



SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

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

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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

First of all, I would like to thank our God, Almighty and to you all, for giving me a chance to serve again as your State Deputy for this upcoming Fraternal Year 2023-2024. The trust that you put in me is an honor and service to the order. I promise to continue working hard with resolute, integrity and patience.

Secondly, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who came and contributed to the success of the State Convention last May 5th-7th in Sparks/Reno. We had great success and none of that would materialize if not for the hardworking group of men and women of NV State Team and host council 12877 including ICC Parish of Fr. Philip George. The time and effort you brought in is amazing!

Of course, the highlight of the convention is our Seminarian Education Raffle Program, in which we achieved the highest record collection in the history of NV State. Thanks to the collective effort of the hardworking councils and organizers from the State Team! Special Thanks to GK Bill Stone and his Council 13842 for their overwhelming contribution. Thanks to other councils who participated as well! Of course, who will forget the support of the two Dioceses of Reno and Las Vegas. Fantastic!

Congratulations to those who won the State Awards! Thank you for all your hard work and determination.

To those returning and new State Officers, District Deputies, Chairs and Directors, Grand Knights and Council Officers, I am looking forward to working with you all again towards the success of Nevada State. Thank you team!

With one month to go, our focus now is to finish strong. To those who have achieved their Star Council and Star District requirements, Congratulations! To the rest, let's go back to the drawing board for the last time and examine the health status of our councils before the end of this Fraternal Year on June 30th.

Special thanks to RGD Ray Lopez for mentoring me. Good Luck on your new assignment and I hope you bring in warm clothes when you travel to South and North Dakota.

Once again, thank you everyone for this great Fraternal Year we have shared together. I am looking forward to the next one.

Thanks,

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Holy Father's

PRAYER INTENTIONS

June 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



State Secretary's Message

Worthy Brothers,

I would first like to thank you for the opportunity to service as the State Secretary for our next Columbian year. I appreciate your vote of confidence and support. I look forward to continued success in 2023 - 2024.

At the Past State Deputies Dinner during the 113th Annual Nevada State Convention, State Deputy Meynard Infantado presented plaques to the winners of the Faith in Action categories in addition to Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, Grand Knight of the Year, Ladies Auxiliary of the Year and Chaplain of the Year. Below are the winners with a brief description of their submissions.

FIA - Faith: St. Thomas More Council 17996 for their Lenten Retreat held on February 11, 2023, a program designed to give direction to council members and other men for a "good purpose driven Lenten season."

FIA - Family: St. Jude Council 9102 for providing approximately 10,000 lbs. of food each month in partnership with Three Square to more than 150 families in need who have students that attend schools designated as Title I.

FIA - Community: Ponderosa Council 4928 as lead council for the Reno Air Races fundraiser which staffed 230 work shifts covering event parking, cooler line deliveries, and ice sales over a 5-day period plus set up. The net proceeds were shared proportionally with other councils, parishes, and organization who contributed to the success of this major fundraiser.

FIA - Life: Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 for promoting the Walk for Life, West Coast, by sponsoring bus transportation to and from San Francisco, CA on January 21st. In addition, the council hosted a nine-day Novena for Life during the period leading up to this pro-life rally.

Knight of the Year: Deputy Grand Knight Richard A. Matoza of Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 for planning and organizing multiple Knights-sponsored events including the 113th Nevada State Convention, as well as, contributing to the success of several Immaculate Conception parish-sponsored events and programs.

Family of the Year: SK Cesar Calix-Pacheco and Lady Gracie Flores-Calix of Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 — Cesar for stepping up as our new State Hispanic Coordinator; both for being very supportive of parish youth group activities and volunteering as Eucharistic Ministers, parish ushers, and support of the Christmas season Lady of Guadalupe Novena.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Year: Christ the King Ladies Auxiliary 14144 for new member recruiting and initiating a highly successful Dinner Dance fundraiser, the proceeds, of which, provided financial support to both the parish and council. In addition, this Ladies Auxiliary donated a life-size marble statue of Mother Mary placed on the Christ the King parish campus.

Grand Knight of the Year: SK Brian Sondgeroth of Holy Spirit Council 14784 for consecutive years of achieving record membership recruiting and Star Council status, while implementing a member retention program second to none. His exemplary leadership skills are noted in the implementation of unique and highly successful fundraisers, parish and youth ministries support, and community and pro-life service initiatives.

Chaplain of the Year: The Rev. Edmond Nnadozie, M.S.P., pastor of St. Thomas More Catholic Community in Henderson, NV, for opening the parish to the Knights after a 25-year hiatus. His love and enthusiastic support of our fraternal organization have given birth to a vibrant and growing St. Thomas More Council 17996.

Vivat Jesus!

Al Cuccinelli
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Upcoming Nevada Events

- 06/09 Wine Tasting Fundraising Event
[Council #14784](#)
- 06/21 Serra International Seminarian BBQ
[Council #14588](#)
- 07/04 Knight at the Access Annual Event
- 10/14 Nevada State Council 1st Annual Bowling Tournament

June 2023 Readings

- 06/04/23
[The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity](#)
- 06/11/23
[Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ](#)
- 06/18/23
[Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- 06/25/23
[Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

Congratulations Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.

Pope Francis elevates Las Vegas to a Metropolitan Archdiocese

- *Vatican City, May 30, 2023 / 06:10 am*

Pope Francis created a new ecclesiastical province in the United States on Tuesday by elevating Las Vegas to a metropolitan archdiocese.

The Vatican announced on May 30 that Bishop George Leo Thomas will be the first metropolitan archbishop of Las Vegas. Thomas has served as the bishop of Las Vegas since 2018.



The new Ecclesiastical Province of Las Vegas will include the suffragan dioceses of Reno and Salt Lake City.

Las Vegas, which has had the notorious nickname “Sin City” since the 1930s, is one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S.

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas has a total population of 2.3 million people, of whom 620,000 are Catholics, according to the U.S. bishops’ conference.

In the Catholic Church, an ecclesiastical province is a territory consisting of at least one archdiocese and several smaller dioceses known as “suffragan sees.”

Formerly, the dioceses of Las Vegas, Reno, and Salt Lake City were all suffragan dioceses of the ecclesiastical province of the metropolitan Archdiocese of San Francisco. With the new changes, the ecclesiastical province of San Francisco still has 14 million people, 3.3 million of whom are Catholics.

The Diocese of Las Vegas was created in 1995 when Pope John Paul II divided the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas into the two separate dioceses of Reno and Las Vegas.

- Courtney Mares, Catholic News Agency

Bishop George Leo Thomas

Bishop Thomas, 73, is the third bishop of Las Vegas. He was consecrated as a bishop in 2000 and spent four years as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle before John Paul II appointed him bishop of Helena, where he ordained Father Stu Long to the priesthood.

Originally from Montana, Thomas wrote a doctoral dissertation on “Catholics and the Missions of the Pacific Northwest” while completing his Ph.D. at the University of Washington. He also received a master’s degree in counseling and community mental health after being ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Seattle in 1976.

The Catholic Church in the United States now has 35 metropolitan archdioceses, including two Eastern-rite metropolitan archeparchies.

State Membership Director's Message

Brothers,

Congratulations to all for a great fraternal year. As we enter the last month of this fraternal year, I want to thank you all for your hard work in growing the order this fraternal year. As I pointed out in the bulletin notice on May 30, 2023, we still have the opportunity for a number of councils to make star council. As leaders you each know what needs to be done to finish this year strong..

My focus for this article will be the future of your council. June is the month you elect your leaders for the 2023 – 2024 fraternal year. It is time for you, as the new leaders or returning leaders, to evaluate where your council is now and where you want it to be one year from now. Meet with your officers, directors and committee chairmen to plan your activities for the next year. Look at and evaluate what your council did this last year. What programs were successful and which ones needed to be evaluated and improved upon to make your council better and more successful? Which new programs do you want to add this year that will enhance your council's success?

A great source for information on programs is at www.kofc.org. For training go to www.kofc.org/trainng. Attend the webinars that Supreme offers to officers and members each year. Do not forget your state leaders, directors and committee chairmen as resources that are at your disposal to provide assistance and guidance on your programs and activities.

If your council is active in programs and activities, and you thank your parish by a short bulletin notice letting them know the amount that you raised and where it was donated, you will see your council grow membership as a result of those programs and activities.

God Bless

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- #611 Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lambe
- #612 Bishop Manogue
- #613 Fr. Caesar John Caviglia
- #614 Milo Taber
- #2164 Rev. Theodore Van Skee
- #2532 Fr. Joseph Bochenski
- #2561 Rev. Robert Votta
- #2739 Fr. Sauveur Dominic Tambourin
- #2776 Fr. Michael J. McGivney
- #2777 Our Lady of Sierra
- #2820 Fr. Joseph O'Callahan
- #3118 St. Andrews
- #3134 Our Lady of Tahoe
- #3375 Guardian Angel
- #3566 St. Pedro Calungsod
- #3643 St. Frances Garces
- #3684 Fr. Emile Caponne
- #3772 Fr. John Kenny

Message from the State Special Events Coordinator

Brother Knights,

We just had our Annual Convention in Sparks; I would like to Congratulate Council 12877 for their amazing work getting it all together.

We are in the process of planning The States First Annual Bowling Tournament. This will be open to all members, their families, and friends. We are Scheduled to bowl in the Pro Stadium at Southpoint on October 14th at 10am, check-in will begin at 9am. The Stadium is beautiful, has 60 lanes, we are trying to fill all of them. There will be drink and food available. You must have 4 on a team, with at least 3 presents, when you check in. Entry forms are available on the State site, or you can contact me, and I will get you one. Team entry is \$120.00. Your team receives 3 games per bowler plus shoes. We will have drawings for great prizes and a Souvenir Booklet. If your council, or business would like to receive a Sponsorship form please contact me and I will send you one. It will be a great day of Bowling, Fellowship, and Fun.

If your business would like to donate prizes for the drawings, please contact me as soon as possible, we are planning on bowler bag of goodies to give away, if your company would like something in the bag, we will need 240 or more of the items by September 30th. If You have questions, please contact me.

We are still looking for someone in the North Sparks, or Reno area that can help coordinate a house in the North to bowl in the same day. We would like to have a North vs South Tournament. Come join us for fellowship as we raise money for the ASAP Program, and the State.

The Mid-Year convention is being planned now and will be announced soon. So, wait for more information.

Plans are being made for State Events, if you need help with a Council Event please contact me, we are happy to assist.

Yours in the Brotherhood,

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Nevada District Master's Update



Brother Knights,

What an eventful month of May. To start, Mother's Day was a time to recognize our wives, daughters, and all those who take on the role as a mother. May also is the beginning of graduation month, I would like to congratulate all of those who have graduated. I attended my grandchildren's kindergarten graduation at Our Lady Las Vegas.

As for my health, I am happy to share that the cancer found on top of my head was successfully removed. My family and I appreciate your prayers. I truly believe the power of prayers is the key to my progression. I will continue to attend physical therapy for my stroke twice a week at DRIVEN NeuroRecovery Center. Although, I am still struggling with ongoing medical issues I'm looking forward to June as I have MRI/MRA scheduled for other concerns.

We welcomed Fr. Cam at a private lunch recently as he will transfer to his new home at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary on July 1st and also welcomed Sir Knight Michael Williams as he was ordained into priesthood in Reno. Congratulations to both.

Memorial weekend was busy and a great way to end the month as we remember those military members who gave their lives for our country. I managed to raise my US flags around my house in honor of our country and plan on keeping them through Independence Day. Which reminds me, everyone keep an eye out for more details to come about our Independence Parade. Our guys also delivered water to the US Vets Housing Facility on Freemont Street and the Women's Resource Center as part of the ASAP program. Our Color Corps attended a Memorial Day event in Henderson, it was nice to be a part of. I appreciate all of Color Corps who show up and represent us Knights of Columbus.

I will leave you with a few reminders and updates.

Reminders:

- Food distribution events - still going, we have two locations.
 - Findlay Middle School distribution is held every 2nd Saturday of the month at. The next one will be 6/10.
 - Dorris Reed Elementary, food distribution is held once a month on Thursdays or Fridays. Please add these to your calendar and share them with others. We recently had to cancel a distribution due to the lack of attendees, therefore I am asking that you please share this information with families, all are welcomed. Dates do change, please email me or check UKnight for dates.

Catholic Charities – I am looking for those who would be interested in feeding the homeless once a week at Catholic Charities. We need at least a group of 10, notify your councils and assemblies. Please email me directly if you have any questions or would like to participate.

July 4th Degree Exemplification on 7/15 with our Honoree being Al Cuccinelli – please encourage all of our Las Vegas Diocese 3rd Degrees to attend. Please send your Form 4s to Tom Edwards. We will be back at Saint Joseph's; it's been a long time since we held a degree there. Next one will be closer to home for me at Our Lady Las Vegas on 11/18 - save the dates.

I am so proud of everyone for picking up the slack while I have been out dealing with my medical issues.

A special thanks to Dave Ryan for doing an amazing job as Membership Director.

Thank you for your continued support everyone.

Vivat Jesus!

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Knights History

Late 19th Century Catholic Immigration Assimilation

The New York Times published a hostile article about St. Mary's in 1879 complaining about "How an Aristocratic Avenue was Blemished by a Roman Church Edifice." The article derided the church for its large debt and its community as a parish of "servant girls." Despite such attacks St. Mary's would become a key Catholic center.

The push for removing Catholicism from the public life affected the personal lives of many Catholic men, some of whom began losing interest both in attending Mass and joining religious associations. "It was not that the men were exactly neglected," wrote Father Joseph Gordian Daley in *Columbiad* in 1900, "but the task of inducing laymen in any considerable number to join an association which involved religious requirements seemed too great a problem for anyone up to that time to respond to. Father McGivney with sanguine faith made the attempt by bringing into being the Knights of Columbus.

Providing for one's family in life, sickness, or in the case of death; tempted men to join other associations like secret societies. With poverty only a breadwinner's death away, many Catholic men also began turning to these societies, which helped them meet their financial needs by advancing their careers through a fraternal network or providing some kind of life insurance options. Unfortunately, many of these groups were anti-Catholic; to such a degree that the Catholic Church prohibited membership in them.

But without assistance, Catholic families faced unappealing alternatives. Upon the death of a parent, children were often taken from their families and placed in secular orphanages, risking not only the breakup of families, but the loss of faith as well. At the time, the dean of the Yale Law School noted, "In chronic cases of absolute poverty or serious sickness, the woman and her family had to go into the almshouse (charitable housing) for needed care."

This was the landscape in which newly ordained Father Michael McGivney found himself. He was in a church that was singled out and publicly ridiculed for its poor immigrant parishioners; in a community where employers were known to force men out of their jobs because their faith; in a city in which a judge had, but a few decades earlier, prosecuted his childhood parish priest for administering list rites.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Remember:

The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, that we carry on the work he began 141 years ago, when he gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

Continue:

Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's "Blessed" status!

Pray that Pope Francis I will be the one to Canonize our Blessed Michael McGivney!

Visit the website:



Father McGivney was greatly concerned about Catholic men joining these secret fraternal societies, but he also realized their motivation for doing so. He understood that these men needed to protect the financial future of their families, as well as enjoy the bonds of fellowship with their peers. Through the death of his own father, McGivney knew all too well the burdens a family faced when the breadwinner became ill or died. Against this backdrop, he gave Catholic men an alternative to anti-Catholic societies that would not violate their consciences, would help keep Catholic families together when a breadwinner died, and would make the case that Catholics could be patriotic citizens, entitled to the same rights as every American.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

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State Program Director's Message

TIDBITS AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - On April 5, 2023, we received a letter of appreciation from Worthy Bro. Tyler Lominitzer, Director of Programs and Member Engagement, saying in part that our Supreme Council has awarded \$180,000 to Special Olympics organization in North American jurisdictions. Our State Council has received a check for \$2,025 to present to the Chairman of the Special Olympics in our Area. This amount represents the portion of our participation in the Special Olympics as reported by Councils through the online Fraternal Programs Report Form #10784 for the 2022 calendar year.

I urge you to continue reporting the efforts you are doing to support the Special Olympics. Remember the Tootsie Roll Drive money raised through this effort goes toward supporting the Special Olympics.



Special Olympics Nevada to host '2023 Las Vegas Plunge' at Cowabunga Bay.

ASAP (After Support for Pregnancy) - We must continue our efforts of promoting life as an alternative to abortion. This issue is a long ways from being resolved. What is staring us in the face is that sad reality that if we continue on this path and let this kind of thinking to prevail, we are putting the fate of our civilization and future of our generation in great danger. It is happening to China now because of their one child per family law. Let us continue to stay vigilant and strengthen our resolve to protect life. I am also asking our Councils to dedicate one of their pancake breakfast proceeds toward After Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) who need our help and continued support.



ASSISTED SUICIDE - Brothers....please open up the letter from the Bishop concerning legalizing assisted suicide, Senate Bill 239. Please go NEVADACATHOLIC.ORG for instructions on how to contact your Nevada Legislators ASAP Northern Nevada Right to Life Rep John E. DeBord. Legalizing this will mean the proliferation of death clinics all around the State of Nevada which will attract people from other States and other countries where this is illegal to come to Nevada to commit suicide. Much like what happened when we legalize marijuana. We should not commercialize DEATH.

“God cares about those who cry out for death and wish to end their suffering. God gives purpose in life even to the end. Only God knows what is best, and His timing, even in the matter of one’s death, is perfect. We should never seek to prematurely end a life, but neither must we go to extraordinary means to preserve a life.”

SEMINARIAN RAFFLE TICKETS - Another blockbuster year for our Councils raising \$73,000 to support our Seminarians. Bishop Leo Thomas will be very happy. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our Council Grand Knights and Program Directors for a job well done. It just goes to show the world what we can accomplish when we work together as one.



YOUR SUCCESS depends on the degree of COMMITMENT and SACRIFICE you and your volunteers are willing to make. Through commitment, you can gain motivation to pursue success. To begin the process of setting a goal, make a list that includes: your goal, your level of commitment to the goal and what you're willing to do to achieve that goal.

FORMULA TO SUCCESS & DRIVERS OF GROWTH:

- 1) MAKE THE 1ST STEP. PICK one of Supreme’s recommended programs.
- 2) ENGAGE. Pick a Theme that has the biggest support. Organize.
- 3) GET Specific COMMITMENT.
- 4) MAKE IT FUN. Continue Building Momentum and making positive results.
- 5) REWARD. Celebrate success.

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Knight in the Light

Sir Knight Dennis Murtaugh, PGK, PFN, District Deputy No. 13

I am Dennis Murtaugh. I am currently the District Deputy for the State of Nevada. Born on the South side of Chicago on March 29th, 1946. I was the oldest of three children. My two younger siblings were girls, Sharon, and Marcia. Mine was a Military Family where my grandfather, my father, and my mother were in the Marine Corps. I have been bred to love, honor, and obey my Country, my Family, and my Church. I lived with my parents and two sisters for the first 17 years of my life. For several of those beginning years my Grandparents lived around the corner from Al Capones Grandmother. My family then moved to Cherry Point Marine Base in North Carolina. We lived there for about 4 years.

In 1952 we moved to Santa Ana, California. At that time my father was transferred to El Toro Marine Base in Santa Ana California. At this time, I attended St. Annes Catholic School and Church. This is where the seeds of Faith Family and Country began to take root, from 1953 to 1960. I was an Alter Boy from 1955 to 1965 and worked to keep my feelings for the Lord and my Country uppermost in my heart.

After High School I enlisted in the Marine Corps. Boot Camp began in 1965 in San Diego California. After boot camp I was deployed to Viet Nam and in 1966 I was severely wounded in country. I then spent the next 17 months in the Navy Hospital in San Diego. In 1967 I was Medically Retired from the Marine Corps.

Having been in the Hospital for 17 months, I became very interested in the medical field. It was then that I got a job driving Ambulances. I needed steady employment, so I began looking and was hired by an Ambulance Company in Orange County where I drove for the next 17 years.

Needing a more permanent job with health benefits and retirement. I went to work for Anaheim City School District. In the meantime, I was trained to be a baseball umpire. I umpired Little League and High School baseball. I then built my own umpiring business. In 1986 I met and married my wife, Deborah. In 2004 we moved to Las Vegas where we continue to live. We have attended 2 parishes St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and then St. Anthony of Padua.

One weekend as we were leaving Church, I was approached and asked to join the Knights. With encouragement from my wife, I attended an informational meeting. I was interviewed and accepted into the Council.

In April 20, 2010 I made my 1st Degree and joined Mother Seton Council 11029. On September 25, 2010 I made my 2nd and 3rd Degrees. I then became Grand Knight of Council 11029. I held this position for 2 years. During this time Council 11029 was the largest Council in the state.

On April 9, 2011, I was Exemplified in the 4th degree. I then joined Assembly 2828. I then became Assistant Color Corps Commander, then outside guard, Pilot, Captain, and Faithful Navigator. I was then appointed District Deputy. I have had many different Districts during that time. In 2022 State Deputy Joe Huan assigned me to be District Deputy in charge of starting new councils and reactivating old councils in the State. I now plan on helping the State Officers continue to develop councils within the State.

Vivat Jesus

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

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Class of 2023

For decades, Ponderosa Council 4928 has provided financial assistance to Bishop Manogue Catholic High School students and college scholarships to graduating high school seniors.



Per our Standing Rules, students who are members of Holy Cross Catholic Community or who are the sons and/or daughters of Council members who are parishioners in other local area Catholic parishes, are eligible for awards. This class year, our Council awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to graduating high school student Hayley Higley who ranked 2nd out of a Class of 465 at Spanish Springs HS. In addition, \$1,500 in the form of financial assistance was awarded to Emmanuel Cruz-Calderon who is currently completing the 9th Grade and achieving scholastic excellence at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. We wish them both the best in going forth with their academic studies.

- George A. Minter, GK

Polar Plunge Special Olympics Northern Nevada

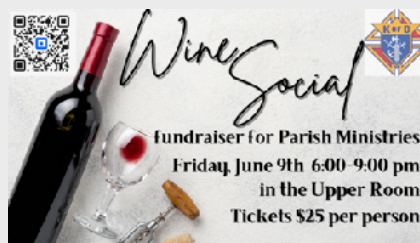
On a beautiful Saturday, May 13 Grand Knight/newly elected State Warden Leo Carew III, Deputy Grand Knight, Ritchie Matoza, and state advocate John Long participated at the northern Nevada Special Olympics polar plunge in beautiful Lake Tahoe.



Leo actually took the plunge this year into the lake. He was quoted as saying “is this was an initiation test into state office”?

- Leo Carew III, GK, SWE

Council 14784 Wine Tasting Fundraising Event



Assisted Suicide Goes to Governor

Today, SB239, Assisted Suicide, left the Nevada Legislature. Within the next few days, this deadly bill will reach Governor Joe Lombardo’s desk for signature or veto. The only way to stop this from going into law, is to ask the Governor for a veto. Please go to <https://gov.nv.gov/Forms/Share/> and ask the Governor to VETO SB239.



Share your thoughts with the Governor.

If you would like to donate to our lobbying efforts, please use the donation button below or send a check to Nevada Right to Life, PO Box 18924, Reno, NV 89511. Thank you for your continued support.

Nevada Right to Life - **Donate**

- Deacon Rick Minch, GK

Family of the Month

Bro. David Jenkins and Lady Theresa are relatively new to the Council, but both have shown they put their faith in action, and both have shown they can make an impact. Dave is a retired police officer who became a Council knight less than a year ago. Theresa is a frequent Eucharistic Minister, Lector, parish bulletin contributor, and parish fundraising program volunteer at Holy Cross Catholic Community.



This month the Council recognizes the Jenkins for their hands on support of the annual Sparks Police Department Appreciation Luncheon. We are sure that their participation and enthusiasm was not lost among the honored men and women in blue on that day in May.

- George Minter, GK

Knight of the Month

This month, our Council honors Bro. Bryan Recla as our May Council Knight of the Month. We do so to record for the record, his skill in recording in a timely manner, quality meeting minutes as our two-term Recorder.



In addition, we recognize Bryan for his varied and generous program support of Council service initiatives. For example, in February, he covered 9 of the 12 masses, and in April, 6 of the 10 masses, passing out raffle/recruiting flyers at each Holy Cross Catholic Community mass. That takes real commitment! For the record, Bro. Bryan is a knight who puts his faith in action.

- George Minter, GK

Serra International Seminarian BBQ



Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mass: 5PM

BBQ Immediately Following

- ◆ *Delicious Food*
- ◆ *Fellowship*
- ◆ *Meet the Seminarrians*

RSVP



St. Therese of the Little Flower

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- Leo Carew III, GK, SWE

**Diocese of Reno
Seminarians**

Sean Scherschel
Theology I
St. John's Seminary

Anthony Rico
Mount Angel Seminary

Rene Rodriguez
Theology III
St. John's Seminary

**Diocese of Las Vegas
Seminarians**

Juanpablo Macias
Theology I
Mount Angel Seminary

Robert Martinez
2nd Year Pre-Theology
Mount Angel Seminary

Simon Tran
2nd Year Theology
Saint John's Seminary

Deacon Joseph "AJ" Sales
4th Year Theology
Mundelein Seminary

Deacon Jacob Knee
Campus Ministry and Teacher
Bishop Gorman High School

German-Andrés Ramirez
1st Year Theology
Saint John's Seminary

Sean-Matthew Flores
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Mount Angel Seminary

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