



SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

“First in Faith and Charity”

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State Deputy’s Message

Worthies,

Blessed McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 to form a bond of brothers in a common cause to strengthen the church, promote and protect family life, and offer assistance to the less fortunate.

We have become prayerful during the month of Rosary October and I ask for your prayers once again for the success of our order.

As we head to our Mid Year Conference meeting, I would like to focus on two things for this month of November. These are growing our order and Cor Implementation. I ask all my fellow Knights including my fellow State Officers, Clergies, District Deputies, Chairs/Directors, Field Agents, Grand Knights, Assemblies, Council Officers and members to join me and WSMD Dave Ryan in inviting Catholic men to the order. Our Faith in Action will lead more men to join the order. The more men we have, the stronger and unified we are.

There are still 16 councils who have not recruited a single member and I challenge these councils to step up to the plate. I also encourage you to dedicate yourselves and your families to the teachings of Jesus Christ and his Holy Catholic Faith so start your council's Cor programs this November.

Thank you and God Bless!

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State Secretary's Message

Worthy Brothers,

I hope that you are spending some time reading what's been put together here. There are many contributors who spend their time and talents writing something for you.

There are some very interesting and well thought out articles, not to mention the various activities that are publicized. Along those lines, I would certainly welcome more input from Councils within the State.

The Knight and Family of the Month sections draw attention to outstanding individuals for their efforts and contributions and it is a way to recognize their achievements, and also encourages others to step-up.

On the next page there is section entitled "Upcoming Nevada Events" which is a great place to keep abreast of what's going on in the State. Here again, I welcome contributions from every Council and Assembly.

Our Mid-Year Convention is coming up next month and will be held at Christ the King, Council #14144 in Las Vegas. Now is the time to register for the event, book your hotel if your coming in from out of town and also for ordering meals.

Please visit:

<https://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/index.asp?CN=US&ST=NV>
for more information.

Additionally, if you wish to place an ad in the Mid-Year Convention Program Booklet please contact Worthy District Deputy Ed Verceles at easybee11446@gmail.com.

Vivat Jesus!

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Holy Father's

PRAYER INTENTIONS

November 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



State Treasurer/District Master's Update

Worthy Brothers,

First and most importantly I would like to thank you for all your prayers that I've received throughout the State.

There's a new District Master for Assemblies in the north; Dan Dexter. I am continuing to be the Master for the south, and will continue on with my duties as State Treasurer.

As you have no doubt heard from our, Worthy Membership Director and Past State Deputy, Dave Ryan, we have reached the 7,000 mark in the state of Nevada with our membership currently at 7115. Let's give Dave Ryan a round of applause for the fantastic job that he's done. I'm very proud to call him my brother and my friend. We should all be proud of the District Deputies and Grand Knights who have contributed to our membership growth.

I'm sorry that I missed the mid-year convention last year; as most of you know it was right after my stroke. I have taken a little while to get back on my feet but now am much better. I'll definitely be able to meet you in December.

While I'm here resting at home I've been working on the Coats for Kids Program and the Tootsie Roll Drive. Also, I hope that you all know that I am the Chairman for the Seminary Education Raffle Program which will be put in gear in January, February and March 2024. If anyone is in need of tickets, please contact me. I'm presently working with the State Gaming Control Board and will have all the paperwork lined up to go forward to have a very productive 2024.

We are so fortunate to have 14 Seminarians in the State and we recognize the fantastic efforts of the Archdiocese in growing the number of Parishes and Parishioners here in the State, at a time when many churches around the country are closing their doors.

Upcoming Nevada Events

11/04	LV Men's Public Rosary Guardian Angel <u>Cathedral</u>
11/08	75th Annual KofC Clergy Appreciation Dinner
11/11	Nevada State Council LV <u>Gala Evening</u>
11/11	Bishop Manogue Assembly 100th Year Anniversary <u>Celebration</u>
11/14	CUF Formation Degree - <u>Council 9102</u>
11/18	4th Degree Exemplification <u>Council 9102</u>
11/21	CUF Formation Degree - <u>Council 10442</u>
12/01-02	Nevada State Council Mid Year Meeting <u>Christ The King - LV</u>

November 2023 Readings

11/05/23
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/12/23
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary
Time

11/19/23
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/26/23
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe

You can always contact me with whatever you need, I'm always here for you. Call me, text me or email me and I will get back to you as quickly as I can. No question is too small or insignificant. I'm here as a State Officer to help all my Councils and Districts.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

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 Gotta
- #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
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State Membership Director's Message

Brothers,

We have had a very successful month in October inviting men to join us in doing God's work. As of this morning we are 70 members stronger with 7117 members in Nevada. However, we still have fifteen active councils who have not added any new members this fraternal year or one in three active councils. If you are one of the fifteen, I encourage you to become membership active prior to the mid-year meeting in December.

Congratulations to Council 2511 in Elko and Assembly 612 in Reno for 100 years of service to our order. Council 2511 held their celebration this last weekend and Assembly 612 will celebrate their 100 years on November 11th.

For the Las Vegas area there will be an exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity degree (CUF) on November 21, 2023, at St Joseph Husband of Mary, 7260 W Sahara Ave Las Vegas, NV 89117 at 6:00 p.m. If you have candidates, please contact Grand Knight Robert Williams at rougie564650@yahoo.com.

If your council has a CUF degree scheduled let me know and I will include it in my weekly update.

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State Program Director's Message

SUGGESTED COR MEETING STRUCTURE

1. Prayer - Priest or Deacon
2. A Reading of last Sunday's Scriptures
3. Take-aways from the Reading - attendees are asked to describe what they understood from the Reading
 - What lessons they learned
 - How they can relate to this in their daily lives.
4. A Reading from the Work of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney
 - What lessons they learned
 - How do we incorporate this into our daily lives.
5. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

*The three key elements of **prayer, formation, and fraternity** must be intentionally structured and built into the gathering. The ratio of emphasis on one key element over the others can vary. Consider utilizing existing KofC resources to help structure the content, such as Into the Breach or the Cor Ecclesiae series.*

6. Pick examples of stories "Into the Breach"

Q: What is Cor?

A: The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Q: Why Cor?

A: Because families need strong husbands and fathers, and the world needs courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ. Cor provides Catholic men the opportunity to encounter Christ, pray together, and strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.

Q: Where did the name come from?

A: "Cor" is Latin for heart. The inspiration for this name is drawn from the expression "cor ad cor loquitur," "heart speaks to heart." This phrase was the episcopal motto of St. John Henry Newman.

Q: Is this replacing the council meeting?

A: No, this is not replacing the council meeting but will exist in addition to it.

Q: Can't we add this to the existing council meeting structure?

A: For this to be effective, it truly needs its own dedicated space and time.

Q: Is this a Faith in Action program?

A: No. But many Faith in Action programs can be inserted into it and count towards programmatic requirements.

Q: How long should any given Cor last?

A: Each Cor meeting should last ideally 60 – 90 minutes.

Q: When and how often should we hold Cor?

A: Cor should be held at least once a month. It is up to the men of the council if they would like to meet more frequently. Consider surveying your group to determine the best day and time of the week/month.

Q: Is anything consistently required for Cor, specifically content or structure?

A: Yes. The three key elements of prayer, formation, and fraternity must be intentionally structured and built into the gathering. The ratio of emphasis on one key element over the others can vary. Consider utilizing existing KofC resources to help structure the content, such as Into the Breach or the Cor Ecclesiae series.

Q: Who manages and runs this “meeting”?

A: The Grand Knight is encouraged to appoint a Council Evangelization and Faith Formation Director. The Council Director can build a team of council members (2-3 men) who will plan, coordinate, and execute Cor. The Grand Knight and Council Director should work with the pastor who must give his permission for Cor to be held at the parish.

Q: How should the pastor be involved?

A: The pastor must permit Cor to be held at the parish. He is primarily responsible for the formation of the souls in his parish and, therefore, should be consulted and involved.

Q: Who can come and participate?

A: All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Q: What if there is another men's group in the parish?

A: Cor should not pose a point of conflict with any existing men's ministries or groups. Instead, this should be an opportunity for intentional collaboration and enhancement to serve the men of the parish better. Meet with the leadership of the men's group and look for ways to build up and support each other.

For more information and elaboration on these questions and more, please refer to the Cor Startup Guide and other resources at kofc.org/cor.

For these examples, Cor is set on a Saturday morning. These examples demonstrate how one key element, i.e., prayer or formation, can be more heavily emphasized and still incorporate all three elements together. The timing for each is up to the leadership and may affect the order and content structure.

Cor: Prayer Centered #1 – Rosary (60 min)

Fraternity: Coffee & donuts with table conversation

Formation: Read and discuss “Praying the Rosary”** (10-15 min)

Prayer: Scriptural Rosary** with group prayer intentions (20 min)

Cor: Prayer Centered #2 – Holy Hr. (60-90 min)

Fraternity: Coffee & donuts with table conversation

Formation: Read and discuss “Prayer Time”** (10-15 min)

Prayer: Adoration or prayer in church (30-60 min)

Cor: Formation Centered #1 – Into the Breach (ITB) (60-90 min)

Fraternity: Coffee and Donuts + Small group conversation on ITB

Formation: Into the Breach** - watch video and discussion questions

Prayer: Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Cor: Formation Centered #2 - Patris Corde book discussion (60-90 min)

Fraternity: Coffee and Donuts + Small group conversation on ITB

Formation: Patris Corde** – read and discuss questions

Prayer: Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Indicates a Catholic Information Services resource that can be found online at shopcatholicinfo.com.

Discussion on the Cor centers as shown above is ideal after attending the daily Mass and having the daily breakfast get together.

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Knights History

Nevada History Bishop Manogue Assembly 612 Centennial Celebration – November 11, 2023 Circa 1920's with the Focus of 1923

Let's review some milestone dates surrounding the timeframe of our Assembly's Charter inauguration. There were five Councils in Nevada at the time.

The Bishop Manogue Assembly 612, established November 11, 1923, five years after the end of WWI.

The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree takes place on Feb. 22, 1900, in New York City where 1,100 Knights receive the degree. The following May, another 750 Knights take the degree in Boston.

You will recall that Patrick A. McCarran, was Nevada's First State Deputy 1908-1912.

L.L. Glass was the 10th State Deputy 1922-1923 from the Tonopah Council 1160, Then the 11th State Deputy in the Columbian year 1923 - 1924 was P. H. Dermody from Reno Council 978. The 12th Annual Convention, in 1923, was held in Montreal, Quebec.

There was a change in the Pontif reign in 1922 as Pope Benedict XV died and Pope Pius XI was elected in February, 1922. He was the first pope to engage modern communication technology by broadcasting over the radio.

James A. Flaherty was the sixth Supreme Knight in 1923. He guided the Order in expanding its mission. During WWI, the Order provided rest and recreational facilities and social services throughout Europe to Allied servicemen of all denominations. After the war, the Order offered education and employment services to returning servicemen. At Pope Benedict XV's request, Flaherty established recreation centers to combat proselytization of Roman youth. When Flaherty stepped down as Supreme Knight in 1927, the Order created a special office for him as Supreme Counselor. He personified the dedication of the Order to both patriotism and Catholicism, receiving several honors from both the U.S. government and from the Vatican.

In the USA after WWI, the Knights of Columbus continued its

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Remember:

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

Continue:

Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's "Blessed" status!

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

Visit the website:



charitable work, offering education and employment services to returning servicemen. In less than two years, the Knights of Columbus Bureau of Employment placed some 100,000 people in jobs.

The Order's presence in Europe continued also, in August 1920, when a delegation of 235 Knights sail from New York City to France. In Paris, they are greeted by Church and civic authorities, who thank the Knights for their WWI work. In Metz, France, a large equestrian statue of the French Revolutionary War hero Lafayette, funded by the Knights, is unveiled. The K of C delegation continues to Rome, where it is received in a private audience with Pope Benedict XV on Aug. 28, 1920. Pope Benedict XV invited them to build several recreation centers for Roman youth. The architect of the centers, Count Enrico Galeazzi, went on to serve as the Knights' representative in Rome for more than six decades.

In response to a request from Pope Benedict XV, the Knights open St. Peter's Oratory, the first K of C recreation center for youth in Rome. Four more are established between 1924 and 1927.

Two years after launching educational, vocational and employment programs for World War I veterans, more than 50,000 students were enrolled in K of C-sponsored evening school programs across the United States and Canada. The Order also launches a correspondence school.

Throughout the 1920s, the Order's anti-defamation work also continued. When the Ku Klux Klan and other "nativist" and anti-Catholic groups launched campaigns to make students attend public schools, Church leaders enlisted the Knights' support. The K of C Historical Commission, meanwhile, worked to overcome racial prejudice in American society, publishing books on the contributions of African-, Jewish-, and German Americans.

For example: A bogus Fourth Degree oath was published in anti-Catholic newspapers such as the *New Catholic Menace* and the *Rail-Splitter*. The oath was simply one of many references to the nefarious papists so visibly in the vanguard of the Vatican. Further exemplified by the headline of the July 1923 issue of the *Rail-Splitter* reads: "The Knights of Columbus Unmasked." One article was a caricature of the Order's Third-Degree ceremonial; the other referred to the criminal behavior of those who follow "the teachings of the Fourth-Degree oath." A.H. Bell, author of the piece, portrayed the KKK as decent law-abiding patriots, while members of the Order were a "gang of KofC hoodlums who beat up on Protestants. It is quite common to read about some Protestant minister, who speaks Americanism, being insulted by some Roman Catholic thug who wears a KofC button on his lapel."

1923: In response to the passage of laws in Oregon prohibiting children under 16 from attending private schools, the Knights work to overturn the law. In 1925, the Supreme Court declares the Oregon law unconstitutional.

1925: The Knights' Roman youth work stimulates interest in similar projects in North America, and the Columbian Squires program is established. Brother Barnabas McDonald consults with the Knights on the creation of the Squires. The institution of the first Squires circle takes place at the Supreme Council meeting in Duluth, Minn. The Great Depression initially had hurt the Order's membership and finances, but it also led to a renewed sense of volunteer service.

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The Final Flag at Reno-Stead

In 1962, Aviator William M. Stead brought high-performance air racing to Nevada. The first two racing events were held at the former Sky Ranch Airport north of Sparks, NV. This event was subsequently relocated to its current long-time home north of Reno in 1964. The Reno National Championship Air Races has been hosted there ever since at the airport and in the town named in Bill's memory.

For one week in September at the Reno Stead Airport, hundreds of aircraft, pilots, and crews perform high-performance flight supported by a hard core following of former military and air race enthusiasts who come from near and far to meet old friends, share war stories, tour static displays, and view the high-speed action above.

Over the years, Ponderosa Council 4928 has volunteered in support of this event. First, it was parking lot control for just a few lots. Gradually, the Council's responsibilities increased to six or more lots, and in some instances, traffic control. Later, the responsibility for transporting corporate sponsor ice coolers to and from the V.I.P. stands on the tarmac was added. In 2014, ice sales support was included in the contract scope. Over time, this fundraising event has grown to become the Council's largest fundraiser, supporting many Faith, Community, Family and Pro-life service initiatives.

Sadly, this tradition is ending. Urban growth, public safety concerns, and the noticeable shift of this formerly rural military airport to a general aviation urban facility have all combined to make this year's air race program likely to be the last of its kind in Reno.

The very knowledge of this possibility generated massive corporate and race enthusiast interest. There was increased pressure on parking lot availability requiring greater parking lot control. There was an increase in, and expansion of, corporate V.I.P. box seating on the tarmac. This, in turn, increased the need for cooler delivery support and ice sales. It all resulted in a greater need for staffing. This year, under the Reno Air Races Association contract, the Council was required to staff 308 shifts over the five-day event.

To meet this obligation, other area councils and organizations were invited to participate. In addition to Ponderosa Council 4928's role, Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877, St. Michael the Archangel Council 10577, Christ the King Council 7322, Fallon Council 4828, and Holy Cross Catholic Community, all financially benefited by providing supplemental support.

In sum, a total of 2,701 volunteer hours were provided. Each council/parish will share proportionally in the net income proceeds. For the record, Ponderosa Council provided 83% of the event service hours extended.

The possibility of an air show in Stead, in 2024, excluding the air races, is under consideration. Currently, six cities are under consideration to resume the National Championship Air Races program in 2025. None of these venues is in Nevada.



— George A. Minter, GK

Knight in the Light

Sir Knight Tim Fukuta PGK, FDD, Former District Master and Vice Supreme Master

I began my Knights of Columbus career shortly after I converted to Catholicism in 1995. In July of 1995, I took my 1st Degree in Elk Grove, California. Shortly after that in November of 1995, I was taken to my 2nd and 3rd Degree in Stockton. Shortly after, I was asked to take a position as Inside Guard of Laguna Council #11236. That was the start of my career in the Knights of Columbus. In April of 2006, I took my 4th Degree in Sacramento, California and joined Bishop Gallegos Assembly #2336 in Galt. I also joined the Honor Guard later that year.

I rose through the ranks of council, eventually becoming the Grand Knight. I agreed to do two years as the Grand Knight, the second year we became a double star council for the first time in the history of the council. The state deputy asked me to become part of the state membership team that year, and I remained on the team for four years. I was also asked to become a District Deputy and became one of the top 10 DD's in the state.

As I was going through the chairs of the council, I was simultaneously going through the chairs of the assembly. So, when I completed my term as the Grand Knight, I became the Faithful Navigator (FN) of the Bishop Gallegos Assembly. All the while, I had been appointed the Honor Guard Commander (HGC) for Bishop Gallegos by then District Master Romeo Quevedo.

When I was the FN, I just appointed myself as the HGC. I lead our team to the State Championship Competition, and we became victorious. I was asked to become a District Marshal and when JC Greco became District Master, I became his Senior District Marshal. I remained Senior District Marshal for District Master TW Starkweather also, completing 9 years as a District Marshal, then I was appointed District Master for Northern California in 2020.

Towards the beginning of August 2023. I received a phone call from Supreme Master Michael McCusker, which wound up being about a forty-five minute interview for the position of Vice Supreme Master. I thought to myself that I was just told Supreme does not usually take a seated District Master, meaning that they don't take a Master that has time left in his term. I still had one year left in my term.

Well, I didn't have to wait too long before I found out, about two weeks later, I received another call from Supreme Master Michael McCusker. This time he addressed me as Vice Supreme Master (VSM), and I corrected him as this is District Master Tim Fukuda, and he said do I have Vice Supreme Master Tim Fukuda. I finally caught on. He said that the Supreme Knight and the Board of Directors approved and made the appointment. They appointed me VSM of the St. Junipero Serra Province effective September 1, 2023.

I have worked hard to get to where I am and have had a great group of Knights that have also worked very hard with me. I have not stopped working hard for the Order, and plan to keep working hard for our great Order, our Church, and our Lord.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Veteran's Day Events 2023



Celebrating 100 Years

Bishop Manogue Assembly 612
 Instituted November 11, 1923
Religiously Devoted; Patriotically Proud.

Military Appreciation Dinner
 Honoree WW II Veteran
 SK Anthony Pagano, MD
 Guest Speaker
 Lt. Gen. Leslie C. Smith, USA, Ret.



Saturday, November 11, 2023
 Reno Elks Lodge #597
 597 Kumble Ln., Reno, NV
 5:00 pm Social - 6:30 pm Dinner

NY Strip Steak or Chicken Dinner
 Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable and Dessert
 Commemorative Centennial Event Pin
\$40.00 per person

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Please RSVP before Nov 6th
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 tuxedo with social baldric or suit





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Congrats to our Newest Council

Congratulations to the newly formed Fr. Leo Coughlin Council 18304 in Moapa Valley/ Logandale, Nevada!

Let's welcome Grand Knight Javier Gonzalez and Deputy GK Mike Riordan, along with Fr. Henry Salditos who is the Chaplain. We wish you the best in running your council.

Special thanks to all brothers who participated in the process. We appreciate the help of WRDD Pona Magana and also WDD Dennis Murtaugh, who supported me on every visit.



- Meynard Infantado, SD

Presentation to Archbishop Thomas

His Excellency, Archbishop Thomas and Bishop Gordon have been very thankful to the Knights for playing a big role in preparation for this upcoming Mass of Canonical Establishment of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Las Vegas and the Imposition of the Pallium upon the Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, PH.D.

Through our statewide efforts we were able to present the Archdiocese a check for the stoles & bibles in the amount of \$12,750.66.



Well done Nevada Knights!!!

- Meynard Infantado, SD

Prayer Vigil for Life

On Saturday, October 7th, the Most Reverend Daniel Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno, led approximately 75 pro-life supporters in a Prayer Vigil for Life on the public parkway in front of the West End Women's Medical Group, Reno's only abortion clinic.



Members from Ponderosa Council 4928 (Sparks), Msgr. Patrick J. Connors Council 4997 (Reno), Christ the King Council 7322 (Reno), St. Robert Bellarmine Council 13897 (Fernley), and

St. John Vianney Council 13842 (Reno), including State Life Director SK John DeBord, all participated in praying the rosary for an end to abortion.

- George A. Minter, GK

State Officers at the Canonical Establishment Mass

October, 16, 2023 - Mass of Canonical Establishment of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Las Vegas and the Imposition of the Pallium upon the Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, PH.D.



The event was held at the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer, in Las Vegas.

- Meynard Infantado, SD

Columbus Day/ Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

In October, Ponderosa Council hosted its annual Columbus Day/ Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to recognize the many contributions of volunteers who helped make this year’s major fundraisers a success. It was held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Sparks.



Fifty-nine (59) volunteers and family took advantage of the open beverage bar, the authentic Sicilian spaghetti dinner, the no-cost raffle, and the joy of sharing event “war-stories” working these fundraisers together.

This dinner was prepared by an experienced team of cooks: SK Todd Galati, SK Chuck Goucher, and SK John Bilka. It was based on a closely guarded Sicilian recipe. A total of 215 hours were volunteered to help make this event special.

- George A. Minter, GK

Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities

Nineteen (19) Council members and Ladies volunteered 182 hours planning and participating in Supreme’s annual Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities campaign, aka the “Tootsie Roll Drive.” It was held on a fall weekend in October at the Walmart Supercenter in Sparks, NV.



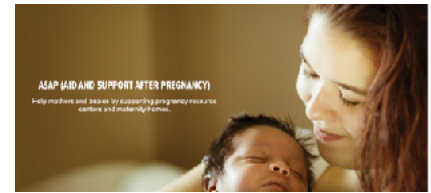
Volunteers raised \$1,969 in donations which will be forwarded to the Nevada State Council. An allocated portion of approximately \$1,575 (80%) will be designated in support of local area programs that help people with intellectual disabilities. The approximate balance of \$394 (20%) will be retained by the Nevada State Council in support of national programs such as the Special Olympics. Sweet!

- George A. Minter, GK

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.



Culture of Life Fund

Over 1 million moms have seen their unborn children thanks to the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program. Since 2009, the Order has funded more than 1,500 ultrasound machines through donations from councils and the Culture of Life Fund.

Knight of the Month - 1

In August-September, SK Charles B. Goucher supported Ponderosa Council fundraising initiatives by drawing beer as a volunteer during four (4) shifts at the Nugget Rib Cookoff. One week later, he helped set-up the Cooler Line hub and then go on to serve as the Parking Lot 9 lot captain throughout the five-day Reno Air Races event.



As is traditional in October, the Council hosts its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to recognize the many contributions of its volunteers such as Chuck who help make our fundraisers a success.

However, instead of taking a break, Chuck stepped up once again to help plan, organize, and prepare the dinner for the Council's many guests of honor.

As one always in service to his Council, SK Chuck is recognized as our Knight of the Month for October.

Knight of the Month - 2

SK Leo J. Humphries is a long-time active parishioner of Holy Cross Catholic Community. He also brings the same level of

dedication to Ponderosa Council with his leadership, commitment, and energy. SK Leo is a stalwart supporter of the Council's two major fundraising programs.

At the Nugget Rib Cookoff he worked beverage station shifts on all six (6) event days. At the Reno Air Races, he volunteered on all five (5) event days directing parking in Lot 10 from the crispness of the morn thru the heat of the day proudly waving his American flag parking wand.



For helping our Council achieve fundraising success, SK Leo is recognized as our Knight of the Month for October.

- George A. Minter, GK

Family of the Month

This month, Ponderosa Council recognizes SK John M. Bilka and Lady Mary Ann as our October Family of the Month for their continuing contribution to the success of the Council's largest fundraiser, the Reno Air Races. It is an event that both have volunteered and supported for years.

SK John is recognized for his Reno Air Races planning and set-up knowledge, and for managing this year's unique issues at Parking Lot 9. He also helped prepare food for the follow-up Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



Mary Ann is recognized for shuttling volunteers (including John), delivering water and cold beverages, and even fresh donuts via golf cart to and from the six major parking lots and the Cooler Line hub. In addition, she added a lady's touch to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Both are active parishioners at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

- George A. Minter, GK

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