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## A Message from the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua

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State Deputy

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My Dear Brothers In Christ:

To be happy and grateful to wake up each day is a joy to behold as we face the daily challenges in our lives.

By staying home, you stay well, check up on your brothers-that's the way we can help and save lives.

In the light of this Novel COVID19 crisis, we keep the true test of faith and adapt an optimistic perspective that this too will pass.

The most powerful weapon is our prayers -the Lord hears our prayers, whereas there are doubts, He is always with us, His love is everlasting especially in times of our needs.

Throughout these difficult times, it is our moral obligation to help our brothers, parish, and community. No one left behind-

Checking up on our brother Knights is the first step of the "**Leave No Neighbor Behind.**"

1. Reach Out to Members
2. Provide for Your Parish
3. Care for Your Community
4. Promote Blood Donations
5. Support Local Food Bank

Our 110th Annual Nevada State Convention and State Officers Election will be an exciting "first", to be held virtually on May 02,2020 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

Keep your State and Councils, District Deputies and Grand Knight's connected, with virtual meetings. It maybe via a conference call, group chats to enable social distancing protocols.

Visit the Knights of Columbus News Hub page <http://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/index.html> .

Use every opportunity to invite, welcome, and engage. **Invite** good Catholic men to join us. **Welcome** the new brothers and their families into your council. **Engage** them in your programs. Your simple task to ask may be the lead for a man to strengthen his faith, to become a better husband, and to be a better father.

These are the men who build stronger families, parishes, and communities. Men have more reasons than ever to join the Knights of Columbus! Over 57,000 men have joined us worldwide this Fraternal Year.

Good men of faith makes a better Catholic. Join us, just ask! Use the new trifold degree exemplification program online.

We continue to pray to heal the world, as we overcome and battle this pandemic.  
Thank God for His guidance and be grateful for all the blessings!

Vivat Jesus!

## Leadership Positions

## Nevada State Officers 2019 - 2020

State Deputy	Toni F. Pascua
State Chaplain	Rev. Manny Ramirez Guico
State Secretary	Joe Haun
State Treasurer	Meynard Infantado
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Tom Villardi
State Chaplain Associate of Southern Nevada	Rev. Gerald Grupczynski, SChr.
State Chaplain Associate of Northern Nevada	Fr. Arlon Vegara
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas Thorn

## District Deputies / Councils

District 1	Councils 978, 4997, 7322, 16207	Mathew Mareno
District 2	Councils 2380, 4928, 10577, 12877, 14588	Herbert Melendez
District 3	Councils 4828, 6688, 11174, 13897, 13924	Peter Comerford
District 4	Councils 4781, 12845, 13842, 13944	John E. DeBord
District 5	Councils 2511, 2666, 11512	Richard Senninger
District 6	Councils 5448, 9437, 9899, 13691	Jesus Sanchez
District 7	Councils 1340, 11179, 13754	Charles Reifsnyder
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 13392	Joseph Williams
District 9	Councils 10442, 10780, 14144, 14784	Raymond Foster
District 10	Councils 3741, 13456, 14820, 15061, 15790	Dan St. Pierre
District 11	Councils 7708, 8078, 8282, 12690	Richard Menard
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Dennis Murtaugh

## Other Nevada State Officers 2019 - 2020

State Executive Secretary	Richard Senninger
State Webmaster	Mark B. Foxwell
State Communications Coordinator	Mark B. Foxwell
State Training Coordinator	Richard Senninger
State College Council Coordinator	Don Cortez
State Young Adult Coordinator	Lance Pascua
State Budget Committee Chairman	Nestor Tan
State Disaster Committee Chairman	Chuck Baker
State Public Relations Director	Tom Bush
Health Services Chairman	Dr. Thomas D'Amato
State Historian	J. Michael Brady
State Newsletter Editor	Al Cuccinelli

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## State “Faith in Action” Program Director

State Faith in Action Program Director

Christopher West

## State FAITH “*Faith in Action*” Programs

State Faith Program Director

Hilarion Cordero Jr.

State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman

Milton Ham

State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair

Charles P. Reifsnyder

Marty Bushman, Co-Chair

State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair

Thomas Thorn

State Vocations Committee Chairman

Michael Rinaldi

Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair

Mark B. Foxwell

LV Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair

Robert McNamara

State (North) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman

Steven P. Schiwart

State (South) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman

Mariano Santana

## State COMMUNITY “*Faith in Action*” Programs

State Community Program Director

Raymond Brewer

State Campaign for People with Intellectual

Disabilities Committee Chairman

John Suchewski

State Special Olympics Committee Chairman

John Suchewski

State 365 Club Committee Chairman

Ray Gardea, PSD

State Convention Committee Chairman

Tom Villardi

State Legislative Committee Chairman

Mark B. Foxwell

Council Retention Committee Chairman

Gerry Rockwell

Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair

Robert Hartman

Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair

Joseph J. Fournier

State Recognition Committee Chairman

Daniel Mathews

State Audit Committee Chairman

Jim Holmes

State Round Table Committee Chairman

Charles P. Reifsnyder

State New Council Development Committee Chairman

Edmundo C. Verceles



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## State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Edgardo Infantado
State Marian Hour Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
State Athletic Events Committee Chairman	Daniel Barry
Las Vegas Catholic Citizens Essay/Poster Contest Committee Chairman	Jim Shurtliff
Youth Director	Michael Caudell
State Squires Committee Chairman	George A. Minter
Soccer and Free Throw Chairman	Robert Hartman
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Gerry Holinski
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell

## State Programs Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Tom Villardi
Online Membership Chairman	Dennis Miguez
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Raymond A. Troik
State Recruitment Committee Chairman	Gerry Rockwell
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis J. Murtaugh
Council Reactivation Chairman	William Harmon
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	David Strait, PSD

## Supreme Council Announcements

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## Online Exemplifications

SK Carl A. Anderson

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Supreme Knight

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Dear Brother Knight,

As the world reels from the coronavirus crisis, the Knights of Columbus continues to serve: providing the charitable, spiritual and financial resources relied on by so many.

Early action at the Supreme Council headquarters meant that we began working remotely in mid-March, ensuring the health and safety of our workforce, and the continuity of our business operations with minimal disruption. Our employees are putting the “home” in “home office,” as they continue their work with the utmost commitment and excellence.

The Order’s agency force has also embraced working virtually. Agents continue to meet and advise members about their insurance and financial needs, but now they do so online through secure Skype appointments. The financial services and products we offer are important in normal circumstances; they are vital during this pandemic.

The Knights of Columbus remains financially strong. On April 6, Standard and Poor’s ranked life insurers on their ability to weather the coronavirus storm. Of hundreds of life insurers in North America, the Knights of Columbus was one of only six to earn the top ranking.

Responding to the pandemic, in March we launched a new initiative — “Leave No Neighbor Behind” — and councils worldwide are already implementing it, providing critical support in neighborhoods and parishes, donating blood, and ensuring that no one is forgotten. The Supreme Council has also launched a multimillion-dollar campaign to support food banks in the United States and Canada, and we are providing a financial lifeline for dioceses as well.

These efforts complement the countless ways that brother Knights are helping the sick, the hungry and others in need. Our charitable work in North America is so significant that the White House has asked for regular updates on our relief efforts.

During this pandemic we have also adapted from in-person meetings to having councils conduct essential business remotely. The Supreme Council has also provided a platform to allow every jurisdiction to hold a virtual state convention. The means of connecting has changed, but our proud tradition of faith in action has not.

Our actions have been a powerful witness, and a recent degree ceremony, held online, produced the largest number of new members from a single event in our Order’s history. The Supreme Council is hosting our new

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity online every Thursday. In addition, our eMembership option continues to provide a quick and easy way for men to join our brotherhood.

The Knights of Columbus has risen to meet every challenge we have faced since 1882. In fact, COVID-19 is the third pandemic in our Order's history. As we have always done before, we will prevail and do immense good during this time. Not only will the Order come through this crisis; we will make a decisive difference in ensuring that our parishes, communities and countries do the same.

May Venerable Father Michael McGivney and Our Lady of Guadalupe guide and guard you in the days ahead. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

## More Than 2,000 Men Join KofC Amid Pandemic

Knights of Columbus

Men continually seek ways to step into the breach to assist brother, parish and community during the coronavirus pandemic.



Knightline

**More than 2,000 men joined the Knights of Columbus during the first ever online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity held on April 16.** The exemplification was hosted digitally by the Supreme Council as a unique opportunity for men to join the Order in a time of social distancing and minimizing mass gatherings.

In his introductory remarks to the exemplification, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson emphasized that the Knights of Columbus' principles — charity, unity and fraternity— are “needed now more than ever.”

The online event took just under 40 minutes and nearly every jurisdiction in the United States and Canada was represented. Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas and California were among the jurisdictions with the highest new member totals.

“Catholic men in our state, even during these times, want to belong to an organization like the Knights of Columbus to help others,” said William Chasse, the state deputy of Michigan, on the Order's opportunity to increase its charitable impact. “The more that join the more we can help.”

Pennsylvania State Deputy Mark Jago was pleased with the turnout, saying it's “not surprising that Catholic men want to join us in our mission to serve others, especially now.”

Riley Quinlan was one of those men, joining the Knights during the first ever online exemplification.

“I was interested in joining the Knights to get involved with a specific church community, joined by like-minded Catholic men of faith,” Quinlan said. “I wanted to connect with God through a community I can routinely serve. I am interested in helping out where I can during the challenges presented by COVID-19.”

In addition to new men joining, **more than 7,000 first and second degree members were able to obtain their third degree, and thousands more Knights and family members were able to observe and support the candidates.** The new, public exemplification debuted earlier this year, with the first taking place at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., where the Order was founded.

This historic online event was organized by the Knights of Columbus's newly formed Fraternal Excellence Department lead by Retired Navy Captain Tom McCaffrey.

The Knights of Columbus is also adapting its charitable outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic, launching the new program “Leave No Neighbor Behind.” The program encourages Knights to lead their families,

protect their parishes and serve their communities through a variety of charitable initiatives that also keeps members safe.

Members of the Order have access to state of the art insurance and investments benefits, as well as the opportunity to put their faith in action in order to leave no neighbor behind in a strong, Catholic fraternal setting.

Share your story of how your council is helping strengthen people's faith and offering support during this time. Email [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org).

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## Revised Criteria for 2019-2020 Council Awards

SK Tom McCaffrey

Worthy Knights of Columbus Leaders,

The coronavirus pandemic impacted fraternal operations and activities. Many councils that might have qualified for council awards may be unable to meet the criteria because of circumstances beyond their control.

Our goal is to recognize those councils that were on track for success before the crisis and those that are continuing fraternal operations despite pandemic restrictions. Accordingly, the following criteria revisions are instituted to make council awards more achievable in the current fraternal year:

### (1) Columbian Award (Programs)

- Conduct at least 10 program activities (reduced from 16)
- At least 2 activities in each program category of Faith, Family, Community, and Life
- At least a total of 2 additional activities in program categories of your choosing
- The program categories no longer have specific “Required Programs”

### (2) McGivney Award (Membership)

- Achieve Revised Membership Goal (40% reduction from original quota)

### (3) Founders Award (Insurance)

- Host a virtual or in person benefits seminar with the field agent before June 30, or
- Achieve Revised Insurance Goal (50% reduction from original quota)

### (4) Star Council Award

- Payment of Supreme assessments and per capita are not required
- All other Star Council requirements (reports, safe environment, etc.) remain in effect

Note: We will discuss these revised criteria in detail during the next webinar this Thursday, April 30, at 8:00 PM EDT. Registration information will be sent separately.

The coronavirus pandemic greatly increased the need for charitable works. In challenging times, good leaders step forward and make great things happen. I encourage you to think outside of the box, be creative, and help others get through this terrible pandemic. Our **Leave No Neighbor Behind** program is a great place to start making a difference.

Please do your best to achieve these revised criteria for council awards. The Supreme Council looks forward to recognizing your accomplishments.



Vice President  
Fraternal Excellence

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## State Officers Announcements



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## Supreme Family of the Month Announcement - March 2020

SK Thomas Thorn

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Immediate Past State Deputy

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Congratulations to the **Martin D. McDavitt** family from Council 7322. They were selected by Supreme as the Nevada March 2020 Family of the Month.

Thank you to the following councils who submitted their Families of the Month to Supreme for consideration.

Council #2380 - Battle Mountain  
Council #4928 - Ponderosa (Sparks)  
Council #7322 - St. Albert the Great (Reno)  
Council #14784 - Holy Spirit (Las Vegas)  
Council #14820 - St. Sharbel (Las Vegas)

Vivat Jesus,

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## A Message from the State Warden & Membership Director

SK Tom Villardi

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State Warden  
State Membership  
Director

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Worthy Brother Knights,

First, I like to mention that next year's convention will be in Las Vegas, at the same location that was scheduled for the 2020 State Convention and it will also be the first weekend in May. The mid-Year convention will be held in Mesquite, in mid-December.

For the State Officers and DDs, I know that this convention wasn't what we expected but we made our way through it and there's no question that next year will be a better year for us here in Nevada and for people around the world.

I'd like to also to mention our all-important membership numbers. For this year, we are still #1 in the United States and #9 in the jurisdiction. Our intake has been 307 through Wednesday, April 29. That's only 53 members needed, to reach the quota set by Supreme of 360 new members.

My personal goal was much higher for the year, but I am very proud of our results to this point. I also believe there is no reason that we can't find those last 53 members before the year is out. I know that our churches will still be closed through the month of May, but I recommend that all of our councils visit the Supreme website and order the Delta Drive Package for recruitment. That would put us in good shape when we return back to our churches in June when we can make a big push for recruitment through the end of the Columbian year.

Any new council members to the E-membership program will receive a \$15 credit off of next year's per capita. Please keep this in mind, as it is a good incentive to continue bringing in new members.

As always, I will be available to help anyone who needs. We only need two new members per council to make the circle of honor which will put the State of Nevada in a prominent place at the convention in Washington, DC. I can't tell you how proud I am of all the hard work through a very trying year. The GKs and DDs have done a fantastic job to make us this successful.

Lastly, in July, on either the 11th, the 18th or the 25th, the State Officers will be doing DD, GK and FS training. We'll finalize the dates soon, once we learn of the Parish opening, to organize the dates.

Thank you and stay safe.

## State Directors/Chairs Announcements

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## State Health Services Chairman Annual Report

SK Thomas A. d'Amato,  
MD, PhD, FACS

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State Health Services  
Chairman

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It is a pleasure to serve the Knights of Columbus (KofC) as the Health Services Chairman for the State of Nevada. Many of us feel overwhelmed with the daily barrage of information concerning the coronavirus pandemic and the new challenges it creates. Our prayers are with the families and friends affected, the healthcare community, our first responders, the military and all providers of essential services during these challenging times. It is also important to comment on the Ethos of the Knights: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism as it relates to Health Services activities at the local, National and worldwide.

The pandemic is caused by the novel coronavirus officially named SARS-CoV-2, which causes the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Our Nation willfully implemented mitigation. As we continue to self-isolate, to protect our most vulnerable; we are instructed to wash our hands, not to touch our faces, to wear masks (if appropriate), to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, and to maintain social distancing of 6 or more feet. Cleaning surfaces with disinfectants is also recommended.

For your safety, some homemade mixtures are NOT advised. Bleach and vinegar produce toxic chlorine gas. Bleach and ammonia produce a toxic gas called chloramine. Bleach and rubbing alcohol make chloroform, which is highly toxic. Hydrogen peroxide and vinegar makes highly corrosive substances peracetic/peroxyacetic acid. Please follow CDC and OSHA guidelines, be safe – life is precious.

We are united in support of the sanctity of life in many charitable ways. The Knights recently donated the 6th ultrasound machine to First Choice Pregnancy Services. Most women (upwards of 80%) seeing their unborn baby chose life. Food donations resulted in more than 90,000 lbs. of food donations to Catholic Charities and the St. Therese Center. In recent years, the wheelchair program helped procure thousands of wheelchairs to the disabled in need.

Life begins at conception and ends with NATURAL death. In February 2019 Senate Bill 165 (assisted suicide) was thankfully derailed, undoubtedly in some measure by actions the KofC and the Catholic Medical Society. One tenant in the Hippocratic Oath is “above all, do no harm”. When there is hopeless or futility of care, patients can be palliated and kept comfortable. Their family can be consoled as their beloved transitions from this life. Assisted suicide is mentioned only to be condemned. It further contributes to the erosion of the moral fabric of society and further denigrates our families and communities. Should the Bill be revived, pray we will not support this horrible initiative.

The Knights affect a positive change in the world-feeding the poor, tending to the sick and protecting the gift of life. Many of our Worthy Brothers are serving in the military in support of the COVID-19 pandemic. Continue to pray the Rosary. Your prayers, selfless devotion and support is appreciated.

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## State 365 Program Chair Annual Report

SK Ray Gardea

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State 365 Program  
Chairman

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Worthy State Deputy Toni Pascua,

Following report submitted for the 2018 – 2019 365 Club Program. I'm happy to report the program is operating very well, numerous requests for assistance were submitted & processed within a timely manner. From July 2019 through March 2020 the 365 Club Program processed \$7,397.56 to Brother Knights/families requiring financial assistance. In most cases applications were reviewed & approved well within the required time period of 30 days. On the average most requests are received, reviewed and approved within one week or less.

However, we continue to encounter problems with some Grand Knights who are not aware of the proper procedures to follow in the 365 Club Rules & Regulations as established by the Nevada State Council. In most cases Grand Knights were not given the 365 Club packet by their outgoing Grand Knight after council elections. However, upon request, I will continue to email copies to Grand Knights & remind them the process is very confidential and strictly between Grand Knight and Brother Knight in need. To help expedite the process I request the Grand Knight to call or email me prior to submission to ensure all documentation is completed properly.

Funds to support the 365 Club Program are voluntarily donated by members/families of the Knights of Columbus within the Nevada Jurisdiction on a yearly basis. This past year, 26 out of 41 active councils donated a total of \$10,772.40; our goal is 100% participation by all active councils for Fraternal year 2020.

As Chairman for the 365 Club Program I want to thank all District Deputies and Grand Knights who helped to make the 365 Club Program a huge success this past year, also, our State Deputy, State Secretary & State Treasurer for their support.

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## A Message from the State Retention Director

SK Raymond Troik

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### RETENTION IN NEVADA



State Retention Director

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I wonder whether your council is like mine. Time to have an election of officers for the coming year. Who? No one wants to run. No one wants to be GK. Wait a minute; where are the KNIGHTS? Where are the men who wanted to do something for their church and expand their perspectives? We need to step forward. But that is a problem for GK's. Course WE need to FIND THE BROTHERS! I was talking with some brothers and they agreed: RETENTION IS A COUNCIL PROBLEM.

So, how do we solve Council Problems. We reach out to Our Friends, our Brothers. We need you. Or we can just let it go and put in the same names as last year. Only a couple of the positions take a few hours a week. Wouldn't it be nice if we could get our lapsed brothers to get INVOLVED by taking a chair in the Council. Some of our brothers have TIME ON THEIR HANDS. Some of our brothers have GREAT IDEAS from their time on the sidelines. Some of our brothers would LOVE TO HELP LEAD. Bbbbuuuuttt someone has to reach out to them.

If every knight in the council who isn't involved with electrical or painting, fish fries or pancake breakfasts took on the job of finding a missing knight we wouldn't have MISSING BROTHERS. But WE HAVE TO REACH OUT. The GK or members on the board are busy. If we don't hold an office why not help the FS out? Let shoot for the Moon. ALL MEMBERS PAID! Ok, 90%; that would be great. But how much better would it be for 90% of the brothers LOVED and IMPORTANT. Gentlemen IT'S UP TO YOU! Make those calls. Bring OUR BROTHERS BACK.

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## 2020 Nevada State Convention General Agent Report

Kevin Tuuri, FICF

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General Agent

This is an unprecedented time for all of us. First and foremost, everyone in our agency sends thoughts and prayers to you and your families. An agent's primary role is to be there for his brothers, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is anything we can do.

As we adjust to new operating procedures, our commitment to our members remains the same: We are here to help them, and their families.

In navigating the current crisis, I want you to know that our field agents are still available. If there are concerns about meeting face to face with their agent, members can meet virtually over Skype, a communication platform that provides video chat and voice calls between computers, tablets and mobile devices. In order to keep all of us safe, we can have a "virtual" appointment without anyone leaving their homes.

Using this same platform, we are able to conduct fraternal benefit events, inviting councils and catholic families to learn from legal, tax, elder care, and funeral experts, while learning about how the Knights fraternal benefits can support families over their lives.

Together, we will weather this storm, and continue being the beacon of God's joy and charity in Nevada.

Vivat Jesus!



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## State Historian Report and May 2020 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

**Brother Knights – As we continue in this time of evolving new normal, in multiple ways, please pray for the wisdom and guidance from our Lord Jesus Christ to help those who are tending the sick and seeking a vaccine.**

Other updates are as follows:

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

Please use my email address: [historian@nv-kofc.com](mailto:historian@nv-kofc.com) to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to work with my Brothers. Be diligent as we wrap up the details of our 2019-2020 Columbian year and elect our State and Council officers for 2020-2021.

Looking forward to seeing you at our 110th Annual State Convention, virtual connection, May 2nd.

## Knights of Columbus History Fact:

### Columbian Squires Circle – Nevada History

A history refresher on the Columbian Squires:

The KofC is the parent organization for the Squires, which was preceded by the “Boy Life Bureau” in 1923, established under the direction of Brother Barnabas McDonald, FSC, together with Supreme Director Daniel A. Tobin on August 4, 1925 for boys from 10 to 17 years of age.

Their motto is: ESTO DIGNUS (Be Worthy).

At that time there was a national interest in youth in the United States, as reflected by the development of the Boy Scouts and Big Brother organizations. Brother Barnabas had gained a national reputation for his pioneering work with delinquents and orphans. He said, “The supreme purpose of the Columbian Squires is character building”.

To date: Columbian Squires are in eleven countries and have a membership of approximately 25,000. Squires have fun in sharing their Catholic faith, help people in need, and enjoy the company of friends in social, family, athletic, cultural, civic and spiritual activities. Through their local circle, Squires work and socialize as a group of friends, elect their own officers, and develop into Catholic leaders independent of their respective sponsor Council.

The first Nevada Columbian Squires Circle was established in the 1960’s and lost momentum. Father Art Herkowski re-established Squires Investiture, in Nevada, on September 1, 2014 under the Ponderosa Council, 4928.

Currently there are three active CS Circles in Nevada: Holy Cross CS Circle 5686, sponsored by Ponderosa Council 4928, in Sparks; St. Padre Pio Circle 4992, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Council 13456, in Henderson and St. Elizabeth CS Circle 5271, sponsored by Mother Seton Council 11029. SK George A. Minter is the State Squires Committee Chairman. Currently Supreme has suspended any new charting of Columbian Squire Circles.

*J. Michael Brady*, State Historian

Nevada State Council

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## “Knight in the Light”

### **Worthy Retention Chairman Sir Knight Raymond A. Troik USAF Major (Ret.), FDD and PGK**

#### **Biography:**

I joined the Knights of Columbus in 2 March 1970 in the Fr Walter O'Brien Council. I enjoy the brotherhood and many activities of the Council. Looking back over 50 years it seems like we did just about everything we do today; of course, a few things have been added. It seems like the Council adhered to “moving up the ladder” regarding positions. I stepped aside from this the first year because I was active with the “folk group” at church. I became a 4th Degree Knight in April 1972. Soon I would spend the next 20 years experiencing the K of C around the world. I attended Council and Assembly meetings and events in seven states.

In September 1972, I experienced the “old” K of C in New Jersey. They had a clubhouse, bar and were highly active, with great food. Northern Florida brought me in contact with a Southern K of C. They all knew each other and met often. Again, I did not plan on being in Northern Florida exceptionally long so was “just a member”. 1976 I was off to Northern Alaska. Met with the Knights a few times. We did not have a council on base, and we were 25 miles from the nearest Council. Then in 1978 I landed in Las Vegas. I joined St Christopher's Council. Many of my K of C Air Force acquaintances were members there. I enjoyed the camaraderie and activities. I participated but just as a member though I did become an advisor to the State Deputy. I knew my days were numbered. Sure, enough in 1980 I was off to Hawaii. three years and a highly active council in Aiea. I must admit I remember the Assembly more. Still did not transfer out of the San Leandro Council and Hayward Assembly. The Hawaiian Knights were remarkably busy. They were always doing something. I served my three hardship years in Hawaii, then it was on to K. I. Sawyer AFB in the upper peninsula of Michigan, (really had little contact with the KofC which was 25 miles away in Marquette) from 1984-1986. Then it was off to Zweibrucken, Germany for two years, returning to the USA in 1988 and was stationed at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. Our Parish at Ellsworth was highly active, and we established a Council on Base. I was active in the founding of the council and held my first Council Officers seat. We had an active council. We tried to “Make it Happen”. And it did.

In 1993 I joined my wife in Las Vegas. We experimented with many local parishes until joining Christ the King. I do not know why I did not reestablish my ties from the past; No one reached out. Well, that soon ended when. Les Lesicki wanted to know if I wanted to join the NEW Council being established at Christ the King. I told him “Yes” and became one of the founding Knights of 14144 on 21 September 2006. I started taking various positions on the council and was GK from 2010-2012.

Was not the best GK; Council was just getting started. 2013-2017 I was asked to be DD 9 for the State of Nevada. I believe I did excel as a DD. We became a guiding light. All our Councils excelled in awards. I was DD of the year for 2015! Wow! But it was only for four years. Time to move on to Membership Chairman for 2017 & 2018.

We excelled but did not reach our 6000-member goal by only two new Knights. 2019 I moved on to Retention Chairman for the State of Nevada. Our goal is to find out "WHERE ARE THE KNIGHTS?" Too many brothers have fallen by the wayside because no one showed an interest in them or they got demoralized. Hopefully all the councils can find "their brothers".

I have enjoyed 50 years of knighthood. We have accomplished many things over the years. Lots of dinners, awards, friendships and life experiences. Only regret is that **WE** do not all **DO** a little so a **FEW** do not have to do so **MUCH**. Let us pray for more **KNIGHTS** for strength. Let us pray for more **KNIGHTS** to share their talents with the People of God and make our churches **STRONG**.

*J. Michael Brady*, State Historian

Nevada State Council

## Assembly/Council Announcements

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## Annual Hawaiian Luau

SK Fred Smith

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Faithful Captain

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**The status of this event is unknown at this time - the event may be canceled or postponed.**

Our Annual Hawaiian Luau is set for June 13. Cash Bar will open at 5:30 and Dinner will start at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are now available for \$25 and your tickets include one free drink.

You can purchase your tickets from me at this week's Assembly meeting, from your Grand Knight, or on our Assembly website: [Click Here for Luau Tix](#).

This is the only fundraiser this Assembly conducts each year. We hope you'll consider attending. See you Wednesday night!

Vivat Jesus!  
SK Fred Smith  
Faithful Captain and Luau Chairman  
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## Resolution of Support

## State Deputy



### Knights of Columbus

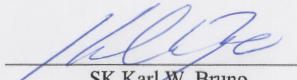
Saint Francis of Assisi Council 13456  
Henderson, Nevada

**Resolution of Support:**

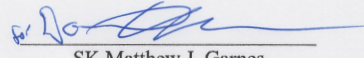
- WHEREAS:** Saint Francis of Assisi Council 13456 held a meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio F. Pascua has served the Knights of Columbus since September 17, 2005, achieving his 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua has previously served as Grand Knight from 2009-2010, Deputy Grand Knight (2008-2009), Chancellor (2007-2008) and Outside Guard (2006-2007), Trustee (2011-2013) and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua received the Star Council Award for 2009-2010 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua served the State of Nevada as the District Deputy # 10 for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua was awarded Triple Star District on 2013-2014 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua was awarded and named as State of Nevada District Deputy of the Year for fraternal year 2014-2015 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua served as Faithful Navigator of Guardian Angel Assembly 3375 for 2015-2017 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua received the Star Assembly and Civic Awards on 2015-2016 and 2016-2017
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua served as the State Warden for 2015-2017, State Treasurer for 2017-2019, Interim State Secretary on January, 2019 to June 30,2019 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua is currently serving as the State Deputy since July 01,2019 and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Antonio Pascua 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:** Saint Francis of Assisi Council 13456 presents Brother **Antonio F. Pascua** as a candidate for the Office of State Deputy for the Nevada State Council for Columbian Year 2020-2021.

  
SK Karl W. Bruno  
Grand Knight

Council Seal

  
SK Matthew J. Garnes  
Recorder

# State Secretary

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Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Francisco Garces Council 5693  
Las Vegas Nevada

## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

- WHEREAS:** Father Francisco Garces Council #5693, held a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Joe Alvin Haun has served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council as State Membership Director for the Columbian Years 2015 – 2017, and as the State Warden for the Columbia Year 2017 – 2019, and as the State Secretary for the Columbia Year 2019-2020, and
- WHEREAS:** Brother Joe Alvin Haun has served his council, his assembly, and the State of Nevada in the following offices:
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| Advocate, Council #5693                 | 2010 - 2011 |
| Chancellor, Council #5693               | 2011 - 2013 |
| Grand Knight, Council #5693             | 2013 - 2015 |
| Trustee, Council #5693                  | 2015 - 2017 |
| Faithful Inner Sentinel, Assembly #0611 | 2011 - 2012 |
| Faithful Outer Sentinel, Assembly #0611 | 2012 - 2014 |
| Faithful Capitan, Assembly #0611        | 2014 - 2015 |
| Faithful Navigator, Assembly #0611      | 2015 - 2018 |
| Faithful Admiral, Assembly #0611        | 2018 - 2019 |
- WHEREAS:** He received the Star Council Award, Columbian Award, and Father McGivney Award when serving as Grand Knight, and Star Assembly Award and two Patriotic Service Awards serving as Faithful Navigator, and
- WHEREAS:** Father Francisco Garces Council #5693 earned six State Service Program Awards when he served as Grand Knight, including a Pro-Life program that he instituted and has served as ongoing chairman. In addition, he is a certified member of the council's First Degree Team as Deputy Grand Knight, he is a certified member of the District 6 Second Degree Team as Sound Man, he is a certified member of the State of Nevada Third Degree Team as Sound and Video Man, and he is a certified member of the Sierra Juniper District Fourth Degree Team as Sound and Audio Man. Furthermore, he has regularly served the church in many capacities at St. Francis De Sales Parish as Usher, and as Eucharist Minister for the Parish's Sunday Mass and at El Jen Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

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Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Francisco Garces Council 5693  
Las Vegas Nevada

**WHEREAS:** He has performed his duties faithfully and in a competent manner, and has won the regard, respect, and favor of members of the clergy, many brother knights and their families, and he exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
Father Francisco Garces Council #5693 presents Brother Knight, Joe Alvin Haun as a candidate for the office of State Secretary, of the Nevada State Council for the Columbian Year, 2019-2020.

**Submitted by:**

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Michael Conti  
Grand Knight  
Council 5693

cc. District Deputies  
State Deputy  
State Secretary  
State Advocate

# State Treasurer



Knights of Columbus  
San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392  
Las Vegas Nevada

### Resolution of Support

**WHEREAS: San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392, held a council meeting every last Sunday of the month.**

**WHEREAS: Brother Meynard Infantado is serving the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council as current State Treasurer for Columbian Year 2019-2020.**

**WHEREAS: Brother Meynard Infantado served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council as Executive Secretary for the Columbian Year 2018-2019, and as the District Deputy for the Columbian Years 2015- 2018**

**WHEREAS: Brother Meynard Infantado has served his council, his assembly, and the State of Nevada in the following offices:**

Inside Guard, Council #13392	2005 - 2006
Chancellor, Council #13392	2006 - 2008
Grand Knight, Council #13392	2008 - 2010
Trustee, Council #13392	2010 - 2014
Trustee, Assembly #3556	2015 - Current
State Reactivation	2017 - 2019
Coordinator State Online	2018 - Current
Membership Board	

**WHEREAS: He received the District Deputy of the Year Award in 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 PSD Greg Sprigg and WIPSD Tom Thom.**

**WHEREAS: As State Reactivation Chairman, his team was responsible for reactivating St. Anne, Prince of Peace and St. Sharbel councils. Monsignor Greg Gordon and Brother Meynard has a good relationship that started during those challenging reactivation days at St. Anne's Catholic Church.**



**Resolution of Support Continued**

**WHEREAS:** As State Executive Secretary, he worked closely with WSD Tom Thom and State Officers. He assisted them in administrative duties, programs, personnel and meeting planning.

**WHEREAS:** In 2008, he transformed council San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392 when he became the Grand Knight for two years. Membership, Insurance and Program participation went up dramatically under his term. 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 as lay Minister and usher; while serving at Prince of Peace as a choir member. He supports Fr. John McShane in his Feed The Homeless project and Pro-Life events. 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, Fraternalism, and Patriotism.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED :**

*San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #13392 presents Brother Knight, Meynard Infantado as a candidate for the office of State Treasurer, of the Nevada State Council for the Columbian Year, 2020-2021.*

SK Romeo Panon – GK 13392  
CC. District Deputies

# State Warden



Knights of Columbus  
St. Jude Council #9102  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### Resolution of Support

**WHEREAS:** St. Jude Council #9102, held a council meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi currently serves as the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Warden, and the State Membership Director, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi has served his council in the following offices:

Deputy Grand Knight, Council #9102	2015 - 2016
Grand Knight, Council #9102	2016 - 2018

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi received the Double Star Council (2016/17), Star Council Award (2017/18) and Columbian Award while serving terms as Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight.

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi was selected as Knight of the Year and Grand Knight of the Year for Nevada.

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi founded the St. Jude Council #9102 Community Outreach Program which was highlighted in the Las Vegas Review Journal article "Churches, agencies feed homeless in downtown Las Vegas" (November 2017). Through Tom's support and guidance, the program has grown to supporting Title 1 schools and shelters in Las Vegas area, with monthly food donations now measured in tonnage.

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi initiated the St. Jude Council #9102 Car Show, now an annual event, procuring funding for our Community Outreach Program, Seminarian Education and the vital needs of Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church and School.

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi, through his leadership and determination, rejuvenated the membership of St Jude Council #9102.



Knights of Columbus  
St. Jude Council #9102  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Resolution of Support** (continued)

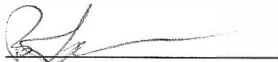
**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi was instrumental in the organization and participation of the Knights of Columbus in the Veterans Day Parade and St Patrick’s Day Parade in Las Vegas, NV.

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi is also responsible for the Usher Ministry at Our Lady of Las Vegas.

**WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi has performed his duties faithfully and in a competent manner, and has won the regard, respect, and favor of members of the clergy, many brother knights and their families, and he exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** St. Jude Council #9102 presents Brother Knight, Tom Villardi as a candidate for the office of State Warden, of the Nevada State Council for the Columbian Year, 2020-21.

Submitted by:

  
SK Bernard J Iwasczyszyn  
Grand Knight

Council Seal

  
SK Kirk A Niemand  
Recorder

CC. District Deputies

