
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	Luis Herrera (9437)
District 7	Councils 7708, 8282, 13754	Bill Ennis (13754)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 13392	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, 12690, 14820	Edmundo Verceles (14820)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Dennis Murtaugh (14544)
District 13	Councils 11174, 11179, 11512, 13691, 15790	George Minter (4928)

Other Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

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

State “Faith in Action” Program Chair

State Faith in Action Program Chairman Dan St. Pierre

State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

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

State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Al Pena
State Marian Hour Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
State Athletic Events Committee Chairman	Daniel Barry
Las Vegas Catholic Citizens Essay/Poster Contest 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. Reifsnyder
State New Council Development Committee Chair	Sammy Dagher

State LIFE “Faith in Action” Programs

State Life Director	John DeBord
State Silver Rose Chairman	Steven P. Schiwart
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	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	Christopher T. Traver
Online Membership Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Tom Villardi
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	<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

‘Our Highest Calling’

SK Patrick E Kelly



Supreme Knight

Addressing state deputies, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly underscores Order’s principles as answers to urgent needs

The Knights of Columbus is well positioned to respond to challenges facing society and the Church, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said June 11.

“We all agree: The Knights of Columbus was made for this moment,” the supreme knight said in his opening address to the Organizational Meeting of Knights of Columbus State Deputies in New Haven, Conn. “The pandemic has created many urgent needs, which we are uniquely suited to address. Our Church and culture are asking tough questions, and our answers are the right ones for these difficult times.”

These answers, the supreme knight added, are the Order’s principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

Supreme Knight Kelly, who took office March 1, began his remarks by thanking Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for his two decades of leadership. “No one has done more to serve and strengthen the Order than our past supreme knight,” he said. “He carried forward our timeless mission in a time of significant change.”

The future of the Order, Supreme Knight Kelly said, will depend on continued progress in two key areas: charity and helping men to grow spiritually. New initiatives, such as an onboarding curriculum and an affiliate member program, are underway, he said, to both welcome and engage a new generation of members and help to re-engage inactive members.

Our Answer Is Fraternity

“Everywhere we look, men are isolated, alienated, and longing for a life of meaning. Young men, in particular, are searching for something better. Many are turning inward. But our brotherhood can help them look outward — toward others, toward a mission and a purpose that is bigger than themselves. Whether college students, young husbands, new fathers, or longtime Knights, our brotherhood can help them lead the lives to which Christ has called them.”

Creating Unity

“We live in a time of division and anger. Within society and the Church, people are turning on one another. But we show a better way, a path of reconciliation, not condemnation. We stand for the truth that unites people in common cause and brings them together to pursue the common good.”

'A Charity That Evangelizes'

"Some think of charity as philanthropy or mere volunteerism, but we know it to be much more. Scripture tells us it is the greatest of the virtues. It is seeing the face of Christ in others. It is serving Christ as if he were standing in front of us. As our Lord tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). For this reason, we are committed to more than good deeds; we are committed to what St. John Paul II called "a charity that evangelizes."

Leave No Neighbor Behind

"Knights across the world poured their energies into the Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative. We helped neighbors near and far, through millions of dollars in direct relief, hundreds of thousands of pounds of donated food, and countless acts of kindness and concern. We proved that 'leave no neighbor behind' isn't just a phrase. You made it reality. ... Time and again over the past 15 months, we saw that charity is our highest calling. And we saw that Knights always answer that call."

The Path Ahead

"Now we have begun an equally important initiative, the COVID Recovery Program. ... Our goal is to get our councils and our parishes back to normal as quickly as possible. Nothing is more important, right now, to fulfilling our mission of strengthening Catholic families, providing for their financial needs, and helping those in need. Equally important is serving the Church in this difficult time. ... The Knights of Columbus is rightly known as the 'strong right arm of the Church.' This is the moment to show that we are also 'the strong right arm of the parish priest.'

The Call of Knighthood

"We must inspire a new generation of men to answer the call of becoming a Knight. You and I know that being a Knight is something special. I saw it in my grandfather, who joined the Order in 1915. I saw it in my father, a brother Knight who was so proud of everything the Order stood for. And I have seen it in my own life, too. Being a Knight shapes who you are, and it shapes how we go about our lives. In the Knights of Columbus, we get the man right. And by getting the man right, we get everything right. The marriage. The family. The parish. Even the nation. That is what we offer young Catholic men; that is the message we must take to them.

Founding Vision

"We enter this new chapter with trust in God and confidence in Father McGivney's intercession. I have no doubt that his intercession helped grant us the strength to serve the needs of so many over the past year. I am equally confident that Blessed Michael McGivney will guide us as we step forward once more. As we do, I can say with the highest confidence: The work our founder began in the Order, and that our Lord began in us, is far from over. The work of the Knights of Columbus is just beginning."

Congratulations & Thank You!

SK Mark McMullen



Senior Vice President –
Membership &
Marketing

Brother Toni,

As the fraternal year comes to an end, I want to take the time to congratulate you on 2 wonderful years of leadership and success in Nevada. You truly set the bar high!

I'm hoping that your successor can continue the success that you had. Thanks for your stellar leadership during your term and particularly during the pandemic period when strong leadership was essential. Your efforts truly made a difference. You left Nevada – and the Order in a better place!

Vivat Jesus,

Las Vegas Diocese Announcements

Las Vegas Diocesan Conference

Most Reverend George
Leo Thomas Ph.D.



Third Bishop of Las Vegas
Roman Catholic Diocese
of Las Vegas

*Las Vegas Diocesan Conference
Sept 17-18, 2021*

The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

We are excited to announce that the Diocesan Conference WILL be happening in person this year at the Orleans Hotel Conference Center on September 17 & 18, 2021.

The hotel staff, as well as our Conference organizers will follow all safety protocols with regard to wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing.

RISE! is the theme for this year's Conference. We recall familiar stories in scripture where Jesus calls to the person he heals to, 'Rise!' or 'Take up your mat and walk.' or 'Come out!' Each person is restored to their rightful place in society. Each is called to witness to Jesus as Son of God and Savior of the World! We, too, are called to witness to Jesus – as a community of faith – as baptized members of the Body of Christ in the Catholic Church!

Over the next few months you will hear more about our presenters by way of this Conference website and the diocesan parish bulletins. Each parish also has Conference Ambassadors ready and willing to help in any way they are able. ***Don't miss this!***

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State Officers Announcements

State Organizational Meetings Agenda

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

Knights of Columbus - Nevada State Council State Organizational Meeting

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Sparks, Nevada

July 10th 2021 (Reno Diocese)

Our Lady of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada

July 17th, 2021 (Las Vegas Diocese)

Saturday, July 10, 2021 (Sparks) / July 17, 2021 (Las Vegas)

Time

7:30-8:00 AM	Breakfast Hosted by Council	
8:00 AM	Opening Prayer	
	Reno Diocese	State Associate Chaplain Fr Arlon
	Las Vegas Diocese	State Chaplain Fr McShane & State Associate Chaplain Fr Gerald
8:03 AM	Pledge of Allegiance	SW Dan St Pierre
8:05 AM	Introduce Key Personnel	SD Joe Alvin Haun
8:10 AM	Supreme Knight Address (Video)	
8:30 AM	State Deputy Address	SD Joe Alvin Haun
	Goals and Priorities	
	Strategic Plan Highlights	
	Expectations	
8:50 AM	Membership Presentation (Audio with Slides from Supreme)	Mark McMullen SVP, Membership Growth & Marketing
9:10 AM	State Membership	
	Recruitment Best Practices	SMD Christopher Traver & Team
	New Council Development	NCD Sammy Dagher
	Hispanic & College	
	Online Membership	
	Affiliate Membership (New)	
9:40 AM	Break (10 minutes)	
9:50 AM	Program Presentation (Audio with Slides)	Jonathan Reyes SVP, Evangelization & Faith Formation
10:10 AM	State Program Director & Team	Program Director SW Dan St Pierre
	Importance of Program in Driving Recruitment	
	Faith in Action Program Model	
	Parish Recover Program	Ray Brewer, Community Director
	Into the Breach	
	Best Practices-Family, Youth & Ethnic Programs	
	Star Council Award Program Criteria	
10:40 AM	Agency Presentation (Audio with Slides from Supreme)	Robert Marlowe SVP, Agency & Marketing
11:10 AM	General Agent Report	Kevin Tuuri General Agent
11:25 AM	Legal Briefing (Audio and Slides from Supreme)	John Marella Supreme Advocate
11:50 AM	Fraternal Operations (Audio with Slides from Supreme)	Thomas McCaffrey VP, Fraternal Excellence

**Knights of Columbus - Nevada State Council
State Organizational**

12:10 PM	LUNCH (50 Minutes)	
1:00 PM	Council Operations	RGD/RTD Ray Lopez
	Duties and Responsibilities	
	Performance Expectations	
	Accountability	
1:30 PM	Hispanic Development	Marty / Pano
1:50 PM	Breakout Session A (60 minutes) District Deputy	Leadership and Training
	Road to Star District/Commitment	SD Joe Alvin Haun
	Administrative Duties	State Officers
1:50 PM	Breakout Session B (60 minutes) Grand Knight and FS	Leadership and Training
	Road to Star Council/Commitment	State Training Coordinator/ State Officers
	Administrative Duties	State Officers
2:10 PM	State Ceremonial Director Report	PSD David Strait State Ceremonial Chairman
2:20 PM	District Master Report	DM SK Rick Sherman II
2:30 PM	Protocol	VSM/PSD David Ryan
2:40 PM	UKnight	DM SK Rick Sherman II /Ken Sawyer
2:50 PM	Miscellaneous	
	Council Officer Training	STC Christopher Traver
	Public Relations	
	Charities Report	
3:00 PM	OPEN DISCUSSION SESSION	RGD / State Officers
	Q & A	
3:15 PM	State Deputy Closing Message	SD Joe Alvin Haun
3:25 PM	Closing Prayer	
	Reno Diocese	State Associate Chaplain Fr Arlon
	Las Vegas Diocese	State Chaplain Fr McShane & State Associate Chaplain Fr Gerald
3:30 PM	Meeting Adjourn	
4:00 PM	Mass	
	Reno Diocese - Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	
	Las Vegas Diocese – Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church	
5:00 PM	Installation New District Deputies	
	Reno Diocese - Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	State Advocate John Long
		DD Pete Comerford
		DD George Minter
	Las Vegas Diocese – Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church	SS Meynard Infantado
		ST Tom Villardi
		SW Daniel St Pierre
		DD Bill Ennis
		DD Edmundo Verceles
6:30 PM	Banquet / Dinner	TBD

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 hour, and the State Officers and the District Deputies will meet for the second hour.

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

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Message from the Immediate Past State Deputy

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Happy Fourth of July!

It'll be a busy month for everyone involved in the new fraternal year, planning and putting into action strategies and best practices to fulfill the objectives of the State and Councils to strengthen the Order.

Society in most parts of the world had made a come back to reality -your career and new position in the State Council is going to fill a huge part of your everyday life.

If you love what you do, you will not have that feeling of having to work a single day in your entire life. It's called passion- It's a constant find, keep looking, don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you would had found it, like wheels of change and progress.

We are in a continuous journey of finding our way, directions, dreams, principles with our works and daily routine, strike at every opportunity that comes your way, armed with a prayer and faith. Be kind, be generous and understanding.

Embrace every moment to its fullest as tomorrow was never promised. The month of July has a lot in store, and on a blank slate- a new legacy will flourish.

Two most powerful words - Thank you!

For the two years that has been- the former found revival and the latter, a survival. What we will be known for is what we made through this pandemic, on how we far we carried our jurisdiction through the unprecedented times where the Order or anyone had never, ever experienced before.

Congratulations to the new State Deputy and his set of Officers!

May we have a more productive year for the growth of the Order and inspiring men to grow in faith to change lives and save lives.

Vivat Jesus!

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

FATHERS DAY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY

This year Father's Day fell on June 20 and Independence Day is July 4th. There is no co-relation of course except to honor fathers who are proud parents of their children, especially when they are leading successful lives. Speaking as a father, I remember getting a feeling of accomplishment after years of hard work taking care of my family, raising my kids and sending them to school. Maybe, at last I am looking at enjoying some rest after the end of a long journey or perhaps the beginning of a new one. I thought about how God must have felt on the 7th day after He created the world. Everything was perfect and there is nothing more that needs to be done.

Exodus 20:12 - Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 2 Timothy 3:1-17 - This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Fathers are as important as mothers in their respective roles as **caregivers, protectors, financial supporters, and most importantly, models for social and emotional behavior.** In fact, a relatively new structure that has emerged in our culture is the stay-at-home dad.

Father's Day is a time for children and for spouses to celebrate the men in their life. For children, it is **a day to let their fathers know how much they appreciate them.** For wives, it is a day to let their husbands know how much they love him and appreciate his hard work as a father and husband.

On this Father's Day, we offer these words of tribute to Fathers, it will be with Godly Fatherhood as the focus of our attention. For the young son, **Dad stands for all he wants to be in life "when he grows up"**. He watches with eyes and ears how Dad lives, whether it be in the home, on the job, or in their time of recreation as a family. Then he remembers when it is his turn to be a "Dad".

For the young daughter, **Dad is her knight in shining armor, with the responsibility to protect her, yet tender enough to shower her with his unconditional love when she needs to know he's there.** For her, Dad remains "Daddy" through the turbulent years of teenage trials, then with a falling tear and trembling lips she kisses "Daddy" on the cheek at her wedding in hopes she is marrying someone who will love and protect her "just like Daddy did". **Some Dads** have become the leaders of their family without a Godly example in their homes as they grew up, yet have determined in their own hearts to **start a legacy of love so their own children will have a good example to follow.** Like Joshua of old challenged the people in Joshua 24:15b, he states these words, then does all he can to live up to the commitment: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The Godly **Father recognizes his own shortcomings and failures from time to time as he shepherds his family**, and will be humble enough to draw upon the strength of his Heavenly Father for help and guidance. 2 Corinthians 12:9a “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” The Godly Father is not ashamed to admit to times of weakness and insufficiency, and yes, even shed a tear or two at times as he faces the challenges of life and leadership of his family. He looks forward to looking up to God and confessing his need to the one who is all-sufficient and all-knowing.

We applaud you **Dad**, as you sacrifice for your family in so many ways, yet also encourage you to **give your most valuable asset to your Children as much as possible which is of course, your time**. Those special times of playing catch in the back yard may provide some wear and tear for the lawn, yet will grow a great relationship. Those early mornings of fishing together may not yield much for the dinner table, but the conversations while fishing will be quite a catch for both Dad and Child. Taking time for a “date you’re your daughter” will provide her an example of what to look for in manners and actions when she begins to date.

There is a statement that says “time is of the essence”, and this is indeed the case when Dads and Kids interact.

Thank you for working, planning, caring, disciplining, teaching, and yes, learning about being the best Dad you can possibly be. In a world that says “can’t”, thanks for saying “can too!” Most of all, thanks for being “Dad” and trusting your Heavenly Father to guide you in the journey.

Happy Father’s Day!

JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Not until 1962 did the Philippines declared June 12, 1898 as its Independence Day when Emilio Aguinaldo during the Spanish-American war raised the Philippine flag for the 1st time in Kawit, Cavite, Philippines declaring the end of the 300 years Spanish rule. The Spanish-American war ended up shortly thereafter which resulted in the signing of The treaty of Paris on December 10, 1898 making the Philippines a colony of the United States. In 1934 the Philippines was granted Independence under the Tydings-Mcduffie Act. Following that the Japanese overrun the whole country in 1942 during World War 11. The liberation of the country followed on October 20, 1944 when General McArthur landed in Leyte, Philip[pines]. I remembered that we used to have a parade and fire crackers bursting in the air and making lots of noice as we celebrate July 4, 1946 Independence Day. It was considered as one of our biggest holidays next to Christmas. It was subsequently changed to Philippine-American Friendship day. In the hearts of baby boomers like me, we still celebrate July 4 as our independence day.

July 4 is so important to the Filipinos because it chronicled the deep relationship that was formed between the United States and the Philippines when soldiers of both countries fought hand in hand against the Japanese forces under the command of General Wainwright. They were like brothers walking shoulder to shoulder in the famous “death march” from Bataan to Camp O’ Donnell, Capas, Tarlac. Many did not make it. Those who survived like my father in law remembered it well. The war was a grim reminder to us all of the atrocities that we experienced in hands of the Japanese soldiers during the war. So the liberation of the Philippines from the tyranny of the Japanese conquerors was what our generation remembered. July 4th marked the beginning of a new life. The Americans were the liberators and we were very grateful.



Parade and fireworks marks our celebration of July 4th Independence Day.

Independence Day, also called Fourth of July or July 4th, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Independence Day is celebrated on Sunday, July 4, 2021 in the United States. The Price of Liberty was hard fought and the raising of the American Flag by this group of Marines at Iwo, Jima says it all.



Independence Day (colloquially the Fourth of July or July 4) is a federal holiday in **the United States** commemorating the Declaration of Independence of **the United States**, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain , King George III , and were now united, free, and independent states. [1]

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY EVERYONE. !!!

Give me liberty or give me death. Patrick Henry”s famous words delivered before Congress in Virginia on March 23, 1775.

A Message from the State Recruitment Chairman

SK Raymond Troik



State Recruitment Chairman

Worthy Brother Knights,

A NEW YEAR! Wow, new Grand Knights with a lot of plans for “I’m going to have the best council ever.” Yeah, let’s go for it. That my brothers is the way to begin. Positive attitude! Determination!

Conviction! You are now the Grand Knight. You have brothers who want you to succeed. You have brothers who will help. So let’s get it going. Does this SOUND REALISTIC? Yes and No! It really depends on the attitude of the NEW GRAND KNIGHT. He is our guide; let’s stand by him!

Recruitment is important; retention is more important. Have WE contacted our Delinquent Brothers? If not, this is the time to contact them. Your Financial Secretary can be a wealth of info for the new Grand Knight. He has contacted by mail TWICE since January all of us. He knows those who don’t want to be Knights. #1. Contact them. #2. Get them to sign off that they don’t want to be Knights of Columbus. #3. If they want to be Knights but don’t have the \$\$’s to make up for missed dues; Cut them a deal! Pay the last 2 years. Pay the last year. Work for a \$ an hour to defray past debts. #4. Have the Financial Secretary begin compiling the list of 10 he wants to submit to the State Deputy NLT 31 October. #5. BE POSITIVE! Grand Knights have a LOT TO DO in the first months of office. Retention is POSITIVE.

Grand Knights lead the way to success. In the coming months we will work on other areas; for the 1st 2 months let’s see how many Knights we can RETAIN!

UKnight Council's Officers List Update

SK Kenneth J Sawyer



Nevada Webmaster and
Communications Director

Brother Knights,

It is very important to update your Council's Website with the new Council Officers on July 1st.

Those who are listed are the Officers that will receive emails from the State Website system. This is an essential form of communication that is used.

I am happy to help any Council that needs assistance making the needed changes.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken

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A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF



General Agent

Summer is in full swing, vacations and backyard barbeques, outdoor sports, and yardwork! I look forward to this time of year with flowers in bloom and thoughts of a much needed and anticipated summer vacation. I hope your summer is going well for you!

In last month's message I mentioned taking stock of all the things that need to be done around the house. And I further suggested that taking stock should extend to seeing where you and your family stand when it comes to financial protection. It's interesting to read about Blessed Michael McGivney's attitude in Faith and Fraternalism by Christopher J. Kauffman: "Though he [Fr. McGivney] seems to have been well aware of the value of ceremonials as the binding force for fraternal unity, he spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." You know the story well; how the untimely death of his father nearly derailed Fr. McGivney's plans to become a priest. As the curate of St. Mary's, he encountered families in similar situations. So, it's no wonder he was so practical when it came to making sure families were financially sound.

In my position I feel a deep kinship with Fr. McGivney in helping to protect Catholic families. I see myself as your partner in facing this planning process. You don't have to go it alone. With our new financial needs analysis tool, with cutting edge software, robust and in-depth, we can approach this together. Since my last message a number of members reached out to me. Let me give you a fictionalized account about two of them. I recently met with a brother Knight and his wife who have a couple of young children. Together, we were able to see that based on what this couple wanted for their family, there was a need in two particular areas. One, the brother's group life insurance, while free as a benefit, was not enough to do what he wanted his life insurance to do. He desired more to make sure, if he had an untimely passing, his wife and children could stay in the same home, could still attend Catholic grade school and could afford to make a college education a reality. The other area that he had not thought about was what I call the "death of his earning power." What if he became sick or hurt and could not work? His employer provided very minimal coverage for a few months, but after that there was nothing. We explored how the Knights could fill that void and make his family whole. All this from spending time with me. The best part for him... and for you, is that this service is absolutely free. Many others in the industry charge fees for this kind of analysis. It's a fraternal benefit that I am happy to provide.

The other couple was recently retired. Well past the stage of this former young couple. I completed a financial needs analysis for them. They were in very good shape financially; had all their proverbial ducks in a row in almost every area. The area that they were concerned with was an extended care event. How could they protect all that they had worked for and saved in the event of needing help with daily living activities? I was able to help them plan for that and shift the financial burden to the Knights. The other issue they looked at was setting aside a little of what they had

saved to help their grandchildren. We were able to set up a plan to pass that money tax free to them.

Maybe you have similar concerns; meeting with me can allay them. I am your partner as we share our brotherhood in the Order. That kind of relationship is rarely found elsewhere in the financial services world. Let's get together and see where you stand.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Historian Report and July 2021 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Welcoming Our 21/22 Columbian Year!

Congratulations to our new State Deputy Joseph Alvin Haun

Updates are as follows:

1. I continue to be in contact with our District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the 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 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 Kenneth Sawyer, State Communications Director to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received or will be shortly the Biographical information from all but one PSD from 2000 to present.
- 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 work with you, my brothers.

History of the Knights of Columbus

Upon beginning a new Columbian year, this is a good time to consider what message Father McGivney continues to have for us, who carry 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.

Let us look briefly at four aspects of Father McGivney's life and legacy.

He lived in uncertain times. Harsh working conditions, crowded living quarters and epidemics marked the mid-19th century, as Michael McGivney came of age among an Irish immigrant population in Waterbury. The eldest of 13 children, he saw the early death of six of his siblings.

After finishing eighth grade, he worked for a few years in a spoon factory before answering God's call to enter seminary. As a priest, he ministered to the sick and suffering, and knew sickness and suffering himself – ultimately dying in a 19th century pandemic. Yet he had a genius for lifting the spirits of his people through parish plays, fairs, sports and a joyful manner and laugh that made even hard times bearable.

He sought to protect families. His father died when Michael was a seminarian and his plans for priesthood were almost derailed by financial hardship. Father McGivney learned from this experience. Helping families – stay together and keep the faith – after the death of a breadwinner was one of the main reasons, he founded the Knights of Columbus.

He promoted charity and unity. Charity and unity were the original principles of the Order. As Father McGivney explained in a letter, "Unity in order to gain strength to be charitable to each other in benevolence whilst we live and in bestowing financial aid to those whom we have to mourn ..."

He taught love of neighbor. For Father McGivney, no one was beyond the love of God, and he went to what Pope Francis calls today the "peripheries" to serve others. He visited a prisoner on death row daily to help him die in the grace of the sacraments. He welcomed the daughter of a prominent minister into the Catholic Church and consoled the parents after her early death.

How can we promote this spirit of Blessed Michael McGivney? We can still check on a brother Knight or neighbor by phone, we can deliver groceries to an elderly person's home, or write an encouraging letter to a friend facing hard times.

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 Frank M. Holzhauer, PSD, FDD, PFN and PGK State Deputy 1983 - 1985

My first experience with the Knights of Columbus was a New Year's Eve Party at St Francis de Sales parish. My wife Janice and I had recently moved to Las Vegas where I had taken a position with the State of Nevada. A co-worker's husband talked to me about the knights but, before any decision could be made, I was transferred to Elko. After only a few weeks there I was approached, following mass, by one of the ushers and asked to join council 2511 at St. Joseph's church. I took my first degree on April 3, 1969, and the second and third degree at St Paul's church in Winnemucca, in June of 1969. In November I was transferred to Carson City where I transferred to council 4781.

I joined the 4th degree, Bishop Manogue assembly, in the spring of 1971. Being a Knight can, as any active Knight knows, be a time-consuming commitment. Fund raisers, special church functions, community projects all in addition to work, family, and community responsibilities. I found that active membership in the Knights means holding an office. Throughout the 70's I held many council offices, serving as Grand Knight in 1975. I served two terms as district deputy. These offices put me in touch with the activities of the state council. At the urgings of past state deputy Addison Mallard, I was elected State Warden, State Treasurer, State Advocate and in 1983 and again in 1984 State Deputy. This was a rewarding and humbling experience. As State Deputy I was able to visit every active council in Nevada and enjoyed many functions and activities. Working with the ladies we were able to form the first Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Knights in Nevada did not have a full time insurance agent. While attending State Deputy training at Supreme headquarters I met with the orders' vice president for insurance. Following a long conversation and some hesitation on his part, I was assured that Nevada would be getting a field agent, but he would not commit as to when. At the next state midyear meeting I was surprised when the general agent from Southern California introduced the first, full time, field agent for southern Nevada. At that same meeting the state council authorized the purchase of a state banner which was unveiled at the following state convention.

Upon completion of my term as Immediate Past State Deputy things truly got hectic. I was in a senior administrative position with the State of Nevada, had three growing children and Janice came down with a serious and painful illness. She passed away on August 15, 1987. Handling the grief of the loss of a loved one presented countless difficulties. What helped me get through was to stay focused, and look to the Lord, my brother Knights, and the many family friends.

My work with the Knights continued. I chaired the State conventions in 1988 and again in 2002. I was elected Navigator of Bishop Manogue Assembly in 1988 and served as chairman of several statewide committees. In 1999 I was appointed state legislative chairman, a position I held for ten

years. I retired from State employment in 1994, sold the house in Carson City and moved to Dayton to enjoy life and play golf.

The small mission church in Dayton was growing, a new pastor was assigned and there was a need for a new church and a movement to start a Council. Both of which I am pleased to say now exists. Over the last few years, I have stepped back from active involvement in the Knights. I have remarried and with advancing age and some health problems I find it a bit difficult to keep up.

Working with the Knights showed me one thing, that it is the hard work of so many brother Knights without whom there would never be success. Throughout my career it was evident that you can only be successful because of the work of others. It was because of these many brother Knights who stepped forward that we were able to get things done. The greatness of the Knights in Nevada is because they have made it so.

Vivat Jesus,

Franklin M. Holzhauer PSD

Submitted by: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

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Nevada State Council

A Message from the State Young Adult Chairman

SK Lance Pascua



Nevada Young Adult Chairman

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

The month of July is here, and we embrace a new term, a new fraternal year to put our goals into action. Time to continue and level up to challenges as the State as a number of Parish Church has finally opened to be where the action is in person.

Take this opportunity to reach out to more eligible Catholic men to join our fraternal organization.

Am truly honored to be serving once again as your State Young Adult Outreach Chairman for The Knights of Columbus.

Please continue to use our on demand online new member registration, the more efficient and instantaneous way to recruit more eligible Catholic men to be a Brother Knight.

Please do your share and make it a habit to ask and introduce this membership privilege to any of your eligible Catholic male friends, schoolmates, relatives, neighbors, co workers, and other connections to be a member of The Knight of Columbus.

Take advantage of the 24/7 on online recruitment promo code: MCGIVNEY2020 - for the first 12 months complimentary (free) membership (regularly \$30.00/ year). This offer has been extended until Dec.31,2021 only.

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

Thank you for your commitment to grow the State Council's membership.

Looking forward for your continued support for this fraternal year 2021-2022!

Thank you!

Keeping you in my prayers,

Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council #4928 Recognitions

SK Charles B Goucher



Grand Knight

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2021

HOLLEMAN FAMILY

It seldom happens that a Council couple returns to the limelight so soon, but the Holleman family are back again. SK Bob and Lady Lisa are being recognized for extending their time and energy to the grassroots ... literally. Long recognized for putting their Faith in Action by regularly serving as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors at Holy Cross Catholic Community, they have now agreed to volunteer even more of their time and energy to help maintain and take care of our parish building and grounds. To our Council Officers, that was grounds for honoring them as our June Family of the Month.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2021**CHARLES B. GOUCHER**

SK Chuck started the first of his two consecutive terms of office as Council Grand Knight in July 2019. He brought energy, commitment and leadership under Supremes' Faith in Action program maintaining our tradition as one of the premier councils in the State. In FY 2019-20, he was named Nevada Grand Knight of the Year. By March 2020, all his leadership skills would be tested to the core due to the pandemic. More importantly, he was instrumental in sustaining and reinvigorating our membership safely through technology, program innovation, hard work and people skills. While he is being honored as our June Knight of the Month for fulfilling all the responsibilities of his office at a high level, he will long be remembered for helping the Council get its swagger back. Thanks, Chuck!



Prince of Peace Council #9899 Recognitions

Deacon Dave Walker



Grand Knight
Council #9899

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2021

BECKER FAMILY

A hearty thank you to Randy and Brenda Becker for more their many years of faith-filled service. Brenda and Randy have been members of Prince of Peace Parish for 38 years and during that time Brenda and Randy have been key ministers at the Sunday 10:00 AM Masses with Brenda as Extraordinary Minister of Communion and Randy as choirmaster. Randy has been a Knight of Columbus for 28 years. He is one of the earliest members who formed Prince of Peace Council 9899. Randy is also a Fourth Degree Knight. Our blessings and prayers to the Becker family upon their relocation to Reno, Nevada.



Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us