



# SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

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

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## State Deputy’s Message

Brothers,

Greetings!

First of all, I wanted to thank you all once again for the work that you do for the order.

We had a good month of October in terms of membership growth and Faith in Action programs but we are not there yet. I still see some councils getting complacent; and yes, we have to get out of our comfort zone. It takes sacrifices and determination to do the work of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Follow the Faith in Action programs and it will take us to where we want to be.

The silence and prayers that we do during Holy Hour is very important and I am happy that a lot of councils are doing this. There are many more on our list.

Membership drive is working as planned but we want the participation of the majority of the councils. This can be done through the leadership of Grand Knights and District Deputies. WVSM/Membership Director Dave Ryan and I would like to thank all of those who have sacrificed their time in growing the order. The eMembership program is now easy and very user friendly. We encourage the councils to make this into an action.

Last month, I appointed WSK Ken Sawyer to be my Chief of Staff and SK Russell Berndhardt of Ponderosa Council as my Executive Secretary. Both have tons of knowledge and experiences within the Knights organization.

# Holy Father's

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### The Month of: November

#### Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

*Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis*



Kudos to our State Officers and State Team for doing well.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Mid Year Meeting at Peppermill Resort in Reno on December 3rd of 2022.



For the South, I also would like to invite you also to our Ballroom Gala Night on Nov. 12th. Let's enjoy our fruits of labor.

Thank you,

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## ASAP (Aid & Support After Pregnancy)

ASAP is a relatively new initiative to help mothers and babies by supporting pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100.

### ASAP

## Recruiting

*Recruiting must be intentional, it just does not simply happen.*

This is the traditional time when new people finish up the "move". Whether they are newly college graduates, or starting new jobs. They start going to their new parishes. Be the parish welcome committee and help them be a part of the local Catholic community. **Recruit a new man and his family, and don't forget to transfer members who have relocated, or reactivate someone.**

- RGD Ray Lopez

## State Secretary's Message

With all the Parish events that occur in October, this past month proved to be great for recruiting. The concept that working programs are the best recruiting tool that we have certainly rings true.

It is even more encouraging to see that we have been recruiting younger men into our Order.

This past week I participated in a Formation Degree, and I don't think that we had any new members attending over 45 years of age. Most were in the 25 - 40 range. This is a Supreme goal so keep up the good work.

On another note, we need help from councils to buy a table for the State Council Gala and encourage your members to attend.

The reality is that we are trying to make up for the lost revenue from Affiliate Members being written off. WSD Meynard did not want to raise the Per Capita rates, and this seemed like a good way to raise funds.

To maximize the financial benefits of this dinner, the Gala has been moved to Our Lady of Las Vegas on Alta Dr.

### **Nevada State Officers & Grand Knights Gala**



Please support this effort and contact me with your commitment to buy a table, we are now less than two weeks from the event.

Vivat Jesus!

**Al Cuccinelli**  
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## State Treasurer's Message

Brothers,

In November, the church celebrates All Souls Day, commemorating all of the faithful departed; the baptized Christians believed in purgatory because they died with the guilt of a lesser sin on their souls. Do you know the souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves? They can; however, pray for you. I can attest to this because there have been times in my life when I feel my deceased grandmother's prayer has gotten me through several difficult times. I wanted to repay her somehow, so I did what any person does these days; I Googled ways to help souls in purgatory, and there are several ways we can help them, and here is a list.

- 1) Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
- 2) Rosary
- 3) St. Gertrude Prayer *Eternal Father, I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all of the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.*
- 4) Have masses offered

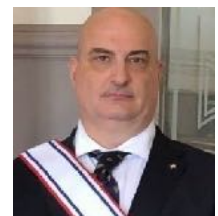
Brothers, this month, take a few moments to pray for the souls of a deceased family member, friend, fellow parishioner, a priest who administered the sacraments to you, and our fellow brother knights!



Vivat Jesus!

**Christopher Traver**  
State Treasurer

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## State Membership Director's Message

As the new Membership Director, I want to thank State Deputy Meynard for his faith in me to appoint me to this position.

Membership is the backbone of the Knights and we need to promote growth in our Order. Without growth we cannot accomplish the work that we do and promote the vision of Blessed Father McGivney. In Nevada we have plenty of room for growth with less than 4 percent of Catholic men in Nevada being members of the Knights of Columbus.

If we work as a team over the next few years we can and should grow the membership in the Knights to over 12,000 members to about 8 percent of the eligible men in Nevada. As of today, there are 24 councils who have not invited one new member into our order this fraternal year.

With approximately 770,000 Catholics in Nevada, and if only 20 percent are men over the age of 18, there are 154,000 Catholic men who could be members of the Knights. Currently, as of today, there are 6,689 Knights in Nevada.

I'm asking every council in the state to schedule a membership invite event in November and bring in at least one new member. The State needs you to become membership active and invite at least one person in your parish to join us in doing God's work in the month of November.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus

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## Upcoming Nevada Events

- 09/28 - 40 Days for Life  
11/06
- 11/04 Wine Tasting  
Fundraising Event
- 11/12 Nevada State Officers &  
Grand Knight Gala
- 12/02 4th Degree  
Exemplification - Reno
- 12/03 Mid-Year Meeting
- 01/16 4th Degree  
Exemplification - Las  
Vegas

## November 2022 Readings

11/06/22  
Thirty-second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

11/13/22  
Thirty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

11/20/22  
The Solemnity of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, King of the  
Universe

11/27  
First Sunday of Advent

## Message on Keep Christ In Christmas

Please post this ad on social media and where possible, display in parishes or wherever you can post them. If you can, have them put into your parish bulletin and if your council is doing a Keep Christ in Christmas button program, it would be nice to have these blown up and displayed on the days you hand out the buttons.

**Knights of Columbus** 

### Keep Christ In Christmas



**We invite families to join us in a celebration to signify the birth of the Light of the World.**

**Join the Knights of Columbus  
FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP\***  
For new online membership applications submitted the entire month of November.

\*for 1-year of online membership, regular dues are \$30/year thereafter.  
Visit [kofc.org/joinus](https://www.kofc.org/joinus)  
Enter code  
**BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**



<https://www.facebook.com/nvko/c/>

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# Nevada District Master's Update



Hello Brother Knights,

It is my pleasure to announce that during the month of October, in the State of Nevada we exemplified 43 new Brother Knights into the Fourth Degree with the help of the District Marshals and a wonderful Exemplification Team.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce the next Fourth Degree Exemplification which will be held on December 2nd, in Reno. We're also planning an Exemplification back in Las Vegas on Martin Luther King Day in January.

As you can see Prince of Peace, Council 9899 just had a great Formation Degree with 13 new members joining our Order this past Saturday.

Let's keep up the good work in recruiting new 3rd Degree members and then moving them on to the Fourth Degree. Our Catholic Churches here in Nevada are continuing to grow, so let's keep the Knights of Columbus growing with them.

Thank you, gentlemen, for all your hard work. Try to always remember that we are men who do great things every day and belong to great organizations; the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church.

Thank you.

**Tom Villardi**  
Nevada District Master

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4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony - October 1, 2022



3rd Degree Formation Degree - October 29, 2022

## Nevada Assemblies

- #611 Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lambe
- #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

## Supreme Director's November Message

### My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Greetings to one and all for a Happy Thanksgiving!

Gratitude, the parent of all virtues.

Giving thanks for all we have can have a powerful and even transformative effect on our lives.

The most beautiful way to start and end the day, is a prayer with a grateful heart. Won't you please say a prayer for someone in need?

As the saying goes, "Stop and smell the flowers!" Gives us to live the moment and relish the quality time in nonchalant way.

In our busy and stressful modern world, we could take for granted to acknowledge the bounties that many of us already possess, such as shelter, food, and love.

In our efforts to achieve and progress, we may, at times, succumb to pessimism, and lose sight of these simpler and more essential gifts.

Practicing grateful thinking helps us turn our attention away from negativity and towards what is working in our lives, and how far we have come on our journey.

This approach can brighten and change our perspective, of the way we see the future and thinking-setting goals is natural, gratitude balances this urge with the inherent message that we have and are enough. Gratitude allows us to feel peace and serenity to rest and feel contentment and joy in the present.

What are you thankful for?

Today is a start and tomorrow being what we will make it into.

With all the prayers that kept us afloat and well grounded, Thank you, Lord for all the blessings!

### Vivat Jesus!

Toni Pascua  
Supreme Director

*Gratitude is an attitude-  
It turns what we have into enough,  
It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity.  
It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. - TP*

*Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us!*





# Letter from St. Thomas Minor Seminary

Diocese of Bathery  
Sulthan Bathery – 673 592  
Kerala, India

To:  
The Knights of Columbus  
C/o Rev. Fr. Philip Maruthoorkandathil

Dear Respected Members of the Knights of Columbus,

I, Fr. Thomas Kanjiramukalil, the Rector of St. Thomas Minor Seminary of the Diocese of Bathery, gratefully acknowledge \$400.00 towards the daily expenses of the Seminary.

I thank you most sincerely for your valuable help. We are always grateful to you dear members for your love, prayer and help. We too pray for your intentions.

Wishing you all the very best and God’s blessings in your apostolate,

Fr. Thomas Kanjiramukalil  
(Rector)



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## Chief of Staff Message

Brothers,

It is hard to realize we are in November already and Christmas is just around the corner.

Planning for my Councils “Keep Christ in Christmas” buttons got us talking about other things we can try this year. Like a lot of Councils, we will be handing out “Keep Christ in Christmas” buttons and excepting free will contributions.

But we will be advertising two other options to Council members and parishioners this year. While this isn’t a big money maker for the State Council, and the main intention is to promote the “Keep Christ in Christmas” message while offering you and your Council these same items. Obviously, every little bit will help the State Council. This is the two options:

- First is a 5 ½ inch colored “Keep Christ in Christ” Car Magnet that is the same as our Button for \$2.00 each
- Second item is an 18“ X 24”, “Keep Christ in Christmas” Yards Sign with posts (similar to political signs). Or a 15 ½ “ X 20 ½” Clear Plastic option for a window that can be backlit.

Either sign option is \$15 each. For those in the Reno Diocese if ordered before Thanksgiving, we will bring them up to the Midyear meeting December 3rd at the Peppermill Hotel.

I am personally coordinating the ordering, and paying for them, so checks need to be made out to me.

Please see and use the order form below.

Vivat Jesus!

	Cost per item	Quantity Ordered	Item Order Total
Car Magnet	\$2.00 Each		\$
18" X 24" Yard Sign with metal support	15.00 Each		\$
15 1/2" X 20 1/2" Clear Plastic Window Sign	\$15.00 Each		\$
Total Amount of Order			\$



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pro-Life Director’s Message

### Life-Saving Laws in the States

Brothers, I would like to share with you the Pro-Life Laws Tracker (early abortion limits), following the Dobbs Decision Overturning Roe.

<u>State</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Exceptions</u>	<u>Abortion Impact</u>
Alaska	5			0
Alabama	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother, lethal fetal anomaly	5,713
Arkansas	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	3,133
Arizona	4	Pre-Roe prohibition on abortion and 15-week limit	Life of the mother	13,273
California	5			0
Colorado	5			0
Connecticut	5			0
District of Columbia	5			0
Delaware	5			0
Florida	3	15-week	Life of mother, fetal anomaly	3,805
Georgia	1	Heartbeat	Life of the mother, rape, and incest	20,821
Hawaii	5			0
Iowa	2	Heartbeat	Life of the mother, rape, incest, severe fetal anomaly	1,914
Idaho	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother, rape, and incest	1,680
Illinois	5			0
Indiana	4	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother, rape and incest, fetal anomaly	8,414
Kansas	5			0
Kentucky	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	4,104
Louisiana	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	7,473
Massachusetts	5			0
Maryland	5			0
Maine	5			0
Michigan	4	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	30,074

<u>State</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Exceptions</u>	<u>Abortion Impact</u>
Minnesota	5			0
Missouri	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	167
Mississippi	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother, rape	3,194
Montana	5			0
North Carolina	5			0
North Dakota	4	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother, rape, and incest	1,171
Nebraska	5			0
New Hampshire	5			0
New Jersey	5			0
New Mexico	5			0
Nevada	5			0
New York	5			0
Ohio	4	Heartbeat	Life of the mother, rape, and incest	14,579
Oklahoma	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	5,950
Oregon	5			0
Pennsylvania	5			0
Rhode Island	5			0
South Carolina	4	Heartbeat	Life of the mother	4,038
South Dakota	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	192
Tennessee	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	9,719
Texas	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	55,132
Utah	4	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother, rape, incest, fetal anomaly	2,922
Virginia	5			0
Vermont	5			0
Washington	5			0
Wisconsin	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother	6,430
West Virginia	1	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother, rape, incest	1,374
Wyoming	4	Abortions prohibited	Life of the mother, rape, and incest	98

**Σ = 205,370**

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## **Knight in the Light**

### **Sir Knight John Long, PGK, FDD, and State Advocate**

#### **The Beginning**

The various branches of the family came to shores of the United States when we were chased out of Ireland in the mid-1800s by the Cromwellian English and the famine. We moved out from our arrival on the East coast (Boston) through the Pennsylvania coal fields (Molly Maguires) till we hit the City of Chicago where we dug in and hung on for dear life. There we stayed safe and secure within the city limits for well over a century at St. Ignatius parish, Loyola University of Chicago. Through long term Jesuit association, the family and the relations accumulated well over a century of Jesuit education. It is often said when you get a Jesuit education you either become very reverent or a bit of smart ass. After personally obtaining about 21 years of Jesuit education (i.e., kindergarten through law school) I was a combination of both, with being a Kumbaya Catholic (e.g., just shy of being a heathen) thrown in the mix as well.

On the dawn of the new millennium, I was just recently married, when I received a job offer in Nevada. I turned to my brother Pat and law partner (we had a law practice together in the downtown Chicago, the "Loop" area) and asked, "Where's Reno?" As a Midwesterner, I knew our civilized world ended at the Mississippi (Wilderness, buffalo, etc. being beyond) just as New Yorkers knew their world and civilization ended at the Hudson river with their "beyond" being the Midwest (evidently also replete with Wilderness, buffalo, etc.)

When I visited Reno to investigate this employment opportunity, I was not too plussed about the gaming environment from hearing all the pinging noise from the slots at the Reno-Tahoe airport through seeing the downtown environs and the like. The law firm offering the job "lived" in a house. This was all a far cry from my law practice with my brother in the fully refurbished, tile-clad, marble-lobbied, Chicago Board of Education skyscraper.

On my way back down Geiger grade from visiting Virginia City during this trip, I had pulled off onto the craggy overlook and saw the Reno tucked up in the northern end of the Truckee Meadows valley. As I took in that visage, only one thought came into my head, the quote from the original Star Wars movie: "Mos Eisley Spaceport. You will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy. We must be cautious." I thought that was it, just time to pack it in and go back home to Chicago.

#### **Then it happened, God spoke to me.**

I have noticed over the decades that God speaks quietly to me, and never in anything like the visage of a burning bush with the voice of Charlton Heston's voice emanating forth. Quietly, at the craggy outlook, the skies had grown a solid overcast formed by waves of clouds looking butter frosting that you would see on a sumptuous cake. The sun dipped down under the overcast and lite up it in deep royal red with the overcast and lite up it in deep royal red with the surrounding mountains taking up resounding purple hues. I had never seen a sight like that before. There was something significantly more to Reno.

So, I accepted the job and moved myself and Rosemarie, my brand-new wife and law partner, out to Reno. I was the first in the Long family to leave Chicago and move west in well over century. The job lasted a year when 9-11 hit, the funding dried up and my employer looked at me like a horse, an expensive proposition to house and feed, and let me go. I picked myself up, dusted myself off and threw up the shingle for our family firm.

We lived through that tribulation and others as we started, and are now raising, our family here in Reno, at St. Albert's the Great parish. We have two wonderful daughters and native Nevadans, Caroline (now at Notre Dame) and Elizabeth (now at Reno High School). We have camped, fished, hiked, biked, "smored" and otherwise have enjoyed the good life in the wonderful Sierra Nevada area.

### **These men called Knights.**

My remembrances of the Knights in Chicago are skewed from me being Kumbaya Catholic. Although Grandfather and Great Grandfather were Knights (I still have Grandfather's century old Knights of Columbus sword), I considered the Knights as "Those Old Guys" who would stand at the most dangerous intersection (eight lanes) in Chicago at northern end of Lakeshore Drive. The Knights would wander out from the safety of the medium into very heavy rush hour traffic to collect for their Tootsie Roll drive. As they approached my car, I would pray: "Dear God, please do not let an "Old Guy" fall in front of the car, I will be here all day if they do."

### **Knight Impact**

Move forward several years, at the Nevada State Knights of Columbus convention where State Deputy Jim Kelly of my council said for me to stand up in front of everybody. As I did, State Deputy Jim would regale the audience with glee on how my wife Rose took me by the wrist to the First Degree and then proceeded to pay the First Degree fees out of her own checkbook. State Deputy Jim would go on to point out that the Ladies are very important to the Knights, Knights membership drive and how I had then rose through the ranks to become his council's Grand Knight.

Throughout the years from first becoming a "voluntold" Knight to progressing to Grand Knight to District Deputy to State Advocate, I finally began to understand the Knights. Those Old Guys in Chicago were at time of their lives, where they should be relaxing and taking it easy. Nope-that's not for the Knights. They were out there doing the good and pushing themselves to the limit. That is a universal constant for the Knights. The Knights, whether directly or indirectly with the Order, are constantly out there doing good works informed by Faith and helping others-making a difference for good whether big or small. When daughter number one, Caroline, was an eighth grader at St Albert's grammar school, her classmates would ask Caroline why she was always there so early to help at the St Albert's Knights pancake breakfast. Caroline would reply, "I have to be here, my father is in the Knights, and they lead by example."

The Knights cannot seem to help themselves in these matters, it is what they do. They run off to help others. My own family have their own colloquialism for my activities with the Knight: "Where is Dad?" "Oh, he is off visiting his other family."

The Knights over the years have helped reinvigorated the faith in this Kumbaya Catholic, although I considered myself very much a "work in progress." From simple things such as learning the rosary (I still use cheat cards) to going out and supporting Faith, church, parish, school, charities (both Catholic and other), it is through being in the company of these men called Knights (and the company of the Ladies as well) that my Catholic Faith has been continually increased and strengthen. I have never looked back and regretted the day that I became associated with Knights. I have always been grateful for being able to meet those who are in the Knights.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

## Fundraising, Fraternity, and a Fall Full of Fun

It was the month of October, a time when the warm, dry summer air of northern Nevada transitions to partly cloudy skies, occasional rain, flurries of snow and nips of hard freezes. The focus of Ponderosa Council 4928 is also changing — from major fundraising to Faith in Action programming.

Our program month began with the Council acknowledging the contributions of its many volunteers by hosting the annual Columbus Day Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on October 8th. This event offered an opportunity for all to relax over a nice dinner and share experiences. More than 60 people were in attendance. The program included a Let's Make a Deal-style door prize raffle that raised \$415 for the 2023 Nevada State Council Seminarian Education Fund raffle.

This fraternal event was quickly followed by our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Twenty (20) Council members and Ladies volunteered 152 hours on the sunny fall weekend of October 15-16. It raised a net revenue of \$2,137. Our allocated portion of \$1,710 was designated for four (4) local area programs that support people with intellectual disabilities.

Later, on October 22nd, eight (8)

hardy Council members hosted our annual Soccer Challenge program in conjunction with the American Youth Soccer Association at the Shadow Mountain Sports Complex. Despite bone chilling wind and intermittent rain for the second year in a row, twelve (12) boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, were awarded Baskin Robbins gift certificates for participating. All the recipients will be happy. Ice cream melts slower as winter closes in.

Finally, our Appreciation Dinner host bar tip jar was supplemented by matched offerings from Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 and Ponderosa Council 4928 which generated a \$1,000 cash donation by plan to Thanksgiving Baskets, an Immaculate Conception parish Food for Families initiative. The donation presentation to Rev. SK Philip George, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th.

- George A. Minter, GK

## Formation Degree at Little Flower

District 2 and Little Flower church in Reno hosted a degree ceremony on Saturday October 22. Four new Knights, with GK Leo Carew, FS Efren Vasquez, DD Steve Schiwart, GK Jose Lopez, Chaplain Father Arlon Vergara OSA (see photo - top right).



- Leo Carew III, GK

## Prayer Vigil for Life

Approximately 175 pro-life supporters including knights, family, and friends, came out for a Prayer Vigil for Life on the public parkway in front of the West End Women's Medical Group, Reno's only abortion clinic. Ponderosa Council has always been a supporter of this monthly non-denominational, 1st Saturday of the Month Prayer Vigil, but it took the presence of the Most Reverend Daniel Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno, to bring out record numbers of supporters on Saturday, August 6th. Bishop Daniel was kind enough to share a photo op with Council members at this event, including SK Rev. Edward McDonagh (see photo below).



- George A. Minter, GK

### Family of the Month

Ponderosa Council, #4928 is recognizing the Recla Family, for October's Family of the Month.



Bro. Bryan and Lady Sandy Recla work frequently as a team. Bryan is our Council's Recorder, and a frequent volunteer in Council fundraisers, service initiatives and at the parish. Lady Sandra is active in the Council's Ladies of the Knights program. Together this family team helped man the Walmart entrance in Sparks, NV encouraging passers-by to contribute to our Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) drive.

What a rewarding use of time and effort putting one's faith in action! For this, they are recognized as our Council Family of the Month for October.

- George Minter, GK

### Knight of the Month

Ponderosa Council, #4928 is recognizing SK Charles B. Goucher, for October's Knight of the Month.



In August-September, SK Charles B. Goucher volunteered at the six-day Nugget Rib Cookoff and as the Lot 9 Parking Lot lead from set-up through the five-day Reno Air Races event. In October, the Council hosts its annual appreciation dinner to recognize the contributions of volunteers such as him who help make our major fundraisers a success.

With SK Chuck, it was different. He further volunteered to help plan, organize, and prepare the five-star spaghetti dinner for the Council's guests of honor. Celebrity chefs took note. The Council did too. For his on-going commitment, energy, and leadership in support of Ponderosa Council, SK Charles B. Goucher is recognized as our Knight of the Month for October.

- George Minter, GK

### Thanksgiving Basket Donation

As Grand Knight of Our Lady of the Desert Council #12877, we have many active volunteers who help fund our Faith in Action programs. In addition to Hot August Nights, we, as a council partner with Ponderosa Council #4928, volunteer in several major fundraising events including the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook Off and the Reno Air Races.

The Columbus Day Volunteer dinner offers an opportunity for all volunteers to relax over a nice dinner and share experiences. Together, we were able to donate a total \$1,000 to the Thanksgiving Baskets program.

- Leo V Carew III



(L - R) GK Leo V Carew III, Fr. Philip George, GK George Minter, FS Russell Bernhardt



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***Blessed Michael McGivney***

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