



SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

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

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State Deputy’s Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin our Lenten journey, it is time to examine ourselves deeply and be a witness to God's love and mercy. We ask ourselves, what is it that stands between us and God? What is it that stands us among us brother Knights? St. Rose of Lima once said, "Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."

Humility and kindness must be in our hearts; not pride and hatred. Fasting, prayers and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lent that allows us to receive graces and blessings from God.

As we continue our duties as Knights, let's ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and pray to God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

God bless!!!

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Holy Father's

PRAYER INTENTIONS

March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Prayer of the Month - March 2023

Pope Francis often references the dignity of the human person. For victims of abuse this dignity has been violated. It can tear at the very soul of a person.

The emotional and spiritual toll lingers long after the physical wounds have healed.



State Secretary's Message

Brothers Knights,

As a reminder, please submit your award nominations by March 15. This is a fantastic way to show your appreciation to the individuals who you nominate. It can also act as a motivational tool for Council members.

1) Nomination for Ladies Auxiliary for the Year

Send to:

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2) Council Nominations for State Service Program Awards:

- Family Programs
- Faith Programs
- Life Programs
- Community Programs

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3) Council Nominations for:

- Family of the Year Award
- Knight of the Year Award
- Chaplain of the Year Award

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4) District Deputy Nomination for GK of the Year

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Forms are available on the UKnight Interactive State website:
<https://uknight.org/StateConventionSite/default.asp?CN=US&ST=NV>

Council Delegate Credentials are due by April 11.

Our State Convention is coming up soon, see details below and act soon, do not wait.



Friday, May 5 - Sunday May 7, 2023

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
2900 N McCarran Blvd
Sparks, NV 89431

Sponsored by: Council #12877, Our Lady of the Desert
\$140.00 Includes registration and all meals
Saturday - breakfast & lunch at ICC
Sunday - dinner at Whitney Peak
\$65.00 Sunday - breakfast at ICC
Dinner guests

Details: https://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/index.asp?CN=US&ST=NV



Whitney Peak Hotel
255 North Virginia St.
Reno, NV 89501

Reservations 775-398-5400
Group Code: KNIGHTS-2023

Upcoming Nevada Events

- 02/28 - Relics of the Passion
03/03 Tour, Reno Diocese
03/06 - Relics of the Passion
03/12 Tour, LV Diocese
03/14 Formation Degree
Exemplification
Our Lady of LV
Council #9102
03/18 2nd Annual Golf
Tournament
Laughlin, NV
Council #12690
03/18 Formation Degree & 4th
Degree Exemplification
St. Thomas More
Council #17996
03/28 Founder's Day Mass
Our Lady of LV
Council #9102
04/08 Special Olympics
Polar Plunge Las Vegas
04/22 Special Olympics
Polar Plunge Tahoe
05/05 - Annual Convention
05/07 Council #12877

March 2023 Readings

03/05/23
Second Sunday of Lent

03/12/23
Third Sunday of Lent

03/19/23
Fourth Sunday of Lent

03/26/23
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Vivat Jesus!

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State Membership Director's Message

Brothers,

As of now, Nevada still has 15 Councils that have not recruited even one new member! The good news is that we are number 8 in the order at 94% of quota and 20 new members away from 100 percent.

Challenge your council members to bring in at least one New Member this month. Better yet run a council incentive program to provide the Knight who brings in the most new members this month for a gift card for a local restaurant. Remember there is also the State Council incentive for membership.

The key to your Council's success requires both Programs and Membership. Programs grow the Order as good, Catholic men see the Knights of Columbus as an active group dedicated to serving the community and the Church. Even better, we should be known as men devoted to the deepening spirituality of ourselves, our families, and all Catholics. But we need more Brothers so we can do more service!

Reevaluate your Council plans and participate in at least one of spiritual and service activities provide by supreme. Look at Supremes' Faith In Action Overview page, you can see under **Faith:** Holy Hour, Marian Prayer – Our Lady of Persecuted Christians, Rosary Program, and Spiritual Reflection. Part of the **Family** category, you could begin either with the Family Prayer Night program or the Family Fully Alive program as ways to involve families in the spirituality of lent. You could even implement the Consecration to the Holy Family as an Lenten devotion. To serve the **Community:** Sponsor a Global Wheelchair weekend for your parish, or Helping Hands could be organized. Finally, in the **Life** category, your Council could offer: Mass for People with Special Needs or a Novena for Life.

Plan to implement one or two of the programs highlighted above. If your council hosts Lenten meals this is a great time to invite men to join you council. You should be able to add two or more new members at each meal. Make sure your top recruiters attend your programs and ask them to seek out and invite men to joins us in doing God's work.

Each and every Council should be able to bring in at least one Knight Before Easter.

Please forward this message to any Brother Knight who may choose to use it to help build your Council.

Yours in Service,

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Nevada District Master's Update



My Brother Knights,

Thank you again for all your thoughts and prayers; they have helped more than you know. I am up and about now have attended several Council & Assembly meeting as well as a 4th Degree Exemplification. I am continuing on with my physical therapy which has been a tremendous help.

I would like to congratulate our Assemblies on adding 135 new 4th Degree members so far this year. Our goal is 150, which I'm sure we will easily surpass

One thought that I really need to stress is that when a Formation Degree Exemplification is planned, we should also be able to announce when the next 4th Degree Exemplification will occur as a next step. Presently we are running a 4th Degree Exemplification every month, alternating between the Reno Diocese and the Las Vegas Diocese.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention in May.

Vivat Jesus

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

Lent is upon us and we are asked to recommit ourselves to the Lord. Being a Knights of Columbus helps us do this day by day, and not just in Lent. Our service has always been formed by faith. A Fish Fry (or Soup Supper) is an incentive to attend the Stations of the Cross. We do strengthen faith by service. Invite a man and his family to join us in service.

- Ray Lopez, Regional Growth Director

State Events Coordinator's Message

Brother Knights,

I hope all is well with you and yours during the Lenten Season., we begin this season lets focus on our Families and relationship with the Lord.

I'm currently serving the State through the Events Coordinator, making sure that State Events are planned to bring the members the greatest outcome. We are currently planning out the Annual State Convention to be held in Sparks Nevada on May 5th-7th at the Whitney Peak Hotel, and Immaculate Conception Church. This will be a great opportunity to visit with the State officers and help set the agenda for the upcoming year. The council has some great meals planned, as well as a State Dinner planned for Saturday evening. The Ladies have a great day planned with tours at the Pottery barn. Come join us in the North for a Great weekend!

Just a note, we are currently planning a Bowling Tournament in the fall, at Southpoint Hotel and Bowling Center. This will be a great opportunity to bring your council, Ladies Guild and friends together for a competitive tournament open to all. We will have great prizes, food and bowling, please watch for more upcoming announcements.

If you would like to see the State host an event in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in the Brotherhood,

Charles McCloskey
State Events Coordinator

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Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Remember:

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

Continue:

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

Visit the website:



Enjoying Your Lenten Journey?

Share It!!!

Through the Apostolate Relic Collection Program, the Reno Diocese has this program in the works, to be confirmed:

"Relics of St. Faustina Kowalska", April 11th thru 14th

Area Knights of Columbus Assemblies and Councils will be coordinating protection at each Parish venue. Check with your respective Assembly and Council for further vigil engagement details.

Our Historic Connecticut Connection

Connecticut, where the Knights of Columbus would be founded, shared in the troubled history of Maryland and Pennsylvania. For nearly two centuries, Puritans, also known as Congregationalists, maintained all churches and essentially controlled civil authority throughout Connecticut. Church and state were closely linked, so much so that the autonomous Congregationalist churches were by tax revenues. Meanwhile, the Catholic community of late-eighteenth century Connecticut remained small, claiming only a few hundred followers. New Haven, the future home of the Knights, was one of the most religiously insular communities in America.

In 1818, a new Connecticut constitution declared that while it was the duty of each man to worship the Supreme Being in a manner consistent with his own conscience, no man should feel compelled to join or support any particular church or religious association. Catholics, however, were still unwelcome and still unable to own land without an act of the legislature. Nevertheless, they were able to establish Holy Trinity Church in Hartford in 1829, the first Catholic church in the state.

At the time, the entire state had roughly 700 Catholics but only a few priests. In fact, the Catholic residents of New Haven had to read the newspaper to learn when a priest would be coming to celebrate a liturgy with them. Once, when a priest was hours late to Midnight Mass, the parishioners gathered a search and rescue party and found him on foot, having encountered issues with his horse. They escorted him to New Haven, where he celebrated Mass and then promptly began his return journey.

Just after a prohibition against Catholic land ownership was lifted, Connecticut's second Catholic church, Christ Church (later Mt. Mary's) was established in New Haven in 1834 to hostility in the local press. While more churches followed, challenges remained, and an openly anti-Catholic governor took office in 1855. It was into this uncertain world that the Knights of Columbus would be born in the basement of St. Mary's in 1882.

Source: A Story of faith, Leadership and Service; Andrew T. Walther and Maureen H. Walther

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State Program Director's Message

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR COUNCILS

While browsing over the pictures of the postings of our Councils on the social media, I came across three (3) significant achievements that I thought worth mentioning:

- 1) Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction at the Prince of Peace 12/22 Fr. Manny Guico, Deacon Dave and Fr. Mugagga.
- 2) Simbang Gabi 12/4, 12/18 celebrated by Fr. Gerry Grupczeynski (Associate State Chaplain), Fr. Jojo Uglaya and Fr. Manny Guico at Our Lady of Las Vegas. This was well planned and attended by 800 plus attendees.
- 3) Knights of Columbus Las Vegas Councils supported First Choice Pregnancy Services on Oct. 10, 2022 by sponsoring three tables at the Champions for Life Banquet sponsored by David Ryan, Vice Supreme Master and St. Viator Council 8082.

I am sure there are a lot more of these events happening all around our Councils in the State of Nevada that are not getting the kind of attention they deserve. For Instance, the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) was very successful in many of the councils and Churches that participated. It was well attended. At Christ the King Council, we also had a lantern parade escorted by the color guards. It demonstrated the strong faith of our Catholic Community and who we are. How we exercise our faith and encourage others to participate.

As your Program Director, I had the honor of mentioning some of them in the previous articles that I have written. Ponderosa Council for example, is very much involved in raising funds for the support of the pregnancy centers in their jurisdiction. I made an appeal to all the Councils in our Jurisdiction to do the same to support ASAP (Aid & Support After Pregnancy). With more States adapting laws that limits abortion and/or make abortion completely illegal, we expect a significant increase in the number of lives we can save. According to last year's statistics, there were 33,000 babies that were saved because of our Ultrasound initiative. That number is expected to grow to 100,000 this year.

With this anticipated growth, we expect a whole new set of problems to arise. There is a need to help these new mothers deal with the added financial burden associated with taking care of their new born babies. They have to buy diapers, baby formulas, and monies to pay for babysitters so they can go to work. For these reasons, I urge our brothers to continue their efforts at fund raising. For us to save lives, we must sacrifice, remain vigilant and increase our efforts to support our pregnancy centers who relies on us for support. This has to be on-going because the lives we are saving will one day assure the survival of our future generation.

Another program that we should pay close attention to and adapt in every Council is The Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction. All it takes is to talk to your Parish Priest and tell him what you plan to do. I have listed things that you can do when you join this solemn occasion.

Think of it as your moment to commune with the Holy Spirit and be in the presence of God. We need somebody in the Council to follow the suggested part I and part 2 activities to make your moment with God a precious, memorable and gratifying experience.

One of the most common times to feel the presence of the holy spirit is during prayer. This is particularly common when we surrender to God while praying and allow the experience to be a two-way conversation. However, this can only happen if we are more concerned with hearing God's voice than leading the conversation.

What does the presence of the Holy Spirit Feel Like?

Yours is to believe that you have the Holy Spirit living in you whether or not you feel him because, as believers, we walk by faith and not by sight. Some may feel his warmth enveloping them, some a powerful presence enfolding them, some a tingling sensation, or a gentle vibration.

WHAT DO I DO AT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?



Things to Do During Eucharistic Adoration—Part 1

Fr. Benedict Groeschel points out in "In the Presence of Our Lord: The History, Theology, and Psychology of Eucharistic Devotion" that there are "four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist, namely, adoration and praise, thanksgiving, repentance, and trusting intercession." Here are suggestions for what to do during private Eucharistic adoration.

- 1.) Pray the Psalms or Liturgy of the Hours:** Whether you are praising, giving thanks, asking for forgiveness, or seeking an answer, you'll find an appropriate psalm. The ancient prayer of the Church called the Liturgy of the Hours presents an excellent way to pray through the Book of Psalms throughout the year.
- 2.) Recite the "Jesus Prayer":** Say "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner", repeatedly as you quiet your heart and mind.
- 3.) Pour out your heart to Christ and adore Him:** Speak to Jesus aware that you are in His presence, and tell Him all that comes to your mind. Listen for His response. Pray the prayer that

St. Francis instructed his brothers to pray whenever they were before the Blessed Sacrament; “I adore you, O Christ, present here and in all the churches of the world, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

4.) Pray the Rosary: Ask Mary to join you as you gaze on Christ in the Eucharist and as you pray the Rosary.

Things to Do During Eucharistic Adoration—Part 2

1.) Meditate using Scripture: Choose a passage from the Bible. Read the words and ask God to let the passage speak to you. Pay special attention to anything that strikes you and ask God what He wishes for you to draw from that passage.

2.) Read the life of a saint and pray with him or her. Most Holy men and women have had a great devotion to Our Lord in the Eucharist. Catherine of Sienna, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Dorothy Day, Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Blessed Michael J. McGivney are just a few. Read about them and pray their prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.

3.) Ask for forgiveness and intercede for others: Think of those who have hurt you and request a special blessing for them. Ask God to forgive you for all the times you have neglected or hurt someone else. Bring before the Blessed Sacrament all those who have asked you to pray for them. Ask the Lord to address their concerns.

4.) Sit Quietly and just “be” in the presence of God: Think of a visit to the Blessed Sacrament as coming to see your best friend. Sit quietly and enjoy being in each other’s company. Instead of talking to the Lord, try listening to what He wants to tell you.

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Recruiting Message Example

Council #4928, George Minter, GK



Calling all Catholic Men – Join Us!

Become a Member of the Ponderosa Council of the Knights of Columbus!



- **We believe that activities are tactical events that put our Faith in Action.** We believe that the value of being a Knight is that by participating we change the way we think about God and how He influences our lives. We seek ways to be of service to our Church, to our community, and to families. And, we offer that opportunity to you!
- **We are seeking practicing Catholic men over 18 who want to be of service to our parish, families, and community.** We are seeking family men. Some of our most active members often team with their wives in service. If you are new to our area, it's a great way to meet new friends with similar interests.
- **Schedule:** K of C members will be available to answer questions for potential new members at the Seminary Education Raffle ticket table after weekend masses.
- Jan. 13-14 and Jan. 21-22
- Jan. 28-29, We will be hosting an **Open House in the church** with donuts and beverages.
- **Background:** The *Knights of Columbus* is two million members strong. Did you know that Ponderosa Council is one of the largest councils in the state, supporting more than 50 different service initiatives including Holy Cross Catholic Community? Big numbers. But big numbers are **not** what we are about.
- **Please come and join us in service as a member of the Knights of Columbus.**
Email: kocgaminter44@gmail.com or see us at the table in the lobby after mass.

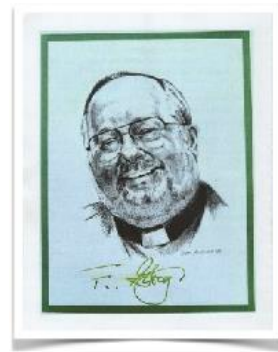
Seminarian Raffle Announcement Example

Council #4928, George Minter, GK



Seminarian Education Fund Raffle

See us after mass in the Holy Cross lobby.



Background: Fr. George was a 4th Degree Knight of our Council, and a big supporter of seminarians. He understood that they were the future of the Church, and made personal donations in their support.

At his funeral mass, Ponderosa Council pledged a donation of \$500 in his memory by purchasing Nevada State Council Seminary Education Raffle tickets in his name. It was a Win-Win plan. This donation was used to purchase State Raffle Tickets, the net proceeds, of which, will be donated by the State Council to diocesan seminarian programs in Nevada. Our Council would then enter Fr. George Wolf's name and the Council's contact info on the back of each purchased raffle ticket.

Should we submit a winning ticket entered in this format, the Council would then donate the cash award proceeds directly to the Diocese of Reno Seminarian Fund.

Tax Deductible: Ponderosa Council has set up a charitable program in compliance with IRS rules that allow donations to be tax deductible under current IRS rules provided they are made with personal checks or cash. The Council will issue donor receipts for donations of \$50.00 or more for the applicable tax year. Corporate or business checks do not qualify as a tax deductible.

Checks issued *in memoriam* of Fr. George Wolf should be made out as follows:

“Knights of Columbus 4928”
Memo line: **Fr. George Wolf Seminary Raffle**

However, if you enjoy the thrill of entering a raffle by making a traditional donation, just purchase the number of tickets you desire, and complete the back in your name. The cost is \$1.00/ticket. If issuing a personal check, no memo line entry is necessary. The same IRS rules and restrictions apply.

College Scholarship and Bishop Manogue Catholic High School Financial Aid

Our annual Knights of Columbus scholarship/financial aid program begins in the month of February. Application forms and instructions for both programs will be available in the Gathering Space. For more information, contact Grand Knight George Minter at kocgaminter44@gmail.com

Knight in the Light

Sir Knight Richard Sherman,

Former Master 2018-2022, State Special Olympics and Intellectual Disabilities Chair, Public Relations Chair, and State Webmaster

My Journey with The Knights of Columbus.

I have been in the Knights of Columbus since 1999 and a Fourth Degree Knight since 2000.

I have been active in all Council and Assembly activities in Arkansas where I became a Knight and in Las Vegas when I joined the Council and Assembly here.

I have held leadership positions in Councils holding all positions except FS and Assemblies as Faithful Navigator, Captain, Admiral, Color Corp Commander, and Pilot. I held the position of District Master - Nevada from 9/1/18 to 8/31/22 in Las Vegas.

I am dedicated to the mission of the Knights of Columbus and will continue to serve in any position that I hold.

My wife and I have a successful business in Las Vegas. I have held management positions in business throughout my adult life.

Serving as Master, communication has been and continues to be the key to all growth. It is a two-way process and follow-up is essential. Continuing to develop tools like the Fourth Degree Portal and best practices to communicate to the Assemblies in the Nevada District will always be my goal.

Through the recent pandemic, support from Supreme on how to survive, conduct business and Leave No Brother Behind have been the greatest tools given to us as Knights. I have assisted in implementing many of those tools in both Councils and Assemblies and as Master have shared those ideas and aids to the Assemblies in the Nevada District.

Now beyond my four-year term as Master of the Fourth Degree – Nevada District; I have taken up the State positions of Special Olympics and Intellectual Disabilities chair, Public Relations chair, and State Webmaster. As stated earlier, communication is the key to recruitment and future growth of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Nevada!

Vivat Jesus!

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Continuing a Tradition of Giving

Just prior to Christmas, Bishop Manogue Assembly 612, Reno, hosted a well-attended combined 4th Degree Assembly/local Council Christmas dinner at Immaculate Conception in Sparks. In the spirit of the season, the open bar donor tip container raised \$448.00.

With that as a start, Fourth Degree member knights of participating Councils, and the Officers of Bishop Manogue Assembly 612, all agreed to match each other, to round up an Assembly donation and deliver it to where the need was great.

On February 5th, that goal was achieved when Faithful Navigator Charles B. Goucher presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Monique Jacobs of Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. It brought smiles to all.



- FN Charles B. Goucher

Plan It & They Shall Come

On February 7th, Ponderosa Council 4928 hosted an in-person Fraternal Benefits Night seminar at Holy Cross Catholic Community presented by Field Agent Joseph Melancon.

Twenty (20) member knights, representing approximately 15% of our Council membership, plus (2) non-members (candidates), were in attendance.

Field Agent Joe's presentation was well-received by a diverse and attentive group. Our second Fraternal Benefits Night is already in the works as Ponderosa Council continues on the path to Star.



- George A. Minter, GK

Welcome Breakfast Lovers

On February 19th, the University of Nevada Reno Council 16207 held one of its semi-annual pancake breakfast programs in the Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center raising over \$60.00 in support of the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Reno.

Ten (10) student council member knights led by Grand Knight Timothy Watts helped prepare and serve approximately 70 meals to parishioners and campus students. This Council is noted for its active, student-orientated schedule, but it all starts with a good breakfast.



- Don Cortez, Financial Secretary

Family of the Month

Bro. David Joyce is a Life Member with 45 years of service. His spouse, Mary Alice, was co-chair with Kathy Peak for the Fr. George C. Wolf Estate Sale initiative held on the weekend of January 21-22 at Holy Cross. This estate sale raised over \$2,700.00 toward the parish college scholarship fund in memory of our deceased chaplain. Together this family team volunteered 16 hours in service planning, recruiting, and holding this event.

Both Bro. Dave and Lady Mary Alice helped earlier at the Annual Diocesan Conference. In addition, during the estate sale Bro. Dave doubled down by helping with the promotion of Seminarian Education Fund raffle ticket sales within the parish, an activity not permitted in the church since 2015. He currently serves as the Council Outside Guard.



- George Minter, GK

Knight of the Month #1

SK Anthony Watts continues to make a positive impact on Ponderosa Council 4928 with his energy, marketing skills, commitment, and technical expertise gained as a professional meteorologist and an on-air persona.

This was manifested most recently with his input into and the production of over 500 double-sided promotional flyers handed out to parishioners over three weekends in support of the Nevada State Council Seminarian Education Fund raffle and the Council's mid-year membership drive, covering all printing costs, and handing out many in person.

In addition, SK Anthony has stepped up to the office of Chancellor and is our FAITH Program Director.



- George Minter, GK

Knight of the Month #2

Bro. Dave Schebetta characterizes a new wave of recruits that foretells the future success of the Council in implementing Supremes' Faith in Action program model. He completed his Combined Exemplification only seven (7) months ago, and is a frequent participant in various fundraising, service initiative, and fraternal events. In addition, he stepped up to the Council office of Inside Guard.

This month he is recognized for greeting parishioners and handing out promotional flyers over three (3) consecutive weekends before the masses and assisting in the promotion of Council membership and other programs immediately thereafter.

His efforts were one of the primary reasons why our Council was successful in adding a new transfer-in and two newly exemplified candidates.



- George Minter, GK

Family of the Month

GK Leo V. Carew and Lady Connie were recognized as the Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 Family of the Month for February in recognition for all the outstanding contributions they made through their various volunteer efforts and programs in the parish.



- Leo V Carew III, GK



**FAMILY OF THE MONTH
COUNCIL WINNER LIST
JANUARY 2023**

Jurisdiction	Council	Family	Jurisdiction	Council	Family
Alabama	1484	Barbara Ragsdale	New Jersey	9193	Jeffery Lilly
Alaska	11206	Michael P. Williams	New Mexico	8741	Gerald Charlton
Alberta	7432	Gilbert Fagnou	New York	3676	Ryan Tomko
Arizona	4584	Edward Graveline	North Carolina	12119	Louis Paone
Arkansas	10208	Ed Doyle	North Dakota	10496	Michael Berger
British Columbia	6855	Clay Imoo	Nova Scotia	6348	Hubert D'Entremont
California	953	Bob Willett	Ohio	968	Matt Beaty
Colorado	3434	Jim Christopher	Oklahoma	8204	Todd Gungoll
Connecticut	2533	Tom W. Charla	Oregon	9257	Leopoldo Zarraga
Delaware	13348	Donna DeCoito	Pennsylvania	6353	Stephen Falencki
Florida	6168	Lester Colclasure	Rhode Island	379	Jose Cabral
Georgia	10821	Thomas (Dave) Mills	Saskatchewan	2031	Denis Dierker
Hawaii	14620	Lawrence Campbell	South Carolina	6629	Tim Walters
Idaho	3085	Matt Lustig	South Dakota	11739	Brian Voss
Illinois	11707	Linus Marti	Tennessee	11925	Jarett Braniff
Indiana	7544	Joe Beckwith	Texas	6065	Ignacio Hernandez
Iowa	4236	Donald Quint	Utah	5502	Steve Karrick
Kansas	2093	Bob Weishaar	Vermont	7525	Phi Nguyen
Kentucky	2499	Rick Lasley	Virginia	5750	David Alexander
Louisiana	2657	Chris Duplessis	Washington	11789	Mark Alcamo
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Manitoba	5870	Robbert Hilhorst			
Maryland	7914	Cory Cooper			
Massachusetts	314	Thomas Consolati			
Michigan	8169	Brian Gerrits			
Military	12488	Hatakeyama			
Mindanao	13648	Rommel T. Gutierrez			
Minnesota	4797	Richard Reiner			
Mississippi	7915	Craig Womack			
Missouri	16189	Jim Freddell			
Montana	1413	Jerry Cashman			
Nebraska	10047	Anthony Schultz			
Nevada	12877	Leo Carew V the Third			
New Brunswick	7529	Camille André Basque			

Supreme Family of the Month/Year

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention.

The deadlines for international program awards (Faith, Family, Community, Life and Family of the Year) as well as the Blessed Michael McGivney Medal (Chaplain of the Year), **are due April 30** this year. We want to ensure that jurisdictions submit their very best programs, families, and chaplains – ones that are worthy of an international award!

The submission forms can be found at www.kofc.org/stateforms.

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Anthony Rico
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Rene Rodriguez
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4th Year Theology
Mundelein Seminary

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