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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, 11029, 12543, 14544	Chris Traver (14784)
District 13	Councils 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	Robert Hartman
Keep Christ in Christmas Program Chair	Digna Pena

State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Community Program Director	Raymond Brewer
State 365 Club Committee Chairman	PSD Ray Gardea
State Convention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
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

Solidarity with Ukraine

Brother Knights,

The situation in Ukraine is dire and worsening. The people of Ukraine, and our brother Knights and their families in that nation, need our help.

I call upon all Knights to join me in praying for peace in Ukraine, and especially for the safety of our more than 1,800 brother Knights and their families who suddenly face the danger of war. Please also join me in responding to the recent [appeal](#) of Pope Francis to join him in prayer and fasting for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

In addition to our prayers, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has committed \$1.5 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainian refugees, including Ukrainian Knights and their families. We will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance.

Knights of Columbus Charities has launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for this purpose, and the Supreme Council will match all funds up to \$500,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund and how to donate, please visit [here](#).

Let me conclude with the words I addressed to our brother Knights in Ukraine in a video message to them: “In this time of intense danger, know that your brother Knights of Columbus around the world are praying for you, your families and all the people of Ukraine. We ask that our Lord protect you and your loved ones and restore peace in your land. We ask that He give you strength and courage to persevere.”

You can view the entire video message [here](#).

Fraternally,

2022 State Convention Announcements

Convention Souvenir Program

We are taking orders for the 112 Nevada State Convention Souvenir Program. Consider the ad that you are planning to make as a good way to advertise all the good things that your Council has been doing to help your Church and Community. It will also help your State Council defray the cost of holding this Convention. You don't have to have a graphically designed ad. Just a picture of your Council members will do.

You can ask your doctors, lawyers, dentist, favorite restaurateur, accountants that prepared your taxes this year, your friends and relatives who owns a business if they would want to advertise their business in the souvenir program of the Knights of Columbus so their business can be known to the whole State of Nevada. A full page ad is only \$150.00 and a half page is \$75.00.

Please send art/logo/graphics in PDF or JPEG format to easybee11446@gmail.com

The completed and signed form can be sent to:

KofC NV State Council
5600 Super Bowl Dr.
Las Vegas, NV. 89110

Checks should be made out to **KofC NV State Council.**

The deadline for sending in your ads for the year-end Convention souvenir booklet is **April 12.**



**Knights of Columbus
Nevada State Council 027**

112 Nevada State Convention 2022

- (702) 219-5785 – Joe Haun (State Deputy)
- (702) 280-5923 – Meynard Infantado (State Secretary)
- (562) 569-2754 – Tom Villardi (State Treasurer)
- (310) 218-9600 – Gigi Villardi (Coordinator)
- (702) 336-8225 – Ed Verceles (Chairman Souvenir)

SOUVENIR PROGRAM SPONSOR OR ADVERTISEMENT AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, representing myself/my company/my organization do hereby agree to purchase advertising space in the KofC Nevada State Souvenir Program which will be published during 112 State Convention on May 13th- 15th, 2022.

To secure a space, please complete and sign the form below.

An advertisement will be printed in the Souvenir Program according to place, size and shape. All ads must be in PDF and JPEG file and payment in full by April 12th, in order to guarantee the printing.

Please include a message below or email your **advertisement graphic art to WDD Edmundo Verceles at easybee11446@gmail.com**. Check should be made out to KofC Nevada State Council.

**Advertisement Size: Souvenir Program is 8 ½” X 11” Portrait in Full Color
(Please check one)**

<u>Ad Sizes</u>	<u>Costs</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Back Cover (full size)	\$300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back Cover (full size)	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Front Cover (full size)	\$275.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Inside	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ½ Page Inside	\$75.00

Sponsor/Council/Assembly/Business Name: _____

Contact Person Name (please print) _____

Contact Person Signature: _____ Date ____/____/2022

Contact Tel: (____) _____ Contact E-Mail. _____

I will email art/logo/graphics in PDF or JPEG format to easybee11446@gmail.com

Or -

I will not email additional art or graphics. Please use the following message.

Return this completed and signed form by email or mail. Mail check made out to:

KofC NV State Council:
5600 Super Bowl Dr.
Las Vegas, NV. 89110.

Please contact Edmundo Verceles at (702) 336-8225 or State Secretary Meynard Infantado with any questions.

(This will serve as your invoice)

State Officers Announcements

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

Message from the State Deputy

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

On February 23, 2022, We Reached Our Quota

Rank	Jurisdiction	Div	INTAKE					
			Quota	Prior Day	Today	Diff	Need	Percent
1	Nevada	4	304	299	308	9	*	101.32%
2	North Dakota	4	303	231	233	2	70	76.90%
3	Oklahoma	4	435	226	230	4	205	52.87%
4	Alabama	4	367	179	188	9	179	51.23%
5	Arkansas	4	260	122	122	0	138	46.92%
6	New Hampshire	4	267	123	123	0	144	46.07%
7	Mississippi	4	293	130	131	1	162	44.71%
8	South Dakota	4	334	112	116	4	218	34.73%
9	Oregon	4	387	127	130	3	257	33.59%
10	Rhode Island	4	236	63	64	1	172	27.12%
11	Manitoba	4	231	45	45	0	186	19.48%
TOTALS			3,417	1,657	1,690	33	1,731	49.46%

Dear Brother Joe,

Congratulations! **Nevada is the first jurisdiction in North America to surpass their Circle of Honor Intake goal.** To hit your target on February 23 is a noteworthy and impressive accomplishment, and speaks to the hard work you and your team have put in. Well done!

Now keep pushing. With 4+ months left in the fraternal year, who knows how high Nevada can rise. 200%? Why not? Let us know how we can best support the work you and your team are doing.

Again...congratulations.

Fraternally,

Bob

Robert J. Ennis

Senior Director of Membership Growth

Fraternal Mission Department

Brother Joe,

Let me echo Bob's words of congratulations to you and your team for **achieving COH status with over 4+ months remaining in the fraternal year**. Well done – and particularly impressive given the COVID environment we have been dealing with for 2 years. I told Bob yesterday that I felt Nevada would hit COH by the end of the week – and you did it by mid-week!

Nevada has been a model of the impact of the faith story and spirituality on growing membership. Keep up the good work – and please extend my personal congratulations to your entire state team for this impressive achievement!

Mark McMullen

Senior Vice President

Membership Growth & Marketing

Knights of Columbus – Supreme Council

Gaming Control Board Annual Charitable Registration

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

SEMINARIAN RAFFLE TICKETS APPROVED

Mr. Haun-

Below is your 2022 annual charitable gaming registration approval for the Knights of Columbus:



STEVE SISOLAK
Governor

NEVADA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

1919 College Parkway, P.O. Box 8003, Carson City, Nevada 89702
555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 2600, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
3650 S. Pointe Circle, Suite 203, P.O. Box 31109, Laughlin, Nevada 89028
557 W. Silver Street, Suite 207, Elko, Nevada 89801
9790 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Reno, Nevada 89521
750 Pilot Road, Suite I, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

J. BRIN GIBSON, *Chair* PHIL
KATSAROS, *Member*
BRITTNE WATKINS, *Member*

Las Vegas
(702) 486-2020
Fax: (702) 486-2230

To whom it may concern:

As of July 1, 2021, the Nevada State Legislature has ruled that all Nevada charitable organizations who will offer charitable lotteries and/or games to the public must submit an annual registration and proof of their current non-profit status to the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Additionally, registered organizations which distribute more than \$100,000 in total prizes, must then submit an application for approval to the Board for each remaining charitable lottery or gaming event occurring within that calendar year.

The Board has received your application to conduct Nevada charitable lotteries and/or games for the 2022 calendar year and your organization is approved to operate these non-profit events as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes 462. For all previously submitted requests to fundraise after July 1, 2021, the former fee structure is no longer applicable and your check will be destroyed, not cashed.

Should you require further guidance or have any questions, please email all inquiries to ops@gcb.nv.gov or call the Enforcement Division's Operations Unit at 702-486-2020.

Robert Nickel
Special Agent
Nevada Gaming Control Board
Enforcement Division
702-486-2020

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

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy &
Supreme Director

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Blessings as we “March” forward to the first quarter of the year. Little has been said and more was done in the sweeping moments but we are always grateful to live it to the fullest, now that Covid-19 restriction has finally loosened up.

The smallest intention is better than the grandest of all deeds. This reminds us that while our thoughts and aims may be noble, it is our actions that speak loudest. No matter how lofty our plans may be, they make little impact if we don’t eventually act on them.

A simple or even a random act of kindest can impact a person’s life in the daily sense of the word. Leave them happier than when you found them. This is where our Faith in Action comes into light where we see the difference made by the power of prayer, being pious, dedicated and devoted to increase our faith and bonds to our parish.

Ash Wednesday (March 02,2022) can catch us off guard when it comes to our prayer life. We know Lent is important and that it helps prepare us for Easter. Lent is a solemn period where we repent- we might feel pressure to “up our game” when it comes to prayer, fasting and almsgiving matters too. So do all the other actions we might take to help us let go of our own desires and align with God’s call for us.

A great starting point for drawing closer to God and improving our prayer life during Lent is simply the desire to put our faith in action and chances are you already have that desire.

My dear Brother Knights- in all good deed comes a man with a humble soul, let us remember that all we have remains a blessing, even we are empty handed as long as we share the littlest of things, our hearts are full.

Vivat Jesus!

Toni Pascua
IPSD
Supreme Director

*"I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13*

Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us!

First Choice Pregnancy Services - March for Life 2022



First Choice
Pregnancy Services
The abortion intervention center

Location. Urgency. Trust.

“All-in” for the Unborn Baby Since 2004

MARCH FOR
Life 2022
Fundraising Event





Location. Urgency. Trust.

"All-in" for the Unborn Baby Since 2004

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus!

First Choice Pregnancy Services is excited to announce our 16th Annual "March for Life" Fundraising and Community Awareness Event taking place on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 8:30 am to noon. Our March for Life attracts hundreds of attendees every year! The March helps raise awareness for unborn lives and the many services First Choice provides to our community. I pray you will consider becoming a sponsor of this worthy cause, including promoting the March for Life.

First Choice Pregnancy Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, Christian mission reaching out and providing life-affirming support to a diverse group of women vulnerable to abortion. Our center is strategically located in the midst of the abortion "hot zone" in downtown Las Vegas (we are situated on the same cul-de-sac as what is believed to be the busiest abortion clinic in Nevada which performs abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy). All services are provided free of charge to all our clients/patients and include abortion reversal, pregnancy tests, pregnancy verification & loss, pregnancy consultation, state-of-the-art ultrasound exams, abstinence education, post-abortion support, material needs and community referrals.

*** FCPS Community Impact in 2021 ***

3,876 individual clients received FREE services!	3,633 women heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
2,657 babies were saved from abortion!	2,794 ultrasound exams were performed!

The March for Life is a fun, outdoor event. "Marchers" procure pledges for their participation in a fun 2-mile "March." Our goal for the March is to raise \$60,000 to continue our daily mission of impacting lives. Sponsors help offset the cost for our event to maximize all funds raised by our "Marchers." For a variety of sponsorship opportunities, please see reverse. All sponsorships and in-kind contributions will be recognized at the March for Life.

March for Life: March 26, 2022 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Our route is approximately 2 miles long and begins at Trinity Life Center, 1000 East Saint Louis Avenue. We will kick off the event with a rally, interactive warm-up, individual, team and baby parade recognitions. Marchers will walk West on Saint Louis Avenue to Las Vegas Boulevard, proceed South on Las Vegas Boulevard to Sahara Avenue, continue East, and stop at First Choice Pregnancy Services to tour and pray. We will then return to Trinity Life Center, where families will enjoy music, raffles, carnival games, face painting and gain valuable information from various exhibitors.

For more information or to make a corporate gift toward this event, please contact Toya Richardson, FCPS Events Manager, at (702) 294-2273 or by email at Events@FirstChoiceFriendsLV.org. To register, visit us at www.firstchoicefriendslv.org.

Warm regards,
Toya Richardson
FCPS Events Manager

<https://www.firstchoicefriendslv.org>

First Choice Pregnancy Services © 860 E. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104 ☎ (702) 294-2273

First Choice Pregnancy Services is a tax-exempt, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Tax ID 16-1706155.

Your contribution may be tax deductible pursuant to the provisions of section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 170 (c).



Location. Urgency. Trust.

"All-in" for the Unborn Baby Since 2004

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- \$2,500-PROTECTOR FOR LIFE**
 - 10 Signature March for Life T-shirts
 - Recognition at the event
 - Recognized for one month on our FCPS website
- \$5,000-PARTNER FOR LIFE**
 - 15 Signature March for Life T-shirts
 - Recognition at the event
 - Recognized for six months on our FCPS website
 - Banner displayed at the event
- \$10,000-RESCUER FOR LIFE**
 - 25 Signature March for Life T-shirts
 - Recognition at the event
 - Recognized for one year on our FCPS website
 - Recognized for one year on the FCPS social media page
 - Banner displayed at the event



ALL IN-KIND DONATIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON FCPS SOCIAL MEDIA

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- Becoming a monthly giving partner.
- An in-kind donation to benefit the "March for Life" or FCPS Client
- Partner with FCPS in the following way(s):

Please add us to FCPS mailing list:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Contact Number _____ Email _____

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for Me". Matt 25:40

<http://www.FirstChoiceFriendsLV.org>

First Choice Pregnancy Services ∞ 860 E. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104 ∞ (702) 294-2273

First Choice Pregnancy Services is a tax-exempt, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Tax ID 16-1706155. Your contribution may be tax deductible pursuant to the provisions of section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 170 (c).

Sponsor Pledge Form

My Goal: Total Pledges:

\$250 Saves A Life!

Bring this completed form to the walk. You may photocopy this form for additional pledge space or download a PDF

Participant's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 ST _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Church/Group _____
 Email _____

I am: Adult Teen Child
 Have you marched in a March for Life before? Yes No
 Shirt size needed (circle one):
 Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL XXL XXXL
 I am unable to walk, but will make a donation of \$_____
 (Please make check payable to First Choice Pregnancy Services)
 Please send me _____ additional brochures to distribute at work,
 church or school.

QUESTIONS?

*Please collect as much money as possible with your pledges. We will handle the billing for anyone that is unable to pay at the time of their pledge.

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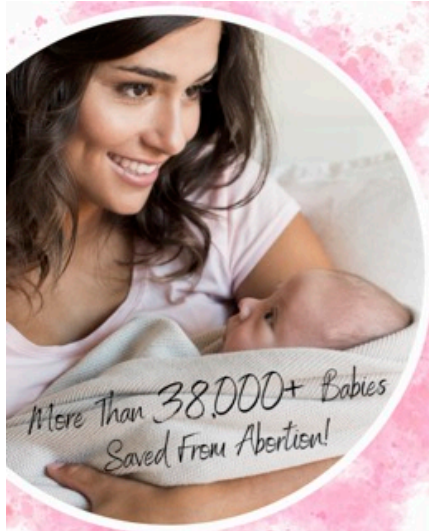
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Please print all information clearly. Make checks payable to:
First Choice Pregnancy Services
880 E. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104

***I/We release and hold harmless First Choice Pregnancy Services, and all its staff or volunteers, from any and all liability, actions or claims that may occur while participating in First Choice Pregnancy Services' March for Life.**

Signature _____

Date _____



MARCH 26, 2022

Registration: 8:30AM
March: 10:00AM

TRINITY LIFE CENTER

1000 E. Saint Louis Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89104

- A family-friendly 2-mile march!
- Earn prizes when your pledges hit \$100 & \$250!
- Virtual march alternative available!
- Purchase exclusive merchandise that day!

IT'S SIMPLE!

STEP 1:

- Register online, by phone, or with your group leader TODAY.

STEP 2:

- Ask everyone to sponsor you & get as many pledges as you can!

STEP 3:

- Please be mindful to have all the names and contact information of your sponsors easy to read. Collect as much money as possible with your pledges. We will handle the billing for anyone that is unable to pay at the time of their pledge.

OUR FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Abortion Reversals
- Ultrasound Exams
- Pregnancy Tests
- Post-Abortive Support
- Medical Consultation

"SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE"

proverbs 31:8

- 2,657 Babies saved from abortion in 2021!
- 3,876 Clients received FREE services!
- 3,633 Heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
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Message from the State Treasurer

SK Tom Villardi



State Treasurer

Brother Knights

Hope you are doing well. Last year was a very rough year for a lot of you and I pray everyday that this year will be a much better year.

We have a State Convention coming in May which I would like you to save the date of May 12 thru the 15. It will be at Our Lady of Las Vegas in Las Vegas, and we are planning many fun activities for you as well as the meetings. Thursday will be a Golf Tournament at a very nice course so those of you who golf come join us on that. Friday will be registration day, a meet and greet and I have set up a tour of the new Allegiant Stadium in the afternoon, open to men and women. Saturday, St Jude Council will be holding a car show in the parking lot of the church and during our breaks I hope you go out and check out the beautiful cars. While we are meeting in the morning the ladies will be heading, by our parade trolley to the High Roller Observation Wheel and shopping at the Linq Promenade. Then, of course, Saturday night we have mass at 4 and then our Gala, which will have a few surprises. Sunday morning will be our final meeting. This is very important. This is the election of officers for the coming year. Did you know that anyone who holds a Third Degree and in good standing with its council can be nominated for a state office? For you that don't need to rush off I hope you stay for lunch. Remember that you don't have to be a delegate to come to the convention and have fun, it is open to all.

For future conventions I would like to ask you, How can we make it better that you look forward to coming and participating? Please, only constructive not destructive comments. I understand that maybe at some convention or another you were not completely happy with something but was it a moment or something that really needs to change. Please email me statetreasurer@nv-kofc.com.

Communication will be a topic at one of our meetings during the convention. If you live in the world of emails, sometimes it seems like a never-ending number of emails, if you don't, information is not passed down to you. Think about the topic and hopefully we can come up with some real answers to the problem.

Reaching out to all the parishes is another topic I would like to bring up. Many don't know how much the Knights do around the state or around the globe. Ask the person in the parish office if the state can submit articles or pictures of Knights in action. Just get us an email address or name for us to contact. I know it seems to our brothers in the North that we are not talking to them regarding this but we are. We need your input also.

In October we held our Priest Appreciation dinner. Most Reverends Bishop Thomas and Bishop Gordon attended and wanted to thank all of you for helping support our Seminarians. We did very well last year considering all the problems we faced with limited church attendance, but I would

really like us to push ourselves this year and make our goal \$50,000 in raffle tickets sold. We need to help our future priest. They are the future of our church. Speak to your pastor and ask for a date to sell or place it in your church bulletins letting other parishioners know that other than the small payouts the money goes directly for the Seminarians education. Please email me at statetreasurer@nv-kofc.com or call me 562-569-2754 and I will get those tickets to you.

I hope to see many of you at the convention. The web site will be going up in a couple weeks so please stay in contact and may God bless you all.

Viva Jesus

Message from the State Program Director

SK Daniel C St Pierre



State Warden & Program Director

Worthy Brother Knights of Nevada,

I am sure you agree that it is quite remarkable that we are witnessing war in Europe in this day and age. The outcome is uncertain and potentially far-reaching, and that fact can certainly drive us to worry about our safety and economic security. I ask that you not fear as we can place our worries at the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ and simply say, “Jesus, I trust in You.” Know that God can, and will, turn evil into good in His time, and that we need to keep praying for, and believing in, a good outcome.

We are also at the precipice of Lent. In a way, having this European conflict should drive home the need for prayer and fasting during Lent. Let’s put our faith into action. There are plenty of Knights of Columbus programs that enable this from rosaries to Helping Hands, but I want to highlight a couple others. First of all, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary which provides a good opportunity to talk about the Pilgrim Icon (Faith category), as this year’s icon is St. Joseph. Also, typically during Lent we have opportunities to do fish fries. Fish fries are more than just selling meals on Fridays. You can use these gatherings to promote the Stations of the Cross, membership recruiting and other prayer gatherings.

Pilgrim Icon (Faith): Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Following the year of St. Joseph, the Knights selected him as this year’s icon. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded - not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven. Our jurisdiction has one of these icons which can travel from council to council and serve as the centerpiece for prayer services in parishes throughout the State. Spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. The included booklet contains hymns, prayers, and readings to reflect on St. Joseph. Contact me or the State Deputy to reserve the icon; first-come, first-serve recognizing there could be logistical challenges as we are a large jurisdiction. St Joseph, pray for us!



Icon by the hand of Elizabeth Bergeron. Based on a drawing by Alexandre Sobolev. Photograph by GrapheStudio

Fish Fry: The beginning of Lent is March 2nd and during Lent we are obligated to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays. Many parishes and councils host fish fries as fund raisers, but if you consider a different emphasis for these dinners, you can fit it into nearly any FIA category depending on how you accompany it. The Knights suggest two other reasons for holding a fish fry. 1) To promote the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent and 2) attract new members. Actually, you should be able to easily accomplish both with a fish fry. Work with your pastor or talk to another council for advice if you don't know where to start. This is also a great community activity as you promote fellowship while serving these Friday meals.

As with all Supreme-built programs, you can scale these to the size of your council as they are designed to give the Knights of Columbus an opportunity to bring awareness to these causes. I encourage you get something started and to expand on those efforts every year. Participants don't have to be Knights either... the idea is to get the whole community involved. And don't forget to fill out the Form #10784 online to make sure your council gets credit for, and Supreme gets feedback on, the project (It only takes seconds to fill out).

For all your Faith in Action Resources click here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab0>. There are many other links from there. Browse around. It's all laid out, but still don't hesitate to send me any questions.

Fraternally,

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

Join Us for Virtual Exemplification of the 4th Degree

SK Richard E Sherman



Nevada
4th Degree District Master

Virtual Exemplification of the 4th Degree

Join us for a webinar on Mar 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST.

Register now!

Worthy Brother Knights, this is your invitation to register for the online Exemplification of the 4th Degree to be conducted on March 12th. Please register for virtual attendance with this invitation to allow for validation of your submitted forms. If you are attending a physical location to view the Exemplification, do not register with this form. This registration link is unique to you and please do not share this with any other person after you registered. This prevents duplication under your name. You will receive an acknowledgement immediately that shows option to check system requirements. Shortly afterwards you will receive the confirmation response by email. No other action is necessary until the day of the session.

Please retain and use that confirmation for joining on the day of the exemplification. It will have an entry link entitled "Join Webinar" that you must use to enter the session. If you delay registration to the day of the event, you may not be able to attend.

Use a computer to enter this session and not a phone. If you attend by phone or share viewing on a computer, you will not be shown in the registration system and will receive information the day following that you were shown as "not attending". Additionally, the presentation impact is dramatic and visual and will not translate well to a phone's small screen.

The ceremony will start promptly at the designated time and you will be in a waiting room to allow for all participants to join. It is recommended that you login a few minutes prior to the starting time for other instructions. You will see a comment "waiting for organizer" which means the broadcast is not yet live and will start shortly.

This exemplification is not to be considered as public. You must be in a closed environment and alone to participate. Your microphone will be muted and web camera turned off upon entry into the waiting room. Formal attire is not required as you will not be on camera. There will be a slight waiting period until all candidates have assembled.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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A Message from the State Membership Director

SK Christopher Traver



State Membership Director

Recruiting Tips

Brothers,

As many of you know that the State of Nevada has reached our membership quota; however, we still need to recruit members to our organization.

With Lent just around the corner, many councils are holding Fish-Frys, and this is a perfect opportunity to recruit. Here are some tips:

1. If your council is having a sit-down dinner, have Knights of Columbus information at the table and membership interest cards available.
2. If you have a drive-thru fish-fry handout membership information such as why you should become a knight, and also hand out Father Mcgivney prayer cards
3. Talk to people attending the dinner about the Knights and the activities we do.
4. Mention how they can be a knight by donating 24 hours per year by going to church, saying the rosary, reading the church bulletin, attending a Knights sponsored event with their wife, and attending just two council meetings per year.

Brothers, again, I want to personally thank all of you for helping the state reach our recruitment quota! You are the best! Let's keep recruiting because that one person you might recruit could one day be a future State Officer.

A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

EXEMPLIFICATION LEADS TO EVANGELIZATION

Exemplification prepares us for the work of evangelization that follows and spells out the mission of the Knights of Columbus as clearly as possible in the following definitions: This Knights of Columbus ceremony advances new and existing members through the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity required of a Third Degree member. These ceremonies, are known as exemplifications. Putting this words into action exemplifies these virtues.

Exemplification also means **providing examples about something like the life of St. Joseph, Our Blessed Mother and Jesus as written in the Bible.**



According to the gospels of Matthew and Luke in the New Testament, Mary[b] was a first-century Jewish woman of Nazareth,[2][3] the wife of Joseph, and the mother of Jesus. Both the New Testament[c] and the Quran describe Mary as a virgin. According to Christian theology, Mary conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit while still a virgin, and accompanied Joseph to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.[5]

Mary has been venerated since early Christianity,[6][7] and is considered by millions to be the holiest and greatest saint because of her extraordinary virtues as seen at the Annunciation by the archangel Gabriel. She is said to have miraculously appeared to believers many times over the centuries. One great example was the appearance of our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego on December 12, 1521. This led to the conversion of thousands of Indigenous Natives to Catholicism. The Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches believe that Mary, as mother of Jesus, is the Theotokos (Mother of God). There is significant diversity in the Marian beliefs and devotional practices of major Christian traditions. The Catholic Church holds distinctive Marian dogmas, namely her status as the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her perpetual virginity, and her Assumption into heaven.[8]

Mary also has the highest position in Islam among all women.[10][11][12] She is mentioned in the Quran more often than in the Bible,[13] where two of the longer chapters of the Quran are named after her and her family.[14]

According to Catholic and Eastern Christian teachings, at the end of her earthly life, God raised Mary's body into heaven; this is known in the Christian West as the Assumption of Mary.



Joseph was not the biological father of Jesus, but he fulfilled the role of his earthly father by protecting and providing materially for the needs of Mary and Jesus, and by being the spiritual head of the household, guiding, along with Mary, the formation of the young Jesus.

The paternity of St Joseph

Speaking of Joseph's role in the early life of Jesus, Fr. Anthony* said: "The Jewish father played an enormously important part in the life of the son because he embodied the spirit of the covenant." St Joseph's fatherhood, he said, "with all its depth is of immense value to the world because within our society there is a crisis in the whole nature of paternity, which embodies the spirit of commitment, willingness to sacrifice for the good of his children, to endow them with values and prepare them for love in their own lives."

Twenty five million children are growing up without fathers in the home. That's 40% of the kids in America. As reported by the Center for Children and Families: 40% of all live births in the US are to single mothers; 90% of welfare recipients are single mothers.

If exemplification is providing examples to prove a point, then the example of Mary's obedience to the will of God and Joseph's acceptance of his role as Father to Jesus shows us the path to leading our lives as good Catholic parents. Taking responsibility for our own actions, getting married, providing for the welfare and well being of our family, and sacrificing for the good of our children.

Who was St. Joseph? Was he just a passive, incidental figure in the drama of salvation? On the contrary, in every way that Jesus needed a father, St. Joseph was that for him. And how overwhelming it must have been for Joseph to be asked to stand in the Father's place! No man has

ever been asked to do so in such an unthinkable way. Every priest, and certainly every man who is a father (biologically or otherwise), should take this to heart.

Caster's book provides a unique, in-depth presentation of Joseph from the perspective of the evangelical counsels and the theological and cardinal virtues. Each section begins with an explanation of what each counsel or virtue means and then shows how Joseph models it for us.

The descriptions of St. Joseph's life and character found in this book, while rooted in the Scripture passages that mention him, are chiefly inspired by Jesus, who spent the majority of his life at home with Joseph and Mary. For years, the three of them lived, prayed, celebrated, studied, and shared, all the while uniting their lives more intimately with God's own. Those years in Nazareth were a real preparation for the foundation upon which Jesus would build his saving ministry. And as much as Joseph and Mary offered Jesus, he offered them an ever-expanding awareness of the God that had changed both their lives. The reciprocity of love that perfectly defines the home in Nazareth is the very pattern for all family life—and therefore of the Church itself.

Let Fr. Gary Caster introduce you to the man who risked everything to care for Mary and her Son, safeguarding them from harm and cherishing them with a pure and true love. Joseph was a flesh-and-blood testimony of what it means to live according to the Father's will with one's mind and heart centered on Christ.

This is why the Knights of Columbus had chosen our Virgin of Guadalupe (Our Blessed Mother Mary) and St. Joseph as examples and role models upon which to pattern our behavior as parents. We, as parents in turn set the example of hard work, dedication to family, instilling family values Like praying the Rosary, Going to Church on Sundays and holidays of obligations, and practicing the lessons of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that we have learned.

St. Joseph, (flourished 1st century CE, Nazareth, Galilee, region of Palestine; principal feast day **March 19**, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker **May 1**), in the New Testament, Jesus' earthly father and the Virgin Mary's husband. St. Joseph is the patron of the universal church in Roman Catholicism, and his life is recorded in the Gospels, particularly Matthew and Luke.

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF

Council Meeting Message March 2022



General Agent

March arrives and Lent begins on the very next day, March 2. We all know that Lent is the time of preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Thursday. In order to prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection we are to exercise self-control and self-denial by fasting. We are encouraged to encounter Christ in the reading of Scripture and we are to serve others by the giving of alms.

When I was a kid, the "go to" self-denial was giving up chocolate...made those chocolate Easter bunnies most tasty! I think a lot of us are creatures of habit when it comes to self-denial. We continue on the same path, "giving up" the same things each year. Although self-denial is important as a practice, I've gotten a little older and a bit more introspective. I try to think of positive things to do rather than what I want to give up. Here are some of the things on a personal level that I'm going to try: Devote some time each day to reading Scripture. I'm not going to read whole books or commit to something I can't achieve, but for 10 minutes each day I'm going to read the Good Book. I think reading scripture every day is good habit to nurture.

Rather than "giving up" I'm going to try to "give away." It doesn't help anyone...other than me...if I give up chocolate again this year. But if I give away to the poor, that can have a positive effect on me and on someone else. God has blessed me with so many material blessings I can afford to part with some. And that includes money. I'm determined to be more generous this Lent.

As men of faith let's take advantage of some of the many program offerings during Lent. Some of these programs are done diocesan-wide, some at the local parish level, and many councils have special programs for prayer and reflection. If you are able perhaps you can lead or help lead a program at your council. I know for me, being involved with other men of faith strengthens me.

As we prepare spiritually for this new liturgical season of Lent, don't forget the temporal. Tempus fugit, memento mori! I am honored to carry on our blessed founder's vision of protecting Catholic families.

Vivat Jesus!

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Fraternal Benefit Night - March 30 2022

Kevin Tuuri, FICF



General Agent

Knights of Columbus Virtual Career Discernment Fair

Wednesday, March 30
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State Historian Report and March 2022 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Enjoy the Passion of our Lenten Season

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. 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 Rick Sherman, State Communications Director to collect and archive this information.
4. Please use my email address: historian@nv-kofc.com to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, my brothers.

History of the Knights of Columbus

Our Tonopah and Goldfield, Nevada Origin

Officially Documented at the Tonopah History Museum

The large Shingle Style house stands near the end of the town grid on the slope of Mt. Brougher, commanding a sweeping view of Tonopah. It is a well-executed example of a style rear in Nevada.

A massive stone foundation, built into the hillside, supports the building. Its rambling, asymmetrical plan is contained by the shingled walls under broadly spreading roofs. Entry is under a large porch held up by stone piers. The rear of the building has another deck supported in the same manner. The architect is unknown, the house is one of Tonopah's most architecturally prominent residences. Its original owner, George A. Bartlett, a lawyer and later a U.S. congressman, lost the house in the Panic of 1907. After serving as the Knights of Columbus Hall for decades, the residence is vacant and in disrepair. The word is that it has been purchased again and will undergo a restoration. The Tonopah History Museum now has the historical documentation on display telling the story of the Knights of Columbus presence in Tonopah and Goldfield from 1906 to 1941.

Remember: The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, who carries 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”

Father Thomas Fransiscus C.SS.R., JCL Former Nevada State Chaplin 2002 -2003 and 2015-2019 and Sir Knight

I was one of those pastors who felt I had enough to do. Why get into another “organization?” I might be interested in the yearly golf tournament. This was the opening my wonderful friend needed. He was always ready to help me – better said he helped me a lot around the parish. His invitations to join the Knights were often, varied and always caring. His name was Clarence, he was a convert to our Faith and an African American. His conviction about the Knights was it was good to be with good catholic gentlemen.

Clarence won. I joined the Knights of Columbus – Council 840 in Fresno, California. Soon after he asked me to be his chaplain during his term as Worthy Grand knight.

While a member of Council 840 I was privileged to take all four degrees. I did not take the route of clerical exemption. I participated with the other candidates. Us octogenarians remember the old Third Degree.

Around 1985 I was called to pastor a n predominantly Hispanic parish in Reno Nevada. I took an immediate liking to St. Michaels. I served there for twelve years. During this time, I was also, appointed Judicial Vicar. The parish had a struggling Council. Many Brother Knights helped us to develop.

While at St. Michaels, and later, at St. Ann parish in Dayton, Nevada I was privileged to serve as State Chaplain for four different State Deputies. This was a fantastic experience. I learned much not only about the Order but also about our Faith.

Conventions, State and Supreme, were opportunities to know the Brother Knights at their best. In 2010 Supreme invited all the Chaplains to Rome for the closing of the YEAR OF THE PRIEST. It was great. I have many wonderful memories. One I would share with you, as I close, I concelebrated Holy Mass with the Holy Father and 15,000 other priests.

Rev. Thomas J. Fransiscus C.SS.R., JCL
Council 15704 Tucson, Arizona

By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Assembly/Council Announcements

St. Viator, Knights of Columbus Council 8282 Blood Drive

SK Richard E Sherman



Nevada
4th Degree District Master

On March 13, St. Viator will be holding a Blood Drive. See details on flyer. There is a QR code that can take the donor right to our sign up page.

St. Viator Catholic Community
Knights of Columbus Council 8282

Vitalant encourages all eligible blood donors to give from the heart to help meet an urgent need for patients. In addition to helping save patients' lives, every blood donor receives a mini-physical checking their pulse and blood pressure and a cholesterol test.

Every day, Vitalant needs to collect about 5,300 donations to be ready for both routine and emergency patient needs including car accidents, cancer treatments, heart transplants and surgery for infants born with heart defects.

All blood types are needed, especially type O blood. Type O negative can be used for any patient, and type O positive is also widely used because it is the most prevalent blood type in the population.

St. Viator Catholic Community Knights of Columbus is hosting a blood drive and you are invited to donate blood and help our hospitals. The drive will be held on **Sunday, March 13th from 9 am to 1:30 pm at the Blood-mobile**

Schedule an appointment by using the QR Code above or visiting donors.vitalant.org and search for available times entering the sponsor code **VIATOR** or call Vitalant at 877-827-4376

Walk-ins welcome. Please bring your photo identification.

Founders Day Dinner - March 29th 2022

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

COUNCIL 12877 HOSTING A FOUNDERS DAY DINNER

On **March 29th 2022, Council 12877** will be hosting a Founders Day dinner with an open forum meeting.

We are inviting all councils (in fact, we'll be going to their meetings and inviting them).

We have invited our State Officers as well.

This event will be open to families and prospective members.

Please make a note on your calendars. More information to follow.

Vista Jesus,

Ponderosa Council 4928 - Activities

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

THE CIRCLE IS UNBROKEN



Fr. Art Herkowski Columbian Squires displaying their new self-designed Circle 5686 sweatshirts

The Columbian Squires program is designed to help develop leadership skills in our young Catholic men. It encourages participants to pattern their lives after the Youth Christ by putting their faith in action in support of our Church and our communities – and they do so while enjoying food, fun and fellowship.

The Fr. Art Herkowski Columbian Squires Circle 5686 is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Ponderosa Council 4928. It is the only Columbian Squires program in northern Nevada. In 2017, it won the prestigious Brother Barnabas Award for its Operation Toy Box program, one of only 25 Circles to be so recognized for outstanding activities out of 1,600 Columbian Squires Circles world-wide.

It has been over two years since our Governor issued pandemic masks and social-distancing mandates, the Bishop issuing Diocesan Covid rules, and the pastor of Holy Cross Catholic

Community imposing further restrictions on food, beverage, and social-gathering within parish facilities. But the times, they are a changin'.

As the pandemic restrictions are relaxed, Chief Counselor SK George Minter has been reinvigorating parishioner interest in our program and inspiring current Columbian Squires to return to the Circle.

He is also extending youth participation to a greater audience by making the youth of Immaculate Conception parish aware of the benefits of this faith-based program. Supreme has confirmed their approval of our Circle for the current year.

While other youth programs in America are struggling, all signs are that the future looks bright for the Fr. Art Herkowski Columbian Squires Circle 5686.

To our Squires: Esto Dignus! To our Knights and ladies: Vivat Jesus!

Ponderosa Council 4928 - Activities (continued)

THE SPROUTS INITIATIVE REVISITED



Neither snow nor rain nor gloom of winter stays our goal to feed those in need.

Sometimes, when just a few knights make a program successful month-after-month there is tendency to take their efforts for granted. It's human nature to focus on larger and/or more unique service initiatives. The Sprouts initiative is just one of those everyday programs ... actually, it's a tri-weekly program.

Recently, the Sprouts Initiative experienced some staffing setbacks due to snow birding, family events, health and/or medical issues. In each instance, new member knights and family have stepped up to meet the need. It only requires a pickup truck or van and preferably a team of two to load and deliver food for families per event day.

While Ponderosa Council 4928 members and family have been the primary volunteers, Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 have done yeoman's work in volunteering their time and effort in the fight against hunger by help delivering fresh, perishable produce and dairy product to where the need is greatest.

The numbers vary widely from week-to-week due to the seasonal variation of available donated perishable produce and dairy product and the need locations. In general, Sprouts Initiative volunteers donate approximately 12 hours, traveling approximately 70 miles to deliver approximately 1,350 lbs. of food per week.

The goal of the Knights of Columbus featured Food for Family programs is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. The on-going success of the Sprouts Initiative goes a long way to help attain that goal.



Many times, it's a family thing

Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight
Council #4928

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2022

MINTER FAMILY



After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, SK George Minter has been working hard reinvigorating parish interest in our Columbian Squires Circle, a faith-based youth program designed to help develop leadership skills in our young Catholic men. As the program's Chief Counselor, George has inspired current Columbian Squires to return to the Circle and is diligently recruiting new parish youth to join.

Lady Joyce is recognized for her continuing support of the Council by encouraging member spouses to volunteer in service by participating in our Ladies of the Knights program. Her leadership skills often spells the difference between a good program result and a great one. This dynamic husband and wife team makes a difference and are duly recognized as our Family of the Month for February.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2022**SK HERBERT A. MELENDEZ**

Putting one's "Faith in Action." That's how best to describe our Former District Deputy SK Herb Melendez who is just months away from finishing the three-year journey to become a deacon. His ordination is scheduled for September 10th.

Herb is a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, the head the Holy Cross RCIC program and a member of the parish Pastoral Council. More importantly, he is the head of a family who are amongst the most active in the parish. The key: SK Herb always finds ways to engage people in the faith and to help when there is a need.

Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 Recognitions

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2022 JENSEN FAMILY

Greg and Margaret Jensen are outstanding members of our parish. Greg and his son Michael are both Knights and they are anchored by Margaret (wife and mother). They are both Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, covenanted members and teachers of our charismatic community BLD (Bukas Loob Sa Diyos) and prayer leaders. They are active in members in our parish at Immaculate Conception and relay all aspects of The Knights of Columbus FAITH AND ACTION, but mostly they are great friends of mine and this is why they are The Family of the Month.



Pictured: PGK Cesar Calix, GK Leo V. Carew III, Brother Greg Jensen, Father Phillip, Margaret Jensen, DGK Ritchie Matoza, Father Beda Martinez

Resolution of Support

State Deputy - Haun

To be submitted later this month.

State Deputy - Villardi



Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of Las Vegas Saint Jude Council 9102

Las Vegas, NV

Resolution of Support

- WHEREAS:** Our Lady of Las Vegas, St. Jude Council 9102 officers held a meeting on February 8, 2022
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi has served the Knights of Columbus since November 10, 2014, and achieved his Fourth Degree on April 9, 2016, and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi has previously served the St. Jude Council as Grand Knight [2016 - 2018], Deputy Grand Knight [2015-2016], Trustee [2014-2015] and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi received the Grand Knight of the Year for the State of Nevada for 2016 - 2017, Nevada Knight of the Year 2017 - 2018, Nevada Family of Year 2019 - 2020 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi led his council to a Star Council in 2016 - 2017 and a Double Star Council in 2017 - 2018 and directed his council, 9102 to become a Star Council in 2022
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi initiated the afterschool food handout at Doris Reed Elementary School with Three-Square and a weekly feed the homeless downtown with Father McShane prior to the Pandemic but has continued to be a major contributor and supplier to Veterans Village. He worked closely with his wife in 2021 in collection and distribution to support the Women's Guild Diaper Drive for Catholic Charities. He was instrumental in the "Coats for Kids" statewide project in 2021 and has been the Chairman for the statewide Seminarian Raffle for two years. He works closely with the Women's Resource Center, Living Grace Home and Catholic Workers.
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi became an Honor Guard serving at the Supreme Convention in Baltimore in 2018 and the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis in 2019 and has marched along with his brother Knights in many local parades. Tom Villardi was given the honor of handling and movement of the "Silver Rose". Tom and his wife, Gigi, organized the 2021 Priest Appreciation Dinner, which Bishop Thomas and Bishop Gordon both sent letters of gratitude.
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi has worked closely with Our Lady of Las Vegas Parish and Father Gerry, the Parish Priest, as Head Usher for all masses for the last three years, a task he takes very seriously. Additionally, Tom Villardi's motivational skills have led the Council to serve the Parish as gardeners, tree trimmers, pew cleaners, solar panel cleaners, cooks and all-around handymen. He has led by example his generous and compassionate nature to help brother Knights, fellow parishioners, and the community.

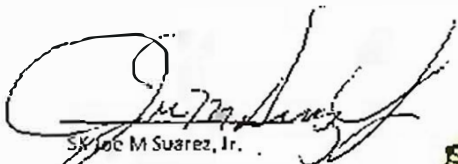


Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of Las Vegas Saint Jude Council 9102
Las Vegas, NV

Resolution of Support (continued)

- WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi continues to work closely with other councils to gain the respect and admiration of their priest as he has done with his own Parish and to supply the tools to help councils with their recruiting of new members and
- WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi has served as Nevada State Warden 2019-2021 and State Membership Director in 2019 - 2020 winning the Supreme Award of Inner Circle 2019 - 2020 for the State of Nevada and is now the Nevada State Treasurer. His attention to detail is a key ingredient in maintaining the quick processing of the state funds for reimbursement to our delegates and he initiated a more efficient process of council's charitable donations and has been the foreperson for more attention to all the good work the Knights of Columbus do for the community throughout the state of Nevada. He, along with brother Knight, Ray Gardea, have been working on the process of the 365 club.
- WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi has performed his duties faithfully in a competent manner and earned the regard, respect and favor of many brother Knights and their families and exemplifies the principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Our Lady of Las Vegas St. Jude Council 9102 present Brother Tom Villardi as a candidate of the Office of State Deputy for the Nevada State Council for Columbian year 2022-2023.


SK Joe M. Suarez, Jr.
Grand Knight




SK Kirk A. Niemand
Recorder

State Secretary - Infantado



Knights of Columbus
San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392
Las Vegas Nevada

Resolution of Support

WHEREAS: San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392, held a council meeting on Sunday, Feb. 27th of 2022.

WHEREAS: Brother Meynard Infantado is currently serving as Nevada State Secretary

WHEREAS: Brother Meynard Infantado served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council as State Treasurer for Columbian Year 2019-2021.

WHEREAS: Brother Meynard Infantado served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council as Executive Secretary for the Columbian Year 2018-2019.

WHEREAS: Brother Meynard Infantado served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council as District Deputy for Columbian Year 2015-2018.

WHEREAS: Brother Meynard Infantado has also served his council as Grand Knight for year 2008-2010

WHEREAS: Brother Meynard served other roles in his Council, Assembly, and the State of Nevada in the following offices:

State Reactivation Chairman	2017 -2018
State Filipino Membership Coordinator	2017 -2018
State Online Membership Board	2018 -2019

WHEREAS: He received the District Deputy of the Year Award for Columbian Year 2016-2017

WHEREAS: His district received the Star District Awards for (3) consecutive years for the 3-year term that he served as District Deputy under WPSD Greg Sprigg and WPSD Tom Thorn.



Resolution of Support Continued

WHEREAS: As State Reactivation Chairman, his team was responsible for reactivating St. Anne, Prince of Peace and St. Sharbel councils.

WHEREAS: Brother Meynard was also the Budget Chairman for the State 2019-2021.

WHEREAS: During his years as State Treasurer in 2019-2021, he worked closely with WSD Toni Pascua and State Officers in handling financial transactions. He reconciled bank statements against Quickbooks every month end. He also assisted in state administrative duties, programs, personnel and meeting planning.

WHEREAS: In 2008, he assisted council growth in Membership and Insurance Programs when he became the Grand Knight for two years. He worked closely with Fr. Jesse Cortes and Fr. Frank Yncierto as his spiritual guide during those difficult days.

WHEREAS: He continues to serve at St. Bridget and Prince of Peace Catholic churches in ministries. He supports Fr. John McShane in his Feed the Homeless project and Pro-Life events. He participates in Holy Family group activities. He has won the regard, respect, and favor of members of the clergy, many brother knights and their families.

He exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #13392 presents Brother Knight, Meynard Infantado as a candidate for the office of State Secretary of the Nevada State Council for the Columbian Year, 2022-2023.

 SK Erickson Tagudar
 Grand Knight
 Council 13392

CC. District Deputies

State Treasurer - Traver



Knights of Columbus
Holy Spirit Council 14784

Resolution of Support

WHEREAS: Holy Spirit Council 14784 held a council meeting on
Thursday, March 3rd, 2022

WHEREAS: Brother Christopher Traver has served the Knights of Columbus since 2011

WHEREAS: Brother Christopher Traver served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council
as State Membership Director for the Columbian Year 2021-2022.

WHEREAS: Brother Christopher Traver served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State as a
District Deputy for the Columbian Year 2021-2022

WHEREAS: Brother Christopher Traver served his council as Grand Knight for Columbian
Year 2020-2021.

WHEREAS: Brother Christopher Traver has also served his council as Chancellor for
Columbian Year 2019-2020

WHEREAS: Brother Christopher Traver received the Knight of the Year Award for Columbian
Year 2020-2021

WHEREAS: His Council received the Star Council Awards for 2020-2021 as Grand Knight



Resolution of Support Continued

WHEREAS: As the current State Membership Director & District Deputy, he works closely
with WSD Joe Haun and State Officers in the implementation and direction of
the State of Nevada recruitment strategy. As District Deputy, he handles
administrative duties as directed by State Officers. He also ensures that all
councils submit required paperwork timely and meet their recruitment quota.

WHEREAS: In his term as State Membership Director, Nevada achieved their quota membership and earned Circle of Honor Status with four-plus months remaining in the fraternal year. Bob McMullen, Senior Vice President of Membership Growth & Marketing, said, "Well done- and particularly impressive given the COVID environment we have been dealing with for two years."

WHEREAS: During the height of the COVID-19 when only 35 people were allowed to attend Brother Christopher as Grand Knight was asked by Holy Spirit Pastor Father Bill Kenny to help with the church with fundraising as the collections were low, and there was a possibility that staff might have to lay off. Brother Chris and other members of the council organized a drive-thru fish fry that raised over \$1900.00 on their first night and helped raise over \$5000.00 to help out the parish during this challenging time

WHEREAS: During his term as Grand Knight, he helped brother knights and their wives get the COVID vaccine who would not have been eligible at the time.

WHEREAS: Brother Christopher Traver, as Grand Knight, started an online rosary every Tuesday during the COVID-19 pandemic for our brothers to keep the faith and fraternity of the council going despite the church being closed and not being able to get together regularly. The online rosary is a popular program at council 14784 and continues today.

WHEREAS: Brother Christopher Traver, as Grand Knight following Supreme's program of Leave No Neighbor Behind during the COVID-19 pandemic, instituted a phone tree program that Chancellor Andre Mccoy headed and called brothers to ensure that they were doing okay and if they needed anything from the store if they were unable to leave their homes.

WHEREAS: During his term as Chancellor, he coordinated with Past Grand Knight Gregg Turley and St. Rose San Martin Hospital to deliver over 50 pizzas for their staff during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic

He exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Holy Spirit Council #14784 presents Brother Knight Christopher Traver as a candidate for the office of State Treasurer of the Nevada State Council for the Columbian Year, 2022-2023.

Signed,



SK Brian Sondgeroth
Grand Knight
Council 14784

State Warden - St. Pierre



Knights of Columbus

St Francis of Assisi Council 13456
Henderson, Nevada

Resolution of Support:

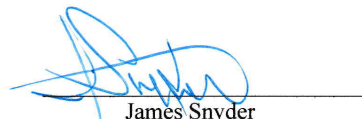
- WHEREAS:** St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 held a meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother Daniel C. St Pierre joined the Knights of Columbus on January 28, 2010, achieving his 2nd Degree on March 30, 2010, 3rd Degree on June 12, 2010 and 4th Degree on October 23, 2010 and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre held the offices of Recorder, Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight for Fr. Ryder Council 9407 in Alexandria, Virginia for Columbian Years 2010-2013 and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre held the offices of Recorder from 2014-2016, Grand Knight from 2016-2018, and Trustee from 2020-Present for St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre received the Star Council Award for Columbian Year 2017-2018 and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre served the State of Nevada as the District Deputy #10 for Columbian Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre was awarded Star District and State of Nevada District Deputy of the Year for Columbian Year 2019-2020 and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre served as the Nevada State Council Faith in Action Coordinator for Columbian Year 2020-2021 and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre is currently serving as Nevada State Warden and Program Director and,
- WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre has performed his duties faithfully in a competent manner and has earned the regard, respect and favor of many brother Knights and their families and exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 presents Brother **Daniel C. St Pierre** as a candidate for the Office of State Warden for the Nevada State Council for Columbian Year 2022-2023.



Timothy Cronin
Grand Knight

Council Seal



James Snyder
Recorder

State Advocate - Long

To be submitted later this month.



Blessed Michael McGivney

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