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Leadership Positions

Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

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

District Deputies / Councils

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

Other Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

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

State “Faith in Action” Program Chair

State Faith in Action Program Chairman Dan St. Pierre

State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

State Faith Program Director	Hilarion Cordero Jr
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	IPSD Toni F. Pascua
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. 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

Knights of Columbus Supports Launch of National Eucharistic Revival

Knights providing eucharistic procession training materials to U.S. councils, \$1 million to support National Eucharistic Congress



NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced that the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has developed eucharistic procession training materials in consultation with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The materials, which have been shared with dioceses nationwide and can be found at kofc.org/eucharist are a key component of the Knights’ support for the upcoming National Eucharistic Revival, which is organized by the USCCB and will officially launch on June 19, the feast of Corpus Christi. The Knights are also providing \$1 million to support the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana which will be held from July 17-21, 2024.

The bishops’ conference has called for a three-year revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The bishops hope that the revival will foster a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist — and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.”

“On the day I was installed, I spoke of our calling to be Knights of the Eucharist,” said Supreme Knight Kelly. “The more we devote ourselves to the Eucharist, the more we will understand what it means to be a Knight — to live a life of service and sacrifice for others and to live a life of true unity, centered on the ‘source and summit of the Christian life.’ As Knights of the Eucharist, it is our task to deepen our own devotion to the Eucharist. We can do so through prayer, faithful attendance at Mass and eucharistic adoration.”

Dioceses will launch the three-year National Eucharistic Revival in part by promoting and coordinating eucharistic processions, beginning on the feast of Corpus Christi.

The training materials include a comprehensive eucharistic procession guide, available in both English and Spanish languages; training videos; and many more resources to help the faithful and Knights develop a deeper adoration and devotion to the Eucharist.

Diocese Announcements

Statement on School Shooting

Most Reverend George
Leo Thomas Ph.D.



Third Bishop of Las Vegas
Roman Catholic Diocese
of Las Vegas

Bishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D. Shares USCCB's Statement on School Shooting in Uvalde, Texas

“There have been too many school shootings, too much killing of the innocent. Our Catholic faith calls us to pray for those who have died and to bind the wounds of others, and we join our prayers along with the community in Uvalde and Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller. As we do so, each of us also needs to search our souls for ways that we can do more to understand this epidemic of evil and violence and implore our elected officials to help us take action.”

State Officers Announcements

2022 - 2023 State Officers

Nevada State Council



2022/2023 Columbian Year

Election Results

State Deputy	Joe Alvin Haun
State Secretary	Meynard Infantado
State Treasurer	Chris Traver
State Warden	Dan St. Pierre
State Advocate	John Long

Continuing On

Immediate Past State Deputy	Toni Pascua, Supreme Director
State Chaplain	Fr. John McShane
State Executive Secretary	Al Cuccinelli

State Officers / District Deputies Meetings Schedule

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

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

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

A Message from the Desk of the Immediate Past State Deputy - June 2022

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy &
Supreme Director

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Greetings to everyone on this new Fraternal Year and to the newly elected Leadership for the State and Council levels- Congratulations!

Thank you for your stewardship and service all these years and counting in pursuing your roles and goals for a better tomorrow.

Your leadership skills are key to mentoring the team to ensure that the transition is seamless as well as overseeing the welfare for the State is taken cared of within the empowerment and technologies under our banner.

Continue to inspire and lead the State Council to where we intend to be and move toward the top, enabling succession for more Star Councils, by bringing back more eligible Catholic men to join the order, evangelization and keeping the faith by promoting more Faith in Action activities.

Thank you, my dear Brothers for being an example of what a Superhero (sans the cape) in anyone's family and lives. These and more are just the tip of the iceberg, as we help save lives and change lives.

So, when is a risk worth taking?

When the risk is fully aligned with your purpose and mission, then it's worth considering.

Taking a leap of faith can help us grow in ways we can't imagine. Likened to the ways presented within the confines for you to decide at the impending spur of the moment.

Happy Father's Day!

Prayers for a meaningful fraternal year ahead, May the Lord guide us and St Michael, the Archangel protect us!

Vivat Jesus!

Toni Pascua
IPSD
Supreme Director

"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak."

Anthony of Padua

Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us!

Immediate Past State Deputy May, 2022 Highlight



In photo (left to right) State Deputy Joe Haun, Former State Chaplain & State Membership Director Father Manny Guico and Toni Pascua also inset Father John McShane – State Chaplain

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBERED

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae 1872 - 1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Here lies the tombstones of our brave soldiers who gave up their lives willingly so that we can live in peace and enjoy the blessings of freedom and democracy. Their names are forever inscribed in the pillars of our democracy and will live on forever.



Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day began with an idea from General John Logan as a way to honor the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. The first celebration on May 30, 1868, was held at Arlington National Cemetery with a crowd of 5,000 people decorating the graves of over 20,000 military personnel with flowers. Most experts believe General Logan planned the first Decoration Day for that day because Northern and Southern states would have flowers in bloom by then, though others believe the date was ideal because it didn't coincide with the anniversary of any battles.

Members of the Knights of Columbus in Southern Nevada considers it their Patriotic duty to celebrate this day by going to Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City near the historic Boulder Dam and planting flags at the graves of our brave soldiers to commemorate and honor their contribution to the defense of democracy and the preservation of our way of life.

First Choice Exclusive Event

SK Al Pena



State Family Program Director

REGISTER TODAY!

I would like to reach out to all Grand Knights in our State to ask you to dedicate the proceeds of one fundraising event like the pancake breakfast or barbecue for the support of the Planned Pregnancy Center. Councils could advertise this event in their parish bulletin with the permission of their Parish Priest and do an email blast to all the members of their Councils asking them to raise money from donations.

FIRST CHOICE INVITES YOU!

Save The Date!

Join us for our 1st Annual Memorial
"Honoring Our Forgotten Babies"

Saturday, June 25, 2022 * 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
First Choice Pregnancy Services
800 East Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Gather with us as we remember the more than 63,000,000 babies needlessly killed from abortion in the United States.
"Let Us Not Forget"

To register for this FREE event, please visit
www.FCPSFriends.org or call our Events Manager,
Toya Richardson, at 702.296.2275 ext. 209

Location: Urgency Trust
48946 For the Unborn Baby Since 1972

Register Today!

Our mailing address is:
800 E. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104 For Inquiries, email:
help@firstchoicepccnv.org
Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [unsubscribe from this list](#).

As our Worthy State Deputy Joe Haun said, "This is an opportunity for us to rally in support of the life of the unborn child."

The results are real, and quantifiable. WE ARE SAVING LIVES!

VIVAT JESUS

AL S.PENA

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

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Congratulations on a Successful Columbian Year!!!

Looking forward as we Start 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-koqc.com to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, my brothers.

History of the Knights of Columbus

St. John Henry Newman

Before you know what, a Newman Center is, you should know who Newman was. Blessed John Henry Newman was born in London in 1801. Early in life he attended Oxford University and was ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1825. Due to disagreements with certain aspects of the Church of England, Newman converted to Roman Catholicism in 1845, a journey that would eventually see him become a cardinal. During his time and those that followed, Catholics were not well-accepted in the University setting. His writings spoke of creating a place where all students are welcome. Although this would never come to pass in his lifetime, his dream would come true through a man named Hartwell de la Garde, who founded the Oxford University Catholic Club, a group for Catholic students at Oxford University.

Catholic students hadn't been allowed to attend the university and were met with animosity when they did enroll. The Catholic Club allowed them the opportunity to share their faith while also focusing on their education. In 1888, the members of the Catholic Club chose to rename themselves the Newman Society in honor of John Henry Newman and the work that he had contributed to Oxford.

The first Newman Center outside of the United Kingdom was founded at the University of Pennsylvania in 1893. Today there are over 2,000 Newman Centers in the United States alone, with many more located throughout the world.

While the activities that different Newman Centers offer vary from place to place, the main mission remains the same as Oxford students envisioned it almost 150 years ago. We're dedicated to providing a place for students from all backgrounds to interact and have fun while sharing their faith in the oft-polarizing environment of higher education.

We have several events throughout the year. We have two retreats, a weekend retreat in the fall and a day retreat in the spring at Lake Tahoe. Every year volunteers from our group perform Living Stations at local parishes. We have parish picnics, and we have an annual tradition of going to Dawn Patrol and the Great Reno Balloon Race. The choir at evening masses are comprised almost entirely of students, and many students are involved at all kinds of different levels, from acolytine to RCIA. We have evening prayer every Wednesday night and monthly evening student masses...too many things to list!

If there's one central theme at our Newman Center, it's this: all are welcome. We sing it in our gathering hymns, we display it on our signs, we proclaim it in our words and our deeds. We have no fees, no prerequisites to join, no requirements or limitations. We only ask that you come with an open mind and an open heart. Whether you haven't set foot in a church since you were baptized, whether you attend adoration daily, or even whether you don't know what to make of this whole "Catholic thing", come on by. You're always among friends here.

Submitted by: The University of Nevada, Reno Newman Center Office

Saint John Henry Newman

(1801-1890)

Oil-on-Canvas portrait from life in 1881 by Sir John Everett Millais (d. 1896), two years after Newman was elevated to the cardinalate. This oil-on-canvas reproduction is very nearly the actual size of the original which belongs to the *National Portrait Gallery*, London, but which hangs in Arundel Castle, West Sussex, England.



Biography:

- Born in London, England, on February 21st 1801;
- Oxford don and Patristics scholar at Trinity College, Oxford University, England;
- Ordained priest of the Church of England on May 29th 1825;
- Leader in the Oxford Movement;
- Received into the Roman Catholic Church on October 9th 1845;
- Ordained priest of the Roman Catholic Church on May 30th 1847;
- Articulated the idea of the *Development of Doctrine* and the importance of consulting the faithful by church leadership.
- Author of *The Idea of a University* (1850s);
- First president (1854) of the Catholic University of Ireland, today known as Trinity College, Dublin;
- Elevated to *Cardinal Deacon of San Giorgio in Velabro* by Pope Leo XIII in 1879 in appreciation of his efforts for the Catholic Church in 19th Century England. He personally requested not to be consecrated a bishop, but rather to remain a priest, and to be allowed to maintain residence in England rather than in Rome.
- Died in Edgbaston, Birmingham, England, on August 11th 1890.

Newman is remembered for the virtues, among many others, of **intellect, reason, humility, holiness, and strength of character.**



He lends his name to all *Newman Centers* which are the endeavors at Catholic Campus Ministry at secular universities. **Canonized** by Pope Francis on October 13th 2019, he is now known as **Saint John Henry Newman**. He is remembered annually on the sanctoral calendars of the Episcopal Church on February 21st, the Church of England on August 11th and of the Roman Catholic Church on October 9th. His motto reads **Cor ad cor loquitur** which translates: "Heart speaks unto heart." ✠ ✠ ✠

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”

Rev. Nathan Mamo, S.T.L., Sir Knight

Fr. Nathan Mamo, M.Div., S.T.L.: Young Nathan was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate in 1977 and to the Diocesan Priesthood in 1978 for the Diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii. He is the eldest of four children in an Air Force family, which required frequent moves and much travel. He attended Catholic schools from kindergarten to 6th Grades, and public schools (including Department of Defense schools in West Germany) from 7th to 12th grades. He entered St. Stephen's College Seminary in Hawaii in 1970 and matriculated at Chaminade College of Honolulu, majoring in Philosophy and minoring in Mathematics and Literature. He graduated cum laude in 1974. For Major Seminary (Professional priestly training) he studied at St. Patrick Seminary in the Archdiocese of San Francisco from where he received a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Degree. He pastored St. John Vianney Parish in Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii, from 1978 to 1991, after which he enrolled in graduate studies in Rome, Italy. He studied Italian in Florence Italy before studying biblical languages (Greek and Hebrew) at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. He also studied Theological German at Harvard Divinity School on his way to earn a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) Degree in New Testament Studies at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, CA. His research and dissertation topic were on St. Paul's method of conflict resolution in the early Corinthian Church. He served in Honolulu as a priest for 21 years all total, including four years as Rector of Our Lady of Peace Cathedral in Honolulu where the famous “Leper Priest,” Father Damien DeVeuster, was ordained in 1864.

From Hawaii, he moved to the Diocese of San Jose (Santa Clara County) in California where he served in St. Francis of Assisi Parish (East San Jose), St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish (Cupertino), and Ss. Simon & Jude Parish (Los Altos). In 2009 he relocated again to the Diocese of Reno where the then-bishop was a schoolmate from St. Patrick Seminary decades before. He ministered as the Associate Pastor at St. Gall Parish (Gardnerville) where he joined with a wonderful canine companion, Sophie, a Golden Retriever who had great ministerial skills. Finally, he was enthusiastically appointed to serve as Pastor and Director at Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center and Parish (OLWN Reno) in 2014. This campus ministry parish for Catholics and non-Catholics alike at the University of Nevada at Reno is a successful model of inclusiveness, welcome, intentional fellowship, and engaged Catholic theological tradition in addition to the truly traditional Catholic spiritualities. After 8 very successful and fruitful years, he will officially retire due to circumstances beyond his control on July 1, 2022.

Nathan sought out his Licentiate in Sacred Theology in New Testament Studies for the precise purposes of preaching ever-more effectively and in order to provide high quality Adult Religious Education in each of his subsequent parishes for the next twenty years. According to feedback, both endeavors have been very much appreciated. Nathan joined the Knights of Columbus in Hawaii while at St. John Vianney Parish and served as local council chaplain. He renewed his involvement

while at St. Gall Parish in Gardnerville, where the local council was very active and involved in parish life. The Knights were very encouraging to him in every way imaginable.

When he arrived at Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center, he discovered that there was in fact, NO Knights Council. So, with the enthusiastic encouragement of a few senior Knights, College Council #16207 was formed and chartered in May 2015. Of course members in a college council rotate out frequently at the end of their university studies.

But the young knights of Council 16207 have been consistently enthusiastic. They compliment the Newman Club as part of our official ASUN club (Association of Students at the University of Nevada) on campus.

It has been a genuine privilege to know and work with the very fine College Council #16207 for more than seven years along with the other Knights along the way. God bless everyone!

Fr. Nathan

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF

Join Us!



General Agent

Ed Slott, America's IRA Expert, presents Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape

Ed Slott, CPA is a nationally recognized speaker, television personality & best-selling author known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable and entertaining advice. Ed combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight to the latest tax and planning information.

You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2022. Register today to reserve your spot.

May 26: 9:00 PM EDT:
<https://tinyurl.com/SlottMay26>



June 23: 9:00 PM EDT:
<https://tinyurl.com/SlottJune23>



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You are invited to join the free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2022.

Register today to reserve your spot.

The next event will be held on June 23: 6:00 PM PDT.

After the webinar each council should immediately submit your Form 11077 to General Agent Kevin Tuuri for the credit (see attached pdf file). Kevin can be reached at Kevin.Tuuri@kofc.org

Remember you only need two Fraternal Benefit Nights to qualify for the Founder's Award.

Vivat Jesus!
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General Agent

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Assembly/Council Announcements

With the next Columbian Year approaching, please consider designating a Council Publicist. Someone who would take the time to talk about and publicize a council event, 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!

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg with Assembly #2739 Color Guard

Fr. Sauveur Dominic
Tambourin Assembly



Assembly #2739

Saint Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church
Sunday May 08, 2022



Sir Knight David Clarke, Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, District Deputy Peter Comerford, Sir Knight Ted Schmidt

Knights at the Aces 2022

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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775.246.1789 (I screen my calls, so please be sure to leave a message)

Ponderosa Council 4928 Activities

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

FOR ALL THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE DO



Grill Masters with QA Oversight



One or Two?

On May 26th, Ponderosa Council 4928 held its 3rd Sparks Police Dept. Appreciation Luncheon. Council members and family draped Department Training Room tables in blue and red and set up a makeshift serving line. “Blue plate specials” consisting of hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled outdoors on the front patio. Sides were purchased and/or prepared at home and set out with choices of condiments, beverages, and deserts. Volunteers manned the serving line during the 2½ hour “lunch hour.”



This is Better than Donuts

One of our member knights, Bro. Robin K. Pagni, a retired Assistant Chief of Police for the City of Sparks, coordinated the event with the city. He was also responsible for the procurement of food and supplies together with co-chair SK George Minter who also rallied membership support. Bro. Robin's son, Sgt. Nick Pagni, encouraged the Department's SWAT team-in-training to attend. One past SPD member, Rox, the police wonder dog, was noticeably absent. Possibly, the heavy turnout kept him away. Maybe he had a better offer elsewhere than Nathan "dogs."

Attendees arrived steadily in groups of five to ten as shifts changed. Over seventy-five (75) SPD attendees were treated to lunch. Volunteers were fed as well. All were offered a St. Michael the Archangel prayer card that was warmly received. St. Michael the Archangel is the patron saint of Law Enforcement. Many motor officers have or recalled the image of St. Michael on their cycles.

In addition, Ponderosa Council 4928 donated \$900 to the City of Sparks Victims Advocate Fund, \$400 of which, was donated by members supplemental to the \$500 donation approved by the Council. This fund provides emotional and practical support for victims of crime and their families.



Police Chief Chris Crawford
Accepting Victims Advocate Donation

Sixteen (16) knights, six (6) Ladies of the Knights, plus one (1) member candidate volunteered a total of 132 hours in service. In addition to Council and member donations, the cost of the SPD Appreciation Luncheon to the Council was \$413.05. To the men and women in blue, knowing that their community stands behind them and appreciates all that they do is priceless. The knights and ladies in Ponderosa green helped make this Community event a success.



It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Presentation of Life Award from State to Walk for Life Captains

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

COUNCIL 12877 LIFE WALK - 2022



Tom and Annie Ball received the life state award for being the bus captains for our participation in the Walk for Life to San Francisco.

The Council again this year sponsored a bus to the Walk for Life in San Francisco. A Charter One bus was hired to pick up participants at Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks at 6 am, January 22, bring them to San Francisco mid-morning at the Civic Center in San Francisco, pick them up again at the Embarcadero and return participants to Immaculate Conception by 8:30 pm. The group prayed the Rachel Rosary on the way to the Walk, and was presented with a video, October Baby on the return. Over 50 participants registered for the trip, and L9 others made donations to defray trip costs. Almost half of the participants were Spanish-Speaking. The Council was pleased to accommodate numerous participants from other churches including from Susanville and St. Robert Bellarmine of Fernley.

In preparation for the trip, the Council held our Novena for Life from January 13 through January 21. Each day the Novena was incorporated into daily 4 pm mass, followed by prayers, Rosary, a Litany devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament., excepting Saturday and Sunday, which featured Rosary and prayers only. Numerous participants in the Novena also participated as trip participants. Fr. Philip George participated / officiated in some way in all of these Life activities.

State Council Family of the Year Award Winner - 2022

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

THE HAVEY FAMILY



The Havey family has an extensive involvement in a variety of activities, programs and events of the parish, the Knight of Columbus, and our community at large. They, as a family, have been instrumental in revitalizing the parish confirmation program. Additionally, throughout the pandemic they have worked closely with the pastor to insure audio / visual presentation on YouTube and Facebook of the masses, festivities, and Holy Days. By doing this, the homebound parishioners were able to attend masses and special events online. The Haveys are life long educators instrumental in Parish CCD, Bible Study, and Sacramental Development. They have shared their talents and treasures to ensure the many programs activities and events are relevant and meaningful.

State Council Program Award Winner - 2022 OLLV Water Conservation Project

SK Joe M Suarez, Jr



Grand Knight
Council #9102

So proud of our Council and the work that we've been able to accomplish. Many thanks to the State for this honor and recognition.



The successful completion of the OLLV Water Conservation Project reduced the Parish and School water usage by 70%, an estimated 3.7 million gallons per year. The Parish and School also received a rebate from the Las Vegas Valley Water District in the amount of \$67,000.00. Our Council was able to develop a detailed project plan, and organize all necessary equipment & manpower, as well as sponsors (Raul Sanchez Nursery & Landscaping (manpower) & TV Transport (manpower + dumpsters + machinery).

The success of the project can be directly attributed to the tremendous amount of volunteers that we were able to obtain from not only Knight members, but Boy Scout Troop 99 and Parishioners. 275 tons of rock, 50 tons of 3 inch stone and 12 tons of boulders were used to complete the project.

Aside from the financial impact that the Parish and School received, Fr. Gerry and many Parishioners have praised the Knights for xeriscape landscaping design. The xeriscape landscape design was not only effective in reducing water consumption, but the finish product looked fantastic.

Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2022

LANE FAMILY



Bro. Mark Lane and Lady Judy are recognized as Ponderosa Council's May Family of the Month for their sustained volunteer support of the Sprouts Initiative, the Council's most successful Food for Families program. Generally, each Thursday for over two years, they have worked as a team utilizing Mark's pickup truck delivering surplus perishable food, fresh produce, and personal care items to where the need is greatest. That program continues to exceed all expectations in no small part due to Bro. Mark and Lady Judy putting their faith in action.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2022**SK CHARLES B. GOUCHER**

SK Charles B. Goucher is a born leader being a Ponderosa Council Past Grand Knight, a Council Trustee, and the current Faithful Navigator of Bishop Manogue Assembly 612. On Mother's Day weekend, he helped organize flower distribution teams at the masses to present to Holy Cross moms nearly 400 long-stemmed carnations. It was the first in-parish, Council-sponsored event allowed at Holy Cross in over two years.

Currently, he is promoting the Assembly's Wives Appreciation Dinner to be held on June 4th. One could safely say that he's a "ladies' man," one who recognizes the many contributions of member wives and their significant others in furthering our fraternal goals. For all that he does, SK Chuck is recognized as our Knight of the Month for May.



Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us