



SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

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

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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

Greetings to all!

We have accomplished many good things this half of the Fraternal Year for the State. We have improved our State budget and expenses. I sat down with my State Financial Team and we have cut some unnecessary expenses that are not tied to our budget. Thanks team!

Our collection of State Per Capital is not going well , so expect some hard push from WSS Al and WST Chris. After all, State has bills to pay too.

We had a good Dinner Dance Fundraising last October. Our State Tootsie Roll and Coats for Kids Programs are going well. ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) is ongoing and I encourage councils to participate in this program. This will eliminate doubts that we only support pro-life movement but after birth, we don't do anything. This is our solution!

Please start selling your Seminarian Raffle tickets. Our Bishops, both in Reno and Las Vegas Diocese have pledged their full support to our Seminarian Programs.

Our 365 Club program is also on track. We have a 48 hr turn around and make sure we send checks within 48 hours to help those Brother Knights in need.

We have new programs that are now running under the State Programs.

These are as follows:

First, is the Relics Tour headed by Chairman WVSM Dave Ryan. This is a way to show devotion, increase our faith and encourage parishioners to join our order.

Second, is the official formation of KofC Vegas Choir Group under Chairman Honesto Guerrero. They will be under the State now and will also encourage to recruit members who will be part of the choir.

It is easy for us to lose sight and stray in different direction but I encourage everyone to grow our faith. We have to be visible in the church and community. Be the person to lead Holy Hour, Holy Eucharist Revival, Bible Sharing, Watch and Pray with the Blessed Sacrament, Pray the Rosary, Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary and many more.

Our Membership is useless without our Faith in Action programs. They go hand in hand.

We are a service organization and we continue the vision of Fr. McGivney to assist with the community as well.

Remember our number one Marching Order is to encourage all Catholic men to join our order - Knights of Columbus. Please recruit members. We cannot be complacent. Your legacy will depend on your contribution in growing the order.

Thank you all for your services and commitment to the Knights of Columbus.

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Holy Father's

PRAYER INTENTIONS

February 2023

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need..

Prayer of the Month - February 2023

Parishes are not a club for the few, which give a certain kind of social belonging.

Parishes need to be generous and open communities to all.



State Secretary's Message

Brothers Knights,

As it's very quickly coming into Lenten Season, let me spend a little time reminding you of the 3 Basic Lenten Disciplines.

Fasting: Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this, we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

Almsgiving: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

Prayer: Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of reporting requirements that are due or that will be due soon:

- Form #1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Due 1/31/23
- Form #FT-1 - Free Throw Participation Report Due 1/31/23
- Form #1295 - Semi-Annual Council Audit Due 2/15/23
- IRS Form 900N Due 4/18/23

There are also Councils who have not yet submitted:

Form #185 - Officers Chosen for Term Report

Form #365 - Service Program Personnel Report

Tootsie Roll Drive Council Report Form

Lastly, I would be remiss in my responsibilities if I did not remind you that Council Per Capita payments were due in December.

Vivat Jesus!

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Upcoming Nevada Events

- 02/11 Lenten Retreat
St Thomas More
Council #17996
- 02/14 Formation Degree
Exemplification
Our Lady of LV
Council #9102
- 02/28 - Relics of the Passion
03/03 Tour, Reno Diocese
- 03/06 - Relics of the Passion
03/12 Tour, LV Diocese
- 03/18 2nd Annual Golf
Tournament
Laughlin, NV
Council #12690
- 04/08 Special Olympics
Polar Plunge Las Vegas
- 04/22 Special Olympics
Polar Plunge Tahoe
- 05/05 - Annual Convention
05/07 Council #12877

February 2023 Readings

- 02/05/23
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 02/12/23
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 02/19/23
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 02/26/23
First Sunday of Lent

State Treasurer's Message

Brothers,

As you know, this is the time when State Per Capita is collected. As of this date there are many councils that still need to pay. If your council has sent in your Per Capita payment, we thank you.

Brothers, we need your support, so please send in your payments as soon as possible.

Please use the following address when mailing payments:

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Thank you, and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Membership Director's Message

Relic Tours

Brothers,

Working with the Apostolate for Holy Relics, as I announced at the midyear meeting, we are hosting two relic tours this year. The first will be the Relics of the Passion which contains 10 relics of the Passion of Christ and the Relics of the twelve Apostles. They will be in Reno Diocese from Tuesday February 28 – March 3 at the following: Set-up time for all unless otherwise noted is 5:00 p.m.

- Feb. 28 - St. Albert the Great
- Mar. 1 - St. Teresa of Avila
- Mar. 2 - Little Flower
- Mar. 3 - Immaculate Conception

Las Vegas Diocese: March 6 to March 12 at the following: Set-up time for all unless otherwise noted is 5:00 p.m.

- March 6 - Prince of Peace
- March 7 - Christ the King
- March 8 - St Viators
- March 9 - St John Neumann
- March 10 - St Joseph Husband of Mary 7:a.m. set up before 8:00 mass. Relic liturgy after mass.
- March 10 - St Bridget's in the p.m. Set up 3:00. Liturgy at 4:00.
- March 11 - Our Lady of the Valley, Pahrump
- March 12 - St John the Baptist, Laughlin

The Second will be the Relics of St Faustyna. For this tour we still have to finish up the schedule. This is where I need your assistance, if your parish would like to host these relics I need to know by Feb 14th.

Nevada Assemblies

- #611 Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lambe
- #612 Bishop Manogue
- #613 Fr. Caesar John Caviglia
- #614 Milo Taber
- #2164 Rev. Theodore Van Skee
- #2532 Fr. Joseph Bochenski
- #2561 Rev. Robert Votta
- #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
- #3643 St. Frances Garces
- #3684 Fr. Emile Caponne
- #3772 Fr. John Kenny

For both tours the host parish will receive 5 posters announcing the relics and the date and time they will be at the parish. The parish can post these in their church and in neighboring his is the reason for the suspense of Feb 14th as it takes time to have these made up professionally and distributed[Di] . For this tour

We can have them at two parishes in one day. If your parish wants to host this tour at their parish please contact me with two or more possible dates so I can schedule so as not to have a conflict with another parish.

For the FN's and GK's:

For the Relics of the Passion we will need a minimum 4th Degree Knights in uniform or 3rd Degree Knights in council shirts.

For the Relic Tour of St Faustyna we will need a minimum of 6 Knights. These Knights will be the guards for the relics.

See chart on the next page.

The break in dates is because the Relics are scheduled for another State/Dioocese.

Please advertise these two tours to your parish, councils and assemblies. There will be bulletin announcements sent out to all parishes.

God Bless

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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 and pray for his Canonization!!!

Visit the website:



Recruiting must be intentional, it just does not simply happen.

We are preparing for Lent, and the Easter season. RCIA, CCD, Communion and all religious education classes are finishing up. We have a lot of work ahead of us providing for the community. Color Guards, helping with luncheons, gifts, and of course the Fish Fries. Don't do it alone recruit a helper, Act now to make sure you have enough help for the work ahead.

Remember sometimes all we need from our Knights is to pray.

- Ray Lopez, RGD

Day	Date	Diocese	Set Up Time	Parish	Address
Tue	April 11 2023	Reno	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Reno	Set Up 5:00 p.m.		
Wed	April 12 2023	Reno	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Reno	Set Up 5:00 p.m.		
Thu	April 13 2023	Reno	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Reno	Set Up 5:00 p.m.		
Fri	April 14 2023	Reno	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Reno	Set Up 5:00 p.m.		
Sat	April 15 2023	Travel Date			
Sun	April 16 2023	Laughlin			
Mon	May 8 2023	Vegas	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Vegas	Set Up 5:00 p.m.		
Tue	May 9 2023	Vegas	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Vegas	Set Up 5:00 p.m.	Christ the King	4925 Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89118
Wed	May 10 2023	Vegas	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Vegas	Set Up 5:00 p.m.		
Thu	May 11 2023	Vegas	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Vegas	Set Up 5:00 p.m.	St Bridget's	220 N 14th St Las Vegas, NV 89101
Fri	May 12 2023	Vegas	Set Up 8:00 a.m.		
		Vegas	Set Up 5:00 p.m.		
Sat	5/13/2022	Pahrump	Set Up 1:00 p.m.	Our Lady of the valley	781 E Gamebird Rd Pahrump NV, 89048

Lenten Times of Blessed Michael McGivney

When the Knights of Columbus were founded (1882), ordinary Catholics took on serious penance and sacrifices during Lent. Every weekday was a fast day and giving up pleasures and entertainments was commonplace. To encourage a spirit of self-denial, many parishes had evening devotional services, and Fridays were marked by Stations of the Cross and extra time for confessions. Focus on the passion and death of Christ found its source in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and Lenten practices were an extension of the celebration of the Eucharist. All that Father McGivney preached and all the good he did for the poor and the marginalized found its source in his daily Mass.

Pope Francis frequently urges us to rediscover the spiritual riches of the Mass. In addition to Sunday attendance, Mass during the week and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can provide the spiritual nourishment the Holy Father sees as paving the way to true renewal in the Church, both in our personal lives and in our families. For Pope Francis, a sincere celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter depends on our spiritual investment in the life of prayer and sacrifice through the season of Lent. This reality sparked the zeal of Father McGivney and continues to be the lifeblood of the Church today. Our attention to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and his presence deep within our hearts will increase our confidence and hope, even in the face of today's moral confusion. The meaning of Lent and the sacraments and devotions of the Church that help us to grow spiritually have not changed since the time of Blessed Michael McGivney. No longer a matter of obligation, many Lenten practices require a personal determination to deepen our relationship with Christ. Prayer and sacrifice continue to lead us to give time and attention to God's presence in our lives and should compel us to reach out to those who need our understanding, our compassion, and our material support. The vitality of Father McGivney's vision can be seen in the ongoing work of the Knights of Columbus; it is a vision for all of us to take up and imitate.

This Lent is the ideal time for prayer that Blessed Michael McGivney's canonization will not be long in coming. A second miracle is required by the Church as the sign of approval from God. Guild members have already witnessed the answer to our prayers for his beatification. Now we must storm heaven for the declaration that Father Michael McGivney is a saint.

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State Program Director's Message

IT'S CRUNCH TIME

The job of the Grand Knight of every Council is perhaps one of the hardest there is and those of you who are in this position can attest to it. I have nothing but a lot of respect and admiration for all of the hard work you are doing. A lot of our 50 Councils up and down our great State of Nevada are on the verge of qualifying for a Star Council award. Please keep up the good work. Keep recruiting. Don't let your hard earned efforts fall inches short of the goal line. Here are some of the general recruiting best practices as well as fund raising ideas that you might consider.

GENERAL RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

Start with why.

Recruiting is our opportunity to build our brotherhood and help our communities. To grow is to be able to expand your service. Your community needs your council now more than ever and your council needs to continually grow to help meet growing needs.

Talk to your pastor.

A council that doesn't work with a pastor will struggle. Meet with him regularly. Talk about membership growth and ask him how you can work together. Ask if you can conduct membership drives at the church. Then ask if he will invite men he feels would be a good fit to join your council. Then ask what the council can do for him.

Challenge your members.

One of the most effective ways to recruit is a personal invite from a Knight. Challenge each of your members to bring in one new Knight this fraternal year. Everyone knows someone who should join our Order.

Schedule church drives.

Our Delta Church Drive Program is helping councils bring in a minimum of three new members per drive. If you're not familiar with the program, reach out to us at the email address below. We'll give you the training and the materials you need.

Set clear expectations on promoting membership.

Every fish fry, every pancake breakfast, every charitable activity, every event that draws a crowd is an opportunity to ask a man to join. These events are concrete proof of your council's good works. Talk about membership at every event in the next year. Use our Online Prospect Form. It's simple and we'll take care of all the setup for you. Send us an email and we'll help you get started.

Step outside of your comfort zone.

We hear a lot of stories from men who waited decades for someone to ask them to join the Knights. All it took was a personal invite. Go beyond your everyday circle. Talk with parishioners at Mass. Be visible. Reach out to the young and old. Reach out to all ministries and ethnic groups in your parish.

PROGRAMS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Remember Programs, Programs, Programs - These are the drivers that gets the attention of your parishioners and let them see what the Knights of Columbus does for the Church and your parish community. Let them see what Blessed Michel J. McGivney was saying when he founded the Knights of Columbus and established as its foundation the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Many of you are perhaps concerned about the on going threats of FLU, Covid and the MonkeyPox rash. These are real threats and we should be careful. Other Councils were able to get around these threats and was able to do their programs. They were able to do their fund raising activities and met their per capita requirements with ease. Here are some ideas done by other Councils:

- A) An out door BBQ Cookout - Ponderosa Council
- B) Dinner Dance
- C) Raffle Tickets - Holy Spirit Council
- D) Auction
- E) Walkathon
- F) Bowling Tournaments
- G) Golf Tournaments

CURSILLO WEEKEND - PART II

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF PARTICIPANTS?

- To be open and willing to respond to what you experience. That means sharing your feelings with others and allowing them to share theirs with you.
- To make a genuine effort to discover where you are and how you can grow in your Christian life.
- To feel secure in the knowledge that you are accepted where you are and as you are, and to know that a specific response is not expected of you.
- To be curious enough and thirsty enough for spiritual exploration and nourishment.
- To acknowledge a need to commit a weekend of your life to Christ.

WHO CAN GO TO CURSILLO?

Cursillo is open to all adult who attend a church where a member of the clergy staff has attended Cursillo. Clergy and laity who are seeking a way to deepen their faith or who wish to expand their knowledge of the Christian life. Husbands and wives may attend the same Cursillo weekend or may go on separate weekends.

Each participant has a sponsor, who has attended a Cursillo weekend. The sponsor assists you in preparation for the weekend and after the weekend. If you know someone from your parish who has attended a Cursillo, you can ask them about it. They can answer your questions and help you determine if you would like to go. You may also ask your priest about Cursillo. If you don't know a person to sponsor you, your priest may make a suggestion. If you decide that you would like to attend a Cursillo, your sponsor can provide you with the application.

A CURSILLO HISTORY

This Movement evolved in the early 1940s In Majorca, Spain under the leadership of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló. After the Spanish Civil War ended in 1939, there was disorder in the Spanish church. Within the church, men and women were seeking to bring Church to life in the hearts of many people. A group of Majorcan leaders, who were members of the young men's branch of Catholic Action, developed a tool to bring men and women together to a closer relationship to Christ. This efforts brought to life new movement in the Catholic Church known as the Cursillo.

From 1948 until 1955, Cursillo was limited mostly to Majorca, Spain and in the early 1950's, Cursillo spread to mainland Spain.

Today, it has become a worldwide movement with centers throughout the United States, South and Central American countries, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, France, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Far East.

The first Cursillo held in the United States was in Waco, Texas in 1957 under the leadership of Father Gabriel Fernandez and two Spanish airmen who were training with the United States Air Force. In 1959, Cursillo spread throughout Texas to Phoenix, Arizona and then into the entire southwest. In 1962, the Cursillo movement came to the Eastern United States.

The Cursillo Movement in the U.S. was organized in 1965 at a meeting in Kansas City. At this meeting a National Secretariat and National Cursillo office were established.

The Cursillo Movement received the support and blessing of Pope John Paul II in 1980 when he addressed the first National Italian Ultreya. He stated, "Your movement, which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, devotes itself to drawing forth from Christians a commitment to live lives consistent with their faith..., whether individually or as a community..., and to bring this ferment to the environments where you live."

Other denominations have adopted the Cursillo, including the Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.

De Colores

The "De Colores" tradition began in Majorca, when a group was returning from a Cursillo and their bus broke down in the middle of a field. During the delay, the Cursillistas observed with delight the beauty of the springtime, sunshine, and flowers. Soon all the Cursillistas were singing "De Colores," rejoicing in the fact that when the soul is in sanctifying grace, it is as beautiful as the field with springtime colors.

(LYRICS)

De colores.

De colores se visten los campos en la primavera. De colores,
De colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera. De colores,
De colores es el arco iris que vemos lucir"

Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores Me gustan a mí. (Repeat)

Canta el gallo,
Canta el gallo con el quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri, qui, La gallina,
La gallina con el cara, cara, cara, cara, cara,
Los polluelos,
Los polluelos con el pío, pío, pío, pío, pi.

Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores Me gustan a mí. (Repeat)

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State Pro Life Director's Message

WALK FOR LIFE 2023 RECAP

We want to thank each and every one of you who worked so hard to bring the 19th Annual Walk for Life into being, and for all of you who came or walked with us in prayer.

We have received a lot of press for this year's Walk. Be sure to visit our website with links to news articles, our blog, our photos and our YouTube channel which has all the fantastic talks already available.

We especially ask you to take a few minutes and write a letter of thanks and appreciation to Chief Bill Scott of the San Francisco Police Department, thanking him for the wonderful work of his men and women in keeping us safe. A sample, with Chief Bill's address, is here.

We would love to hear from you and your experience at the Walk. What was your favorite part? Which speech moved you the most? Did you meet people who motivated you? Please share your experiences with us via email.

We noted that we did not have enough portable toilets at Civic Center Plaza. We apologize and will certainly have more next year. Is there anything else we can improve on? We value your input—let us know!

Please save the date of January 20, 2024 for our 20th Anniversary of the Walk for Life West Coast!



[2023 Promotional Video! Please share.](#)

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Knight in the Light

Sir Knight Christopher Traver, State Treasurer, Former State Membership Director, PGK

My Journey with The Knights of Columbus.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Worthy State Deputy Meynard Infantado and Worthy State Historian J. Michael Brady for the honor of having my story in this month's newsletter.

When I was a young boy going to church to see the Knights of Columbus escorting the priest with all of the regalia and the swords, I can remember thinking that it was so cool, seeing the priest coming down the aisle with the Knights, the smell of the incense, their swords out, and marching in-step with the priest, I remember thinking to myself I wish I could be one those knights when I get older. Well, here is my story.

I was born on March 30, 1972, in Poughkeepsie, NY, about 60 miles north of New York City. My mother was Bernadette, she was a nurse, and my father was named Albert; he was a Captain/Chief of Detectives with the Sheriff's Office. My parents divorced when I was young, and my mother and grandmother raised me. From a young age, my grandmother instilled a deep faith in God in me; she always encouraged me to pray when things got complicated for us. She would say, "don't worry; God will take care of us." And many times, he did. My Grandmother and Mother were instrumental in my faith life. I would see my mother pray her rosary almost every day, and she was also a Third Order Secular Franciscan, and I served as the altar boy during her profession of vows.

My life was very different in my teenage and early twenties. I was like many people of that time; I just cared about going out, dating, and having a good time. I did what society said would make me happy, but it brought me to my knees. When I was 25 years old, I developed kidney failure, and boy, did I hate GOD. I was working in the Police Department and was ready to join the M.T.A. police to start my career as a full-time police officer; however, GOD had other plans for me. I was so angry that when my grandmother would mention religion, I would yell, "don't talk to me about religion." That was the last thing I wanted to hear. From 1997-2004, I was hooked up to a dialysis machine three days per week for five hours, and it was not fun! However, I continued to work full-time as a substance abuse counselor.

In 2000, my grandmother died, and I moved to Las Vegas to be closer to my mom and start a new life for myself. I worked for the Valley Health System, the city's largest hospital network, and continued to do dialysis. In 2002, I first joined the Knight of Columbus at St. Francis De Sales, and I enjoyed it; in 2004, my life would change. On April 1 of that year, I received a call that would change my life forever.

On the other end of the phone was the transplant coordinator, who told me to report to Sunrise Hospital within 20 minutes because a kidney was waiting for me. My initial reaction was, why me? I did not think I was worthy enough to get this second chance at life. I was in the hospital for 30 days because of the transplant complications. One night after being stuck all day with large needles on the table next to my bed, my mother bought me a statue of the Virgin Mary, and I looked over at it, and I said, "if this transplant is meant to be, then let it be, but if it is not, I am okay going back on dialysis." And the following day my kidney functions started to improve, and my kidney has been working ever since. During this time, I also met my beautiful wife, Delsa, who said if I wanted to date her, I would have to go back to church. Begrudgingly I started going to mass with her; however, soon, I began to enjoy going.

I was still a Knight during this time, but, I was not active. I was busy starting my life. I returned to school and got a bachelor's and master's degree in Business, got married, and adopted two beautiful children, Christian and Ginella, and they are my whole world. In 2012, I met current District Deputy Terry Zehl, a fourth-degree knight, and I told him that I was a knight but only a 1st first degree. Terry asked if I wanted to make my second and third degrees. I said I would and made the degrees; I also found my home at Holy Spirit Council 14784, where I was warmly welcomed.

In 2018 PGK Gregg Turley asked me if I wanted to be a council officer. I told Gregg I only wanted to be an inside or outside guard; however, I was offered the position of Chancellor, which I did accept. One of the things I am most proud of was that PGK Gregg Turley and myself coordinated with St. Rose San Martin to help deliver pizza to the healthcare workers during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hospital staff was thankful for what we did.

In 2020, I was elected Grand Knight of the council. This was a challenge because this was the first time I had done this job during a pandemic. One of the first things I established was an online weekly rosary to help the council with our Faith in Action and keep a sense of fraternity even though the council could not meet in person. Father Bill Kenney approached me during this time, asking if the Knights could help the Parish because the church's collection was low because of the 15 people at the mass mandate. Working with my council officers, we developed a plan to have a drive-thru Fish Fry for the Lenten season. This was a tremendous success as we raised \$4,000.00 for the parish and helped prevent the layoffs of crucial staff members. I was chosen as Knight of the Year as a grand culmination of 2020!

When my term as Grand Knight was up, I was approached to become the State Membership Director. With the help of the District Deputies, Grand Knights, State Officers, and council members, Nevada won the Pinnacle award at the Supreme Convention for achieving our membership quota.

For the 2021-2022 Columbian year, I was elected State Treasurer; so far, this has been a learning curve for me; however, with the support of my fellow state officers, I am getting the hang of this job. One accomplishment I am proud of is that we did not have to raise the per capita this year. Working with WSD Maynard Infantado, and WSS Al Cuccinelli, we had a gala dance that raised a good amount of money, which helped us not raise the per capita.

Finally, I would like to thank the following people who helped me on my journey in the Knights of Columbus: WSBD Toni Pascua, Father Manny Guico, WSD Maynard Infantado, SK Tom Villardi, WDD Terry Zehl, WGK Brian Sondergoth, and all of my brother knights, who helped make my dreams a reality.

Thank you, and God Bless all of you!

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Supporting the Annual Diocese of Reno Conference

In 2021, it was the lockdown. In 2022, it was severe national weather that forced the annual Reno Diocesan Conference to go virtual. In 2023, it was an atmospheric river dumping record snow and rain on Truckee Meadows closing Donner Pass. Many feared that the 2023 Reno Diocesan Conference scheduled at the Nugget Casino Resort might be cancelled again, except this time, prayers were answered. For three critical days, the weather let up, the streets were drivable, the airport open, and the Truckee River never crested over its banks. Then, the real challenge began.

In addition to the two-year hiatus, there was a change in the key Diocesan event chair. The scope was the same, but past assumptions needed to be verified and new ideas and layouts integrated into the conference plan. Once again, our Council had the good fortune to work with a Diocesan Chairperson who was eager to meet our needs and most grateful for our help.

Day 1 was essentially the unloading and set up of event equipment and decorations including the audio-visuals.

Days 2 and 3 required program support including, but not limited to, concierge and ushering services for the several specialty workshops, the speaker auditorium and the bishop's mass. At the end of Day 3, there was event tear down, clean-up and load out.

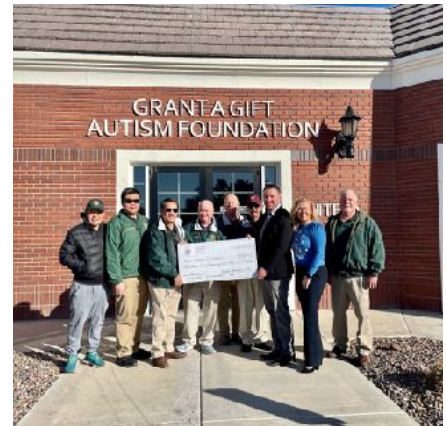


Ponderosa Council was able to meet all these demands by providing a knowledgeable team. Twenty-four (24) members, family, and friends volunteered 219 hours in service, most of whom provided the necessary experience and commitment to help make this annual Diocesan event a success. In the end, it started snowing again.

- George A. Minter, GK

Grant A Gift Autism Foundation Donation

St Jude Council 9102 presented the Grant A Gift Autism Foundation a check for \$1,362.40; net proceeds from our Tootsie Roll Drive.



L-R: SKs Felipe Albeza, Harold Panaligan, Nino Erolin, Jack Cooper, Bernie I, Tom Villardi, Brian Hager - Foundation President, Emily Hayes, - Foundation Marketing & Events Director, SK Andy Reitz.

- Nino Erolin, GK

Family of the Month

SK Marv Cochran is a Past Grand Knight (2002-2004) and Lady Leslie was a founding member of our Ladies of the Knights band of sisters (2014). However, with the passing of time, both have become synonymous with the Diocese of Reno Annual Diocesan Conference and its success.



This January, Marv once again co-chaired this service initiative and helped plan, organize, recruit, and lead the council in support of this two-day event at the Nugget Casino Resort. Lady Leslie participated in several ways, including, but not limited to, being part of the concierge team in support of the various conference programs and events. Both were key to achieving the success of this FAITH program initiative.

- George Minter, GK

Knight of the Month

Bro. Leonard Pugh is recognized as the Ponderosa Council 4928 Knight of the Month in January for co-chairing the 2023 Diocese of Reno Conference at the Nugget Casino Resort. This annual event, which had incurred a two-year, in-person program hiatus, as well as changes in key Diocesan personnel, gave rise to several challenges. It was Len's experience, organizational leadership skills and commitment that contributed greatly to the success of this Diocesan program.

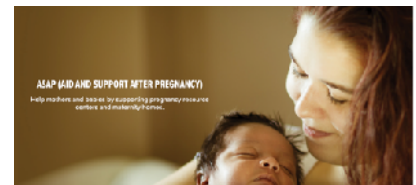


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Aid & Support After Pregnancy

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.



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4th Year Theology
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