
THE SILVER KNIGHT



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Leadership Positions

Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

State Deputy	Joe Alvin Haun
State Chaplain	Rev. John McShane
State Secretary	Meynard Infantado
State Treasurer	Tom Villardi
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Dan St. Pierre
Associate State Chaplain	Rev. Gerald R. Grupczynski, SChr.
Immediate Past State Deputy	Toni F. Pascua
State Executive Secretary	Al Cuccinelli

District Deputies / Councils

District 1	Councils 978, 4997, 7322, 16207	Mathew Mareno (7322)
District 2	Councils 4928, 10577, 12877, 14588	Steve Schiwart (4928)
District 3	Councils 4828, 6688, 13897, 13924	Pete Comerford (13924)
District 4	Councils 4781, 12845, 13842, 13944	Michael Houdyshell (12845)
District 5	Councils 1340, 2380, 2511, 2666	Charles Reifsnyder (1340)
District 6	Councils 5448, 9437, 9899	Jesus Sanchez (9437)
District 7	Councils 7708, 8282, 13754	Bill Ennis (13754)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 12690	Gerry Rockwell (13392)
District 9	Councils 10442, 10780, 14144, 14784	Raymond Foster (10442)
District 10	Councils 3741, 13456, 15061	Matthew Garnes (13456)
District 11	Councils 8078, 13392, 14820	Edmundo Verceles (14820)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Chris Traver (14784)
District 13	Councils 11174, 11179, 11512, 13691, 15790	Dennis Murtaugh (11029)

Other Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

State Program Director	Dan St. Pierre
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr.
Webmaster & Communications Director	Rick Sherman
Special Assistance / Sick and Bereavement Chairman	Roger Watson
State Training Coordinator	Ed Verceles
State College Council Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
State Young Adult Outreach Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Budget Committee Chairman	Meynard Infantado
State Disaster Committee Chairman	Terry W. Zehl
State Public Relations Chairman	Steve Coe
Health Services Chairman	Dr. Thomas D'Amato
State Historian	J. Michael Brady
State Newsletter Editor	Al Cuccinelli

State “Faith in Action” Program Chair

State Faith in Action Program Chairman Dan St. Pierre

State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

State Faith Program Director	Hilarion Cordero Jr
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	IPSD Toni F. Pascua
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. Reifsnnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair
State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	PSD Thomas Thorn
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr
Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Mark B. Foxwell
Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair (Las Vegas)	<i>Vacant</i>

State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Al Pena
State Marian Hour Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
State Athletic Events Committee Chairman	Daniel Barry
Catholic Citizens Essay Committee Chairman	Jim Shurtliff
Youth Director	Daniel Barry
Awards/Report Forms Director	Al Cuccinelli
State Squires Committee Chairman	George A. Minter
Soccer and Free Throw Chairman	Robert Hartman
Keep Christ in Christmas Program Chair	Digna Pena

State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Community Program Director	Raymond Brewer
State 365 Club Committee Chairman	PSD Ray Gardea
State Convention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Robert Hartman
Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Pete Comerford
State Recognition Committee Chairman	Daniel Mathews
State Audit Committee Chairman	PSD Thomas Thorn
State Round Table Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnnyder
State New Council Development Committee Chair	Sammy Dagher

State LIFE “*Faith in Action*” Programs

State Life Director	John DeBord
State Silver Rose Chairman	Steven P. Schiwart
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Richard Menard
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell
State Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee Chairman	John Suchewski
State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	John Suchewski

State Membership Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Christopher T. Traver
Online Membership Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Tom Villardi
Southern Nevada State Recruitment Chairman	Ray Troik
Northern Nevada State Recruitment Chairman	Michael Alvendia
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis Murtaugh
State Council Reactivation Chairman	Tom Howerter
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	PSD David Strait
State Council Retention Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
State Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator	Jesus Sanchez
State Hispanic Development Committee Chairman	
Reno	Herbert Melendez
Las Vegas	Jesus Sanchez
State Filipino Development Coordinator	
Reno	George Michael Alvendia
Las Vegas - South	Pro Edillo
Las Vegas - North	Francis Dayao

Supreme Council Announcements

A Thank You from the Supreme Treasurer

Ronald F. Schwarz



Supreme Treasurer

As 2021 draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share my gratitude with you. Through the generosity of so many members and donors, such as yourself, Knights of Columbus Charities continues to serve individuals and families throughout the world. Your continued witness of generosity is humbling!

Over the past few weeks there were several inquiries asking if K of C Charities was raising funds for the recent tornadoes in Kentucky and the devastating typhoon that hit the Philippines on Dec. 16. Through the generosity of so many members earlier this year, K of C Charities was able to provide aid to both disasters as soon as it was requested. For this, thank you!

I also recognize there were many members who were waiting to donate until communication went out. We will continue to support these communities as they rebuild, so our job is not yet done. If you were waiting to make a donation for disaster relief, we would be honored if you would consider making it now.

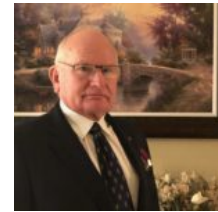
Your gift will ensure the Knights of Columbus are ready to help wherever and whenever a disaster strikes next.

Again, thank you for your generosity and commitment to charity as the first principle of the Order. On behalf of all the Supreme Officers, staff, and those we serve, thank you and have a blessed new year!

Fraternally,

A Message from the Vice Supreme Master

PSD David Ryan

Vice Supreme Master

Miracles of the Eucharist

Why do 69% of Catholics not believe that the Eucharist is the real Body and Blood of Christ? This is what the Pew survey taken in 2019 shows. Over the coming months I will share information on the Vatican approved Miracles of the Eucharist from various articles and books, of which there are 153 to date with the hope that non-believers might come to believe. The first will be of the Argentina Miracle of the Host.

Argentina Miracle of the Host

(Pope Francis as a Cardinal ordered Scientific Forensics on the Host)

In 1996, when Pope Francis was formerly Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, a miracle of the Host occurred in Buenos Aires. On August 18, 1996, three days after the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, a woman came up to Fr. Alejandro Pezet after Holy Mass in a local church, and pointed to a discarded Host on a candleholder at the back of the church. Unable to consume the Host, Fr. Pezet put it in a container with water and placed it inside the tabernacle.

Argentina-miracle-of-the-Host on August 26, a week later, as he opened the tabernacle, he saw that the Host had turned blood red. He informed Bergoglio, who immediately had it photographed. On September 6, the photographs revealed that the Host “had become a fragment of bloodied flesh and had grown significantly in size”. For years, the Host was kept secretly in the tabernacle. On October 5, 1999, Bergoglio, now an Archbishop, seeing that the Host did not decompose, sent it for scientific analysis in New York City through his representative Dr. Castanon.

Dr. Castanon purposely did not give any background about the Host to Dr. Frederic Zugiba, a well-known cardiologist and forensic pathologist, who did the examination. His findings revealed that it was “real flesh and blood and containing human DNA. Zugiba testified that the material was a fragment of the heart muscle responsible for contraction to supply blood to all parts of the body.

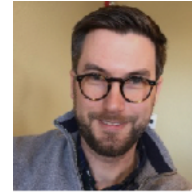


Dr. Zugiba reported that the examined material was inflamed flesh containing a lot of white blood cells, indicating that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken. Dr. Zugiba added that white blood cells would die in a matter of minutes if the heart was no longer alive and functioning. The white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, indicating that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had a trauma of being beaten on the chest. This reminds us of the pain and trauma of the Crucifixion of our Lord.

Finally informed that it was a Host, Dr. Zugiba was shocked and said, “How and why a consecrated Host would change its character and become living human flesh and blood will remain an inexplicable mystery to science.”

A Message from the Knights of Columbus Charities

Patrick Diener



Director
Knights of Columbus
Charities

Thank You for Supporting Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids!

When we invited you to provide the gift of a warmth to children in need, you responded with overwhelming generosity. Thank you for helping us exceed our Giving Tuesday goal! Including the matching gift of \$250,000, we raised a total of **\$593,291**. These donations will allow us to distribute more than **30,000 coats** this winter to children throughout North America.



On behalf of all of us at the Knights of Columbus and the children who have warm coats because of your generosity, we thank you and send you warm wishes this Advent. If you have not yet donated but would like to join this great project, please [click here](#).

In Service,

Diocese Announcements

Reno Diocese - Santo Nino Feast 2022

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg



Eighth Bishop of Reno

The pleasure of your company is requested to the

Santo Nino Feast 2022

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JANUARY
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State Officers Announcements

State Officers / District Deputies Meetings Schedule

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

The following chart represents the State Officers and District Deputies meetings for the 2021 - 2022 fraternal year. The State Officers will meet for the first session, and the State Officers and the District Deputies will meet for the second.

Month	Date	Time	Location
July	July 26, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
August	August 30, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
September	September 27, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
October	October 25, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
November	November 29, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
December	December 27, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
January 2022	January 24, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
February	February 28, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
March	March 28, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
April	April 25, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
May	May 30, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
June	June 27, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting

FLASH Christmas Drive Results

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

WOW! In the past few days Nevada has added 14 New Members!

Chris Carlsen - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Council 11029 - Las Vegas)

Edwin Posadas - Holy Spirit (Council 14784 - Las Vegas)

Carlos Gonzalez - St Anthony of Padua (Council 14544 - Las Vegas)

Dario R Franceschi - St Francis of Assisi (Council 13456 - Henderson)

Darrell Heinrich - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Council 11029 - Las Vegas)

James Gronowski - St Joseph Husband of Mary (Council 10442- Las Vegas)

Gilbert Glorioso - St Francis of Assisi (Council 13456 - Las Vegas)

Timothy Shoemaker - St Anthony of Padua (Council 14544 - Las Vegas)

Matthews R Cartin - St Bridget (Council 13392 - Las Vegas)

Gregory D McCune - St Anne's (Council 13924 - Dayton)

Brennan Paterson - Guardian Angel Cathedral (Council 2828 - Las Vegas)

Edward Dambach - (Council 2828 - Las Vegas)

Michael Tinder - St Christopher (Council 5448 - Las Vegas)

Rafael Tapia - Holy Family (Council 7708- Las Vegas)

Thank YOU! Thank YOU!

The Christmas Gift to Our Seminarians is:

 **\$640** 

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

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy &
Supreme Director

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Greetings and welcome 2022!

The next chapter unfolds as we turn the pages of time into a new leaf/transformation to leaving the old ways behind.

Many of us had kept the same resolutions from last year yet still others made ambitious ones, either to be successful or otherwise lost it, recover or build up and the thought of simply giving it up or persevere amid this Covid-19 pandemic.

Our conversion should start now not only in the beginning of a new year- to exemplify and be a good example of the Lord. Of the bad to become good, the good to be better and the better to be the best.

My dear Brother Knights, there is no limit in what we can achieve together as a team, with Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, the algorithm just keeps on building as a foundation that gives us strength and resiliency in the face of adversities. As it was said, what challenges and hardships we can't conquer nor the victories that we have won without faith and the power of prayer?

Our mission, is to live a purposeful and meaningful life to serve the Lord, love thyself and your neighbors. Make who you meet each day, happier than when you found them to leave an impression of how you want to be remembered when the time comes.

A simple act of kindness is more compassionate than anything else as creates a ripple effect in humankind. By reflecting on where we've been, we can chart the course ahead to steer us to be more insightful and with direction.

Let us continue to express our love of God and neighbor by helping those in need and our Church, regardless of the popularity of doing so.

As we begin 2022, we wish you a New Year filled with the joy and wonders of His love.

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure in service and devotion to your respective ministries!

May the inspiration of our founder lead us with more confidence and encouragement to achieve greater works of charity for a fruitful, and prosperous year!

Vivat Jesus!

“That in all things, God may be glorified”

For a brighter tomorrow, a day that was never promised be a part of now as being grateful for the present that is why today is called a gift....TP

Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us!

Message from the State Treasurer

SK Tom Villardi

Brother Knights,



State Treasurer

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas & are looking forward to bigger and better things coming up in the New Year.

I wanted to share a Thank You note from Share Village. If you're not aware of them, they are dedicated to providing affordable housing for individuals in need. In their nearly 20 year history, the organization has served hundreds of families, seniors, veterans and those with physical challenges or terminal illnesses. We donated 56,240 bottles of water in 2021!!!



Additionally, the following is an email that I received from one of our Council's (9102) newest member, Mauro Visigalli, who is an attorney in Canon Law. It is timely and I felt it would be worth sharing with all of you.

Subject: Merry Christmas

A few days ago I left Las Vegas to reach my family in Italy and to spend Christmas with them: of course I missed my wife and son (she is working and my son is studying, so they cannot reach me yet) but it was not an easy decision because Italy is still in a dystopian time and the pandemic has become the new golden calf.

I remember when it all started: it was March 2020, I was working in Las Vegas and covid exploded in my Italian village (Codogno): my wife called me saying that both my parents were dying at the hospital and I took a long walk to calm down and decide what should I do.

I walked and walked with low eyes and when I stopped and raised my sight, I was in front of the well known copy of the 'Pietà', at the entrance of the parking lot of Our Lady of Las Vegas. I took that as a sign and, when I came back in November 2020, I registered at that Parish.

Now - as I said - I am in Italy and this morning I will go and welcome the born Child in my local Parish (that's such a great thing of being Catholic: one can find Our Lord everywhere!). I will be happy and touched, but I already know that everything will be someway ruined from that environment of 'sanity without sanctity' that is corrupting everything: I will miss the full church of Our Lady of Vegas, the rich rite, the families, the Knights who so kindly welcomed me and I want to thank you all, together with my new Bishop that I do not know yet for how I felt at home during my permanence.

Forgive my long outburst: I just desired to tell you that I wish for you a Merry Christmas and I cannot wait to be back.



Vivat Jesus.

Message from the State Program Director

SK Daniel C St Pierre



State Warden & Program
Director

Worthy Brother Knights of Nevada,

I hope this message finds you well-refreshed within the Christmas season - celebrating the birth of our Lord - and ready to take on the new year. This time of year, gives us all an opportunity to take stock of our lives and make those "New Year's resolutions." With that in mind, I would like to encourage you look at the Into the Breach program for opportunities to strengthen your faith life as a man. And while being introspective on your faith, you may also want to consider your and your community's safety with Disaster Preparedness from the Community category. We have seen numerous reminders in the news on the importance of disaster preparedness given the recent tornados in the Midwest.

Into the Breach (Faith): Supreme has put a great deal of effort into maturing and promoting this program in recent years. It started with Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation that outlined the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. You can use either/both Bishop Olmsted's inspirational letter and/or the Knights of Columbus video series it inspired. Councils will prayerfully examine the crisis of religious faith in our world. By discussing the lessons and calls to action found throughout Into the Breach, men will begin to devise a personal plan of spiritual battle to strengthen their lives, their families, and their communities. I have gone through the booklet in detail with a few friends and have used some of the more age-appropriate videos with my Squires Circle. I recommend going through this with 3-5 other men. I don't think anything will motivate you more to put your faith into action than this program. Take a tour of the videos to get you motivated, but don't forget this is about building manhood, so you need to share it with others.

Disaster Preparedness (Community): From natural disasters to local crises, communities can be brought to a halt when a disaster occurs. Councils can help their communities prepare before one of these disasters strikes. As community leaders, Knights of Columbus will help to ensure that their members, families and parish communities are prepared, educated and ready. Organizing and maintaining a council-level action plan is extremely important to the success of any disaster response efforts within the local community and at the district or state level. There are many steps that a council should take to be prepared in the case of a disaster, including preparing a communication plan, safety and awareness training, and allocating funds from your general account in case of a disaster. For Disaster Preparedness resources, visit www.kofc.org/prepare.

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

FEAST OF SANTO NINO

Next to the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ after Simbang Gabi and Christmas, is His life as a child. This tidbits of photos and information taken from various sources show how this Feast of the Santo Nino is being celebrated in different places in the Philippines.

- Manila (CNN Philippines Life) — Thousands of devotees gathered at the Santo Niño Parish in Tondo, Manila on Sunday, January 19, to join the grand procession and celebrate the feast of the oldest religious image in the Philippines. The Feast of the Sto. Niño is a yearly tradition celebrated on the third Sunday of January.
- The oldest and most popular Santo Niño image in the Philippines is the Santo Niño of Cebu. That image is particularly revered by Cebuanos, people from the region in and around the city of Cebu, where the Spaniards set up the first colonial capital. The festival is widely known as “Sinulog”
- Bustos, Bulacan celebrates Santo Niño with joyful feast. A festive procession followed by high Mass to celebrate the Santo Niño, the child Jesus, in Bustos, Bulacan. Though not as large as the celebrations in Cebu and Malolos, the joyful feast in Bustos is important to local residents.
- Ati-Atihan - celebrated in Aklan, Panay
- Pintados Kasadyaan - celebrated in Tacloban, Leyte
- Fluvial Procession in Tenarte, Cavite

This is just a small sample of the various celebrations of the Feast of the Santo Nino or Infant Jesus taking place in the Philippines right around the 3rd Sunday in January. The pictures that follow show the colorful festivity and the diversity of dances being performed by the people in the different provinces in the Philippines. The central theme describes the Filipino peoples embrace of Catholicism and its rapid spread throughout the Philippines like the parable of the mustard seed.



Sinulog in Cebu City



Ati-Atihan in Aklan



SANTO NIÑO (THE HOLY INFANT JESUS)

The most revered image in the Philippines – Santo Niño de Cebú is an image of the Child Jesus much venerated as miraculous by the majority of Filipino Catholics and revered as the symbol of the Catholic Faith in the country. The oldest Christian image in the Philippines, it was originally given in 1521 as a baptismal gift by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan to Hara Humamay, the chief consort of Rajah Humabon, along with a statue of the Virgin Mary, and a bust of depicting Christ as Ecce Homo.

Pope Paul VI granted a Canonical Coronation of the statue on 28 April 1965 and later raised its shrine to the status of Minor Basilica on 2 May 1965 via his Papal bull *Cubanula Religionis* to mark the 400th anniversary of its arrival in the islands.

The devotion to the Santo Niño is common with worldwide veneration of the Infant Jesus of Prague. The image is found in many houses, business establishments, and public transportation. Traditionally, the image is often dressed in one of two colors: red is common for domestic images, while green – symbolizing luck – is worn by those enshrined in businesses. It is also often dressed in miniature costumes that often reflect the profession of its devotees.

Other festivals held in the region with similar themes include:

- Dinagyang of Iloilo
- Halaran of Capiz
- Binirayan of Antique

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

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Happy New Year 2022!!!

Pope Francis I, Ten New Year Resolutions

“Live and let live; Be giving of yourself to others; Proceed calmly in life; Maintain a healthy sense of leisure; Sundays should be holidays; Find innovative ways to create jobs for young people; Respect and take care of nature; Stop being negative; Respect others’ beliefs; Work for peace.”

Council Updates are as follows:

1. I continue 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.

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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

Sacramento, forty-five minutes from the Coloma site where James Marshall discovered gold in 1848, grew rapidly and city leaders offered the state a million dollars to make Sacramento the State Capital. In 1854 it was designated as the state capital by Governor Peter Burnett, a Catholic convert and brilliant businessperson. It was Burnett who donated the land on 11th and K Streets to become the site for the permanent Catholic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Manogue patterned the cathedral after the Church of the Holy Trinity in Paris which was a favorite of his when he was a seminarian in Paris. The cathedral, designed by architect Brian J. Clinch and built in the Renaissance style with seating for 1600, was built in memory of those who had sustained the Catholic faith during the early years of the Church in California.

The impressive life and career of California's "Gold Rush Bishop" ended on February 27, 1895, when Bishop Manogue died in his home. After his Funeral Mass, which was celebrated in the new cathedral, Patrick Manogue was laid to rest in a simple tomb in St. Joseph Cemetery, 21st and Broadway Streets, Sacramento, as he directed "out in the graveyard among my priests".

Carved on the California State Capitol building is an inscription: "Give me men to match my mountains." Another way of saying this is: "Give me men to match Patrick Manogue."

The life and example of this gifted and dynamic priest and founding bishop of Sacramento is a challenge to all Catholics of the 21st Century. Can we, bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, religious and laity match the faith, perseverance, determination, dedication, stamina, grace, and love that this "Pioneer Pastor" had for the people God gave him to lead, protect, challenge, and encourage to be all they could be for the Kingdom of God?

Through the intercession of founding Bishops O'Connell and Manogue, may we become those wise and faithful leaders who match majestic Sierra mountains!

Remember: The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, who carries on the work he began 139 years ago, when he gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's "Blessed" status and pray for his Sainthood!!!

Visit the website: www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org

“Knight in the Light”

Sir Knight Ricky R. Harold, Major US Army Reserve (Ret.), and Knights of Columbus PFN

I joined the Knights of Columbus formally in June 2014. Prior to that, I assisted my Uncle Dean with the KofC Reno Air Races helping with Ponderosa council fund raising since 2007. In 2014 I became a First-Degree Knight and 4 months later a third-degree knight. In February 2015 I became a Fourth Degree Knight. I have walked through the chairs to the level of Trustee at Ponderosa council. In 2021 I moved to the Desert council in Sparks. Performed all levels in the Assembly 612 from Inner and Outside Sentinel, Pilot, Captain, Faithful Navigator and currently Admiral. I also am a member of the Assembly's Color Corp as a Knight Officer. I am proud to follow in the footsteps of my father and uncle in the KofC. I support my community with charitable contributions and fund raising for worthy causes.

Ricky R. Harold Military career chronology:

1972 drafted in September while a Sophomore at San Diego State University

1972 accepted into the ROTC program starting in June 1973 at Vandenburg AFB

1973 finished basic officers training course July 1973

1973 - 1975 finished two years Air Force ROTC program San Diego State University

June 10th, 1975, Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the USAF reserve

December 4, 1975, entered active service as a Deputy Missile Launch Command Officer (DMLCO)
for the Titan Nuclear Defense Missile System

1976 completed Missile training and Operations training at Sheppard AFB and Vandenburg AFB

1976 performed duties at Little Rock AFB as a certified DMLCO performing over 150 alerts in the
Titan II missile defense system until retrained into the Military Airlift Command Intelligence
program October 1977 promoted to First Lieutenant

1978 attended Military Intelligence Training at Lowry AFB graduating in August as an Operational
Intelligence Officer

1978 - 1981 European Theater of NATO operations for the defense of Western Europe as a Tactical
Operations Intelligence Officer at RAF Upper Heyford, UK and Ramstein AB, West Germany
promoted to Captain

- 1981 - 1984 North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) Operations Command 12th Headquarters Tyndall AFB performed operational control of the Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCIF) and Communications Center.
- 1984 attended Undergraduate Pilot Training Williams AFB, graduated, and entered the F-16 Fighting Falcon flight program
- 1985 stationed at the 8th Fighter Wing Kunsan AFB, Osan AB and Camp Red Cloud DMZ defending the Republic of Korea from Chinese and N Korean aggression for 15 months
- 1986 Pacific Air Command stationed Clark AB Philippines performed duties at Ohauka AB, New Zealand and Exmouth Afd, Western Province Australia
- 1987 stationed at Bergstrom AFB with the 10th Air Division promoted to Major
- 1988 departed the USAF and entered civilian life and in March to a position in Federal Law Enforcement in Florida
- 1989 transferred to Oregon and promoted in the Bureau
- 1989 left the Air Force Reserve and joined the Oregon National Guard as a Sergeant in the Army Guard
- 1990 promoted to Warrant Officer 2 in the Army National Guard
- 1991 promoted to Warrant Officer 3 in the Army National Guard Operation Desert Shield
- 1991 assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps operation Desert Storm Saudi Arabia King Khalid City Invasion of Iraq and liberation of Kuwait assigned to the 1st Armored Division as an Army Air Operations officer given battlefield commission as a Captain
- 1992 transferred to Kentucky promoted by the Bureau and reassigned to Kentucky Army National Guard, I then left the Guard for the Army Reserve in Tennessee in 1995 Army Airborne and Special Forces Unit
- 1996 transferred to the Bureau Regional Headquarters in San Francisco changed Army units to the 104th Regiment instructing Army Special Unit soldiers
- 1996 promoted to Major US Army Reserve
- 2000 transferred and promoted in the Bureau to Seattle, WA
- 2001 March semi-retired from the active Army Reserve after 26 years total service, remained in the inactive Reserve until full military retirement in January 2014 completing 36 years of active and reserve duty

By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Assembly/Council Announcements

Council 14784 - Justin Young Christmas Holiday Concert

SK Raymond A Foster



District Deputy

Brothers,

See photos below from Holy Spirit, Council #14784 setting up for the Justin Young Christmas Holiday Concert



Vivat Jesus,

Ponderosa Council 4928 - December Activities

SK Thierry V Barkley

#1 -LOOKING OUR SUNDAY BEST



Grand Knight
Council #4928

The Bishop is coming! The Bishop is coming!

Yes, the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Reno, the Most Reverend Bishop Daniel Henry Mueggenborg, was visiting Holy Cross Catholic Community for his very first time. His schedule included saying mass, greeting parishioners, meeting with the pastor, and dedicating the new parish Prayer Garden of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Knights of Columbus.

Council members donated 24.5 hours on Saturday, December 11th to spruce up the parish grounds and roadsides for Sunday. Some chores, however, required more than just a blower and a rake.

In addition to all the hard work, the Council donated \$1,000 toward the construction and maintenance of the new Prayer Garden.



#2 -BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DRIVE-THRU

A recipe for the holidays

In 2019, the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Breakfast with Santa program was held at the Club's Sparks, NV facility. It was very traditional. The event was held indoors. Santa and Mrs. Claus listened to the pleas of awestruck children on Santa's lap and paused for family photo ops. Ponderosa Council members prepared traditional breakfasts in the kitchen. Breakfast was served cafeteria-style with family seating in the gym kept clean by volunteer Columbian Squires. That event served approximately 650 diners. Then the pandemic struck.

In 2020, the event was revised to a drive-thru breakfast service approach due to Covid with meals made to order delivered to vehicles waiting in parking lot lines. Mr. and Mrs. Claus sat outside with facial masks waving to passersby. That event served over 700 diners. The traffic lines were long.



Step 1: Cook and Proportion Entrées

This year, the Breakfast with Santa program was moved to the west side of Reno for better traffic control. On December 4th, the menu consisted of waffles, scrambled eggs, and sausage garnished with fresh orange slices and condiments complemented by a choice of beverages. Ponderosa Council members cooked and boxed over 1,000 meals to-go in under 4 hours. Seven Past Grand Knights were on the production line.



Step 2: Add Fresh Fruit and Condiments

Once again Mr. and Mrs. Claus sat outside with facial masks and waved to passersby. Our volunteers and the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows management were all extremely pleased with the high level of success. However, most longed for the pre-pandemic event traditions. The Council supported this FAMILY program with 118 volunteer service hours.



Step 3: Top with Seasonal Joy

As a special note, Ponderosa Council member SK John C. Lyninger has portrayed Santa for 27 consecutive years. His beard is white and natural, as is his “Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas.”

#3 - BRR! IT'S COLD OUTSIDE



Despite purchase order delays, stock shortages, and delivery issues, 12 cases of winter coats ordered through Supremes' Coats for Kids program reached destination in time for distribution to the needy on December 4th. Past Grand Knight Chuck Goucher, shown above, was the point man for distribution of all Coats for Kids orders by councils in northern Nevada.

With temperatures hovering at or below freezing, Ponderosa Council was able to set up at the crack of dawn to distribute 172 winter coats, 180 homemade scarfs, 66 pairs of member-donated gloves and other clothing items outside in the West Parking Lot of the Boys and Girls Club while the Breakfast with Santa drive-thru program was being held in the East Lot.

Coat distribution was scheduled to start at 8:00am. The above photo was taken just prior to the release of needy families standing in line behind the camera. It's worth noting that several kids were wearing just a shirt in the cold. We think we made a difference.

Ponderosa Council, primarily our Ladies of the Knights, volunteered 18 hrs. to sort, size, display, and monitor the distribution of this winter wear. Program cost to the Council, not considering member donations and time, was \$1,539.40. Under Supremes' Matching Program, the cost of providing one winter coat dropped to about \$9.00/ea. It was well worth it, wasn't it Santa!

A Tale of Three Councils

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

SK Michael R North



Grand Knight
Council #10577

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

Ponderosa Council #4928
St. Michael the Archangel Council #10577
Our Lady of the Desert Council #12877

The Grinch virus was trying to steal Christmas once again. Government pandemic mandates forced many local dining venues to restrict or close down access to private party activities. Venue scarcity plus price inflation made it difficult to hold traditional council Christmas dinner parties within budget. However, there was one thing that the Grinch had not counted on — we “Sparkies” stick together when there is a need.

Holy Cross Catholic Community, the home parish of Ponderosa Council 4928, continued to be closed to in-person dining and social gatherings. St. Michael the Archangel Council 10577 did not have the facilities to hold a large scale Christmas party at Saint Michael Catholic Church. Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 traditionally held its Christmas parties in nearby casino resorts. This year they opted to hold their event in the Immaculate Conception parish hall.

On November 1st, the Financial Secretaries of Ponderosa Council and Our Lady of the Desert Council met and discussed the possibility and economics of hosting a joint council Christmas dinner party on December 10th at Immaculate Conception. Both councils had members who were culinary artists. Both councils agreed to holding a joint council Christmas party. An offer of inclusion was extended to our often partnering St. Michael the Archangel Council who readily agreed to a tri-council Christmas party dinner in Sparks, instead of in Stead.



The Cocktail Hour – Sixty Minutes of Holiday Spirit(s)

The economic benefits of a tri-council Christmas dinner party were irrefutable. It turned out that hosting a New York Strip steak dinner with all the fixin’s would run 40% of that of local area dining venues with a no host bar. In addition, participating councils had enough beverage in storage to host the dinner with an open beverage bar. Cheers!



Steak It, and They Will Come

The table was set. Tickets were sold within a three-week period. Eight-five (85) plates were served. Attendee SK Michael Caudell noted that when he looked over the dining hall, he “saw not three councils, but one Knights of Columbus team.”

This event was so successful that Grand Knight SK Leo Carew III stated that there is already discussion in the works about penciling in and budgeting for a similar event next year “as a gift to our Brother Knights for 2022.” Of course, that’s if Santa Claus thinks we’re good.



On the Way to the Salad Bar and Then the Dessert Station

Our Lady of Las Vegas Inaugural Golf Tournament

SK Joe M Suarez, Jr



Grand Knight
Council #9102

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Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2021

GOUCHER FAMILY

PGK Charles B. Goucher and Lady Linda are recognized as our Family of the Month for December for advocating continued Council participation in Holy Cross parish's 1st Friday of the Month Eucharistic Adoration prayer service and for supporting Supremes' Coats for Kids program.

SK Chuck was the Council Program Chair for Coats for Kids. Lady Linda handmade over 100 winter scarves, and together they purchased 66 pairs of winter gloves, all of which was donated to the needy of our community under the Coats for Kids program. They are an example of putting faith in action.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2021**ANTHONY R. MARTIN**

Bro. Anthony R. Martin has been a knight for 46 years and has long been associated with the restaurant industry. He is recognized as our Council Knight of the Month for December for volunteering as a Co-Chair of the tri-council Christmas Dinner event and as the grill master who prepared the NY Strip steak entrée at that event. For Ponderosa Council members it brought back memories of what our Council has missed at our home parish for the past 24 months.



Saint Andrew Council 8078 Recognitions

SK Robert J Hartman



Grand Knight
Council #8078

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2021

PAUL & LOIS KLOUSE

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2021

BOB MORAVEC

Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 Recognitions

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2021

DAVIS FAMILY

Every Sunday I look to the left of the altar and I am reminded of my family and how three generations of The Davis family takes up the whole pew at church. This is a strong value The Davis's have within their family and one that they have passed on through the years within the family and continues too.

Carol Davis (the matriarch) is instrumental with "The Martha Mary Ministry" here at ICC. This ministry provides receptions services for funeral services when needed. Carol is an active Eucharistic Minister and lector.

Brother Knight Tom Davis always donates his time at various KofC events. He and his business partner Jenifer Laguna at Advanced Installations always donate the turkeys for our annual Turkey Bingo Event in November and three times a year they donate a full size dumpster for our church clean up.

The Davis family shows daily and acts out their Faith In Action and this is why they are December's Family of the Month.



Pictured left to right: top row - Brother Knight Mike Masterpool, PGK Roger Pechacek, Father Phillip, Jami Davis, Brother Knight Tom Davis, family member, GK Leo V Carew III

Bottom row - Brother Knight Terri Havey, Carol Davis, Jenifer Laguna and family

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2021**RON MIRANDA**

Ron's previous work experience coupled with his caring desire to participate in a ministry, not found in most parishes, has strengthened our Safety Team beyond expectations. The need to increase our parishioners' awareness of potential safety concerns is important to Ron. Recently Ron took the lead in organizing the recent fire drills most of the parishioners took part in. Whether contacting the alarm company, training the various ministers who participated in the drills, or scheduling and coordinating the drills themselves Ron was the go-to-guy. For Ron's outstanding dedication, leadership style, and support to Immaculate Conception Parish Family I recommend Brother Ron Miranda for Knight of the Month for Our Lady of the Desert Council #12877.



Pictured left to right: PGK Mike Caudell, PGK, State Safety Director Chuck Baker, GK Leo Carew III, Pastor Father Philip, Ron Miranda, Father Ed McDonough, DGK Ritchie Matoza and Brother Randy Becker



Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us