
THE SILVER KNIGHT



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

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A Message from the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

My Dear Brothers In Christ:

Pleasant greetings as we welcome Summer!

Summer days are heating up - this is a wonderful time to host activities that can build community and celebrate our country, though in a limited scale in this unprecedented time.

Another fraternal year has begun and hope that this finds you fit and strong as we put productivity on the mainstay of our list, amidst this COVID19 pandemic.

If you had one wish, what would it be?

We wish that we would had returned to normal where interactions doesn't require any PPE (personal protection equipment), protocols/precautionary measures.

Even with Nevada's gradual reopening, we are being cautious and concerned about the immediate future of Las Vegas.

Planning at this point may post some challenges as uncertainties arises within this "forgotten pandemic," be mindful and grateful for what you have and just to wake up for another day is already a blessing.

Some few months ago, am glad to share that this stay at home experience proved so much of what we can do at the hiatus, as to many it affected our livelihood, business and career was put to a slumber.

We became resilient, reflective of times and reinvented to keep ourselves productive at the home front.

Our church as always, being a part of our daily lives became Virtual.

Last June 07, 2020- marked the phase 2 of reopening. What a sublime feeling to have attended an actual live mass in church and receiving the Holy Sacrament of Communion!

In His mysterious ways, God provided us to tide through rough seas, and in His perfect timing, this life must go on... we shall prevail!

God is with us in all ways, always.

To all the State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies, Grand Knights, Councils, Brother Knights,

Our heartfelt gratitude for all your unwavering efforts for the past fraternal year and as we start this new term, we shall pursue our goals with more passion and teamwork!

Let us continue the good works with utmost concern and caring of our families, brothers and sisters in need and “Leave No Neighbor Behind.”

This month:

Happy 4th of July! We honor, give thanks and salute to those in service for the Country’s Independence and remember the fallen who fought for our freedom. Happy Birthday, America!

We continue to pray for the Canonization of our beloved, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, our founding Father who formed the Order for the mutual aid and fraternal insurance organization, particularly for Catholic men/immigrants and their families.

It developed through the 20th century as the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.

As Brother Knights, we can make a difference thus creating an impact in the new norm. Moving forward, we will hold our State Organizational Meetings for the two Diocese (North and South) on the following dates and venues as follows:

July 18 and 19,2020 - Immaculate Conception Church, Sparks
July 25,2020 -Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church, Las Vegas

Our forthcoming Annual Supreme Convention will be held virtually this August 3-5, 2020, live from the New Haven, Connecticut Headquarters. (We had chosen to travel up in Lake Tahoe with the Nevada Jurisdiction Delegates and Alternates - please watch out for the details coming in a separate announcement).

Sincerest thank you for your support and trust for another year as your State Deputy, we will continue strengthening membership and retention in synergy with our set of State Officers (likewise serving on a second term), Directors, and Chairmen.

There will be more camaraderie, fun and creativity as we reinvent ideas to expand and grow our Order with the possibility of putting up a Round Table and opening new Councils for our Jurisdiction.

This year’s Motivational Theme will be focusing on “Spearheading Membership and Empowering Mentorship One Brother Knight at A Time.”

The aim is to effectively promote the spirit of brotherhood and friendship, on the word “Mentorship” as an integral part of training the protégée/successor, ready to step up to the next level.

By the “shadowing technique,” we can do some delegation of authority -having them take the lead in some business meetings and actual endorsement of knowledge, logistics and technology.

“The Power of One” focuses on recruitment efforts/goals, as it is vital to generate growth and maintenance to the Order.

Remember, one new member per Council, per month, per Grand Knight, per District Deputy, per State Officer, at least is needed to make Nevada number One!

Incorporate recruitment whenever and wherever you are attending some parish and community events and socials, gatherings and meetings with the fastest route of instant online Membership Recruitment.

We did great as a team as witnessed in the last days for the final push of recruitment performance this year end - Strength in numbers!

We cheered and encouraged each other, build up connections with the end result of online recruitment.

Believe in "The Power of Prayer"- all of us has a mission, trust and to serve The Lord.

Leave this world with a legacy to inspire before we expire.

Make prayer our private moment and direct line to God.

Dream, believe and achieve!

In closing, this will be the start of an exciting year to maintain and exceed the bar that we had raised up in the previous year 2019-2020.

I wish you the best to stay well, be healthy and Godspeed be with us all!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Leadership Positions

Nevada State Officers 2019 - 2020

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| 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 |

District Deputies / Councils

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 | Richard Senninger (10442) |
| 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 | Joseph Williams (9102) |
| 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 2019 - 2020

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| State Program Director | George Minter |
| State Vocations Committee Chairman | Hilarion Cordero Jr. |
| State Executive Secretary | Richard Senninger |
| Webmaster & Communications Director | Kenneth J. Sawyer |
| State Training Coordinator | Richard Senninger |
| State College Council Coordinator | Don Cortez |
| State Young Adult Coordinator | Lance Pascua |
| State Budget Committee Chairman | ST Meynard Infantado |
| State Disaster Committee Chairman | Chuck Baker |
| State Public Relations Director | Ed Verceles |
| 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

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

Michael Rinaldi

Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair

Mark B. Foxwell

Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair (Las Vegas)

Vacant

State (North) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman

Steven P. Schiwart

State (South) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman

Mariano Santana

State COMMUNITY “*Faith in Action*” Programs

State Community Program Director

Raymond Brewer

State Campaign for People with Intellectual

Disabilities Committee Chairman

John Suchewski

State Special Olympics Committee Chairman

John Suchewski

State 365 Club Committee Chairman

PS Ray Gardea

State Convention Committee Chairman

Tom Villardi

State Legislative Committee Chairman

Mark B. Foxwell

Council Retention Committee Chairman

Gerry Rockwell

Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair

Robert Hartman

Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair

Joseph J. Fournier

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 FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

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| 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 |
| Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director | Gerry Holinski |
| Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director | Mark B. Foxwell |

State Programs Directors / Chairs

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| State Membership Director | Tom Villardi |
| Online Membership Chairman | <i>Vacant</i> |
| State Member Retention Committee Chairman | Phil Holquin |
| State Recruitment Committee Chairman | Ray Troik |
| State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman | <i>Vacant</i> |
| 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 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

Continue to Help Us Leave No Neighbor Behind

SK Mark McMullen



Senior Vice President –
Membership &
Marketing

Worthy State, District, and Council Leaders

We can all take pride — as our venerable founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney surely would — in the Order’s response to the COVID-19 crisis. We have helped those in need through our support of food banks, by giving blood, and in countless other ways. We have given those unable to attend Mass spiritual sustenance through the Into the Breach videos and other faith formation initiatives. We have helped dioceses and parishes stay financially solvent. Because of these efforts, Leave No Neighbor Behind is more than just an ideal — it is who we are and what we do.

Our Order is continuing to grow during these challenging days, in part because men can now join our ranks online, from the safety of their homes using their computer, tablet or smart phone. And now, every man who joins the Order online will be directly helping our efforts to Leave No Neighbor Behind. Between now and June 30, every man who joins online and enters the code **GIVE2020**, will have 100 percent of his first-year dues (\$30) go directly to support Leave No Neighbor Behind initiatives. In addition, the Supreme Council will match every dollar generated from a new online member’s first-year dues. Every man who joins online until June 30 will mean a \$60 donation to support Leave No Neighbor Behind programs.

Please highlight this opportunity to all prospects in your parish and community. Encourage each one that now is the time to join the Knights of Columbus. Now is the time to help us support our parishes and communities. Now is the time to help those most impacted by the coronavirus. Now is the hour of the Knights of Columbus!

Thank you for all that you do to help the Order grow and prosper during these challenging days, and please also continue to encourage men to join via one of the many virtual degrees listed below.

Vivat Jesus!

State Officers Announcements

State Deputy June 2020 Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy



Photo shows with Associate State Chaplain Father Gerry Grupczynski, SChr. (5th from left) and St Jude Council 9102 Officers and Members.





Check amounting to \$28,400 was presented to Pam Caylor- Executive Director of First Choice Pregnancy Services to purchase new Ultrasound machine for the facility.

Photo shows (left to right) State Warden Tom Villardi , State Treasurer Meynard Infantado, State Secretary Joe Haun, State Deputy Toni, Pam Caylor and Vice Supreme Master PSD Dave Ryan.



Membership Drive with State Chaplain Father Manny Guico (3rd from left) at Christ the King Church, Las Vegas.

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

State Council donated \$900.50 to Las Vegas Catholic Worker

Photo shows State Deputy Toni Pascua giving the donation check to Julia Occhiogrosso of Las Vegas Catholic Worker.

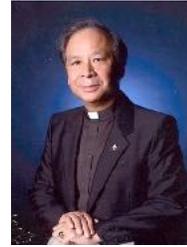
In Photo (left to right) Executive Secretary Rick Senninger, State Treasurer Meynard Infantado, Julia, SD Toni and State Secretary Joe Haun.



Photo shows State Officers with Julia Occhiogrosso at Las Vegas Catholic Worker Pantry with Brother Ray and Diane McCollum of St Anthony of Padua Council 14544, Las Vegas (the couple are regular volunteer of LVCW).

State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico



Nevada State Chaplain

My Fellow Silver Knights:

By the time you read my State Chaplain's Message, we have started the new Fraternal Year (July 2020 - June 2021). I will remain your State Chaplain covering two Diocese: Diocese of Reno (in the North) & Diocese of Las Vegas (in the South). I will work with re-elected State Officers led by State Deputy Toni Pascua.

On July 1st, Wednesday at 3:15PM, a courtesy visit and face to face meeting with Bishop George Leo Thomas was held attended by all State Officers (except Sate Advocate John Long). We had a very productive sharing & exchange on how the Knights can assist the Bishops & Priests in Nevada. Two dates & meetings are scheduled for Organizational Meetings: 1) July 18 - 19 in Reno, NV; 2) July 25 in OLLV, Las Vegas, NV. The DATE for the K of C Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner had been finalized on October 15th (Thursday).

We are waiting to hear alternative plans to participate at the Supreme Convention (originally to be held in Washington, DC on August 4 -7). Watch for more announcements & details. I personally want to thank you for the Seminarian Scholarship Fund that was raised. This will be given to Most Reverend Mylo H. Vergara, DD - Bishop of Pasig, in the Philippines - to support one seminarian studying his final years of Theology. Kudos to all Donors & Benefactors.

Let us stay safe and keep healthy. Covid-19 has not gone away. We need to adjust and be flexible in our daily lives. Please take extra care when you go out. You know what to do & what to avoid.

Keeping you in my prayers. I remain,

Gratefully yours,

State Convention Featured in Columbia Magazine June, 2020 Issue

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

Our 2020 Virtual State Convention Command Center was featured in the June, 2020 issue of Columbia Magazine (page 20-21).

Fraternally,

CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY ONLINE

Order overcomes social distancing hurdles through virtual outreach initiatives

by Columbia staff

“These days of challenge require us to be creative and to be faithful.” Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said to Knights of Columbus in March, as the novel coronavirus, and the restrictions that accompanied it, spread throughout the world.

In the weeks and months since, Knights have shown their creativity — finding new ways, with the help of modern technology, to carry out the Order’s charitable mission. With in-person meetings suspended, videoconferencing, webinars and telephone calls have become the new tools of unity and fraternity as well.

Local and state councils have shifted to conducting business meetings remotely with guidance from the Order’s Fraternal Mission department, which has offered weekly webinars since March. Field agents have also maintained business continuity by communicating with clients via digital videoconferencing platforms.

The first online exemplification was held April 13, drawing participants from nearly every jurisdiction in the United States and Canada. Ceremonies have been conducted about once a week since then. Thousands of men have been able to

From top: State Deputy Toni Pascua (center), pictured with State Treasurer Meynard Infanteado and State Secretary Joe Hawn, hosts the Nevada State Convention, held virtually May 2. • Supreme Secretary Michael O’Connor oversees state conventions from his home office. • Edmundo Reyes, a Knight in Canton, Mich., and his family pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lev’s celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at the Baltimore Basilica. The celebration was livestreamed for Knights and their families April 19.



A Message from the State Secretary

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Secretary

My brother Knights, July marks the beginning of a new Fraternal Year. I so look so forward to this year. I know that many more changes will occur, some will be negative, but so many more will be positive. If anything this last Fraternal Year has shown that we can succeed even in a Pandemic.

We as the Knights of Columbus have a real chance to demonstrate exactly what we stand for this year; the sanctity of life, and the freedom to practice our catholic faith in our everyday lives.

In times of hardship, I know that there is a yearning for our Catholic faith not only in our membership, but in the Community at large. Many will be affected by this pandemic in ways that we do not even know. But, if we are a fraternity of catholic men, we will be there to support all of brothers and sisters.

As the parishes return to Mass, Religious Education, and Catholic School, they will be looking for programs that can help them strength their faith. Who better can provide those programs than the Knights of Columbus. Our Priest will also need our support in the coming months, and we should be communicating with our Priest continuously asking what more we can do.

But to meet the need of our Parishes and our Communities we will need to increase our membership. I believe that in every Parish there are men right now that want to serve their church and their community. They are just waiting to be asked to do something. Get these men involved with your Council programs, and they will want to become members of the Knights of Columbus. Be the men that other men will want to imitate.

In these times of social unrest, unfavorable court rulings, desecration of religious symbols throughout our communities, and an uncontrollable pandemic will test the need for the Knights of Columbus's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. It is now more than ever that we are needed. Our Priests will need our support. Our Parishes will need our programs to strength our communities. And we will need each other to strength our bonds as brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

SK Rick Sherman



NV District Master

Brother Knights,

There will be an online Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday July 11, 2020 at 2 PM. The entire Exemplification will run less than 2 hours. Brothers who would like to attend should complete a Fourth Degree Form (Form 4) and return it to your GK. Once it is then forwarded to the Worthy District Master for processing, you will receive additional information including log-in procedures.

Vivat Jesus!

Online Exemplification Now Available On-Demand

SK Tom Villardi



State Warden
State Membership
Director

Brother Knights,

Robert J. Ennis, the Supreme Director of Membership Growth announced on-demand Exemplifications this past week.

This means that the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand. How convenient is that?

Interested prospects can now join the Knights of Columbus any time of the day or night, 24/7, whenever they have the time. Supreme will of course continue to offer regularly scheduled virtual exemplifications but offering prospects the ability to take their degree on-demand is certainly a great opportunity!

Please continue to invite prospects to register. Once the prospect reaches the registration page, he should use the "[On Demand](#)" link and the 30-minute ceremony will start upon completion of his registration.

Given everything that the Knights of Columbus are doing to help those most impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and the likelihood that the needs in our parishes and communities will increase rather than decrease in the days ahead, we can't afford to wait.

I believe that by adding the on-demand capability, it will encourage even more men to join.

Catholic men need the Knights of Columbus...and we need them now more than ever before.

Vivat Jesus,

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF



General Agent

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or its been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in

person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these.

I hope we'll chat soon.

Vivat Jesus!

A Message from the State Retention Director

SK Raymond Troik

RETENTION: END OF YEAR



HAPPY BIRTH OF OUR NATION! Enjoy the 4th; celebrate sanely! Pray for our nation and all our peoples. Though Many we are ONE! Let us Work and Pray for our SUCCESS!

State Retention Director

Ssssooooo did we bring any of our brothers back into active participation? If we only brought back ONE that's better than NONE. I and you know it's a Pain to contact a delinquent anyone. Think POSITIVE! How do we FEEL when we accomplish something? Elated, happy, good, wonderful etc! So thru a little risk and pain we can be satisfied etc. I would like to address all Grand Knights for a minute. Gentlemen, would you do me and yourselves a favor? Your goal for the next year is no have an active council. The more members involved; the less burden on the GK and lots of back slapping and praise. Now the members feel involved and gratified. What I would ask of all GK's: Please Push RETENTION! If you show the members by example; they will follow. More members; more areas of accomplishment; more back slapping!

Now. Is the time for Financial Secretaries to be busy on Retention. Share with the Grand Knight those knights who are delinquent: AGAIN. Last ditch effort to contact these brother knights. You may ask the members to submit their contact list to the new Grand Knight say 1 or 15 August. For a month they're tried. Contact the delinquent member; no response. Go to Facebook; see if the member is there. No response; insure the FS contact info agrees with Supreme. If all 3 of these come up negative then your report to GK on 1 August would reflect the info. Then the FS can take appropriate action In August the Grand Knight now sees an active council that has tried to REACH OUT. Now the GK can instruct the Financial Secretary to take the appropriate action. REMEMBER: no more than 10.

Please be SAFE and SANE! Mask ON! Keep the DISTANCE! PRAY for a CURE!

State Historian Report and July 2020 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Brother Knights – We look forward to our 2020 /2021 Columbian Year!

Other 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 will continue to work with resources from Supreme and PSD Ray Gardea to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information for a few PSD’s.

Please use my email address: historian@nv-kofc.com to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to work with my Brothers. Congratulations to our newly elected and continuing State, District Deputy and Council officers for 2020/2021.

Knights of Columbus History Fact:***2020 Knights of Columbus an Illustrated History – Christopher Columbus Article***

2020 March ***Knights of Columbus Columbia*** Article

Standing against the toppling of our honored name sake Christopher Columbus!

Keep in mind that Christopher Columbus had an honorable reputation in Victorian-era America. He was one of the only Catholics popularly lauded at that time for his role in American history. His popularity was easily seen by the many institutions and cities that bear his name including the District of Columbia. Choosing him as the namesake for our order of Catholic men was designed to show directly that Catholics had had a role in “American” history from its very beginning. Early in our Order the Knights embraced Columbus, extolling among other things his deep faith, his role, as a layman, in beginning the evangelization of the newly discovered hemisphere. He demonstrated bravery in the face of adversity and his skill as a navigator. In keeping with his important place in our American history note that Columbus had secured for Catholics. Our Order strongly and successfully advocated for the adoption of Columbus Day at the state and national level. Opposition to Columbus in the United States began in earnest in the 1920’s with the Ku Klux Klan. Because of Columbus’ Catholicism, the anti-Catholic Klan objected to honoring him. The Klan disrupted Columbus Day celebrations and opposed the commemorations of the explorer, which the Knights of Columbus promoted vigorously. Various political movements also viewed Columbus with suspicion. Fredrick Engels, as an example, saw him as a father of class differences and the market economy. History is repeating itself as we are experiencing opposition to Columbus from groups like “Antifa” often tends to be along political lines.

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

“Knight in the Light”

WPSD Sir Knight Ramiro “Ray” Gardea, PSD, FDD, PFN, PGK

Born in Huntington Park, California on February 21, 1942 to Petra and Ramiro V. Gardea. Started Catholic grade school at Resurrection Catholic School in East Los Angeles from 1950 -1954. Moved to La Puente, California and attended St Joseph Catholic School. In 1956 he attended Don Bosco Technical Institute High School in Rosemead, California, graduated in June 1960.

In September 1960 he enlisted in the United States Air Force and spent 23 years assigned to various military installations in Nevada, California, Florida, Turkey, Thailand, Spain, Italy, United Kingdom (England) and Tokyo, Japan. While in the Air Force he was a Commissary Officer/Store Director in the Air Force Commissary Service (AFCOMS). He retired from the Air Force on June 30, 1983 as Master Sergeant. In January 1984 he was selected for a Civil Service position as Commissary Officer at Misawa AB, Japan. In 1986 he was reassigned to Kadena AB, Okinawa as Commissary Deputy Complex Director. In 1988 was reassigned to USAF Civilian Personnel Management Center (AFCPMC), Randolph AFB, TX as Commissary Program Specialist/Program Chief. He worked jointly with AFCOMS Headquarters to manage assignments/training for all Commissary career personnel worldwide. In 1989 Congress directed Defense Department to conduct a study of the separate commissary systems. The Jones Commission Report recommended consolidating the service systems into one agency to improve service and save money. The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) was established May 15, 1990. He was involved in helping to establish the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) while at AFCPMC. His duties with DeCA covered assignments at Travis AFB, CA, Nellis AFB, NV, and Hill AFB, Utah. After 19 years with Civil Service he retired for the second and final time in June 2003 and moved to Las Vegas, NV. Ray joined the Knights of Columbus in 1993 at Vacaville, California, where he made his First, Second & Third Degrees, the following year he made his 4th Degree. While working at Hill AFB, Utah from 1998 – 2003 he was Grand Knight at St Rose of Lima Council #6010; Faithful Navigator of Msgr Cushnahan Assembly #1429, Ogden, Utah and District Marshal in John H. Ridden Province Utah District. After retiring to Las Vegas in 2003 he served as Grand Knight in Holy Apostles Council #12543, Faithful Navigator in Msgr Lambe Assembly #0611/Comptroller, District Deputy, State Executive Secretary, State Warden, State Secretary and State Deputy.

Received District Deputy of The Year Award for 2008 -2009 and attained Circle of Honor Award while State Deputy 2013 – 2015. He is still active with the Nevada State Council as 365 Club Chairman for the past 3 years and currently President of Past State Deputies Association.

He married his wife Roselee on February 15, 1964 in Las Vegas. They have 2 sons, Ramiro III (1964) and Damon (1965). They have 1 grandson, Damon II (1993) and 1 granddaughter, Zene Rose (2001).

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

A Message from the State Webmaster and Communications Director

SK Kenneth J Sawyer, PGK



State Webmaster &
Communications Director

Worthy Brothers,

I want to encourage each of you to review the short video on the link noted below on some of the things that Councils can do using the uKnight Website.

You will see ways to promote various events like the Tootsie roll drive, upcoming degrees, dinner, the possibilities just go on and on.

We proved how effective and excepted paying dues via a credit card with 43% choosing that option. As you will see how easy it is to promote a dinner in this short video, but not noted is one of those links can also be to buy the tickets online, just like the dues.

I have been using the website for several years, but just picked up some new ways to expand some things.

<http://uknight.org/Training/ToUKnightSiteIn30Min.asp>

We already post the Newsletters, Minutes, Knight & Family of the Month. We have various photo albums, a Member Memorial tab, but think about what else you could do with this tool.

For those new Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries who will be attending the training sections our State Deputy is asking that you review this before attending.

Respectfully,

Vivat Jesus!

A Message from the State Young Adult Coordinator

SK Lance Pascua



Nevada Young Adult
Coordinator

My Dear Brother Knights:

The stakes are never high if you strive hard and continue to reach beyond them...LP

I am so thrilled to serve for another year on my second term on my appointment as the State Young Adult Coordinator for the Nevada State Council/ Jurisdiction.

Congratulations to Worthy State Deputy Toni Pascua and his Officers on their second term reelection and I would like to express my gratitude likewise for this opportunity, and prestige to be able to contribute my time, talent and support.

It is an honor to represent a committed group of Catholic men - men of faith called, "The Knights of Columbus," who come together to develop recommendations for communities - and in my platform to provide opportunities for the positive development of young people.

Thus far, this new fraternal year 2020-2021 will be an exciting and challenging one as we slowly emerge from this pandemic.

A new opportunity in raising awareness for our Nevada State Council in terms of maintaining and recruiting new and young Catholic men will be more focused to introduce them into the Order by online recruitment.

We will be able to gear more effort for more potential, young adult to be a Knight, on who we are and what we are doing for the diocese/parish and community.

We will be more productive of doing online memberships, throughout fellowships and take advantage of the family and community activities where recruitment is feasible.

The teamwork and brotherhood of this State Council is amazing as we all work with faith, camaraderie and sense of community.

I am proud of our team and every council (I belong to UNLV Council, where I am currently attending College).

We are here to inspire more eligible Catholic men to be a better Catholic esp encouraging them to be men of faith when they join the Knights- just ask them!

We are the Knights, together we keep our spirits high and our Faith alive!
We pray for the Canonization of our founder, The late Rev. Fr. Michael McGivney!

God bless America and us all!

Happy Independence Day and be safe!

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