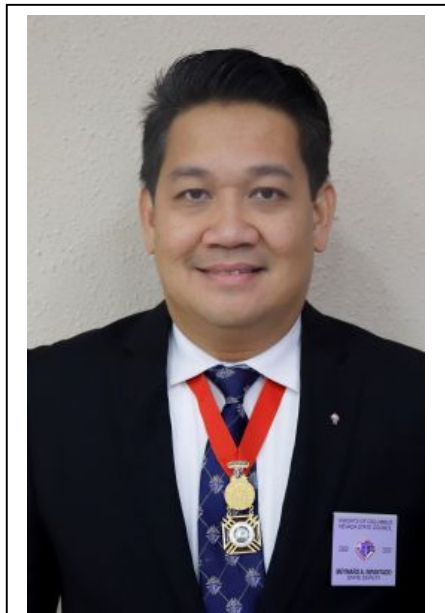


# The Silver Knight News

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## State Deputy's Message

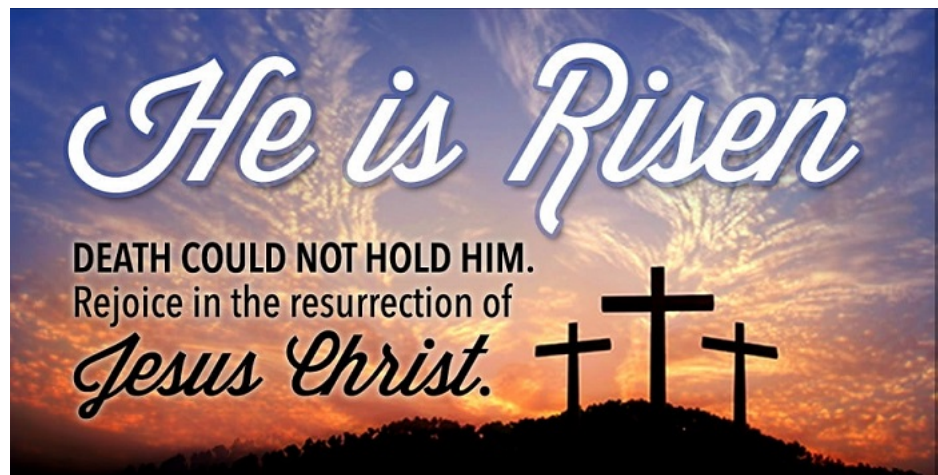


State Deputy Meynard Infantado

As we draw closer to the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we ask ourselves, does the King of Glory find a welcome entry into our homes and hearts? This is the time of reflection. Our Lord humbled himself and became obedient even to death. His divinity stays even when he teaches humility.

I want to remind everyone of the upcoming State Convention in May. Deadline for Meal reservations, Award Nominations and Credentials are coming up. Show your council's work by putting an ad in our Souvenir book.

Thank you all and God bless!



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*May the strength of  
 God pilot us, may the  
 wisdom of God instruct  
 us, may the hand of  
 God protect us, may the  
 word of God direct us.  
 Be always ours this day  
 and for evermore.*

*Saint Patrick*

## Coats, Cash and Change



It's been just over a year since Casa de Vida closed its doors leaving councils in Reno-Sparks with limited choices for a pro-life pregnancy charity. It was quite a change. For over two decades, on an annual basis, Ponderosa Council 4928 had donated in support of Casa de Vida with funds raised by members who contributed to a "tip jar" at monthly meetings. These funds were matched by the Council per Standing Rule 6 passed in November 2001 by the then Grand Knight, SK Mark B. Foxwell.

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada met that need by opening its Thriving Families Support Center. This program provided a unique "Economic Mobility Mentoring" path to help those in need mitigate the root causes of poverty. In response, the Council re-directed financial support to them. Then more change came.

Earlier in the Columbian Year, Supreme expanded its Coats for Kids program to include toddler sizes. It was a welcome change that could help fill an important pro-life pregnancy center need in winter. In response, just before a cold wave hit, the Council donated two cases of toddler winter coats (24 coats) plus a traditional financial donation at the Thriving Families Support Center. Then even more change came!

On Ash Wednesday, Ponderosa Council presented another \$500 donation under Standing Rule 6 to Thriving Families Director ... correct that ... to Elevating Families Director Jessica Sheldon. New support center name, same great program, addressing a growing community need.

- GK George A. Minter

## Membership Growth Report

Brothers,

We are fast approaching the end of this fraternal year. Where does your council stand in making Star Council or the other awards that contribute to the success of your council? Membership growth is one of the requirements for Star Council and an important measure of the success of your council. Without membership growth and active members, a council cannot continue the mission and vision of Blessed Father McGivney.

As much as I hate to say this, it takes between five to ten new members to get one actively involved member. Something I hear all too often, I will only invite members who are going to be active and involved to join. I agree with this statement, we need active and involved members and I am still waiting for someone to give me the secret of finding those members. Is this the criteria for those members? Members who need no encouragement to attend meetings just show up every month. Those members who need no feeling of brotherhood or belonging to something special, just show up every month. Those members who have no need to feel wanted or valued by your council just show up every month. This is how you would like to feel when you attend your first meeting!

To answer the question of why new members are not being active in our order we must look in the mirror. When was the last time you really took a personal interest in a new member and made him feel welcome, needed, and wanted? I propose if you introduced yourself to a new member took a personal interest in his interest and desires to help your council, church, and community you might find that they really do want to grow in their faith and be a part of this great organization called the Knight of Columbus. That he would be active and involved in the programs and events of your council and that you would make a friend for life.

I believe someone must have shown an interest in you for you to still be active. For me, 59 years ago, it was a Knight named Bill Campbell. Bill was at my first meeting and asked me to help him as a guard at an exemplification of the first, second and third degrees the next weekend in another town about sixty miles away. Of course, I said yes, I was looking forward to putting someone through what I had just gone through the weekend before at a town fifty miles in the other direction. A few months later he asked me to take an office in the council, which I also said yes to and like they say, the rest in history. I have been involved in the knights in one way or another ever since my first meeting. What if Bill had not taken an interest in me, I am not sure, but I am thankful to him for getting me involved. Will you be Bill Campbell for a new knight?

God Bless

David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM  
State Membership Director

*Christ beside me, Christ  
before me, Christ behind  
me, Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ  
above me.*

*Saint Patrick*

Note from the State Historian

***Enjoying Your Lenten Journey?***

***Share it!***

***Happy Easter***

***Schedule More Exemptions!***

***Plan to Attend the 114<sup>th</sup> Nevada State  
Convention at Suncoast Hotel and Casino,  
Las Vegas, May 3-5, 2024***

***Council updates:***

- I continue to be in contact with our District Deputies and Grand Knights 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 the size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position on your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
- In concert with Worthy State Deputy Meynard Infantado 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.
- Please use my email address: [historian@nv-kofc.com](mailto:historian@nv-kofc.com) to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, my Brother Knights.

*If I have any worth, it is  
to live my life for God.*

*Saint Patrick*

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## Note from the State Historian

### Prayerful Thought!

Have you heard of the following prayer?

Prayer is the mortar for the structure that holds our respective homes together!

The Five Finger Prayer:

Your Thumb: is nearest to you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach and heal. This includes priests, doctors, teachers, and coaches. They need God's guidance.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of those people who shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's wisdom.

The fourth finger is our ring finger. This is our weakest finger as any piano teacher will testify. Pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. You cannot pray too much for them.

And lastly comes our little finger -- the smallest finger of all -- which is where we should place ourselves in relationship to God and others. As the Bible says, "the least shall be the greatest among you." By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into perspective, and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

**Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!**

**Remember:** The message Blessed Michael McGivney has for us is that we carry on the work he began 143 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!**

**Pray that Pope Francis I will Canonize our Blessed Michael McGivney!**

*I am certain in my heart  
that all that I am, I  
have received from God.*

*Saint Patrick*

**Knight in the Light** Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

**Sir Knight J. Michael Brady, PGK, PFN, FCCC, FDD  
State Historian and Northern NV District Marshal**

I was born into an Irish Catholic family in Kansas City, Missouri on July 3, 1947, and baptized Catholic the same month. My youthful development was quite typical with a move to Southern California at six years old. First Communion at eight years old and the normal catechism teaching while attending public schools.

I showed a talent for art/drawing at an early age and my interest in an acting career grew in a parallel way with alcaides in both areas by the time I graduated from high school. Then my career direction dilemma needed resolution. To pursue Drama/Theater or Architecture was the challenge. There was a period in the tenth and eleventh grade when I was interested in becoming a priest.

The other two careers quickly overtook the priesthood interest. I decided to pursue Architecture because I could always do acting, however, not the other way around.

My patriotic impulses also were at play, I joined the US Naval Air at Los Alamitos NAS in California in August of 1965 upon graduation from high school. This was a college deferment program allowing two years of college in a Reserve Training status with the Ensign Officer role awaiting. Health complications stop this path, and I was Honorably discharged in 1968. My heart was also at play as I fell in love and married in 1966. My son was born in 1967 with my daughter to follow in 1973. Now the settling down to complete college for both my wife and myself. I graduated from Pierce College with an AA Degree and then from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo in 1973, with a Bachelor of Architecture. We moved back to San Luis Obispo after two years of apprenticeship in the Los Angeles area.

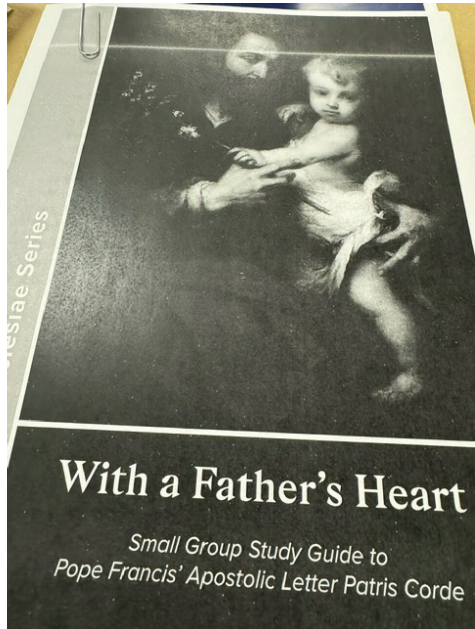
We moved back to San Luis Obispo in 1975; SLO was a small-town community conducive to raising a family and starting a career as I was licensed as an architect in 1976. Concurrently, I was offered an Associate Professorship at Cal Poly School of Architecture (eleven years) while starting my practice as an Architect. This was a great period, having two careers running simultaneously along with being a practicing Catholic with my family. I also had character roles in SLO Little Theater and Children's theater as well. Both careers rolled along until 1987 when I had an offer to return to Kansas City to work for HOK Sports Architects which launched my focus in Stadia Design. I earned my Master of Architecture Degree from The University of Kansas in May of 1996.

(Story continues on page 18)

*I pray to God to give me  
perseverance and to deign  
that I be a faithful  
witness to Him to the  
end of my life for my  
God.*

*Saint Patrick*

## Council 12877 kicks off “COR”



On Sunday, March 10, Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 held its first COR mini-Retreat. Brother Knights met at Immaculate Conception Church at 9:00 A.M. to pray The Most Holy Rosary, and then they attended Mass at 9:30, all together as a fraternity of brothers. Afterwards, they headed to the Faith Formation Building for the monthly Business Meeting and the Council's first COR Ecclesiae Series entitled "With A Father's Heart." The COR program was spearheaded by our Faith Director Terry Walsh

and Grand Knight Ritchie Matoza. This session was ably facilitated by Deacon Ron Klonicke.

We had a good showing with 20 members present. This encourages us to aim for 40 members or more for our next COR Meeting!

"A Father's Heart" is a guidebook to work through Pope Francis' Letter on 'St. Joseph, Patris Corde.' Using it, we begin to see St. Joseph as a model who can help us achieve a deeper and more courageous faith. We had an enlightening reading, discussion and prayer followed by a luncheon fellowship. All members seemed fired up to attend our next COR Group Meeting and to work hard on fulfilling God's desire for His sons to be virtuous and genuine followers who want to be good men for ourselves, our families and for others!

Terence Walsh / Chancellor / Faith Programs  
Council 12877

Submitted by:  
Leo V Carew III  
Nevada State Warden

*Christ in the heart of  
every man who thinks of  
me, Christ in the mouth  
of everyone who speaks of  
me, Christ in every eye  
that sees me, Christ in  
every ear that hears me.*

*Saint Patrick*



## **FOURTH DEGREE**

**PATRIOTIC DEGREE OF THE ORDER**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME  
A FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHT**

**April 27, 2024, FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

**SCHEDULE:**            11:00 AM- 12:00 PM Registration of Candidates  
                                 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM Exemplification  
                                 04:00 PM -05:00 PM Mass at Christ the King  
                                 05:00 PM -07:30 PM Social & Dinner follows Mass

**LOCATION:**            **Christ the King, Catholic Community**  
                                 **4925 S. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89118**

**THE HONOREE FOR THIS DEGREE IS:**  
**PSD, FVSM, Sir Knight David M. Ryan**

**Candidates must be in proper attire:** Black Tuxedo, or Black, Dark Blue, or Dark Gray suit, Dress Shirt & Tie, and black dress shoes. No colored or printed shirts please.

**Faithful Comptrollers:** Report to the lead Marshall by 12:30 with completed form 4's and a check from the assembly for \$70.00 for each candidate. Your Exemplification fee includes your dinner.

We encourage you to invite your family to the dinner. Guest dinner tickets are \$30 each.

Make checks payable to **Ken Sawyer, Master**.

**Signatures needed on the Form 4 are:** Your Council Financial Secretary, the Assembly Faithful Navigator, and the Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly, and note the number of the Assembly you are joining.

Brothers in your Council and or your new Assembly should be able to help you get these signatures. If you are unable to collect all the signatures, please attend the Exemplification; we will gather the signatures later.

If you have any questions, contact 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Master, SK Ken Sawyer, 702-203-7403  
[Ken.J.Sawyer@COX.NET](mailto:Ken.J.Sawyer@COX.NET)





## April 20, 2024, FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

SCHEDULE: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Registration of Candidates  
11:30 AM – 2:45 PM Exemplification  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception  
6:30 PM – Dinner

### LOCATION:

Immaculate Conception Church 2900 No. McCarran Blvd Sparks, NV 89431

### **Candidates Attire: Dark Suit and Tie.**

Sir Knights attending the Exemplification may wear a tuxedo or a dark suit, with social baldric. Fourth Degree Uniform may be worn without beret or sword unless participating in Color Guard.

All Candidate Form 4's along with a \$80.00 check payable to Daniel Dexter Master for the exemplification and Dinner. Reservations should be completed and received by April 15, 2024. Spouses and guests are \$40.00 per person for Dinner.

For any question contact: William Sousa, at 775-544-0514 or email at [williamsousa@me.com](mailto:williamsousa@me.com).

## A Full House at Council 13842's Fish Fry



*He [God] watched over  
me before I knew him,  
and before I learned  
sense or even  
distinguished between  
good and evil, and he  
protected me, and  
consoled me as a father  
would his son.*

*Saint Patrick*

DGK Jody Gunderman opened the doors to the parish kitchen at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 8 and a dozen knights showed up to prepare a fish fry dinner. They had 600 pieces of fish that had to be baked for 15 minutes, then deep-fried for five minutes. There was 40 pounds of french fries that needed deep-frying and eight giant bags of cole slaw that needed mixing. While some knights did the baking and frying, SK Rich Solferino and his wife Yolanda mixed the cole slaw. "We have to get the dressing just so," said Yolanda. "We don't want dry or soggy slaw." When they were finished, they had seven large bowls of slaw.

SK Jim Marstall and his wife Elaine made the tartar sauce. "You start with mayonnaise, add some chopped pickles, lemon juice and some herbs," commented Elaine. "Back in Virginia we had a fish fry every Friday during Lent and I used to make three gallons of sauce at a time. This time I made three pints."

Jody watched his team perform like clockwork. Then he saw an unexpected visitor -- Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. The Bishop said "I heard there was something 'fishy' going on here so I decided to investigate." Jody assured him that indeed something 'fishy' was going on. The Bishop watched the St. Rose Youth Group perform Live Stations of the Cross, then joined the parish for a fish dinner.

Jody said the Knights prepared 25% more food than last year and apparently he had 25% more attendees. "All the fish was consumed. We ended the dinner with half a bowl of cold slaw and a handful of french fries," he said.

## Honorable Catholic Men of February

May I present to you these brothers who took the time to invite new members into the order so that we may continue to do the works of Blessed Michael McGivney? These are the heroes of February. I am calling on each man with a challenge to recruit at least one new brother this March. It is a duty.

I'd like to give the honor to the top 3 Recruiters (YTD) to do the honor in Offertory's (offering the body and blood of Christ) during this coming State Convention Necrology Mass.

Council	New Adds	Recruiter	City St
10442	12	DAVID M RYAN	LAS VEGAS NV
13392	8	MEYNARD A INFANTADO	LAS VEGAS NV
14820	2	EDMUNDO C VERCELES	LAS VEGAS NV
2666	1	JERALD W MARCUERQUIAGA	WINNEMUCCA
2828	1	STEPHEN F MELANCON	LAS VEGAS NV
5448	1	CARLOS A SANCHEZ	LAS VEGAS NV
5693	1	JOE ALVIN HAUN	LAS VEGAS NV
6688	1	MR EDUARDO GARCIA-RAMIREZ	YERINGTON NV
7708	1	EUSEBIO AGUILAR	LAS VEGAS NV
7708	1	RAYMOND L BREWER	HENDERSON NV
11029	1	MR ANTHONY G DRUMMOND	LAS VEGAS NV
11029	1	MR KEVIN J ROONEY	LAS VEGAS NV
13392	1	DANIEL RAMOS	LAS VEGAS NV
13456	1	PATRICK J HANLEY	HENDERSON NV
13456	1	PAUL C DIAZ	HENDERSON NV
13897	1	JOSE R LOPEZ	FERNLEY NV
14544	1	JOSHUA M LYNN	LAS VEGAS NV
14820	1	BROTHER ROMEL VALDEZ	LAS VEGAS NV

Meynard Infantado, State Deputy  
Nevada State Council

*I am imperfect in many things, nevertheless I want my brethren and kinsfolk to know my nature so that they may be able to perceive my soul's desire.*

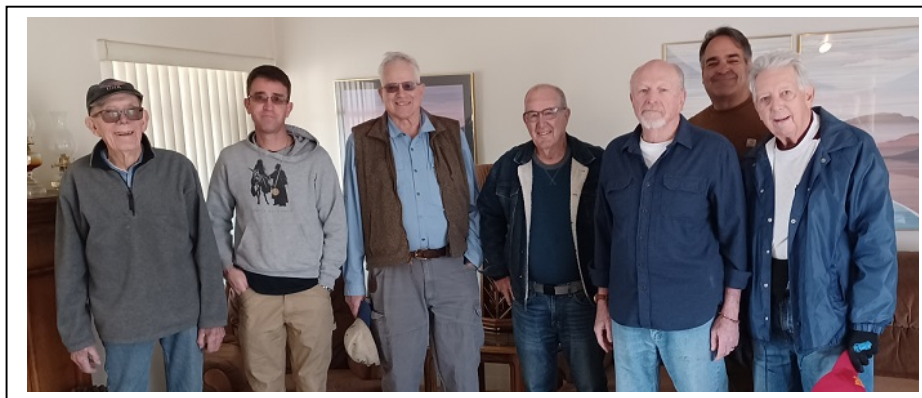
*Saint Patrick*

## Report from Pro-Life Chair

The West End Women's Medical Group, an abortion clinic in Reno, has closed its doors. Shawn Carney, President/CEO of the "40 Days for Life" organization, said this closure was the 150th abortion facility to close following one of its campaigns. "It was a great piece of news and a great confirmation of God's love in this world and in my heart," wrote Lauren who led the 40 Days for Life efforts in Reno.

SK Richard Menard  
Pro-Life Chair (So. Nevada)

## Knights Help at Brothers' Home



*I am Patrick, yes a sinner and indeed untaught; yet I am established here in Ireland where I profess myself bishop. I am certain in my heart that 'all that I am,' I have received from God. So I live among barbarous tribes, a stranger and exile for the love of God.*

*Saint Patrick*

The call came from Fr Bob to GK Ryan "Could you get a dozen Knights to help clear out the home of the Brothers of the Holy Rosary?" The Brothers, an order founded in 1957, had taught at Bishop Manogue High School for more than 30 years and now had dwindled down to three. Then Br. Phillip passed away; Br. Matthew went to a memory care facility; and Br. Eddie moved into an assisted-care institution. Their residence is a 5 bd, 3.5 bath, 3075 sq ft home located in NW Reno. It has a spectacular, unobstructed view of the mountains from the backyard and is owned by the Diocese. The house needed to be cleaned out to prepare for another religious community.

Eight Knight from four different councils arrived at 10 a.m. They started in the attic where 37 boxes of Christmas decorations -- bulbs, garland, ornaments -- were cleared. So no one had to go up and down the stairs, GK Ryan formed a "fire brigade bucket chain." Items were passed one man to the next down the stairs where Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada collected the items in large roller bins.

Then the Knights went downstairs where they found a like-new IBM Selectric III typewriter, 10 vinyl LP records (titles included "Christmas Favorites" by Perry Como and Handel's Messiah by the Cleveland Philharmonic), a portable typewriter, a hand-painted porcelain Nativity set still in its box, games of chess, Scrabble, Bible trivia and Catholic trivia. The "fire brigade bucket chain" worked in reverse as items were passed up the stairs.

At noon, Fr. Bob said the Knights were finished. He was happy the house was cleaned out. Catholic Charities was happy with 14 roller bins full of items to be sorted and sold in their thrift store. And the Knights were happy that their act of charity only took two hours on a fine Saturday morning.

## Shed for the Marvin Picollo Riding School



The Marvin Picollo Therapeutic Riding Program uses horses as a form of therapy. For a person with an emotional, social or psychological disability, building a relationship with an animal is very rewarding. The trust and loyalty of an animal demonstrates to the student how important he or she is. The student then may apply this newly-acquired self-esteem to personal relationships.

The School needed a 10x12 tack shed to provide necessary storage and shelter related to the school's programs. Council 13842 intended to pay for the building the shed. ACE Charter High School's construction department graciously agreed to put the tack shed together, showcasing the practical skills of its students. The High School donated not just the labor, but also the cost of materials needed for the shed. Reno Rock Transport laid the concrete pad without charge.

The Knights need only transport the finished shed from Ace High School to the Marvin Picollo school and mount it on the concrete pad.

One of our brother Knights wrote, "I wanted you to let you know how great it is that the Knights are supporting Marvin Picollo school. Our son, Brett, attended the school from age 3 to 22 when he "aged out." My wife Kathy taught there from 1988 until she retired in 2003. That school serves a huge need for kids with severe intellectual disabilities. That program has had enormous benefits for the kids! It's amazing how they respond to those big animals!!!":

*So I live among  
barbarous tribes, a  
stranger and exile for the  
love of God.*

*Saint Patrick*

## Family of the Month for February 2024



Few can match the commitment of the Deacon Herbert A. Melendez family to Holy Cross Catholic Community in Sparks, NV. SK Herb has been a Council member for over 17 years. He is a Former District 2 and District 6 Deputy, as well as a Former State Council Hispanic Development Field Director (North). His bilingual language skills have not only helped as a recruitment tool for new members, but he has also

served as a language translator for the Council and during the Spanish mass.

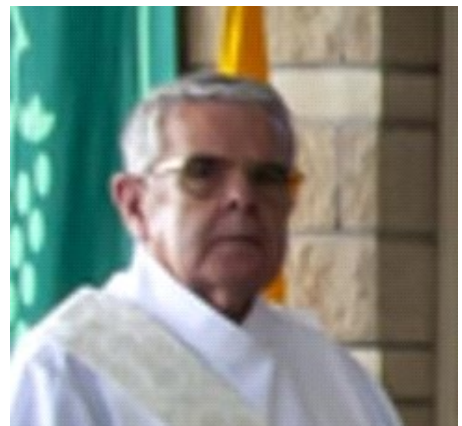
On September 10, 2022, SK Herb completed the four-year Diocese of Reno Diaconate Formation program and currently serves as a Deacon at the parish. Lady Mirna is equally active in the parish as a member of the Ponderosa Council Ladies of the Knights. Herb Jr. is a Council member and is on active military duty. Daughter Irazema now lives on her own in Reno, working as a health specialist for the State of Nevada. Son Khris is a Council member and a volunteer teacher in the parish Children's Liturgy class program. Daughter Yisseth and son Joshua frequently operate the remote monitor screens on display during Mass. For all that they do, the Melendez family are recognized as the Council's Family of the Month for February.

*The Lord opened the  
understanding of my  
unbelieving heart, so that  
I should recall my sins.*

*Saint Patrick*

## Knight of the Month for February 2024

This month, Ponderosa Council 4928 honors Deacon Joseph P. Haggarty as its February Knight of the Month. "Deacon Joe" has been a Council member for over 18 years. He is one who has put his Faith in Action by actively serving on Holy Cross Catholic Community parish financial committees, parish pastoral councils, and leading special programs in support of the parish and the Church.



On September 10, 2022, Deacon Joe completed his four-year Diocese of Reno Diaconate Formation. Today, he can be seen assisting at Mass, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching homilies, visiting the needy, and presiding at funeral liturgies, all in filling a growing parish need.

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## Tidbits Affecting Our Communities

By Al S. Pena State Program Director

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

The 2024 Special Olympics Nevada Vegas Plunge takes place on Saturday April 13th 2024 • 9:00 am at Cowabunga Bay Water Park Henderson, 900 Galleria Drive, Henderson, NV. Plungers who raise a minimum of \$125 get to enjoy the fun of the Plunge in the morning and Cowabunga Bay in the afternoon. All plungers receive their own Vegas Plunge t-shirt, entry into the park, a lunch ticket and the opportunity to support the SONV athletes!

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

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

(Story continues on page 19)

*I prayed in the woods  
and on the mountain,  
even before dawn. I felt  
no hurt from the snow or  
ice or rain.*

*Saint Patrick*

## This Month's Photos

While the Knights prepared the Fish Fry, the St Rose Youth Group performed Live Stations of the Cross





# This Month's Photos

Council 12877 kicks off "COR"



SK Terry Walsh



SK Deacon Ron



WSW SK Leo V Carew III



SK Abayomi Aldernola

## Knight in the Light

(Continued from page 6)

While working with a civil engineer on one of our projects, I was invited to join the Knights of Columbus. I did in March of 1988 and joined the Fourth Degree in March of 1989. My first chair was that of the Council Scribe.

My architectural career dominated my time with travel and advancement. I kept my membership in the Knights with occasional activities and fundraising participation. The architectural firm I was working for acquired a firm in Sacramento, I was offered the opportunity to be part of the management team with this newly acquired firm. This moved me back to California in 2000.

I re-engaged with the Knights in 2000 and transferred to Our Lady of Grace Council 9469 in West Sacramento. I served as Grand Knight for two years, 2005-06 and 2006-07, achieving the Council's first Star Council Award in 23 years. Served as Faithful Navigator in Bishop Manogue 50 Assembly for the Columbian year 2014-15 as the 99th FN and organize our Centennial Celebration in Columbian year 2015-16. I was appointed as District Deputy of District 13 on July 1, 2017.

I was a Firm Principal and Regional Office Manager with CSHQA Architects in West Sacramento, CA, for fifteen years. I retired from full-time work at Dewberry Architects, in Sacramento, CA, as a Senior Project Architect/Manager, and we moved to Reno, NV in June of 2018. I transferred my Council and Assembly memberships to Patrick J. Connors, Council 4997 and Bishop Manogue, Assembly 612.

Then State Deputy Thomas Thorn asked me to be the KofC Nevada State Historian, I accepted and have been serving in this role for over five years now. I continue to participate with my Council activities, and I have held a couple of chairs at Bishop Manogue Assembly along with being the Color Corps Commander for three years until appointed as Northern Nevada District Marshal in February 2023. I continue my practice of Architecture on a part-time basis while doing more travel to visit family and friends. I am a part-time professor at Truckee Meadows Community College in the School of Architecture teaching design.

Over the 36 years of being a Knight of Columbus, I have found that faith-based brotherhood, friends, and relationships have been the most earnest and rewarding of my life. Our Order provides the basis to establish these meaningful and long-term friendships. However, it is up to the Sir/Brother Knight to do what is individually best suited for the opportunity. By following Blessed Michael McGivney's three areas of service, Individual Faith-Growth, Service to God through Parish Priests and Community and Family Security with Charitable Works a Knight is perpetuating Fr. McGivney's vision! "Think One Sir/Brother Knight All the Time", in other words, "Be Mindful" of Your Sir/Brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

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## Tidbits Affecting Our Communities

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

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

YOUR SUCCESS depends on the degree of COMMITMENT and SACRIFICE you and your volunteers are willing to make.

Through commitment, you can gain motivation to pursue success. To begin the process of setting a goal, make a list that includes: Your goal, Your level of commitment to the goal .What you're willing to do to achieve that goal.

### FORMULA TO SUCCESS & DRIVERS OF GROWTH:

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

