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Leadership Positions

Nevada State Officers 2022 - 2023

State Deputy	Joe Alvin Haun
State Chaplain	Rev. John McShane
State Secretary	Meynard Infantado
State Treasurer	Chris Traver
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, 11074, 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, 13691, 18004	Jesus Sanchez (9437)
District 7	Councils 7708, 8282, 13754	Erick Tagudar (13392)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 12690	Gerry Rockwell (13392)
District 9	Councils 10442, 14144, 14784	Terry Zehl (14784)
District 10	Councils 3741, 9899, 10780, 15061	Gary M. Bird (10780)
District 11	Councils 8078, 13456, 13392, 14820	Edmundo Verceles (14820)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Bob Sotelo (11029)
District 13	Councils 11179, 11512, 15790, 17996	Dennis Murtaugh (4928)

Other Nevada State Officers 2022 - 2023

State Program Director	Chris Traver
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr.
Webmaster & Communications Director	Rick Sherman
Special Assistance / Sick and Bereavement Chairman	Roger Watson
State Training Coordinator	Tom Villardi
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
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	<i>Vacant</i>
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>
LV 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	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 Message from the Supreme Knight

SK Patrick E Kelly

Supreme Knight

U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

My Brother Knights:

After nearly 50 years, the wrong decision that was made in Roe v. Wade has been set right. The Supreme Court's historic decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization overturning both Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, is a watershed moment in the movement that generations of Knights of Columbus have worked and prayed for. Indeed, it is one of the most significant advancements in human rights in our nation's history.

We are grateful and encouraged by the Court's finding that abortion is not a "constitutional right." But we must not think that today is a day to declare victory. Instead, I call upon every member of the Knights of Columbus to redouble their personal efforts to build up the Culture of Life that St. John Paul II described in his prophetic encyclical letter Evangelium Vitae.

With Roe reversed, federal advocacy to protect unborn life is still necessary, but the decision opens wide the doors for states to consider their own abortion laws as well. Many states have laws that immediately protect unborn human life. Others have taken regrettable steps to make themselves "sanctuaries" for abortion-on-demand. Pregnancy resources centers will become even more vital as they reach out to serve pregnant women, new mothers and their children.

In the months and years ahead, Knights should work to support — or start — marches for life in every state. Another critical action we can all take is to increase our support for pregnancy resource centers in our communities. To that end, the Supreme Council has announced a \$5 million campaign to support new mothers and their children through a new program: ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). These pregnancy centers and maternity homes are now the front lines of the pro-life movement, and Knights should continue to stand and serve with them. You can support this effort by making a donation today.

Even before the Dobbs decision was officially released, we saw numerous instances of violence and vandalism targeted at pregnancy resource centers and Catholic churches across the country. Let us find our response in the words Pope Francis addressed to the 2021 Supreme Convention, which called on us to be men "committed to building up rather than tearing down, promoting healing and reconciliation in place of hatred and recrimination, and inviting all to undertake the 'journey of fraternity' that can lead to a world ever more in accord with God's saving plan for our human family."

Finally, we must continue to pray and fast for the end of abortion. How fitting it is that the Dobbs decision arrived on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us pray in thanksgiving for this decision, and continue to implore the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe as we work to build a Culture of Life in which every human life, made in the image and likeness of God, is welcomed in life and protected in law.

Fraternally,

Diocese Announcements

Statement on the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling

Most Reverend Daniel
Mueggenborg



Eighth Bishop of Reno

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development.” – Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

Respecting the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death is a core tenet of our Catholic faith. This conviction compels us to seek justice and advocate for the vulnerable, the voiceless, and the afflicted. Upholding the dignity of every human person drives us to care for the poor, to welcome immigrants, to seek racial and social justice, and to oppose abortion. I commend the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and give individual states the opportunity to enact laws that respect life. I welcome this opportunity to reduce the number of abortions in the United States and build a culture of life.

Due to laws codified after *Roe*, abortion remains legal in the State of Nevada. Regardless of the legal status of abortion, the Church’s call to respect life remains unchanged. We must continue not only to speak out against abortion, but also to care for mothers who face unplanned or challenging pregnancies. As mothers and families choose life under difficult circumstances, we are called to accompany them on their journey and to do all we can to support them and their children. Advocating for life does not end with the birth of a child. Respecting the dignity of every human person means ensuring that families’ basic needs are met and that they are given the opportunity to thrive.

At this time, I invite all parishes, institutions, organizations, and individuals to redouble efforts to accompany women and couples confronted with unexpected or difficult pregnancies. Many programs throughout the state provide assistance, accompaniment, and mentorship to vulnerable families as they nurture their children from pregnancy through early childhood. Now is the time for the faithful to offer a viable alternative to abortion by increasing efforts to serve families in need.

Much work remains to build a culture of life in our state. I will continue to advocate for public policies that support life and help struggling families thrive. Please join me in praying that all will one day recognize that every human life is sacred and deserving of reverence, protection, and assistance in times of need.

Sincerely in Christ,

Annual Diocesan Conference

Most Reverend George
Leo Thomas Ph.D.



Third Bishop of Las Vegas
Roman Catholic Diocese
of Las Vegas

We are excited to announce that the Annual Diocesan Conference registration website is live.

You may have heard through the grapevine that our Friday keynote speaker this year (and one workshop on Saturday) is Dr. Scott Hahn! We are meeting with the parish ambassadors on Tuesday of next week and will have a packet of information that includes bulletin announcements for your use from now until the Conference.

The Conference this year is two full-days – all day Friday, Sept 9th and Saturday, Sept 10th – with lunch offered on both days in addition to our usual Friday evening reception and Saturday morning coffee/continental breakfast.

Clergy and their parish staff will come together on Friday for a full day in-service with Dr. Tim Glemkowski called, “Made for Mission: Renewing Your Parish Culture.”

The following Foundational Faith Formation modules are being offered. Each is a six hour module starting with one two hour session on Friday afternoon followed by two sessions on Saturday. You must register and attend all three sessions. (This still gives you an opportunity to attend two additional ‘general interest’ sessions.)

Cultural & Intercultural Faith Issues

Introduction to Scripture (English & Spanish)

Spiritual Formation (English & Spanish)

We are also introducing the first module for our Advanced Faith Formation certificate:

Catholic Social Teaching

EVERYONE is welcome to register for these modules as the topics are relevant to ALL Catholics. Anyone working toward their certification will also need to write a reflection paper for whichever topic they choose.

Early bird registration (\$125.00) ends on July 15th. We anticipate a sell out this year, so get your registrations in early. You may do a group registration and select the ‘pay by check’ option so you have time to get an invoice to your bookkeepers.

Please pray for the success of this year's Conference which is our one event each year that provides an opportunity for all of us to gather and grow in our faith.

Thank you in advance for your support!

We hope you will plan to join us:

September 9-10, 2022

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

State Officers Announcements

Final State Deputy Message for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

What a Year!

Over the last 365 days the State Team has traveled up and down and side to side this great State many times. And the one thing that kept appearing was the eagerness of all of you, the membership, and our families to grow in our Catholic Faith and to give more to our Parishes and our communities. We all wanted so desperately to leave the pandemic behind us, and to get back to our normal lives.

I want to personally thank each of you for all of the hard work that you have done to make this Fraternal Year so successful. We have a lot to show for it, but what is most important is how we have answered that call to get back to some degree of normalcy and to grow the Order in Nevada.

This weekend starts the new Fraternal Year. Most of you will continue in your respective roles, and a few will move on to new chapters in your lives. But I certainly do thank each of you for what you have done.

GO NEVADA!!!!

Two New Councils Added

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

Brothers,

I am so very pleased to announce 2 new councils have been added to the Nevada State Council.

- St. Thomas More - Council #17996

St. Thomas More Catholic Community
130 N Pecos Road
Henderson, NV 89074

- Council #18004 is our Spanish Council at Christ the King in Las Vegas. The Parish will now have two Knights of Columbus Councils.

Christ the King Catholic Church
4925 S Torrey Pines Dr
Las Vegas, NV 89118

I would like to thank all those involved in accomplishing this milestone and acknowledge all their efforts. Special recognition and credit to:

SS Meynard Infantado
ST Chris Traver
DD Dennis Murtaugh
DD Jesus Sanchez
GK Al Pena
GK Carlos Sandoval

In this new Fraternal Year, the State Council will be working throughout the State to grow even more councils and to start many more Councils.

GO NEVADA!!!!

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 2022 - 2023 fraternal year. The State Officers will meet for the first session hour, and the State Officers and the District Deputies will meet for the second.

Month	Date	Time	Location
July	July 25, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
August	August 29, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
September	September 26, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
October	October 31, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
November	November 28, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
December	December 26, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
January	January 30, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
February	February 27, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
March	March 27, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
April	April 24, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
May	May 30, 2023 (Tuesday)	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
June	June 26, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting

Note:

Meetings fall on Monday, except where noted.

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

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy &
Supreme Director

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Peace and warmest greetings to all and to the new set of State and Council Officers who will represent and set the pace to build a new legacy for the next generations to follow.

Congratulations on your Installation and may your commitment and dedication be more fulfilling in service to others!

Happy Fourth of July, as we celebrate our Independence and be patriotic for our love of our country! What a blessing and fulfilling month indeed, following the string of recent events- The State Deputies Organizational Meeting (New Haven, CT) last June 9-12,2022 and The Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor 2020-2021 held at San Juan, Puerto Rico, last June 19-25,2022. Very grateful and honored to be a part of these worthy events.

We certainly look forward for your attendance in our very first in person (after the two year Covid restrictions) on the occasion of our 140th Supreme Convention, to be held in Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, TN, August 2-4,2022.

For more details, please visit and do online registrations at:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/supreme-convention/registration.html>

Brother Knights- go the distance, do the extra mile, it is worthwhile!

Thank you for your stewardship and your leadership which is vital to mentoring the team, to pass the baton, the empowerment to move on in one direction.

The measure by which we are successful is an achievement by bringing back more eligible Catholic men to join the order, keeping the faith/evangelization on our daily living and in most of the fraternal activities.

Thank you, my dear Brothers, especially your spouses and families for understanding and supporting your husbands, fathers- while they are not present, with time away from you whenever meant that they were pursuing Knights' duties.

See you in Nashville, TN!

May Our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Queen guide us and Saint Michael, the Archangel protect us!

Vivat Jesus!

Toni Pascua
IPSD
Supreme Director

Do what inspires you- The beginning is a motivation to start fresh where courage is the greatest glory not in winning, but rising whenever we fall- TP

Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us!

Immediate Past State Deputy June, 2022 Highlights



2020-2021 Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Award

Receiving the Pinnacle Award (back to back - 2 consecutive years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021).

In photo (left to right) Former State Chaplain & State Membership Director Father Manny Guico, Ditas and Toni Pascua with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Mrs. Vanessa Kelly.



**Honorees of the Supreme Knights Circle of Honor Award with
Supreme Secretary Patrick Mason (center- front row)**

Also in Photo Mark McMullen- Senior Vice President of Membership Growth and Marketing (3rd from right-front row) and Jose Jimenez – Vice President North America Hispanic & Ethnic Membership Growth and Toni Pascua (2nd from left- front row)



**Giving donation to Visayas Jurisdiction for the Pump Boat
Project to benefit the 2021 Typhoon Odette Victims.**

In Photo (left to right) Father Manny Guico – Former State Chaplain, Teofrido Lagria-
State Deputy Visayas and Toni Pascua



Lunch with Supreme Directors, Lady Board Wives and State Deputies during the State Deputies Organizational Meeting in New Haven, CT

Taken during luncheon at Stowe's Seafood in West Haven, CT. In Photo Top (left to right) Toni Pascua- Supreme Director, Mayra Banuelos-Lady Board and Antonio Banuelos- Supreme Director (Iowa), Daniel Rossi- Supreme Director and Alyce Rossi- Lady Board (New Jersey) and Ditas Pascua- Lady Board



In Photo (left to right) Brenda Halpain- Lady Board, Sean Halpain- Supreme Director (Arizona), Billy Crishman- State Deputy (Alaska) and Joe Haun – State Deputy (Nevada)



Nevada Past State Deputies Association 2020-2021 Citizen of the Year

Nevada Past State Deputies Association 2020-2021 Citizen of Year's Award was presented to His Excellency Bishop Emeritus Joseph Pepe (center) taken on June 27th, 2022 at Sienna Italian Restaurant, Las Vegas.

In Photo (right to left) Joe Haun- State Deputy, Ray Gardea – Past State Deputy & PSD Association President, Bishop Emeritus Joseph Pepe, Dave Ryan – Vice Supreme Master / PSD Secretary & Treasurer and Toni Pascua.

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

THANK GOD FOR SMALL MIRACLES

We get so busy tending to the hustle and bustle of our daily lives unaware of the many small miracles that are happening all around us. It does not seem so important until it happens to you or to your significant other. To those of us who have been through it, it carries a lot of meaning and life changing experiences, which tends to change our future outlook and priorities.

I thought I was relatively healthy with not so serious health issues until one day I had trouble with my bowel movement. I started having stomach pains after about four (days) of not being able to defecate. My wife decided to take me to Urgent Care at Southwest Medical Associates. After waiting for several hours, I was finally seen by a nurse assistant to get some information about me and the reason I was there. After waiting for another hour, I was brought to the examination room. They took my vitals and soon a surgical team of doctors came to see me. They ordered for me to have a CT Scan. After another hour, a nurse brought the results of the CT Scan which indicated that I have diverticulitis and a blockage in my intestine.

They referred me to UMC Medical Center for further evaluation. A team of Surgical Doctors came to see me and asked for me to be taken to the x-ray room. They took another set of x-rays. At this point, I was so stressed. I was thinking of the possible complications that a major surgery can do to me considering my diabetic condition and my age. It was a harrowing experience for 2 days while they were making up their minds. During that time, I had my rosary in my hands praying at every opportunity that I had. I prayed to God that He spares me of the surgery. All the while telling Him that I still have some unfinished business that I needed to do for him.

After two days, the team of Surgical Doctors at UMC came to see me. They said that the x-ray indicated that I did not need the surgery for now and that they will simply put me on some medication to encourage me to defecate. I can't hold my feelings of joy upon hearing this from the Doctors. That evening, I again prayed the rosary to thank God for all the blessings and small miracles that I have experienced. I am also grateful for all the prayers that I received during my period of confinement. These are the double miracles that I received which gave me the strength to overcome periods of trials in my life.

I want to share this experience with all my brother Knights and to let them know that prayers are truly a very important part of our life. That God is always there to help us in our hours of need, when we are in distress, when we are sick, and when the whole world seems to fall on our shoulders. I am

sure I am not alone, we have many brothers and people dear to us, our friends and neighbors, I am speaking for them because we share the same common experience. God is with us and I am a living proof of that. Through your prayers we heard about our brother Knights who survived life threatening surgeries and survived. This was the evidence of the power of all of our Brother Knights prayers and what it does to comfort and protect us all in times of need.



Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life: one is as though nothing is a miracle and the other is as though everything is a miracle. I'm the first to tell you I wasn't living my life as though everything is a miracle. I missed a lot. Miracles are everywhere."



Receiving State Grand Knight of the Year Award (2021 - 2022) from SD Joe Haun

A Message from the State Membership Director

SK Christopher Traver



State Membership Director

Greeting Brothers:

Well, another fraternal year has ended, and it was another successful year in recruiting for the State of Nevada! As of June 30th, Nevada is number three in the world! This is an outstanding accomplishment! On behalf of WSD Joe Haun and the State Officers, we would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication in helping Nevada achieve our recruitment goal!

It was an honor and a pleasure serving as your state Membership Director! I am looking forward to serving as your State Treasurer!

Thank you, and God Bless!

Sacred Heart of Jesus - Right to Life Rosary Event

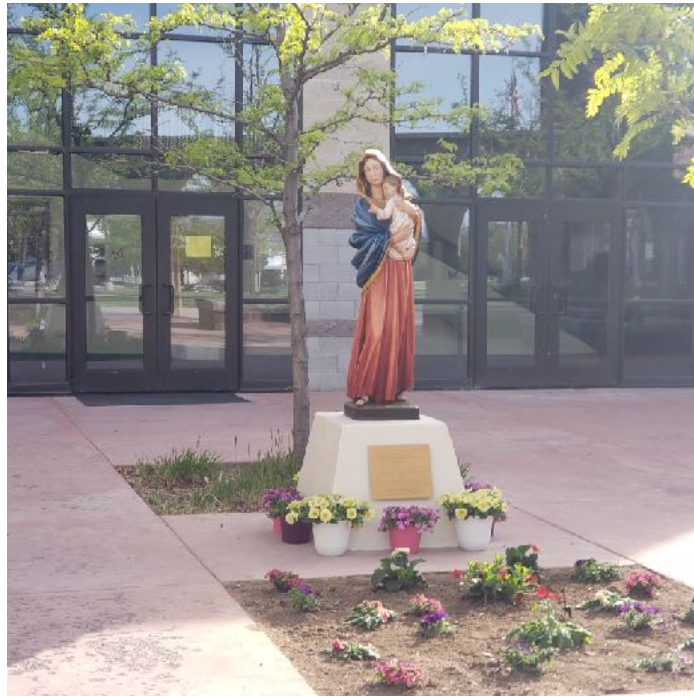
SK John E DeBord



Northern Nevada Right to Life
State Director

Brothers,

In special recognition of the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our monthly Right to Life Rosary was in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Vivat Jesus!

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

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

***Wishing our State, Assembly, Council Officers
and all Brother Knights and Families, a
Blessed and Successful Columbian Year
2022-2023!!!***

Council 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 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. 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 Brother Knights.

History of the Knights of Columbus

Father of Ecclesial and Societal Issues

One of the notable characteristics of Father McGivney's life and priestly ministry was his ability to listen and respond. His perceptive attention to others as they poured out their

hearts expressing joys and sorrows, hopes and dreams gave them confidence in the strength of his wisdom. Whether in the depths of sorrow and despair or enthralled with high ideals, people of every station in life (even those outside the Catholic faith) were drawn to him. As a priest, he listened closely to God in prayer and in the daily celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. There was an openness and docility evident in his face and demeanor. With feet firmly planted in the reality of life in this world, Father McGivney was careful to listen to the voices of the society in which he lived and breathed. He was interested in the issues of the day and brought the truths of the Catholic Church to bear on all aspects of life in his parish, his city, and his country. Public meetings on current social and moral issues were common in the church hall of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and, when he became pastor, in the basement of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston. He organized plays to give his people a healthy outlet and an abstinence society to keep them away from alcohol abuse. Most notably, he founded the Knights of Columbus as a lay organization and insisted that it remain under lay leadership even after the first members asked him to serve as Supreme Knight.

Though long gone from this world, he remains an example of the positive response to the call of the Church to gather people together to listen to one another, to express our own views and to look to the unfailing magisterium for leadership and guidance as we move forward in the Church's history. Father McGivney's was a life formed by the Word of God not only for the good of his own soul but also for the salvation of others and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. From his place in heaven, he leads us to Christ, the way, the truth, and the life.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

By: Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, O.P.; Guide Director, Vice-Postulator

Remember: The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, who we carry on the work he began 140 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 Meynard Infantado, State Secretary, PST, FDD, State Directorships, PFN, and PGK

“It is an honor to serve as the current Nevada State Secretary; and to be an inspiration to our brothers. Our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are working well because of the faith, dedication, knowledge, and perseverance of our brother knights. I can only rely on my strengths and weaknesses. I am far from being perfect, so I always ask guidance from Holy Spirit. I will continue to serve the order with all that I have in full force; and to follow the vision of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary.”

Meynard Infantado was born on November 28th of 1974. His parents are PGK/SK Edgardo G. Infantado and Mrs. Ester Infantado. He has six siblings - 4 brothers who are all members of Knights of Columbus: and 2 loving sisters.

He was born in the humble province of Oriental Mindoro in the Philippines - the seventh largest amongst the 7,100 plus islands. Born and raised as a Catholic, his devoted parents would guide him and make sure he follows the teachings of Catholicism. He went to Catholic schools in the Philippines from Kindergarten to College namely Holy Infant Academy (Mindoro, Philippines) for his elementary days; then to University of Santo Tomas (Manila, Philippines) for his High School and College days. He would continue and finish his college here in US and obtained his bachelor's degree (IT) at University of Phoenix, and Management Information System (CSN). He would then work as Technical Account Manager in a Technology/Software company.

It was in 1993 when Meynard and his parents, together with his brother Mark and sister Mayette migrated here in the US. A scorching heat in the summer of June would welcome him and his family as he arrived here in Las Vegas. “It was a complete change living from a tropical country to a desert environment, but he knows God has a purpose why we move from place to place,” he said.

While serving at Prince of Peace Catholic church, he met this young lady Yolanda, and would soon marry her in 2012 of October. They got married at St. Bridget Catholic Church; and they are blessed to have a daughter named Maliah Francesca Infantado. The family continues to serve at their churches.

Meynard has dedicated his life in serving his church and Knights of Columbus. His journey to Knighthood is very interesting. He was already a young active member of the church serving in ministries of Prince of Peace and St. Bridget. In 2003, his father Eddie (PGK) asked him to join the

Knights of Columbus; unfortunately, he would decline it due to his busy schedule at work and in school. He was also not familiar on how the organization works.

But in 2004, with the enlightenment and persistence of his father, he finally joined the order. He was 29 years old back then and he would become a young member of San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392. He then served as Grand Knight for two years there. In 2015, he became District Deputy serving for three years. State Deputy Gregg Spriggs, back then, awarded him District Deputy of the Year for his outstanding performance. He also held chairmanship and directorship positions for Nevada State Council. One of his biggest accomplishments was his role in leading the reactivation of suspended councils in Nevada. He thanked his brothers for making it happen.

In the years to come, he would continue to become an active member of the Knight of Columbus participating in the events and meetings. PSD Tom Thorn tapped him as his Executive Secretary after his successful role as District Deputy. In 2019, he would then move up to State Treasurer position for a two-year term.

Knights of Columbus has changed his life. He continues to grow his faith and learns more about the Knights. He understands that a knight should inspire, inform, and inquire young and senior members.

It is about charity that impresses him. Seeing homeless people in distress, helping the Seminarians, and helping charitable organizations makes him do more with the Knights. Meynard enjoys the camaraderie and being surrounded by his brothers.

“Our Faith IN Action programs help me understand what Knight all is about; more importantly, it also helps us in the evangelization of our Catholic faith.” he said, “the sacrifices that we do for our faith, community, family, and life are worth it especially when we face our creator someday. We thank our wives, families and friends who support us.”

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Assembly/Council Announcements

With start of the new Columbian Year, please consider designating a Council Publicist. Someone who would take the time to talk about and publicize council events, both here in the Newsletter and in your Parish Bulletin.

The benefit, of course, would be to share and possibly "inspire to action", other councils **to do and 'how to do'**.

- GM

And, as you've heard time and again, Council events are fantastic recruiting tools too!

Knights at the Aces 2022 - July 4th

SK Tony Stephenson

Brothers,



It's time for our annual Knights at the Aces, and this year it's on the **4th of July again!**

Knights at the Aces
Coordinator

Nice when things work out, and, it's nice to be able to go back to the 4th of July. This year the 4th is on a Monday, so for all of you not traveling, it's certainly a lot better than watching the Fireworks on TV.

For those of you who are new to this, it's our one annual event where it's a social for everyone you know. I encourage you to use this as a recruitment tool, a way of saying thanks, but most importantly, just for having fun.

Because it's an open social event, you are free to invite your wives (well, that's kind of a must), everyone from your Council and Assembly, your parish, and most definitely your religious folks.

For those of you who wish to use it as a way to say thanks for the service of the Alter Servers, it's a great time. If you want to use it to show potential recruits we know how to have fun, what better example than our National Pastime! And we have a lot of religious folks who do the important stuff around our communities and parish's, so please, don't forget them!

To all Worthy Grand Knights, please have one volunteer from your Council as the point of contact. This will be the person who interacts with me, collects the money and sees that I get reimbursed (I pay for everything up front), and distributes the tickets to all who order. A little computer savvy is now a must for this part.

To all the Worthy District Deputies and State Officers, please encourage our members in this endeavor. It really is about having fun, enjoying what's always been an entertaining day, which is followed by a super Fireworks show.

Once the contacts get in touch with me I'll give them all the details and they can then inform your Councils and members.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony Stephenson, FDD PGK
Knights at the Aces Coordinator

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Our Lady of Las Vegas 2022 Confirmation Mass

SK Joe M Suarez, Jr



Grand Knight
Council #9102



Bishop Thomas with Council 9102 Officers at the 2022 Confirmation Mass

Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2022

PAGNI FAMILY



Bro. Robin K. Pagni and Lady Chris were recognized as Ponderosa Council’s June Family of the Month for their support of the highly successful 3rd Annual Sparks Police Dept. Appreciation Luncheon. Bro. Robin was Program Co-chair charged with the responsibility of coordinating this event with the City of Sparks, as well as the procurement of food and event supplies. Lady Chris helped drape training room tables in red and blue as well as help set up a makeshift serving line for “blue plate specials.” In addition, both were event greeters to the more than seventy-five (75) men and women in blue who attended this luncheon in their honor.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2022**SK THIERRY V. BARKLEY**

We all expect quality leadership from our elected officers, but Grand Knight SK Thierry exceeded expectations. In FY 2021-22, he stepped up and guided Ponderosa Council through arguably the most challenging and difficult of times — a period where our Council was both impacted by pandemic mandates and the isolation imposed on the Council by the pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Community. To achieve success under such circumstances, SK Thierry used his knowledge and skill as a practicing attorney, a Past Council Grand Knight (2007-08) and Former State Council Advocate (2015-19) to provide meaningful Faith in Action programming for our membership and a positive, ready, willing, and able confidence for the new Bishop of Reno. Due to his leadership skill, better days are ahead. For all that he achieved, SK Thierry Barkley is our Knight of the Month.

Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions (continued)

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

COUNCIL FAMILY OF THE YEAR

MINTER FAMILY



SK George Minter is best known for his often direct determination and commitment to challenge Ponderosa Council to be its best. Lady Joyce is noted for her leadership, energy, and charm. As a team, they fully embody Father McGivney's vision of family, not only for their financial and material aid, and not only for their spiritual strength, but also for their sustained commitment to furthering Supremes' Faith in Action model — a sort of a modern day yin and yang duo, that shares the hallmarks of a true Ponderosa Council Family of the Year.

COUNCIL KNIGHT OF THE YEAR**SK RUSSELL J. BERNHARDT**

SK Russell Bernhardt has a proven track record of fraternal infrastructure achievements. He has and continues to hold the Ponderosa Council office of Financial Secretary since July 2019. In the difficult times of the current fraternal year due to pandemic mandates and isolation imposed on the Council by the pastor of Holy Cross, he understood that communication with the membership was key to Council viability and success going forward. As such, he continues to serve as an able Council Webmaster, Council Publicist, as well as the Program Chair for such diversified programs as Holiday Cards for the Troops, the Council Scholarship Program, and Knights at the Aces ticket sales. For all that he does, SK Russell is recognized as the Ponderosa Council Knight of the Year.

Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 Recognitions

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2022 BALL FAMILY



Tom is very active with our council. He is a past District Deputy and past Grand Knight. Currently, he is a Trustee and also Life Director for our council. Tom also sings in our choir and is a Lector at various Masses. His wife AnnaMae is very active in our Parish and is a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, etc.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2022
BOB CROSS**



Grand Knight Leo Carew III, Bob Cross, Knight of the Month for all his work with 40 Days For Life and Walk for Life, Fr. Beda, Catherine Cross and Deputy Grand Knight Richard Matoza



Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us