las Vegas, setting out a blueprint for the Catholic Church here in southern Nevada.

In that inaugural homily, I articulated the Catholic Church's deepest conviction that all life is sacred, from the moment of conception until natural death. In a word, we believe that all persons, without exception, are unique and unrepeatable gifts from God. We hold that each is fashioned in God's own image, and therefore, there are to be no throwaway people, no disposable souls, and no second-class citizens.

This conviction explains the Catholic Church's reverence for unborn life, our care for the hungry and homeless, our investment in comprehensive adoption services, our support for lawful immigration reform, and our advocacy among the poor and vulnerable in the community.

In that homily, I stated clearly, "We are a Church that will never remain silent when human life is threatened, whether in the womb or on the deathbed." We will always assert a "preferential option for the poor" as we apportion our resources and energy. I hold that the unborn child must be counted among the most vulnerable in our midst.

In her guest column printed in the Las Vegas Sun, January 24, 2022, Representative Susie Lee, a self-identified Catholic, articulated a position that stands in stark contrast to the hallowed moral teaching of the Catholic Church. Yet she claimed "to have a deep understanding of the moral dilemma that the choice to have an abortion presents." Her "deep understanding" is highly flawed.

As a Catholic politician, Lee is not alone in her selective and truncated understanding of the Church's moral and social teaching.

Lee wrote, "I will always be a fierce advocate in the fight to ensure that women have the freedom to seek unrestrained and medically accurate advice from their doctors and make their own decisions about their health and their bodies. Protecting the right to safe, legal abortion will be an uphill battle, but I will never back down."

Throughout her guest column, Lee proffers her support for unrestricted reproductive care, without ever mentioning the consequences of her advocacy for the unborn child, over 60 million of whom have been annihilated in the womb since the enactment of Roe vs. Wade, 49 years ago.

This past November, the Bishops of the United States produced a statement entitled "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church."

Today the Supreme Court's much-anticipated decision regarding the constitutional right to abortion stands as a teachable moment for all of us, and most notably for Catholic pro-choice politicians.

The Bishops wrote that "the Eucharist is the sacrament of the ecclesial communion, as it both signifies and effects most fully the communion with Christ that began in Baptism." (48)

It is my sincere hope that Catholic politicians and Catholics at large take this moment to look deeply into their own hearts, and reexamine the Church's moral conviction on the inviolability and dignity of human life.

If a politician from the Diocese of Las Vegas finds himself or herself at odds with the Church's teaching on the sacredness of human life, I ask him or her voluntarily to refrain from the reception of Holy Communion while holding public office.

I place the onus of that decision upon the individual politician's shoulders, and not on the backs of Pastors or Eucharistic Ministers.

The Bishops' statement is clear and compelling:

If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church.

Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she should refrain.

Susie Lee's guest column provides the catalyst for me to articulate the Church's teaching on the sacredness of human life and our position regarding politicians and the reception of Holy Communion.

At the same time, I am ever in the ready to discuss this matter privately with Representative Lee or with any Catholic politician to whom this position applies.

Please be certain of my prayers for all who hold public office during these tumultuous and challenging times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Message from the State Deputy

SK Joe Alvin Haun



 State Deputy

Key Items Moving Forward

Recruiting - Recruiting has basically stalled for December and January. Because of the stall, Visayas has passed Nevada and taken 2nd in the Order. Nevada can regain 2nd but we need to meet our quota this week. Every Council that is holding an event this week should be recruiting. All State Officers and District Deputies should be out this week and recruiting. We only need 21 new members to meet Quota, but Nevada can do far more.

State Recruiting Team - Our State Membership Director is returning to Nevada next week, and we will be restarting the State's recruiting campaigns this month. First in Las Vegas at St Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Pahrump, Holy Family Catholic Church, and Our Lady of La Vang Catholic Church.

2022 Nevada State Convention - The State Convention will be held at Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church, Las Vegas, NV on **May 13, 14, & 15**. Please mark your calendars.

Councils must elect 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates, and forward this information to the **State Secretary** no later than **April 15th**. Also the Councils will need to forward their Resolutions by the end of February to the **State Advocate** for his committee to review and add to the Convention agenda.

At the State Convention we will be holding State elections. Any 3rd degree member is eligible to run for any office. Please have the Councils send their Resolution of Support to the State Secretary by March 30th. The State Positions available are as follows:

- State Deputy
- State Secretary
- State Treasurer
- State Advocate
- Sate Warden

3 Nominees for District Master (Only 4th Degree Delegates will be able to cast votes on Friday, May 13th). The Supreme Council will then select the District Master.

The State Council needs all State Officers and District Deputies to recommit and finish this next 5 months strong. Every District should be recruiting, submitting forms, and identifying and mentoring their STAR Councils and STAR Districts. Every council and District can reach STAR Council and STAR District.

Message from the Desk of the Immediate Past State Deputy - February 2022

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy &
Supreme Director

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Pleasant greetings as we celebrate February, the month of love- the shortest of all the months of the year!

Thankful always to wake up to a new day.

Waking up early isn't necessarily wired into all of our systems — especially, for instance, if there is a particularly bingeable show streaming that week. Still, there have been studies that suggest that early birds can be healthier, more productive, and in many cases, even happier than those who enjoy burning the midnight oil.

The reasons are manifold, and range from the practical to the philosophical. For one, there are often more daylight hours available to early risers, meaning it can be easier to get more done in a span of 24 hours. For another, there's the fact that waking up with the sun is the way most of our circadian rhythms are intended to operate, so early risers are more attuned to the natural cycles of the earth.

Suffice it to say, there are plenty of reasons to stop hitting the snooze button and just get up already. Still, it's not always easy to break our stubborn habits. After all, as Benjamin Franklin once said, "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

You maximize living life to its potential and by doing so, being mindful to set a purpose and meaningful like. Make daily living worthwhile and find that within 24 hours a day, we are able to allocate a moment, at least 30 minutes to reflect, say the Rosary and pray for the intentions of our families as well as for those struggling and in dire need of help.

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure in service in leading your Council, State and outreach to your respective ministries, and your parish church.

Prepare our hearts that in all good things, we may Glorify the Lord!

Vivat Jesus!

Miracles do happen, if we believe, dream and pray!

Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us!

State Deputy January 2022 Highlights

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

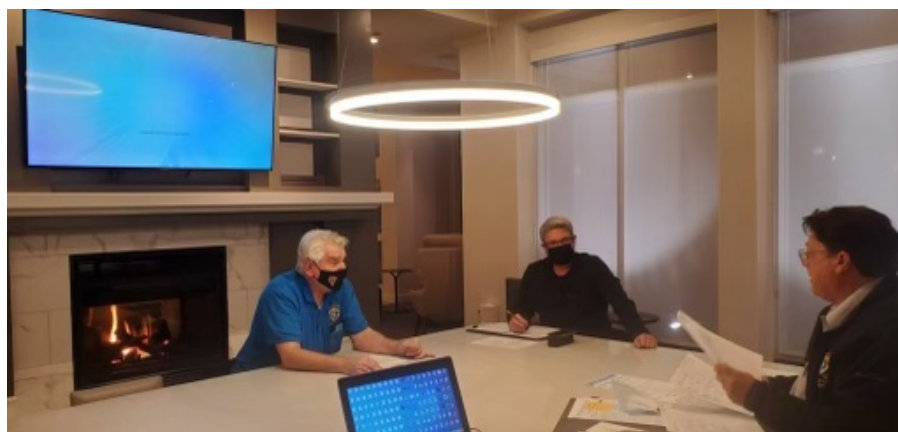
Photos From Our Northern Nevada Mid-Year Meeting in Lovelock, NV



Bishop Daniel joined us in the afternoon.



Fr. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA was also able to attend.



Prep meeting with WSD Joe Haun, WSS Meynard Infantado (taking photo), WES AI Cuccinelli and WDD Dennis Murtaugh

Message from the State Program Director

SK Daniel C St Pierre



State Warden & Program
Director

Worthy Brother Knights of Nevada,

Well, time really seems to be moving fast and I hope you are keeping up. We are in February already which leaves only a few precious months left in the Fraternal Year. If you are reading this and your council has not submitted your Fraternal Survey form #1728, you are technically late. However, this form is so important to the Order that I encourage you to get on it and get it done. This is a required form for Star Council and the State Council will be after you to turn it in. Even the Squires Circles have a similar requirement. Thanks to every council that has met the deadline.

Now that the paperwork reminder is out of the way, let's turn to the fun business of programs in February. I would like to draw your attention to the Good Friday Family Promotion this month to actually give you time to promote it. I'll also mention the Holy Hour program in the context of Lent which is on the near horizon. We all know we can use more prayers and tools with today's spiritual challenges.

Good Friday Family Promotion (Family): Good Friday this year is on April 15th, so there is plenty of time to get this program underway in your council as despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services is rather low. In an effort to change this, the Good Friday Family Program gives councils tools to encourage participation in Good Friday services. Setting an example for their community, Knights are asked attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors toward increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies which can make the Easter celebration more meaningful on an individual level. In conjunction with these efforts, councils should also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. This costs nothing, just build up a little interest as Brothers and get our families out to these services.

Holy Hour (Faith): Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent is March 2nd and Lent is the perfect time to start a Holy Hour in your council if you have not done so yet. One of the purposes of Lent is to encourage deep personal encounters with God. Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address this need. Start one with your council during Lent and continue at regular intervals throughout the year. Eucharistic adoration is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life, or membership status. A Knights of Columbus Holy Hour, prepared for the men of your parish, could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by Father Michael J. McGivney or St. Joseph, and various other aspects as decided by the council. If

you do this once per quarter, you will receive 2 program credits in the Faith category. Again, no cost, just a little effort to organize it.

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,

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

EVANGELIZATION IS KEY TO MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

The Knights of Columbus which was founded by Blessed Michael J. MCGivney in 1892 is more than a fraternal organization. We are also an action group. We bring the Good News to our neighbors and let them see by the power of example, what can be done when we are working together for a common purpose. The Knights of Columbus adheres to the core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that its founder had laid out at the foot of its foundation. So today, more than 2,000,000 men all around the world are members of the Knights of Columbus doing their work like worker bees soliciting charitable donations of food to feed the hungry, and raise money to help the needy and the outcast.

When you go to any Catholic Church, you will see members of the Knights of Columbus involved in serving their Church Community, serving in the various ministries of the Church and helping the Church in any capacity they may be called upon to do so. As citizens, we are also involved in protecting our religious freedom and beliefs like our stand on abortion. The inclusion of the word **“Under God”** in our pledge of allegiance.

People see us doing this work. They see the value of religion as it influences and transforms their lives to become better Catholics and members of their communities. They bring their children to church to learn religious education. The children learn to live by a code of conduct that is passed on for generations. They also adhere to their treasured family values which has served them well in the conduct of their lives. They learn to practice their religion by reading the Bible, attending masses, helping those in need and becoming productive members of their community.

In the words of Pope John Paul VI, this is what evangelization does:

Pope John Paul VI describes Catholic Evangelization in the Modern World as “Bringing the Good News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new, 'Now I am making the whole of creation new' (Revelation 21:5).

Let our works speak for what we do. Every Council is tasked with promoting programs involving Faith, Family, Environment and Life. Our success is measured in terms of the satisfaction we derive from knowing that we were able to contribute to putting smiles on the faces of kids that participated

in the Special Olympics, received coats for winter, to countless homeless people we fed, and veterans we gave wheelchairs to. People see us doing these which serve as powerful influence on them creating a desire to help and make them think about joining or contributing to a worthy cause. One of the key propellants of membership recruitment is the successful implementation of our program objectives which is evangelization driven.

Bishop Tod Brown of Orange, California explains the job of the Knights of Columbus in his homily at the Aug. 7 Opening Mass of the 130th Convention in Anaheim, California as follows:

“Our Job Is to Say Yes to the New Evangelization.”

“As the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus must play a prominent role in evangelizing the contemporary world. Certainly, there is a clear and demanding need today for the New Evangelization,”

The convention drew approximately 2,000 participants from across the country and around the world, including 12 cardinals and more than 70 bishops, archbishops and abbots.

Bishop Brown called to mind the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas.

Our Lady has a special significance to the Knights, who renewed their dedication to her during their meeting. The Knights also co-sponsored an Aug. 5 Guadalupe Celebration with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, which drew about 100,000 participants.

The bishop explained that Mary’s appearance to St. Juan Diego as a woman of mixed race led millions to turn towards Christianity.

“She embraces every culture, ethnic group, nationality and race,” he said, and her message is still important for us today.

“Now, five centuries later, we have our own disturbing times,” Bishop Brown noted, listing off the challenges presented to the Church by “a growing secularism, attacks on the value and the gift of human life, attempts to redefine traditional marriage and a serious curtailment of our religious rights.”

These threats emphasize the need for the New Evangelization in today’s world, he said, adding that this New Evangelization “calls us to faith, instills hope and fills us with love.”

“I’m confident the members of our order will be in the front ranks of the evangelizers,” the bishop said.

Pointing to St. Juan Diego’s willingness to convey the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he stressed that “the success of the New Evangelization will depend on our laity and their involvement.”

“As laity, your lives will act as a witness to our faith,” he told the conference participants.

In working to do this, the faithful can confidently seek the support of Our Lady of Guadalupe, “the first evangelizer of our hemisphere,” who, 500 years ago, “opened the door of faith and does so now,” Bishop Brown said.

“Mary said Yes to God,” he explained. “Our job is to say Yes to the New Evangelization.”

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF



General Agent

Council Meeting Message February 2022

February's most noted observance is Valentine's Day. The beginning of the holiday is somewhat murky, but it is observed all over the Western World. For school children it is often the day they decorate an old shoe box with red construction paper hearts and lacy paper doilies. At school, many might be heartbroken that they don't get a Valentine from the one they most want. To mend the disappointed, some schools have instituted a "If you give one, you give all a Valentine" rule.

For us adults we focus on the one we love. Maybe a girlfriend, fiancé, or wife. Whether it's flowers (roses always seem to be the most popular) or candy or just a simple card there can be pressure in any of these relationships when it comes to Valentine's Day. One might worry if the gift is enough? Does it convey the right message? Is it meaningful?

While candy or flowers or greeting cards may say you care, these are all just tokens of affection. And while it is certainly important that we let the one you love know that, the candy gets eaten, the flowers wilt and the greeting card eventually gets thrown in the trash. These tokens don't last.

Here is something that will last:

It can take less than an hour to meet with you, either in person or over the computer, and find out what is important to you and your family. What are your hopes, dreams and desires? Has anyone ever asked? I will. And I will take all of the information and make recommendations on how you can achieve what you and your wife want. How will you provide for your family if you aren't here? How will you provide if you are sick or hurt and cannot work? What do you want to happen if you are unable to care for yourself? What does retirement look like for you? Answering these questions and putting a plan in place: This is the gift that will last.

I know it can be difficult to think about these questions. But I also know that answering them and preparing for the future can bring a sense of peace and serenity to a couple. This is a gift that keeps giving.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Historian Report and February 2022 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Columbian 2021-2022 Year Mid-Point

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 collaborate with you, my brothers.

History of the Knights of Columbus More History of Bishop Patrick Manogue

Patrick Manogue saved his money, sent some to help his family, now all in America, and was able after three years to leave the mines and enter the seminary. His destination was Paris and the seminary of San Sulpice. Four years later, Patrick Manogue was ready for ordination. However, a change had occurred 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.

At the time of his arrival, the bishop's preoccupation was that portion of his immense Vicariate, which was east of the Sierras, in the Washoe territory where there was a rush to the newly discovered silver mines. So, Farther Manogue was assigned by the bishop to Virginia, Carson, and Genoa. First, he spent a couple of weeks in June with Father Dalton of Grass Valley and doubtlessly this visit included a trip to Moores Flat. By July 1862, Father Manogue was a resident of Virginia City, the place that was to be his home for the next 22 years. There was no church in Virginia City when he arrived. So, Father Manogue undertook the building of a church which cost \$12,000.00. A man of great devotion to the Blessed Virgin, he named the new church on the day of dedication, July 19, 1864, "St Mary's in the Mountains." Likewise, when he built the church in Carson City, he named it also "St. Mary's."

The heart of Patrick Manogue was keenly sensitive to those children he found who were like himself orphaned by the accidents in the mines or by the hardships of pioneer living. Within two years after his arrival in Virginia City he had succeeded in obtaining Sisters of Charity to come and establish a school and orphanage. To prepare for this, Father Manogue built a wood frame building on H Street. The new orphanage opened on January 8, 1864, with Sister Fredrica McGrath and two other Sisters in charge. Their school opened on October 17, 1864. In the following year Father Manogue built a new three-story building to accommodate the growing number of orphans and pupils in the school. He did this even though Virginia City was in the midst of a depression between 1865 and 1868.

In 1868 Father Manogue decided that the first St. Mary's in the Mountains church was inadequate for the needs of the community and set out to build a new one of brick, which when completed was considered one of the finest in the west. The cost was \$65,000.00.

Remember: The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, who carries on the work he began 140 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

“Knight in the Light”

Father Albert Felice-Pace Former Nevada State Chaplin 2010 - 2015 and Sir Knight

I was born on October 21, 1935, on the Island of Malta, a small independent country in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. (According to the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul was shipwrecked on this little island on his way to Rome.)

I was the third child of seven. I was raised in a very religious family. My father and mother attended daily Mass and every evening we recited the Rosary as a family. For several years I was an altar server.

When I was 5 years old, Malta became engaged in the Second World War. I still have very vivid memories of the air raids and the destruction around the Island. I remember the ringing of the sirens to alert the people that an air raid is imminent. As soon as we hear the siren, as a family we went down to the underground shelters that the government prepared for the people to take refuge. The Maltese people suffered not only lack of food and other necessities but also loss of homes, hundreds of people were killed as the Germans and the Italians bombarded Malta. The war was over in Malta by May 8, 1945, I was almost 10 years old. On that day, all the churches rang the bells in thanksgiving. No more war in Malta.

I went to the local elementary school which was only five minutes away from our house. After I finished elementary school, I attended high school which was known as the Lyceum. Towards the end of my high school, I started thinking about joining the Dominicans. After several interviews, I was accepted by the Dominicans and so on October 1953 I received the Dominican habit and a year later I took the temporary vows for three years. After the three years expired, I took the solemn vows forever.

In the seminary, I had 3 years of philosophy followed by 4 years of theology. At the end of my studies, I earned a Lector in Philosophy and Theology, a degree given by the Dominican House of Studies. After 7 years of study, I was ordained on April 2, 1960. My family were proud of me, especially my parents. I praise God for calling me to the priesthood, especially to be a Dominican. After a few years ministering to God's people, I went back to school to get a Master of Arts degree in Adult Religious Education from the University of San Francisco. Which I did.

After a year and a half of my ordination, I met the provincial of the Western Dominican Province, Fr. Joseph Agius. His father was Maltese from Naxxar. He was visiting his family. I introduced myself to Fr. Agius. After a short conversation, he invited me to come to the Western Province. That sounded good. After talking to the Maltese Provincial in November 1962 I left Malta for California.

My first assignment in my new province was at St. Mary Magdalen, Berkeley, California. I was getting involved in the life of the parish and getting to know parishioners when the Provincial called me. He told me that he wants to go to our parish in Eagle Rock (Los Angeles). I will be the Associate Pastor and part time Newman Chaplain at Occidental college. I did not know what a Newman chaplain was. So, I asked him what the ministry of a Newman chaplain is. His reply was, "Son, you will learn." And indeed, I did learn. I spent 49 years in Campus Ministry serving six universities. So, I went to Los Angeles and started to learn what to do at a Newman Center. I sought help from seasoned campus ministers. I enjoyed the new ministry. One of the things that I did at Occidental was to have a Catholic mass at Occidental on Sunday. After a lot of meetings with the Administration of the college and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles I succeeded to have Mass on campus.

After 7 years at St. Dominic's parish, I was appointed Student Master (Director of the Dominican Seminarians) at St. Albert's Priory, in Oakland, California. After 2 years, I resigned, and took a year sabbatical. After my year sabbatical, I was assigned Director of Campus Ministry at the University of California, Riverside. For 4 years, I enjoyed my interaction with the students both at UCR and Riverside City College. After 4 years, I was appointed Director of Adult Religious Education and the Charismatic Renewal for the Diocese of San Bernardino. While I missed the contact with the students, I enjoyed traveling around the diocese empowering the laity to be involved with their parish, training leaders for the parishes.

In 1980 I returned full time to Campus ministry. I was appointed Director of the Newman Center at All Saints Catholic Newman Community serving Arizona State University in Tempe; Then, I served the Catholic Community at the University of Oregon, Eugene; the University of Arizona, Tucson; and the University of Las Vegas, Nevada. As Pastor of all these Newman Centers, I tried to implement the 6 aspects of Campus ministry outlined by the US Bishops in their Pastoral Letter on Campus Ministry - Empowered by the Spirit: Campus Ministry faces the future, published on November 15, 1985.

Besides serving various Newman communities, I decided to get involved in the national, regional, and local levels. While in Oregon, I helped to establish the Pacific Northwest Catholic Campus Ministry. I was elected first President. For 6 years I was the Western representative on the national Catholic Campus Ministry Association executive board. I served also on the National executive committee of the Diocesan Directors of Catholic Campus. In 1992 I chaired our national conference which took place in San Jose, California. And for 3 years I directed the Frank J. Lewis Institute at the University of San Francisco for new campus ministers. Being heavily involved in campus ministry, on January 7, 1985, I was awarded the "Rev. Charles Forsyth Award" in recognition of my dedication to campus ministry.

While I was at Arizona State University a good number of men students told me that they would like to establish a Knights of Columbus council at the Newman Center. In a short time, these students managed to have more than 30 students. On May 3, 1982, the St. Thomas Aquinas Council 8090 was established. Later I helped establish the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center Council. Since I was going to be the Chaplain for the council, I went through the first three degrees. Later, when I was at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, I took the 4th degree. The council 15061 at UNLV was established on May 16, 2010. When I started getting involved with the Knights, Sir Knight David

Ryan, the State Deputy for Nevada asked me to be the state chaplain, which I gladly accepted. I enjoyed meeting a lot of people all over the state.

I attended five Supreme conventions. At these conventions I had an opportunity to meet with other chaplains. What I enjoyed most, was the celebration of the Mass, especially the concluding liturgy. I was able as State Chaplain to have a day of reflection for the chaplains of all the councils. I cannot close this biography without mentioning my two favorite hobbies - soccer and traveling. Now that I retired, I watch a lot of sports on TV. Occasionally I go to a hockey game, or a 49ers game. Since they discovered that I have Parkinson, my traveling is limited. I enjoy working with all the Knights.

May God and Blessed Michael McGivney bless all the Knights and their families.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Albert

P.S. I wrote the history of the Catholic Campus Ministry in the United States. If you like to know about this ministry to the universities, especially the students, get a copy by calling toll free number: 800-419-3014

By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Assembly/Council Announcements

St. Joseph Husband of Mary, Council 10442 - Blood Drive

SK Raymond A Foster



District Deputy

Worthy Brother Knights

On **February 27 , 2022 St Joseph Husband of Mary** and Vitalant will be having the Blood Drive Mobile in the North East Parking lot of the Parish campus and it will run from **8:30 am to 1:30 pm.**

Right now there is a severe blood shortage and your help is greatly needed **especially for O+ which is in dire shortage.**

They will be taking fast track registration along with walk ins if you register using the Fast Track.



You will need to use the code **L1590**, which will direct you to the February 27 Blood Drive at St Joseph HOM

St Joseph Husband of Mary is located at:

7260 West Sahara avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89117

Vivat Jesus,

Ponderosa Council 4928 - January Activities

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

SGT. FRANKIE ZAEHRINGER OPERATION TOY BOX

Putting smiles on the faces of child patients
In the St. Mary's Pediatric Care Unit, Reno



The Sgt. Frankie Zaehring Operation Toy Box is a Columbian Squires-based service initiative. It is part of a larger community-wide appeal to the memory of Marine Sgt. Frank Zaehring III who was killed in action in Afghanistan on Oct. 11, 2010. This collection drive encourages gift cards and/or cash donations to purchase new, unopened toys for children from infancy to 18 years of age who are hospitalized at local pediatric medical centers.

The pandemic continues to impact the form, manner and success of the program collection and participation. This year, the total amount collected was \$930.00, enough to purchase an entire SUV full of toys. All were delivered to St. Mary's pediatric care unit, in Reno.

It is always an emotional experience for members to deliver these toys during the holiday season. Every year the nurses are filled with joy and gratitude. This year was no different.

At the time of delivery there was only one staff nurse on duty in the unit and she was holding a three month old baby. She graciously went and put the child down so that she could take a picture with the delivery team. She had tears in her eyes and kept saying that they look forward to our donations each year because they put smiles on the faces of their hospitalized patients.

Bishop Manogue Assembly #612

SK Charles B. Goucher

CHALICE IN MEMORIUM



Faithful Navigator

USAF Colonel Anthony (Tony) Martinez, Retired, passed away of natural causes on March 15, 2021, at his home in Sparks, Nevada, at the age of 99. SK Tony was an active Holy Cross parishioner, a member of Ponderosa Council 4928, and a 4th Degree member in good standing in Bishop Manogue Assembly 612, Reno. He was a Knight for over 80 years, and a distinguished military veteran.



Pictured: Mr. Denise Guam, GK Leo V. Carew III, Fr. Henri Nitieme, Dr., SK Ricky R. Harold and SK John Paul Adrenal

On Sunday, January 9th, Bishop Manogue Assembly 612 presented an inscribed chalice at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (home of Our Lady of the Dessert Council 12877) in memorium of SK Anthony Martinez to Fr. Henri Nitieme, Dr., a visiting Roman Catholic priest from west Africa. In attendance were some of Fr. Henri’s childhood friends, Denise and SK John Paul (Abayomi).

Just as SK Knight Tony was special, so is Fr. Henri. As a priest he doubles as a surgeon at St. Camille Hospital (HOSCO) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, a neonatal care facility. In his formal thank you letter to the Assembly, Fr. Henri stated that he “was touched by his gift” stating further that the presentation of the inscribed chalice “to a foreign priest ... signifies how far the Knights of Columbus activities go in the world.” Two special people, one special event.

Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2022

HOLLEMAN FAMILY

The Hollemans continue to amaze. SK Robert was largely responsible for recruiting members and completing the cleanup of the parish grounds, the parish parking lots, and access roadsides. Lady Lisa was on her hands and knees cleaning floor grout, on step stools hanging pictures on classroom walls, and hand-sewing drapery material, where needed. All this activity was done in preparation of Bishop Daniel's initial visit to Holy Cross Catholic Community. By all accounts, the parish was a welcoming site and sight both inside and out for our new bishop. For their faith in action service, they are named Ponderosa Council's Family of the Month for January.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2022**PAUL A. MATTEONI**

Bro. Paul A. Matteoni has been a member knight for 24 years including two terms as Council Grand Knight (2004-2006). He has always been a strong supporter of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Truckee Meadows as is witnessed by his volunteerism for Club programs year-after-year including Breakfast with Santa, the Council's annual holiday service initiative that prepares complete breakfasts for families. For his sustained commitment to helping youth and families in need, Bro. Paul is recognized as our Knight of the Month for January.



Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 Recognitions

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2022 ADERNOLA FAMILY

Since moving to Sparks, Nevada from Lagos Nigeria six years ago Abayomi (Yommie, as he goes by) joined The Knights and has been instrumental since. He has held an officers position and is our council photographer. He recently started assisting Ponderosa Council with there food pick up program at Sprouts. His daughter serves every Sunday as an usher at our 9:30 mass and his son has become a vital altar server since he made his First Communion last year. The family always helps out at various Knights functions. This family is held together by an amazing mother, wife and friend Dayo. This family practices their Faith in Action daily and this is why they are The January 2022 Family of the Month.



Pictured: Father Henry (visiting from Nigeria), Father Philip, DGK Richard Matoza, PGK Jim Currivan, Father Ed McDonough, Abayomi and family, GK Leo Carew and SK Neil Lewis.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2022**TOM BALL**

Tom Ball who is also a Life Director put together our walk for life bus from Immaculate Conception to San Francisco he arranged for 50 seats on the bus to be sold and got sponsors for the bus. He was also able to obtain donations from different stores including Sprouts to nourish the riders so that is why Tom Ball deserved to be our Knight of the Month.



Pictured: Brother Teri Havey, SK Tom Ball, Father Ed, GK Leo Carew



Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us