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# THE SILVER KNIGHT

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

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## A Message from the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

### My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Greetings in this season of Spring!

The season beckons beginnings, a dawn of a new day, a Renaissance, a rebirth. "Hope springs eternal in the human heart!"

As long as we keep on believing, we focus on God's ways that our faith teaches us. As Brother Knights whenever we say " Vivat Jesus! " it denotes,"Jesus Lives!" in Latin. A greeting that strengthens our faith in the Order.

Congratulations to our newly elected Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly who has become the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, effective March 1st! We are truly blessed to have him assume the leadership. His knowledge, expertise and devotion to the Order will make him exceedingly well-suited to continue our mission in these challenging times.

With optimism to pursue our goals - a new Leader to guide the Order, for the betterment of the fundamental characteristics of our principles - to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Upcoming Events this March 2021:

- March 08- Second Monday of the month- SD Meeting with State Officers (6 pm)
- March 14- Daylight Savings Time Begins (clock set one hour in advance/spring forward at 2 am)
- March 17- St. Patrick's Day
- March 19-Solemnity- St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
- March 20- First day of Spring
- March 25- Solemnity- Annunciation
- March 27- Passover (begins at sundown)
- March 28- Palm Sunday
- March 29- SD Monthly Meeting with District Deputies

Always remember that we are the Knights of Fraternity- brother Knights helping brother Knights, and their families living in this commitment to do the great works of charity, our strength to move ourselves with the growth of the Order.

As the weeks of Lent progress, let us do our share of good works and penance with the enthusiasm of our respective ministries on our way to the Easter season.

May this observance of Lent and of penance be a step closer to God by making it a fulfilling journey as Catholics.

Thank you for all your good works and commitment to the Order!

**Vivat Jesus!**

PS.

**111th Nevada State Convention (May 14/15/16)** at Harveys Lake Tahoe- Invites are being send out as of this writing and will be available on the Nevada State Council UKnight Website.

**Worthy District Deputies/Grand Knights,**

Please remember to use the forms and submit your nominations for the following award categories for the following (on or before April 15,2021) to recognize the deserving Council/Brother Knight/member for their valuable input to the order.

- Family of the Year
- Chaplain of the Year
- Grand Knight of the Year
- District Deputy of the Year
- Ladies Auxiliary of the Year
- Knight of the Year

Take note that they have to be nominated to be qualified and selected based on the criteria put in place.

## Leadership Positions

## Nevada State Officers 2020 - 2021

State Deputy	Toni F. Pascua
State Chaplain	Rev. Manny Ramirez Guico
State Secretary	Joe Haun
State Treasurer	Meynard Infantado
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Tom Villardi
Associate State Chaplain	Rev. Gerald R. Grupczynski, SChr.
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas Thorn
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	Herbert Melendez (4928)
District 3	Councils 4828, 6688, 13897, 13924	Steve Schiwart (4928)
District 4	Councils 4781, 12845, 13842, 13944	Michael Houdyshell (12845)
District 5	Councils 2380, 2511, 2666, 11512	<i>To Be Announced</i>
District 6	Councils 5448, 9437, 9899, 13691	Luis Herrera (9437)
District 7	Councils 1340, 11179, 13754	Charles Reifsnyder (1340)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 13392	Gerry Rockwell (13392)
District 9	Councils 10442, 10780, 14144, 14784	Raymond Foster (10442)
District 10	Councils 3741, 13456, 14820, 15061	Matthew Garnes (13456)
District 11	Councils 7708, 8078, 8282, 12690	Richard Menard (8282)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Dennis Murtaugh (14544)

## Other Nevada State Officers 2020 - 2021

State Program Director	George Minter
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Ray Pelletier
Webmaster & Communications Director	<i>To Be Announced</i>
Special Assistance / Sick and Bereavement Chairman	Roger Watson
State Training Coordinator	Ed Verceles
State College Council Coordinator	Don Cortez
State Young Adult Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Budget Committee Chairman	ST Meynard Infantado
State Disaster Committee Chairman	Jesse Chmielewski
State Public Relations Chairman	Bob Cameron
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	Catalino Cabe
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	PSD David Ryan
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. Reifsnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair
State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	IPSD Thomas Thorn
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr
Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Mark B. Foxwell
Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair (Las Vegas)	<i>Vacant</i>

## State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Al Pena
State Marian Hour Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
State Athletic Events Committee Chairman	Daniel Barry
Las Vegas Catholic Citizens Essay/Poster Contest Committee Chairman	Jim Shurtliff
Youth Director	Michael Caudell
State Squires Committee Chairman	George A. Minter
Soccer and Free Throw Chairman	Robert Hartman
Keep Christ in Christmas Program Chair	Digna Pena

## State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Community Program Director	Raymond Brewer
State 365 Club Committee Chairman	PSD Ray Gardea
State Convention Committee Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	Joe Williams
Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Robert Hartman
Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Pete Comerford
State Recognition Committee Chairman	Daniel Mathews
State Audit Committee Chairman	IPSD 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 (North) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman	Steven P. Schiwart
State (South) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnyder
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Michael Gagnon
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell
State Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee Chairman	John Suchewski
State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	John Suchewski

## State Membership Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Rev. Manny Ramirez Guico
Online Membership Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Phil Holquin
State Recruitment Committee Chairman	Ray Troik
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis Murtaugh
State Council Reactivation Chairman	Tom Howerter
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	PSD David Strait
State Council Retention Chairman	Joe Williams
State Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
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

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## A Message from the Supreme Knight

SK Carl A. Anderson

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February 28, 2021



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Supreme Knight

Dear Brother Knights:

As I conclude my service to the Order as Supreme Knight today, I wanted to write to share a few final thoughts with you.

It has been the greatest privilege of my life to lead the Knights of Columbus for the past 20 years. Together, we have brought the Order's activity to new heights of charity, in service to our communities and parishes. Together, we have made a difference in the lives of millions of Catholic men and provided financial security to their families. Together, we have brought Father McGivney's dream to new lands and seen our Founder's cause advance to his beatification. Together, we have faced challenges head on and prepared the Order for the future.

I will always be grateful for the many opportunities to visit with brother Knights around the world — from Mexico City to Manila, from Québec to Kraków, from the Laguna Pueblo to León, from Sandy Hook to Seoul, and countless places in between. Time and again, I have seen firsthand the incredible difference Knights make — when disaster strikes; when a worried young mother is in need of support; when a man is striving to grow in faith with his family; when the wounds of war need grace to heal; when a parish priest asks for help; when a child goes hungry or needs a wheelchair or a warm winter coat; when Christians in the Middle East are at risk of extinction. I am a witness to what has often been said: "Where there's a need, there's a Knight."

To all the Supreme Officers, Supreme Directors, State Deputies, Agents and Supreme Council colleagues that I have worked with on a daily basis: I will always be grateful for your commitment and professionalism. I also owe a special debt to my brother Knights in the District of Columbia, my home jurisdiction, for their tremendous support and sterling example of unity and fraternity. And I am grateful to you, and to every one of the 2 million men I am proud to call a brother Knight.

I welcome with great enthusiasm my successor, Patrick Kelly, who tomorrow will take office as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight. He has the skills, dedication and vision needed to lead the Knights of Columbus into the future. Patrick Kelly will be a Worthy Supreme Knight.

Two decades ago, as a new Supreme Knight, I predicted that "the best is yet to come." As I look back on the past 20 years, and the achievements made possible by contributions of so many Knights, I know I was not mistaken. Today, with equal confidence, I believe we can still say that for the Knights of Columbus — the best is yet to come!

Fraternally,

## State Officers Announcements

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## State Deputy February 2021 Highlights

SK Toni Pascua

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State Deputy

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### **2021 Retreat and Planning Meeting at Lake Las Vegas**

State Officers Retreat and Planning Meeting with spouses and State Convention Committee Chairs and Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez (left)



### **Retreat with State Chaplain Father Manny Guico**

Photo shows ((right to left) Toni Pascua-SD, Ray Lopez- Regional Growth Director, Tom Villardi- State Warden, Father Manny – State Chaplain, Al Cuccinelli-State Executive Secretary, Meynard Infantado-State Treasurer, Joe Haun-State Secretary and John Long-State Advocate (virtually).



**\$600 Donation to Law Enforcement Torch Run**

Allyce Pierson (second from left), Director of Development and LETR of Special Olympics Nevada receiving the \$600.00 check donation from K of C Nevada State Council for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Also in photo Sir Knight Rick Sherman III, District Master (left) and Meynard Infantado, State Treasurer.

**Christ the King Council 14144 Fish Fry**



**Christ the King Council 14144, Las Vegas Fish Fry**

Officers and members Christ the King Council 14144 and Ladies Auxiliary prepared and served Fish Fry to The Christ the King Community Church Parishioners. Photo shows State Chaplain Father Manny (3rd from left), Joe Haun, State Secretary (4th from right) and SD Toni Pascua (5th from right).

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## State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico

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Nevada State Chaplain

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My Dear Brother Knights:

As of March 1st, 2021, we have a new Supreme Knight - Patrick Kelly. He will be taking the leadership of running the Knights of Columbus (worldwide Catholic organization), guiding & nurturing its growth from retired Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Let's manifest our continued support for the growth & success of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Nevada.

During this Season of Lent, let's continue to spread our presence not only during our weekly "Fish Fry" Friday but also show up during our Church's religious activities, i.e. weekday Masses, Stations of the Cross, welcome RCIA members going through their final reception into the Catholic Church, serving as ushers and welcoming back parishioners after one year of lockdowns & quarantines due to this pandemic.

After 40 days, we celebrate Passion (Palm) Sunday on March 28th and begin Holy Week. I strongly encourage all of us to celebrate the "Paschal Triduum" - starts with Holy Thursday service on April 1st, Good Friday service on April 2nd & Easter Vigil (a very long service) on April 3rd. Let's attempt to complete these three days by not only our attendance but also our participation. The highlight of all these will be Easter Sunday on April 4th.

Finally let us not forget to celebrate the Feasts of two great Saints: on March 17th - Saint Patrick, Patron of Ireland and on March 19th - Saint Joseph, husband of Mary & foster father of Jesus

Vivat Jesus!

Father Manny R. Guico  
Nevada State Chaplain

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## 2021 Annual Meeting Memorial Mass Necrology Booklet

SK Al Cuccinelli

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Executive Secretary

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Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,

Our Annual Memorial Mass will be held at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 in remembrance of our Brother Knights who passed on to Eternity after April 1st, 2020.

Please provide the names of deceased members of your Council (including any offices held) beginning April 1st, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

If a brother Knight was not included in last year's Necrology Booklet or in past years, please include his name (including any offices held) and date of passing for recognition this year.

In order to have the Necrology Booklet prepared in time for the Annual Meeting, please submit your names by email to: [acuccinelli@me.com](mailto:acuccinelli@me.com) or mail to my address at: 2116 Plaza Del Fuentes, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

The deadline to submit your Necrology list is April 15th, 2021.

I appreciate your assistance!

Fraternally,



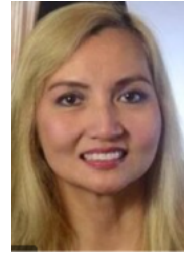
## State Directors/Chairs Announcements

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## 111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention Update

Lady Ditas Pascua

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2021 Nevada State Council  
Convention Chairperson

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### The Making of The 111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention

Warmest Greetings to all Brother Knights and Families!

It is indeed an honor to have been appointed to head the 111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention with our Convention Committee Team that we formed, in synergy with the State Officers and some Directors held recently, at the Hilton in Lake Las Vegas.

Our State Convention will be at the scenic Lake Tahoe.  
Official hotel site: Harveys Hotel Lake Tahoe, NV  
May 14,15 and 16,2021

This will be a fast process and on full blast action putting plans together progressing as the date gets nearer our event; something that we all look forward to after almost a year of the closures and lock down restrictions.

We welcome more suggestions if any. Our event will be centered with family participation (recollection, prayer, mass) , fellowship oriented with more hospitality and socials.

Are you ready to party? Yes!

Save The Dates are Out. Check.

Invites will be out or would've been distributed as of this writing. Check.

Room Reservations link send out. Check.

The power theme/concept of our State Convention exemplifies the quest for answers in this pandemic trending with the Knights' principles of Brotherhood. "Finding Christ in Charity, Unity and Fraternity."

The color scheme will be dark sea blue, yellow, red and white.

Our theme song to fit the Convention is: "I Still Haven't Found What Am Looking For" by U2

During the Knights' Convention , we are planning for the Ladies and families to have a fun activity on Saturday after breakfast (to be announced).

There will be a Souvenir Sponsorship Booklet fundraiser (half the proceeds go to Bahay Pari (chosen beneficiary of our WSC Fr. Manny) and the other half will help defray Convention giveaways and other costs.

We will also have :

- Convention giveaways (for the Delegates and Alternates)
- Hospitality Suites for Fellowship/Socials- in between sessions and activities
- Gala Night Dinner- Formal Event - a program of events, awards and recognitions, and a DJ/ MC with complete sound and lights system. Open Dance Floor (dancing shoes not provided)!

All these and more, so please take a moment to save the dates, reserve your accommodation, plan your trip, get there safe, be ready to celebrate with us and have some fun!

Hope to see you there!

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## Convention Hotel Booking Link

### Harveys Lake Tahoe Room Reservations Link

Please follow these instructions for weblink reservations:

- Click on the link to take you to the booking page  
<https://www.caesars.com/book/?propCode=HLT&action=FindRooms&groupcode=S05NSK1>
- To book more than one night, click on the EDIT Button at the top of the page.
- Click on the Check In – Check Out Box which will take you to a calendar
- Holding down on the shift key – click on the arrival, then the departure date
- Click on Update
- Scroll down and book preferred room type by clicking on the Book Now box.

**\*\*Please note:**

- We recommend using Google Chrome or Firefox
- We recommend not completing the transaction on a cell phone but on a computer



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## A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family  
Program Director

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### America's Long Road to Catholicism

In 322 BC a famous philosopher named Aristotle presented his theory about the structure of the Universe and expressed his belief that the Earth was round. His ideas were widely accepted by the Greeks of his time. His belief, coupled with the growing sense of adventure, human curiosity and the prospect of finding untold riches in the unexplored territories were too much of a temptation to pass-up and started a euphoric enthrall that resonated throughout Europe. So, 500 years before the birth of Christopher Columbus, the first voyage of a European in recorded history was achieved by Lief Ericsson, a Viking who landed in Newfoundland, Canada and was said to be the first to discover the new world. This was followed by a number of Portuguese navigators like Ferdinand Magellan who discovered the Philippines and Italian like Christopher Columbus who discovered a short-route to the Americas, Vasco de Gama, a Portuguese explorer who was the 1st to reach India by way of the Cape of Good Hope and the Indian Ocean.

Christopher Columbus went to Spain then ruled by King Ferdinand of Aragon and Queen Isabella of Castille also known as "**The Catholic Queen**". The two monarchs ruled Spain with equal power and was successful in uniting Spain. Spain's reunification happened after Sultan Boadbil lost the battle with Spain and was forced to surrender Granada representing the last remaining stronghold of the Moors to the Spanish forces on January 2, 1492 thus ending centuries old war between Spain and the Moors known as the "Reconquesta," or the Reconquest of Christian territories occupied by the Moors. When life in Spain returned to normal both King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella sent out a decree **expelling Jews and Muslims** from the Iberian peninsula **unless they convert to Catholicism within 6 months** or leave Spain. Many converted and those that did not, took their minimum personal belongings with them and left the country via Morocco into Africa. In the meantime, Christopher Columbus who has been looking for a sponsor to finance his trip to explore other Countries was able to convince King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to sponsor and finance his trip to the new world.



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The purpose of his trip was to find gold , spices, slaves ,colonize islands and to spread **Christianity**. Christopher Columbus departed from Spain on its 1st voyage on the evening of August 3,1492 with 3 ships. The longest one was the Santa Maria that belong to Juan de la Cosa and was Captained by Christopher Columbus. At first, the ships sailed to the Canary Islands which at that time was owned by Castille. Advanced wind forced the fleet to an Island now known as the Bahamas which he named San Salvador and then to (Haiti) with its Tiano inhabitants. On December 6, he renamed it La Isla Hispaniola. After securing their freedom, Columbus sailed on stormbound ocean and his damaged ships limped to the port of Lisbon. He returned to Spain bringing gold, spices and Indigenous slaves and was given the Highest Honor of the Spanish Court in March, 1492 and the right to a Coat of Arms and the book of privileges which is a collection of agreements between Columbus and the Crown of Spain prepared in Seville in 1502 before his 4th and final voyage to the Americas.

**Christopher Columbus voyages to the Americas exemplifies men’s indefatigable spirit and insatiable zest for adventure.** Columbus was moved by his determination to find a sorter route to the Americas . Guiding three ships whose sea worthiness is highly in doubt, he pitted his small fleet and their antiquated navigational equipment, against the challenges of the vast and unpredictable currents of the Atlantic Ocean. They boldly took the risk with no guarantee of ever returning. **They were in essence ocean voyagers and pioneers.** They are worthy to be compared to our first astronauts (Neil Armstrong) who landed in the moon. We called them heroes and why not Columbus and his crews? Columbus succeeded and found new routes that bridge the gap between North and South America to Europe and started transatlantic colonization, trade and commerce. **Christopher Columbus also brought Catholicism to North and South America.**

**Fr. McGivney understood that using Columbus as their order’s namesake asserted an important fact:** that not only was there a place for Catholics and immigrants within American society but that Columbus had already opened up the road that created this young free world around them. He paved the way for Catholics to find a place in American society and Fr. McGivney by naming his order **“Son of Columbus”** recognized that great achievement. He not only **prescribed a bold vision to represent the voice of Catholics for generations to come but also opened the door for the creation of a diverse religious society that we have today.** The Original name of the order “Son of Columbus” was subsequently replaced by its present name **“Knights of Columbus.”**

Thanks to this bold vision of Fr. Micheal J. McGivney and the efforts of Christopher Columbus there are now 70 million Catholics living in the United States based on the Catholic Register of 2017. There are 483 million Catholics in Latin America. This is a great tribute to that bold vision because the original settlers who came to America aboard the **Mayflower** in search of religious freedom were the English Pilgrims in 1620. The Puritans soon followed, and then the Methodist and the Baptist religions. The voyages of Christopher Columbus was undoubtedly the key to the opening of the doors of the Americas to European settlers in search of a better life, religious freedom and the start of religious diversity in America.

There is some stunning comparison between Columbus mission and Fr. Michael J. McGivney's bold vision such as:

- 1) One of Columbus mission in discovering the route to the Americas was to introduce and spread Catholicism. He and Queen Isabella shared that same passion.
- 2) Columbus braved the challenge of the unknown and successfully found the route he was looking for. His success changed the social and environmental dynamics in the lives of the indigenous people populating the places he colonized forever. Fr. McGivney on the other hand saw the opportunity for Catholicism to flourish in the New world and for religious Freedom to prevail.
- 3) Columbus was a pioneer who opened the door to the Americas. Fr. McGivney was also a pioneer in establishing the mission of the Order he founded which is rendering support for the needy and the outcast, creating an order that will unify Catholic men in a spirit of brotherhood and fraternity while performing their patriotic duties.
- 4) Columbus as the Ship Captain and leader cared about the safety and well being of his crew members. Fr. McGivney defined as one of his purpose to protect the well being of widows and orphans when members of the Knights of Columbus dies living them to fend for themselves and without any means of support.
- 5) Much of what Columbus accomplished is to give people from Europe an opportunity to find a home where they can establish their own government of the people, by the people and for the people under a regime of justice, liberty and democracy. Fr. McGivney established an Organization embodying his ideals of promoting Charity, Unity and Fraternity among Catholic men.
- 6) **Columbus set the standard of the Cross and claimed the 1st island he set foot on in the Caribbean in the name of Jesus Christ. He called it San Salvador (Holy Savior) Fr. McGivney started A fraternal organization of Catholic men and called it Sons of Columbus later changed to Knights of Columbus.**

**Neil Armstrong's statement when he landed the moon " One small step for man but one giant leap for mankind".**

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## A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF

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General Agent

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This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many I think, thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you. When it began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually. It's less stress for you to simply sit down in front of your computer, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. For service issues I can meet much more quickly and have all the forms I might need to help you right at my fingertips...No more running out to the car to get a form only to find out my paper file is depleted.

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually. [New York agents may delete this sentence.]

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—I know I had a “stay-cation” with my family. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, my members, and your families.

I pray you will be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!



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## A Message from the State Recruitment Chairman

SK Raymond Troik

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State Recruitment Chairman

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### MARCH MADNESS MEMBERSHIP

Gentlemen, would you believe IT'S ALREADY **MARCH**. We're already in the 2nd week of Lent and moving on with Drive Thru Fish Fries and expanded Mass attendance and Stations of the Cross. Wow, that's a lot to accomplish. Time to show our colors to our parishioners.

SHORT AND SWEET. GET YOUR SHOTS. We can recruit anywhere. I spoke the other day with a gentleman at a wine club. Good Catholic but dropped his attendance when he moved to Nevada. We talked awhile and I THINK I convinced him to check in with his local council; get ready St. Viator Council. I hope he'll be calling. Some men were inducted as knights and do to a myriad of reasons they sort of quit. All they need is for someone to broach the subject; put a bug in their ear. I know I'm starting to sound old; I am! So, March Membership! Why don't we print up an excellent page and put it into our Fish Fry bags? What to put on the page? Something Simple. "This FIRST FRY is sponsored by Your Local Council \_\_\_\_\_ of the Knights of Columbus. Would you like to HELP US? Have you been a Knight; would you like to BE A KNIGHT? You can join ONLINE at K of C.org. Or you can Contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_." Short and Sweet. It can't hurt! Wear anything K of C. Put your K of C banner out; cars will know where to pick up their fish. ADVERTISE!

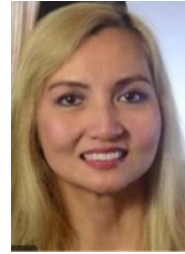
We are preparing for Holy Week. A sacred week of the year. A week where we want to worship in prayer. Let's be visible at all services: Badge, Hat, Shirt and Mask! We don't have to SAY ANYTHING. Just have to be VISIBLE! Jesus was visible to save us. We can be visible to ADVERTISE FOR JESUS! Let's DO IT!

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## A Message from the State Convention Chairperson

Lady Ditas Pascua

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2021 Nevada State Council  
Convention Chairperson

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### Doing a Membership Drive Without Leaving the Couch

God really works in mysterious ways!

I discovered it when I saw my husband thinking like Plato on how to maintain the Jurisdiction to the top.

Am not a mind reader but the feeling of helplessness was not an option so I prayed hard what to do - in the midst of all these challenges. Help me help you leave no brother behind....

At this point there is no dreaming of seeing a unicorn leaping through a double rainbow.

*"God will direct you, you will be able to endure."* — Exodus 18:23

The Good News: None of us are traveling on the road to righteousness alone. God shapes our paths so that we are able to get through any challenges that may lie ahead.

How many of you were athletes, aside from getting your education- what sport field of discipline? Show of hands please this is an ice breaker. So here it goes- the wisdom that God was guiding me all the step of the way, I took a post it note one at a time.

One call led to another as I contacted family, friends, relatives through my list, messenger , text, iPhone and fb.

Like a ripple effect. Through conversations just saying hello uplifts the spirit. You'll learn who your friends really are along the course of recruitment. Some will say yes to joining the Knights and some will deny it. Saying no is the hardest thing to hear as the feeling of rejection is hard to accept. Nothing personal. Try again.

Endurance , persistence.

Reading God's verses purify these negative thoughts and is therapy for depression and the feeling of disdain 😞

Endurance, like a marathon is not giving up.

If we are able to finish several marathons in our real life experience crossing the finish line is an exhilarating legacy worth sharing.

Even if you didn't cross it is at least you tried, same principle when you are recruiting.

To continue, you will know who your friends are more than ever at the time you needed them the most.

My directory now is almost clear as I breeze through this endeavor. It takes a lot of patience, but most of all rewarding when they say yes without any hesitations.

I came across several sad stories during these tough times and still regard myself as grateful to be alive as they either passed or got the virus. I remained steadfast and thankful for everyday and that am able to give, (even though am unemployed) lend a helping hand when they ask for it.

I spoke to some elderly GK and some Ladies, to exchange pleasantries and when I asked for help in recruitment they said that they don't know of anyone??? And they don't want to recruit. Some were closed minded. All the excuses not to do so.

Some have shunned away from practicing Catholic faith or any religion (convert). Others don't believe. Others came back to the Order. Others accepted the invite to be a Knight. Others don't embrace the technology of online recruitment.

Hence, these are some of the road hazards in recruitment. Most of them especially the young generation though welcome it and are excited for this with the promo code McGivney2020, from now till June 30,2021.

This is what the idea of endurance is all about moving through difficult times or situations without giving up. Endurance isn't a skill that one develops overnight, it's something that you have to work on repeatedly over a period of time to really hone. The idea of endurance is a great thing to focus on as you work through challenges both in knowing that God is there by your side as you endure and process this hardship and also in recognizing that if your time of struggle persists for a while, it doesn't mean you're failing at fixing anything, it simply means you're succeeding at enduring.

In the end -what can you sow if you do not reap?

How may I pray or help me help you?

By making the order grow...

Make the next generation be a better version of you.

At the end, what have you done to the least of my brothers that you do unto me?

So endurance, persistence and resiliency of being able to withstand the pressures and challenges counts in this arena.

May God's Infinite Love and blessings be upon us!

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## State Historian Report and February 2021 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

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### Brother Knights

### Wishing You A Blessed Lenten Season!

#### Updates are as follows:

1. I will be in contact with our District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the significant events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position in your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
2. In concert with our second term Worthy State Deputy Toni F. Pascua and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each Council's records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/ updated over the continuing "Columbian Year" by the Council Historian.
3. To accomplish the infill of Past State Deputy's Biographical information, from 2000 to the current Columbian year: I am continuing to work with resources from Supreme, PSD Ray Gardea and SK Kenneth Sawyer, State Communications Director to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information from all but three PSD's from 2000 to present.

Please use my email address: [historian@nv-kofc.com](mailto:historian@nv-kofc.com) to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to work with you my Brothers.

## **Knights of Columbus History Fact:**

**Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's new "Blessed" status and pray for his Sainthood!!!**

**Below are a couple of excerpts of Blessed Michael McGivney's writings about our Order.**

### **To Connecticut parish priests, April 1882**

*"Our primary objective is to prevent people from entering Secret Societies, by offering the same, if not better, advantages to our members. Secondly, to unite the men of our Faith throughout the diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for the decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members".*

### **To Martin I.J. Griffin of Philadelphia, February 12, 1883**

*"You ask what is the membership? We only number about a hundred yet. The reason of this small number for the time established is that I have met with great opposition from the Foresters - a very strong organization in this state, especially among our young men - and again because anything new is always a hard thing to maintain".*

Visit the website: [www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org](http://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org)

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## “Knight in the Light”

### Sir Knight Deacon David Walker

#### Michael J. McGivney Assembly 277

Council 9899’s Grand Knight is a Deacon? Yes, David Walker joined the Knights November 11, 1982 in Belleville, Illinois and signed up for the fraternal order’s life insurance program (still in effect). Then a pilot in the United States Air Force he completed his first and third-degree exemplifications in time before moving his family to their next assignment.

Chicagoans David and his wife Mary are hometown sweethearts. They were parishioners at the same southside parish – Saint Albert the Great. David attended Saint Laurence High School and Mary Reavis High School in Burbank, Illinois. Shortly after Dave was drafted Fr. Dan Hermes married David & Mary on December 30, 1971 at the Newman Center at Dekalb, IL.

From there, the couple began their family and careers. Dave as an Air Force officer and pilot and Mary as a medical technologist. Back in 1977 Mary and David began praying daily rosaries together asking for God’s Love and protection. A family soon followed with Timothy, Teresa then Elizabeth born and baptized.

Mary and Dave lectured and choired at all their assignments. While in Ankara, Turkey, they did so Sundays in the Vatican’s Apostolic Nunciature (aka. Vatican Embassy).

After Dave retired from active duty in 1991 at Nellis AFB he attempted a few careers and ended up working for the City of Las Vegas first driving and then supervising all the street sweepers. When he worked night shift, in the early morning, he would stop in for Eucharistic Adoration at

Saint Bridget’s and Saint Elizabeth Anne Seaton. It was at Saint Bridget’s that he “heard” the call to the diaconate and began the Las Vegas Diocese’ five-year process to his ordination May 31, 2013.

Now with six grandchildren Mary and David’s daily prayer includes the Liturgy of the Hours in addition to their daily rosaries. Up until 1988 when he became a charter member of Prince of Peace Council 9899 Dave kept up his KofC dues but was inactive.

SK Dave has served as Warden and now Deacon Dave as Grand Knight. In 2020 he became a 4th Degree Knight in Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2776. A product of God’s watchfulness, as he stands today Grand Knight Deacon David Walker finds himself pleasantly immersed in family, Deacon, and KofC activities.

Vivat Jesus!

*J. Michael Brady*, State Historian

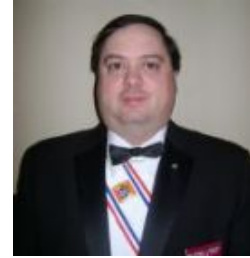
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## Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities “2021 Tootsie Roll Drive”

SK John Suchewski

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Special Olympics &  
Intellectual Disabilities State  
Chairman

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- WHAT:** The State of Nevada Knights of Columbus’ Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities “2021 Tootsie Roll Drive”.
- WHERE:** Stores and Churches within the State of Nevada.
- WHEN:** During the month of April and May 2021.

Please also see the State Website for this important information.

<http://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/links.asp?CN=US&ST=NV>

\*Councils with scheduling conflicts may reschedule their drive, as authorized by the state by-laws & standing rules but please keep those dates close to the designated weekend. You must notify the State Chairman of your revised dates in writing.

- WHO:** All Brother Knights, Friends and Families of the Knights of Columbus. All Councils shall coordinate their Tootsie Roll Drives with the State Chairman.
- WHY:** To join with our Brother Knights, nationwide, to support those in our communities who are most in need of assistance.

All Tootsie Roll orders, both North and South, will be placed with me.

**John Suchewski, Special Olympics & Intellectual Disabilities State Chairman**  
**5375 Awbury Ave.**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89110-3759**  
**(702) 816-9904**



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## Basketball Free Throw Contest

SK Robert J Hartman

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Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, several changes and adjustments have had to be made.

In the past we have held Local Basketball Free Throw Championship Contests in January. The District Contests in February and the State Regional Contests in March.



Free Throw Contest  
Chairman

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**This year you may hold your Local Contests at any time during January - February or March.**

Please try to have completed by mid March. Send the completed Score Sheets to me by March 27, 2021.

NOTE:

- (1.) Have contestants shoot 25 baskets and 5 more for a tie-breaker. be sure that a parent or Guardian sign the form and complete the upper portion legibly.
- (2.) All Contestants, Adults, Observers and Council Members must wear masks and be screened by a Thermometer Gun. No drinks or food may be served.
- (3.) Please - Please - Please - Put your Council Number on the Score Sheets.



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## A Message from the State Young Adult Chairman

SK Lance Pascua



Nevada Young Adult  
Chairman

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

John 3:16, for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting Life.

Lenten Season gives us time for more reflection, make sacrifices as we observe Our Lord's passion, and death .The 40 days of Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities. What are you giving up as part of our self indulgence? We are encouraged do some corporal and spiritual acts of mercy, of prayer and alms giving.

Fasting on the days required is one form of sacrifice, ie. as giving up your favorite past time, games, dessert, etc.

Not turning our backs by putting our needs last to be able to leave no brother behind is another act of mercy and kindness.

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is representative of our stature as a Catholic man in the service of others in times of need and gives us a sense of purpose and fulfillment as you go about living your life with the principles of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism.

As we navigate through an unpredictable and challenging year, each time you are able to reach out and help out a Brother Knight and their family, we make a difference in changing lives and saving lives.

Each year, we have to have succession in the membership for the new members that we recruit now can be the future leaders for the council.

We encourage thus by far, Membership drives in person (with protocols) when possible or doing our own membership recruitment, using our on demand online new member registration, the speedier way to gain more Brother Knights.

Just like virtual/hybrid meetings or events, online recruitment is now the norm.

Once again please do your share and ask every eligible Catholic men to join the Knights, make it a habit to ask and introduce it to any of your relatives, neighbors, friend, co workers to be a member of The Knight of Columbus and take advantage of the 24/7 on online recruitment using the code: MCGIVNEY2020 - a promo for the first 12 months complimentary membership (regularly \$30.00/year). This offer has been extended from now until June 30,2021.

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

Thank you for your commitment to recruit, the way to grow the State Council's membership is in your hands!

Until then please stay healthy, be well and be blessed!

Happy Easter!

Keeping you in my prayers,



**With Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly**

## **Assembly/Council Announcements**

## The End-of-Life Bill (Assisted Suicide Bill) SB105

Deacon Dave Walker



Grand Knight  
Council #9899

The Following pro-life issue is brought to your attention by the Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 9899 Pro-Life Committee:



The 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature is in session.

Already the Senate has filed **two pieces of legislation of importance to Catholics:**

The End-of-Life Bill (Assisted Suicide Bill) SB105 Senate Bill 105 and **SJR8\*** the proposal to amend the Nevada Constitution to guarantee equal rights.

**SB105** establishes provisions governing prescribing, dispensing and administering controlled substances designed

to end the life of a patient.



Equal Rights Amendment to the Nevada Constitution **SJR8\***. While proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to guarantee “equal rights” **SJR8\*** can have a real affect on abortions by eliminating abortion funding bans. As yet the summary of **SJR8\*** is not public. Here’s a NV legislator’s view of **SJR8\***.

<https://youtu.be/xxblQMfc3CE>

**Sharing Your Opinion with Your Legislators is EASY!!!**

Use this website: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/81st2021/>

**Select SB105 and Enter Your Opinion “In Favor” or “Against.” And then do the same for SJR8\* (You’ll find it at the very bottom of the list.)**

The Opinion Poll portion of this site contains constituent (citizens) opinions for the 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature. Throughout a legislative session, legislators review these opinions to gain perspective on how constituents in their districts feel about legislation. Constituent names addresses and other personal information are NOT made public but are available to legislators so that they will know who is submitting the comment and are able to contact the constituent if they so desire. Only the opinion totals are made publicly available on this site.

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Share Your Opinion with Your Legislators  
81st (2021) Session

Reports Submit Another Opinion

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Select a Bill and Enter Your Opinion

Select a Bill\*

SB100  
An address (\*) indicates the bill was introduced in the previous session.

Or Type in a Bill Name and Click "Get Bill Information"

SB100  
(e.g., HB123)

Get Bill Information

Bill information for SB100  
Original Bill Summary: Constitutional provisions governing prescribing, dispensing and administering controlled substances designed to end the life of a patient.  
(SBF 40-546)

Current Bill Title: AN ACT relating to public health; establishing provisions concerning medical certification of death resulting in a patient who self-administers a controlled substance designed to end his or her life; authorizing a physician to

Your Information

In order to accurately determine the legislative district in which you reside, we ask that you please provide your physical address; however, your phone number and email address are NOT required. Confidential information will not be made public.

Title

District/Name

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Physical Address\*

Please visit the Diocese of Reno Respect-Life page and the Las Vegas Respect Life, Social Action page for more information:

<https://renodiocese.org/home/ourworks/respect-life/>



<https://dioceseoflasvegas.org/SocialAction.shtml>

Thank you for participating.

For further information on pro-life activities of the parish and Council 9899 contact:  
Deacon Dave Walker  
702-431-2233

## Nevada's SJR8 Changes Everything - LIFE



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxblQMfc3CE>



## Council #10442 - Mobile Blood Drive

SK Don K Thompson



Grand Knight  
Council #10442

St Joseph Husband of Mary Council will be hosting a mobile blood drive on March 14 from 8:30 am to 1:30pm.

- Donors who have taken the vaccine can still give (just not convalescent white blood cells).
- Those who are on oxygen but are clear have to finish their oxygen therapy and have to wait 28 days and if they are still clear then can donate.



**ST. JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 14 \* 8:30AM - 1:30PM**

**Vitalant's Bloodmobile will be at our church in  
the main parking lot. Please sign up to give  
blood and save lives!**

**Schedule your appointment at  
[www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter sponsor code:  
SJHOM or contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825  
for assistance! Limited walk-ins!**

**Please bring photo ID and face cover!**

For more information or to schedule a donation,  
call 877.258.4825 or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
Find us @vitalant.   





## **Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements**

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## Council #12877 Recognitions

SK Leo V Carew

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Grand Knight

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### SPARKS COUNCIL 12877 FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2021

#### Alano Family

Ramon & Malou Alano are well known in the Immaculate Conception Catholic community. Malou is the main contact for the ICC Filipino/ BLD Charismatic Group. Both Ramon & Malou are instrumental in BLD seminars & retreats, in addition to organizing a healing Mass. The BLD Group meets every Friday night throughout the year. Ramon & Malou attend mass every week with their family members. They serve as Eucharistic Ministers. The family of Ramon & Malou Alano serve as a model of catholic family values and are an example of Knights of Columbus principle of Unity, by welcoming everyone to their BLD Group.

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## Council #4928 Recognitions

SK Charles B Goucher

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Grand Knight

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### PONDEROSA COUNCIL 4928 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2021

SK George A. Minter



In his role as the Ponderosa Council 4928 Program Director, SK George is often the link between program member ideas and the council-level plans that are needed to successfully execute service initiatives. His meticulous accounting of event volunteers, of hours, donations, income and costs helps our Grand Knight complete council activity reports and puts a smile on the face of the State Program Director.

Furthermore, in this year of pandemic turmoil, he provided the much-needed internal audit scrutiny of the Council's fraternal budget at mid-year. As Council Trustee, he likes the numbers to stay Ponderosa green. Thus, in sum (), there are numerous reasons why it all adds up on balance and in balance that our "numbers guy" is the Ponderosa Council 4928 Knight of the Month for February.

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**PONDEROSA COUNCIL 4928 FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

**Recla Family**



Bryan Recla achieved his 1st Degree in November 2019 and Sandra became a member of the Ladies of the Knights soon after. Both were anxious and excited about being part of the Ponderosa Council 4928 and Holy Cross Catholic Community parish. In the midst of the 2020 Holiday Season, they answered a plea for help. The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows needed volunteers on short notice to prepare and package 2,000 meals-to-go for the needy in Northern Nevada. For living out the calling of their faith, and for being there when it was needed most, Bro. Bryan and Lady Sandra are recognized as the Ponderosa Council 4928 Family of the Month for February.



*Blessed Michael McGivney*

*Pray for Us*