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# THE SILVER KNIGHT

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

Al Cuccinelli  
State Newsletter Editor

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## A Message from the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua

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State Deputy

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### My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Hello to January 2021- a new year, a new month, with each new day, we welcome a new beginning!

As hope springs eternally, we pray that all of us learned from the past and be more productive to radiate positivity in all our daily tasks and living.

The most frequently asked question - When will this pandemic end? It's daunting, that is when we, The Knights as a Band of Brothers should look after one another and be mindful of the needs of our neighbor, on how we can reach out to help them.

I am beyond grateful to each and everyone in the State Council down to our Brother Knights for being so resilient even in the toughest of times.

We know through experience some shortcomings and what we did to make it right, and hope to do better this year. Some people make ambitious new year's resolutions; while others promise to make or break it, just take a deep breath and aim for the best....

My thoughts - I am the New Year, with each turn of the leaf, brings a new chapter, a determination to succeed, to prosper.

In the wheels of progress, I'd like to make a difference to make the common uncommon.

My State Officers, Directors, Chairmen, Coordinators, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Brother Knights and families- am but grateful for your presence and unwavering efforts throughout the years and counting!

### Upcoming Events for January 2021:

- January 01- Happy New Year!
- January 06-Feast Day of the Epiphany (Three Wise Men) and Necrology Mass at Our Lady of Las Vegas
- January 10- The Baptism of Jesus Christ
- January 18- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 25- Monthly Meeting with District Deputies

With everyone privileged and gifted with time which is 24 hours a day; we can either use it or lose it. As good stewards in our own Ministry, we can invest with our efforts, for every good deed and

intentions. We can't stop seconds tick away, will you be spending time out the moment, or will you make every minute count?

Let us therefore enter 2021 with a 20/20 vision and 101% preceding the bygone year with optimism, joy and enthusiasm.

**Vivat Jesus!**

## Leadership Positions

## Nevada State Officers 2020 - 2021

State Deputy	Toni F. Pascua
State Chaplain	Rev. Manny Ramirez Guico
State Secretary	Joe Haun
State Treasurer	Meynard Infantado
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Tom Villardi
Associate State Chaplain	Rev. Gerald R. Grupczynski, SChr.
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas Thorn
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	Herbert Melendez (4928)
District 3	Councils 4828, 6688, 13897, 13924	Steve Schiwart (4928)
District 4	Councils 4781, 12845, 13842, 13944	Michael Houdyshell (12845)
District 5	Councils 2380, 2511, 2666, 11512	<i>To Be Announced</i>
District 6	Councils 5448, 9437, 9899, 13691	Luis Herrera (9437)
District 7	Councils 1340, 11179, 13754	Charles Reifsnyder (1340)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 13392	Gerry Rockwell (13392)
District 9	Councils 10442, 10780, 14144, 14784	Raymond Foster (10442)
District 10	Councils 3741, 13456, 14820, 15061	Matthew Garnes (13456)
District 11	Councils 7708, 8078, 8282, 12690	Richard Menard (8282)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Dennis Murtaugh (14544)

## Other Nevada State Officers 2020 - 2021

State Program Director	George Minter
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Ray Pelletier
Webmaster & Communications Director	Dan Mathews
Special Assistance / Sick and Bereavement Chairman	Roger Watson
State Training Coordinator	Ed Verceles
State College Council Coordinator	Don Cortez
State Young Adult Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Budget Committee Chairman	ST Meynard Infantado
State Disaster Committee Chairman	Jesse Chmielewski
State Public Relations Chairman	Bob Cameron
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	Catalino Cabe
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	PSD David Ryan
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. Reifsnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair
State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	IPSD Thomas Thorn
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr
Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Mark B. Foxwell
Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair (Las Vegas)	<i>Vacant</i>

## State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Al Pena
State Marian Hour Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
State Athletic Events Committee Chairman	Daniel Barry
Las Vegas Catholic Citizens Essay/Poster Contest Committee Chairman	Jim Shurtliff
Youth Director	Michael Caudell
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	Tom Villardi
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	Joe Williams
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	IPSD 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 (North) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman	Steven P. Schiwart
State (South) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnyder
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Michael Gagnon
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell
State Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee Chairman	John Suchewski
State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	John Suchewski

## State Membership Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Rev. Manny Ramirez Guico
Online Membership Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Phil Holquin
State Recruitment Committee Chairman	Ray Troik
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis Murtaugh
State Council Reactivation Chairman	Tom Howerter
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	PSD David Strait
State Council Retention Chairman	Joe Williams
State Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
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

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## Please Stand with the Knights of Columbus

Ronald F. Schwarz

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Supreme Treasurer

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Dear Brother Knights,

This year, countless lives around the world were dramatically altered due to COVID-19. For some this virus hit close to home, with loved ones falling ill, or even entering eternal life. For others the virus caused unemployment or the closing of a family business. In many ways, we encountered loss on a communal scale that is unmatched in modern history.

Yet, you helped us make a difference for the most vulnerable people in our communities during this time of pandemic.

If your situation allows, please help us to continue the legacy of charity established by our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, through a gift to our 2020 Year end appeal.

Stand fraternally with your Brother Knights throughout the world, by making a generous gift. I am grateful for your consideration of this important request and thank you most of all for the prayers you offer to our noble cause.

Fraternally,

Ronald Schwarz

## State Officers Announcements

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## State Deputy December 2020 Highlights

SK Toni Pascua

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State Deputy

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### 2019-2020 Star District Awardees



District Deputy # 1 Matt Mareno



District Deputy # 9 Ray Foster



District Deputy # 10 Daniel St Pierre

### No Councils Left Behind



With Pope John Paul II the Great Council 6688 in Yerington, Nevada



### Meeting with Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 13944 in Incline Village

Photo shows (right to left) Council Chaplain Fr Jorge Herrera, Grand Knight Ronald McDonald and SD Toni Pascua



### Star Council Table Cloth Incentive

Rosary Council 3741 Grand Knight Anthony Sperdutti (left) was given the 2019-2020 Star Council table cloth Incentive from State Deputy Toni and Online Membership / Young Adult Outreach Chairman Lance Pascua



### 2020 Hybrid Virtual Mid Year Meeting Command Center

Photo shows (left to right – 2nd row) District Deputy Ray Foster, Awards and Recognition Chairman Mike Gerardi, Al Pena – Family Director, State Chaplain & Membership Director Fr Manny Guico, Lance Pascua – Online Membership & Young Adult Outreach Chairman, Joe Haun- State Secretary, Tom Villardi – State Warden and (1st row) State Deputy Toni Pascua



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## State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico

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Nevada State Chaplain

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Dear Brother Knights:

Greetings of Peace & Joy!

We had rang out the "OLD" (2020) and rang in the "NEW" (2021). We've survived and experienced a new "lifestyle" and/or way of living during the past 10 months. We tried to adjust our meetings & programs in the state of Nevada. Yet we all long and look forward to getting back to meet in-person & re-start all our K of C programs and practices.

I want to share with you a Homily written & delivered by Father John Donellan, SJ former President of Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines:

*"Christianity is good news. It's a proclamation that human business is no longer being carried on as usual, that there is a new beginning. The eternal despair is broken. The holding pattern is no longer holding. The Gospel proclaims today is different from yesterday, that we are not finished with life because God is not finished with us. This is why Christmas means so much to us. Without it, New Year would be a parody, a farce, a bit of mock heroics as if we could ever really change.*

*So January starts with HOPE. It is not just another month. It is a season when we struggle with our own vision of life. It is an invitation to reconsider our lives, a quiet call to look at what we think is monotonous and to discover life and movement. It is a challenge to view the ordinary in a new way, to see the sacredness of our days and our lives which we treat so routinely. Above all, January is a reminder that there is HOPE, that we can always begin again."*

A BLESSED & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Vivat Jesus!

Father Manny R. Guico  
Nevada State Chaplain

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## In Memoriam

Father Manny R. Guico

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Dear Brother Knights:

We will be holding a Requiem Mass for Nevada Knights and their spouses who have passed in 2020. The Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Our Lady of Las Vegas at 5:00PM. It will also be available to view virtually.



Nevada State Chaplain

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Deacon Antonio M Baptista  
Deacon Al Paduano

PGK William R. Eby  
PGK Chris Welsh

Anthony T. Albano  
Pablito "Billy" Alibangbang  
Andy Allen  
Roger O Bergeron Sr.  
Jerry L. Biggs  
Frank J Boanini  
George Brakel  
Paul Brittain  
Nicholas S. Carboni  
Armond Charbonneau  
James Coryer  
Gary Crabtree  
Ben L. Del Villar  
Benny Dornak  
John Duran  
Harrell Gene Edmondson  
Roland Encarnacion

Remigio Espiritu  
William I. Fisher  
Robert I Garrett  
Richard L. Gerten  
Kenneth Grasmick  
Jack Griffis  
Fred Hafner  
Billey W. Herd  
Charles Hernandez  
Gil Hernandez  
Warren N. Heyne  
Gerald Jackson  
Floyd Justus  
Ron Krolezyk  
Don Lee  
John Leppert  
John Linscott  
Javier Lopez  
Anthony J Lucchesi  
Brandon M. McCarthy  
Anthony Monaco  
Sammy Montesano  
Edward Nangano  
John Newman  
Thomas V. O'Reilly  
Peter Patera  
Sonny G. Pepe  
Eugene Riggio  
James W. Rodriguez  
Tony Ruivivar  
Kenneth N. Ryan  
Doug Taylor  
Heriverto Terrazas  
Charles Thompson  
Jose V. Tinio

Bill Urbanic  
Eldglish Watters  
Gene Withelder  
Herman Woods

# Nevada Knights of Columbus Pass 6,000 Member Goal

SK Thomas Thorn



Immediate Past State Deputy

Brother State Officers, Reverend Clergy and Chairmen,

Nevada passed the 6,000 member mark and currently leads the world in member intake goal progress.

I included the top 15 of 75 jurisdictions. With less than half of the fraternal year over I congratulate the Clergy, State Officers and Chairmen for their leadership and support in reaching this goal. The net membership schedule is below the intake schedule.

### Daily Circle of Honor Goal Report

#### Jurisdictions Intake Gain

Monday, December 28, 2020

		<u>Membership as of</u>					
Div	Jurisdiction	Goal	22-Dec	23-Dec	Diff	Need	Percent
1	4 Nevada	330	235	241	6	89	73.03%
2	7 Visayas	4,703	3,224	3,237	13	1,466	68.83%
3	4 Manitoba	235	142	153	11	82	65.11%
4	2 Alberta	753	446	456	10	297	60.56%
5	7 Luzon South	4,455	2,608	2,608	0	1,847	58.54%
6	5 Hawaii	240	132	133	1	107	55.42%
7	6 Guam	45	23	23	0	22	51.11%
8	2 Louisiana	1,300	643	647	4	653	49.77%
9	2 Kansas	1,220	590	593	3	627	48.61%
10	7 Luzon North	5,049	2,375	2,391	16	2,658	47.36%
11	5 Poland	560	258	258	0	302	46.07%
12	3 Tennessee	645	293	295	2	350	45.74%
13	6 Alaska	80	36	36	0	44	45.00%
14	3 British Columbia	575	256	258	2	317	44.87%
15	1 Ontario	1,925	851	856	5	1,069	44.47%

Daily Circle of Honor Goal Report

**Jurisdictions Net Gain**

Monday, December 28, 2020

**Membership as of**

Div	Jurisdiction	Goal	22-Dec	23-Dec	Diff	Need	Percent
1	1 Quebec	180	382	381	(1) ↓	*	211.67%
2	4 Nevada	190	160	166	6 ↑	24	87.37%
3	4 Manitoba	140	110	121	11 ↑	19	86.43%
4	3 South Carolina	90	69	70	1 ↑	20	77.78%
5	5 Utah	50	37	37	0 →	13	74.00%
6	7 Visayas	4,552	3,214	3,227	13 ↑	1,325	70.89%
7	2 Louisiana	710	453	457	4 ↑	253	64.37%
8	3 Connecticut	380	246	244	(2) ↓	136	64.21%
9	2 Alberta	540	329	339	10 ↑	201	62.78%
10	4 Rhode Island	150	91	91	0 →	59	60.67%
11	5 Hawaii	220	130	131	1 ↑	89	59.55%
12	7 Luzon South	4,397	2,608	2,608	0 →	1,789	59.31%
13	3 New Brunswick	125	70	72	2 ↑	53	57.60%
14	6 Guam	42	23	23	0 →	19	54.76%
15	2 Kansas	840	453	456	3 ↑	384	54.29%

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Thorn - NV IPSD

## State Directors/Chairs Announcements

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## A Message from the State Faith in Action Program Chairman

SK Daniel C St Pierre

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Faith in Action Program Chair

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Worthy Grand Knights and Program Directors,

Do you have angels in your home?

Did you know that in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Heaven and Earth combine and angels join us in worshipping the Lord? Yes, it is true. Therefore, during COVID, I urge everyone to make the most of celebrating Mass virtually whether live-streamed or recorded. Sure, we have dispensation and are not necessarily obligated to attend, but why would you pass up the opportunity to have angels worshipping in your home with your family.

Celebrating Mass in your home is not a new concept. In fact, in the earliest days of the Church, Mass was always celebrated in homes, because churches as we know them now did not exist, and the early Christians faced persecution forcing them to often celebrate Mass in secrecy. There are probably some parallels to today with most of us being restricted from attending Mass in person due to government-enforced attendance rules, or having significant personal health/COVID concerns preventing Mass attendance. With these present scenarios, we should make the most of our opportunities in celebrating Mass in our homes.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of Worship. Worship being the operative word. We attend Mass to worship, not to “get something out of it.” Obviously, we should get something out of it. In receiving the Eucharist, we obtain many sanctifying graces, assuming we are in the proper state of grace (not being aware of have any mortal sin). But that is not the only reason we are there. The Laity have a prominent role in worship, so we should approach Mass with worship in mind, and not just “watch” it on TV.

I operate on four basic principles when I get my family ready for Mass in our living room. I refer to these principles as the 4 Ps as they all start with the letter P. That makes for a convenient memory aid.

1. **P**reparation – Before Mass, clean the room of clutter, toys and other distractions. I place statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph on the appropriate sides of my TV, positioned like in church. We get to our seats (the couch) about 15 minutes prior to start to get settled and for some family prayer. This process establishes the right mood for celebrating Mass.



2. **Presentation** – Simply put, this boils down to dress and appearance. We dress up for Mass even in our home. After all, this is about worshipping our Lord. If you approach it with this in mind, do you really think PJs and slippers are appropriate?
3. **Participation** – Sing the hymns, you have no reason to be embarrassed in your home because no one can hear you except your family, God and the angels. Say the prayers and the appropriate responses as if you were actually at Mass, because you are. You should also be sure to make your offering or donation electronically. Churches are hurting financially during this crisis. And most importantly, be sure to make a Spiritual Communion prayer as you cannot receive the actual Eucharist in person.
4. **Posture** – This is also an important part of the liturgy. Don't sit back in the recliner. Sit upright, stand and kneel during the appropriate segments. The church has specific reasons for each of these body positions. Look them up for an interesting research project.

So, when you take part in Mass on TV, remember these few hints and I promise you an enhanced in-home Mass experience. Remember you are there to worship, and when in the worship mindset for Mass, the heavens will open and you will have angels there celebrating along with you in your home. And as a bonus, when we all get back into our church buildings (which we must do to receive the actual Body and Blood of Jesus, as opposed to a Spiritual Communion only), those who take this approach will never again be critical of a priest's homily or difficult accent, or even a less-than-stellar music program at Mass.

Dan St. Pierre, PGK, FDD  
Nevada Faith in Action Chairman

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## A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family  
Program Director

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### ROBOTS A SCIENCE FICTION OR REALITY?

On May 5, 2020, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) did a study on how robots can change our way of life. **The study shows a 20% percent use of robot in manufacturing from 2015 led to 3.2% decline in industry wide employment.** Yet for firms adopting robot during this timespan, employee hours worked rose by 10.9% and wages rose modestly as well.

**Interesting.** Is this a mere (TAA) transition adjustment abnormality when the manufacturing process operations done by humans are replaced by robots? Those that remain are usually tech savvy workers managing the machines and are usually skilled and highly compensated. But what about the long term effect? As we learn more and start benefiting from replacing humans with robots especially in manufacturing, more and more operations will be replaced with more efficient robots which will increase productivity and eliminate work related injuries, errors and waste.

Much has been written about the rise of robots and the potential impact of automation on the economy. These extremes vary widely with some studies predicting that as many as **50% of all workers are at risk of losing their jobs to automation.** As I vividly recall, this was the same concern we encountered in the 1960's. Computers became more widely used and started to make a significant impact in our old way of doing things. We slowly embarked in a paperless modality. The number of filing cabinets diminished if not removed completely in the office setting being replaced by desktop and/or laptop computers. We learned to use computers as a tool in obtaining data on a real time basis, instead of waiting for weeks or months. The effects on the workforce was minimal then. **Computers made our jobs easier and communications faster.** The transition was seamless in many cases. But this **next stage will be very different because people are actually being replaced by robots instead of trained in the use of new technology.**

### Picture Of Industrial Robot At Work Images





Many say that It is time that some human jobs are replaced by robots. Many are becoming effective and accurate with the assistance of robot. **Robots can increase output and production, keep labor cost down and improve reliability in manufacturing by removing errors.** Material waste will be reduced to a minimum and production loss due to human errors will be eliminated. This will translate to higher productivity and lower cost of production and cost efficiency especially in manufacturing. **Robots coming in different forms and sizes will become more intelligent as time goes on and its capability increase in geometric proportions as we learn more about the benefits of robotics and use of artificial intelligence.** Soon robotic applications will be seen everywhere in the manufacturing, transportation, research, medical field, even replacing human parts. Then there is the driverless vehicles, trains, airplanes, and perhaps even replacing soldiers in times of war. **It will unquestionably affect all areas of our human existence. Science Fiction or our future reality?**



Evidence from US labor market published by the National Bureau of Economic Research validated the theory that **each additional robot in the US economy reduces employment by 5.6% workers and every robot added to the workplace per 1000 human workers causes wages to drop by as much as 25% to 50%.** So where do we go from here? How will people survive? **Are we seeing the start of a human society dependent on government support?** Is this where the rebirth of Socialism will occur or some variations thereof? Where the means of production and distribution falls in the hands of the Government and the survival of people depended on Government support? **“From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs” - Karl Marks 1875.** Where companies pays 50-85% taxes. On May 8, 2020 Various experiments were conducted on the application of (UBI) Universal Basic Income. in New Jersey, Iowa, North Carolina, Indiana, Seattle,

Denver and Manitoba. Former President Nixon in fact even pushed to make it a Federal Law. So what is (UBI)? **Universal Basic Income (UBI) Is a system that will provide everyone with a minimum living wage whether they are employed or not. It is intended to address job losses stemming from technological innovations.** The advocates were visualizing a future society consisting of two groups of workers. Robots on one hand and humans on the other. As more robots takes more of human jobs, **more people will be unemployed and enjoying more leisure time. Will this produce more income inequality and increase the gap between the rich and the poor?**

Picture Of Robotic Arms Replacing Human Hands

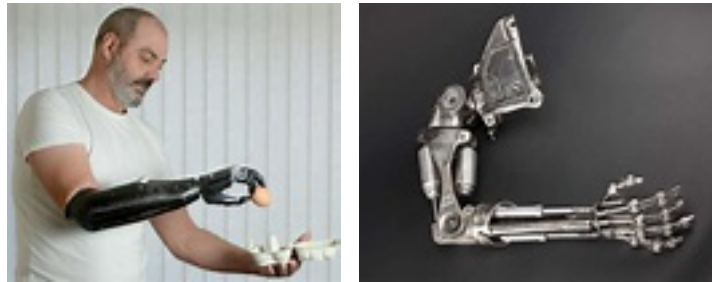


Photo Of Brain Surgery Being Performed By Robots Pictures



**Durability robots** designed to help people recover from certain diseases conditions and injuries. It is a broad field that include wheelchair, robotic arms and many other robotic devises. This underlines the vast potential of robotics. Robotics and Artificial Intelligence is at a very early stage in its development. There is still much to be learned. We are just seeing the tip of the iceberg. There are certain industries that are far ahead in the use of the robotics and are now enjoying the benefits like the giga automotive factories that are churning out thousands of automobiles a day where it has taken humans months to produce. Amazon is using robots in its shipping, packaging and delivery business models. Now Walmart is partnering with Microsoft in warehousing, identifying consumer product preferences, and order fulfillment.

Photos Of Robots Taking Human Forms



Photos Of Robots Taking Human Jobs



**Lean principles** creating more values to the customers through perfect process that has zero waste and significant ROI improvement. This is the idea behind the lean principles. To replace humans with machines by automating manufacturing processes thereby reducing labor cost, waste and speed of operation. Machines are programmed to produce a certain number of output per machine hour. Machines do not tire. Humans do. Machines do not have a labor union. Don't get paid for overtime. Don't have health care benefits. They don't contribute to Social Security, medicare, no vacation pay, sick pay, and other paid leave of absences. They don't get pregnant and give birth to children which entitles humans to some paternity leave of absence sometimes with pay. They are always working even for 24/7 without pay.

The sigma lean process deals with the following:

- A) Focus on the Customer
- B) Identify and understand how the work its done (value stream)
- C) Manage, improve and smooth the process flow
- D) Remove non-value added steps and waste
- E) Manage by fact and reduce variations
- F) Involve and equip people on the process
- G) Undertake improvement activities in a systematic way.

### Photos Of Robotic Process At Amazon Fulfillment Center



I used Amazon as example because it is one of the biggest employer In the US. The picture shows the number of people doing the work in this Amazon large fulfillment facility. Without the assistance of robots, this would require hundreds of people to do the work. Amazon's commitment is to do same day delivery.

The purpose of this paper is to show an update of the progress that Robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) has made and how close we are to getting to UBI or universal living income and changing our Social, Economic and Political structure not only in this country but around the world.

Vivat Jesus!

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## A Message from the State Retention Director

SK Phillip R. Holguin

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Brother Knights,

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!



State Retention Director

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I want to extend my appreciation for your continued drive towards the success of our Faith in Action Programs and membership drive this year. The Nevada Knights of Columbus truly displays their commitment and continued support during this unprecedented time, and truly sets the example for others to follow.

Reminder - The Second Notice must be sent no later than 15 January 2021 if payment is not received. The Financial Secretary must prepare the Retention Committee Report for personal contact for the Grand Knight and Retention Committee for their review. If you have members that are struggling during this pandemic, reach out. This year has been challenging for the Knights of Columbus due to COVID-19. In our state alone, many lives of our Brother Knights have been impacted in negative ways.

As you know, membership dues are the primary funds for our Council. If you know a fellow Knight who is facing financial hardship, and would like to help them by donating all or part of their dues for next year, it would be greatly appreciated. If you choose to do this, please send the additional check with a note on it specifying **Membership Donation**. Our goal is to lift up knights who are facing financial hardship at this time.

Holy Spirit Council 14784 is a prime example of generosity in that many members came forward taking care of fellow Knights during this critical time. Job well done! Leaving no Brother Knight behind!

**Happy blessed new year 2021!**

Fraternally,

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## State Historian Report and December 2020 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

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### Brother Knights

**Wishing you and yours a Joyous and Healthy New Year!**

**Updates are as follows:**

1. I will be in contact with our District Deputy’s and Grand Knight’s to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the significant events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position in your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council’s continuing story!
2. In concert with our second term Worthy State Deputy Toni F. Pascua and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a “cloud based” storage system for each Council’s records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/ updated over the continuing “Columbian Year” by the Council Historian.
3. To accomplish the infill of Past State Deputy’s Biographical information, from 2000 to the current Columbian year: I am continuing to work with resources from Supreme, PSD Ray Gardea and SK Kenneth Sawyer, State Communications Director to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information from all but three PSD’s from 2000 to present.

Please use my email address: [historian@nv-kofc.com](mailto:historian@nv-kofc.com) to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to work with you my Brothers.



## **Knights of Columbus History Fact:**

### **Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's new "Blessed" status and pray for his Sainthood!!!**

We do know; Blessed Michael McGivney, a model parish priest and founder of the Knights of Columbus, was recognized as a "saint" in his day by the people closest to him. When he was named "Blessed" by Pope Francis on October 31, 2020, the Church declared what many had long believed; the holy soul of Father McGivney lives today to intercede for us before the throne of God.

Over the years, thousands of favors have been attributed to Father McGivney's intercession, as Knights, their families and Catholics throughout the world pray to him in times of need. He is known especially for the favors related to employment and finances, reconciling family members, overcoming addiction, recovering from serious illness, as well as conversion and return to the Church. Coinciding with issues Father McGivney dealt with as a priest on earth, these favors show his ongoing care and concern for those who call upon him in faith.

In a spirit of total trust in God, we invoke Blessed Michael McGivney's intercession, for our own intentions and for the needs of others, knowing that one more miracle is required for canonization, sainthood in the Catholic Church. We pray, most of all, that through the holy witness for Father McGivney, man of the people, many will be brought closer to God and that we ourselves may renew our love of and relationship with God and neighbor.

The website is: [www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org](http://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org).

## “Knight in the Light”

### **Rev. John B. McShane** **(Ministry of Serving the Homeless in Las Vegas)**

Born in San Francisco in 1943, Father John grew up in a Catholic family. “My first memories of Catholic men involved in the ministry of the church was my father. Daily communicant when able, home visits with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and in charge of the beverage booth at our annual Harvest Jubilee, as a member in the Father’s Club. All of these activities were at the Star of the Sea Catholic Church in San Francisco.”

Father John discerned as a student his interest in becoming a priest. “Being a priest has been in my thoughts since grammar school,” he said. “After tasting the world, I still had the desire.” He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1964 to 1970.

He earned a History degree from the University of San Francisco in 1967. Father John’s focus was American History with emphasis on the role and status of Black’s in the Military/Civil War. While at USF, mandatory curriculum was Theology and Philosophy which aided him later in his studies as a Seminarian. Father also opposed abortion and was interested in protecting the lives of the unborn. Which later became the “Pro-Life” movement.

In 1970, at 27, he left for seminary school in Columbus, Ohio. Four years later, a newly ordained priest in Reno, NV received his first assignment, from the Bishop, as a deacon in Hawthorne, NV. He briefly returned to Reno in 1974, where the Bishop of the Diocese assigned him to St. Teresa Of Avila in Carson City as assistant pastor. There he joined the Knights of Columbus and was the Chaplin for Sierras Madre Council 4781. Father John also led prayers at the State Senate and Assembly, and his parish members included Governor Mike O’ Callaghan.

He returned to St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in 1977. “I love the history of Nevada,” he said. “And it wasn’t too far from San Francisco.” In 1979 he was assigned to the Las Vegas Dioceses, where parish members came from all over the United States and the World. In 1982, he began his travels across the basins and ranges of Nevada, spending the next 14 years administering the faith in Tonopah, Virginia City, Fallon, and Laughlin until returning to Las Vegas in 1996.

Three years later he became the chaplain of the Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, working with the poor, immigrants, refugees, and the elderly. “I was trying to help the people on the margins,” he said.

Father John studied the practices of Mother Teresa, activist Dorothy Day and French writer and philosopher Simone Weil. In 1933, Day cofounded the Catholic Worker movement and newspaper in New York City, advocating direct aid to the poor and homeless.

By the time Father John arrived at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ely, NV in 2013, he had become well accustomed to the “Frontier Parish” spending more than 20 years as a Catholic priest across Nevada’s rural interior. As he crisscrossed Nevada, he served Amargosa, Caliente, Fernley, Dyer, Round Mountain, Empire, Gabbs, McGill, Baker, Dayton, Beatty and for a while Lund and Currant. “I love the beauty of the area,” he said. Father John was active with the Sacred Heart Council 1340 until 2019. “Throughout my priesthood, I have admired and benefited from the service that the Knights of Columbus provided.”

In 2000, Father John founded the Las Vegas chapter of the St. Benedict Labre Homeless Ministry, named after the 18th century French mendicant, a worshiper committed to a life of poverty, pilgrimage, and prayer. The patron saint of the homeless, Labre spent more than a decade walking through continental Europe until his death in 1783.

Father John’s every Monday ministry to the homeless is with the Holy Family Catholic Church, serving Las Vegas. He has received wide support from the Knights of Columbus both during and as he continues his ministry, “what else can I say, Knights are always at the ready,” wherever Father John is.

“We have a good Pope,” he said. “Pope Francis I is calling us to smell like our sheep.”

*J. Michael Brady*, State Historian

Nevada State Council

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## A Message from the State Young Adult Chairman

SK Lance Pascua



Nevada Young Adult  
Chairman

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Hello there, it's Lance Pascua, State Young Adult Outreach Chairman and Online Membership Chairman for The Knights of Columbus!

Hope you had an enjoyable and peaceful start of 2021! When we all yearn that the best has yet to come.

Here's to a year of new beginnings... and a welcome change of scenery.

The continued quest for the cure (to Covid 19) has no recess, so do living everyday with the various challenges that we face rather purpose in life. Do your part and always ask people you meet (every eligible Catholic men) to join the Knights.

The best gift you can give this New Year to any of your relatives, neighbors, friend, co workers (eligible Catholic men) is the gift of Knights of Columbus Online Membership.

Please use the promo code : MCGIVNEY2020

For one year free membership from now until January 02,2021. (Regularly \$30.00 per year)

Please use our 24/7 on demand online membership registration link- <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Until then please stay healthy, be well and be blessed.

Keeping you in my prayers,

## **Assembly/Council Announcements**

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## Council 4828 - Coats for Kids Project

GK Ted Balsh

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Council #4828

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### Fallon Youth Club children receive new coats for Christmas



*T'was a few weeks before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring – not even a mouse. However, there was quite a bit of stirring at the Fallon Youth Club on Friday, December 4th, when the Knights of Columbus (KofC) delivered sacks full of new, warm winter coats to local children.*

*According to Fallon Youth Club director Shannon Goodrich, the generous members of the Knights of Columbus provided 36 new coats to Youth Club children, both boys and girls, ranging from 2nd to 8th grade. Coordinated by Grand Knight Tedd Balash and chapter members, the coats were purchased and distributed as part of their Coats for Kids project. The American-Canadian project began in 2009 with the KofC reporting that they have distributed over 500,000 winter coats to children in need since that time.*

*Fallon's Chapter #4828 is one of 1,700 Knights of Columbus councils that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization with about 2 million members. They serve others by putting their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally, and internationally through donations and hands-on service.*

*For more information or to donate, visit [www.kofc.org/charities](http://www.kofc.org/charities)*

Reprint from Fallon Post - by Leanna Lehman

## Holy Spirit Council 14784 - Drive Thru Fish Fry

SK Christopher T Traver



Grand Knight

On December 4th, 2020, the Knights of Columbus of Holy Spirit Council 14784 held their first-ever drive-thru fish-fry. The Knights served over 200 dinners and **raised over \$2,000.00** dollars to help our parish during these difficult times, and after expenses, we were able to present Father Bill Kenny a check for \$1,949.00. Father Bill was grateful and appreciated all of the hard work the Knights of Columbus did in organizing this event. In attendance were State Deputy Toni Pascua, State Warden Thomas Villardi, and District Deputy Raymond Foster.



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## 2,000 Holiday Meals Packaged and Ready to Go

SK Charles B Goucher

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The Boys and Girls Club Directors thought it would take two days. Packaging a large number of holiday meals for area Boys and Girls Clubs was a big challenge, especially given the short notice and the need for resources. But would it?



Grand Knight

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Enter eight (8) Ponderosa Council 4928 knights and family with helping hands. They, with the aid and coordination of a Board Director and a student aide, stepped up and came to the rescue. 2,000 meals of sliced ham, potatoes and veggies were packaged dinner-to-go style in travel containers within half a day.

Many families throughout Northern Nevada had a better, much needed meal over the holidays. Those that helped make it happen experienced the joy of living out the calling of their faith.



Part of the Ponderosa Council 4928 Dinner Packaging Team in Action



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## Formation Degree - January 23, 2021

SK Bernie Iwaczyszyn, PGK

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Formation Degree Team  
Leader

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On Saturday January 23rd, Our Lady of Las Vegas and St. Jude Council #9102 will be hosting a LIVE FORMATION DEGREE - Degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree).

**Location:** OLLV Catholic Church

**Time:** Check in 9:00 AM

**Exemplification Starts:** 10:00 AM

**Attire:** Business Casual

Brothers if you have not yet attained the Third Degree please come and join us.

Please let PGK Bernie know if you will be attending.

Email: [sgmberniei@gmail.com](mailto:sgmberniei@gmail.com)

Cell: 702-445-3113

SK Bernard J Iwaczyszyn  
[sgmberniei@gmail.com](mailto:sgmberniei@gmail.com)

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## Holy Spirit Council 14784 - Toy Drop Off

SK Christopher T Traver

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Grand Knight

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Holy Spirit Council 14784 in participation with outreach program at the church participated in the adoption for a needy family for the Holiday Season. Our council adopted a family of a single mother with three children ranging in ages from 15 to 7 years old. Our Knights came through with toys, clothes, books, skateboards, ear pods, and gift cards. The outreach program was appreciative of the Knights for their generous donation.



Pictured is our Worthy Chancellor Andre Mccoy dropping off the gifts.

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

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## Council 12877 - December Family of the Month

SK Leo V Carew

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Grand Knight

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Brother Knights,

Maria Hernandez was been selected as our Family of the Month and also submitted to the Supreme Council for the Family of the Month Contest.

Maria is the Liturgical Coordinator for Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish. She works with our Pastor Father Phillip and assists him and Father Beda in many religious events including baptisms and marriages. From the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic until recently, she helped by preparing the altar in order for parishioners to watch daily mass or weekend masses on Facebook or YouTube. Maria is also a Eucharistic minister and can be counted on to serve when needed.

Maria started the parish Prayer and Life Workshop many years ago. She is involved with the Divine Mercy Committee and Grupo de Oracion ministries. In addition to everything else, Maria has assisted Fr. Philip in setting-up and organizing pilgrimages to religious sites. The most recent pilgrimages were to the Holy Land, Divine Mercy Chapel, Medjugorje, Lourdes and Fatima. Maria Hernandez is an excellent example of Knights of Columbus principles of Charity and Unity.

Vivat Jesus,

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## Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

SK Charles B Goucher

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Grand Knight

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### November Family of the Month - SK Robin Pagni

On October 22nd, the Council hosted a Sparks Police Department Appreciation Luncheon. It was a “blue plate special” meal event that consisted of outdoor-grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, sides and dessert served in the station training room with tables arranged and decorated by Council members and family.

Despite its many challenges, Bro. Robin successfully planned, arranged and provided hands-on participation of the event from start to finish. Part of his success was due to Lady Chris preparing her special food trays at home. The event was very well-received. One factor may be due to their adult son, Sgt. Nick Pagni, being on-duty and in attendance. To him it was a home-cooked meal.



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**December Knight of the Month – SK Thomas J. J. Cashell**

Since first being drafted (12th round) by Ponderosa Council 4928 in 2017, SK Tom has become an impact player. His leadership skills have helped him make the Coats for Kids and the Breakfast with Santa programs outstanding successes despite the pandemic. He is the spirit of Christmas present but not Santa. He is a parish lector but one who listens to the needy. He is a team builder who puts his Faith in Action at such events as the 40-days for Life prayer vigil, and as Council Recorder putting attendee discussions on paper. For all this, SK Tom is the Ponderosa Council 4928 December Knight of the Month.



**December Family of the Month -SK Marv Cochran**

The Cochrans are recognized as the Ponderosa Council 4928 December Family of the Month for their on-going Council participation and support. Long recognized for their culinary skills, most recently they showed their stuff grilling hamburgers at the Sparks Police Appreciation Luncheon and flipping pancakes and scrambling eggs at the Breakfast with Santa. This husband-wife team furthers Ponderosa Council’s long-standing tradition of service to the community. SK Marv is a Past Grand Knight (2002-2004) and Lady Leslie was a founding member of our Ladies of the Knights band of sisters. They each get better with time.





*Blessed Michael McGivney*

*Pray for Us*