



THE SILVER KNIGHT

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A Message from the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings!

Hope you had an awesome and productive summer and truly enjoyed the great outdoor activities to the finest!

Here's to welcoming the season of fall-with glorious and the rich deep, brownish, subtle orange colors that mellows the earth tones likewise, a respite from the long days and short nights with every reason to celebrate life at it's grandeur, say in a cooler climate.

The longer nights brings about more time indoors on a hibernation mode. That means more challenges for promoting what the Knights of Columbus membership has to offer to those councils and Districts who haven't done so yet, we do encourage the use of online membership enrollment/application, which is a user friendly. (www.kofc.org/joinus)

This fraternal year finds some dynamic events as fellowships, events, church activities, volunteer works which you and our brothers can us as an opportunity to support the means of recruiting more for the membership. We also had a blast attending socials and invites from the various councils, as well as had the pleasure in assisting it- every effort, time and talent of each individual Councils- it's Officers and members deserve special mention as a team to make every Business Meeting, events, fundraisers, fellowship, family activities a reality, a success all the way in service to the community, the common good and most of all to God be the Glory!

We are all excited to see some expansion and growth in membership as well as new Councils in the making in the near future!

More than an inspiration, the membership is getting better each day with your continued support. I'd like to share this prayer for the first quarter that has been and throughout the blessings we can share together...

Today I Said A Prayer

Dear God,

You have brought me to the beginning of a new day!

Thank you for your outpouring and unconditional love that my heart and mind be filled with your strength, guidance, mercy and much more with purpose in our lives.

Thank you for walking with me in triumphant and joyous moments and especially when I am weighed down, torn, lost or weak.

Forgive my errors of yesterday and help me to become more closer to You and follow Your ways.



State Deputy

Shine through me and to every person I meet Your Infinite Glory, and feel your presence in my life.

Please take my hand for I cannot do it without You!

All that I have is because of You and for that You always wanted to bring out the best in me and won't let you down.

Amen!

More power and May God bless, keep and guide us all!

Vivat Jesus!

Nevada State Council Officers 2019 - 2020

State Deputy:	Antonio Pascua
State Chaplain:	Rev. Manuel Guico
Associate State Chaplain:	Rev. Arlon Vergara
State Secretary:	Joe Haun
State Treasurer:	Meynard Infantado
State Advocate:	John Long
State Warden:	Tom Villardi
Immediate Past State Deputy:	Thomas Thorn
State Exec. Secretary:	Rick Senninger
State Historian	J Michael Brady

Nevada State Council Directors 2019 - 2020

Program Director	Zach Vandongen
Faith Director	Hilarion G Cordero, Jr
Community Director	Raymond Brewer
Life Director	Mark B Foxwell
Family Director	Edgardo G Infantado
Youth Director	Michael Caudell
Awards/ Report Forms Chair	Daniel Mathews
Membership Director	Tom Villardi
Membership Retention Chair	Raymond Troik Jr
Council Retention Chair	Gerry A Rockwell
Council Reactivation Chair	William Harmon
New Council Devel. Chair	Edmundo C Verceles
Online Membership Chair	Dennis Miguez-Norona
Hispanic Council Growth Coord.	Elvis G. Herrera
Ceremonials Director	David W Strait - PSD
Insurance Promotion Chair	Stephen F Melancon
Young Adult Outreach Chair	Lance Pascua
Round Table Chairman	Charles P Reifsnyder
Vocations Chairman	Michael Rinaldi
Public Relations Chairman	Thomas Bush
Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Chair	John E Suchewski
Special Olympic Chair	John E Suchewski
Athletic Events Chair	Daniel Barry
Free Throw Contest Chairman	Robert Hartman
Soccer Challenge Chair	Robert Hartman
State Squires Chairman	George A Minter
Marian Hour Chair	Mark B Foxwell
Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	Milton Ham

Nevada State Council Chairs 2019 - 2020

Silver Rose Chair
Health Services Chairman
Newsletter/Bulletin Editor
Disaster Response Coord.
Catholic Citizens Essay
Contest Chair

Steven Schiwart
Dr. Thomas A D'Amato
Albert Cuccinelli
Charles E Baker

Jim Shurtliff

Nevada District Deputies 2019 - 2020

Jurisdiction of		NEVADA		July 1 2019		to June 30 2020	
District Number	Name, Address (Street and Number), Zip Code Business & Residence Telephone Number	District Deputy's Council Number	District Deputy's Membership Number	Councils in Each District			
				Number	Location		
1	Name Matthew Mareno Address 2848 Laguna Way City, State, Zip Code Sparks, NV 89434 Res. Phone (775)843-2279 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address MARENO@LIVE.COM	7322	4477362	978	Reno, NV		
				4997	Reno, NV		
				7322	Reno, NV		
				16207	Reno, NV		
2	Name Herbert Melendez Address 2327 Dodge Drive City, State, Zip Code Sparks, NV 89436 Res. Phone (775) 354-2323 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address herbertmelendez@aol.com	4928	4131659	2380	Battle Mountain, NV		
				4928	Sparks, NV		
				10577	Stead, NV		
				12877	Sparks, NV		
				14588	Reno, NV		
3	Name Peter Comerford Address 1149 Cheatgrass Drive City, State, Zip Code Dayton, NV 89403 Res. Phone (775)241-2751 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address peteskofc@zoho.vcom	13924	3090690	4828	Fallon, NV		
				6688	Yerrington, NV		
				11174	Lovelock, NV (Suspended)		
				13897	Fernley, NV		
				13924	Dayton, NV		
4	Name John DeBord Sr Address 13305 S. Hills Drive, City, State, Zip Code Reno, NV 89511 Res. Phone (775) 813-6842 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address johndebord@gmail.com	13842	2700651	4781	Carson City, NV		
				12845	Gardnerville, NV		
				13842	Reno, NV		
				13944	Incline Village, NV		
5	Name Ty S. Whitman Address 3825 Flintlock Drive City, State, Zip Code Winnemucca, NV 89445 Res. Phone _____ Bus. Phone (775)304-8749 E-Mail Address ty.whitman@yahoo.com	2666	4665133	2511	Eiko, NV		
				2666	Winnemucca, NV		
				11512	Wells, NV		
6	Name Jesus Sanchez Address 2339 Webster Street City, State, Zip Code North Las Vegas, NV Res. Phone (702) 755-0474 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address chuyusan81@gmail.com	9437	4903285	5448	North Las Vegas, NV		
				9437	Las Vegas, NV		
				9899	Las Vegas, NV		
				13691	Las Vegas, NV		
7	Name Charles Reifsnnyder Address P.O.Box 175 City, State, Zip Code Pioche, NV 89043-1384 Res. Phone (775)962-1384 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address yoteman@icturbonet.com	1340	4307620	1340	Ely, NV		
				11179	Overton, NV (Suspended)		
				13754	Mesquite, NV		
8	Name Joseph Williams Address 5617 Cory Pl City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas, Nv 89107 Res. Phone (702)371-9944 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address joewilliams24680@hotmail.com	9102	3648067	2828	Las Vegas, NV		
				9102	Las Vegas, NV		
				13392	Las Vegas, NV		

Nevada District Deputies 2019 - 2020

Jurisdiction of NEVADA July 1 2019 to June 30 2020

District Number	Name, Address (Street and Number), Zip Code Business & Residence Telephone Number	District Deputy's Council Number	District Deputy's Membership Number	Councils in Each District	
				Number	Location
9	Name Raymond Foster Address 4736 Anchorage Street City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas, Nv 89147 Res. Phone (702)287-6275 Bus. Phone E-Mail Address rayfosterkofc@yahoo.com	10442	3741503	10442	Las Vegas, Nv
				10780	Pahrump, NV
				14144	Las Vegas, NV
				14784	Las Vegas, NV
10	Name Daniel St. Pierre Address 481 Mountain Heights Parkway City, State, Zip Code Henderson, NV 89052 Res. Phone (702) 280-1009 Bus. Phone E-Mail Address stpierre88@yahoo.com	13456	4378721	3741	Henderson, NV
				13456	Henderson, NV
				14820	Las Vegas, NV
				15061	Las Vegas, NV
				15790	Las Vegas, NV
11	Name Richard Menard Address 3265 Dayflower Street Unit A, City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas, NV 89121-3500 Res. Phone (603)856-3633 Bus. Phone E-Mail Address rechardc.menard@cox.net	8282	2976217	7708	Las Vegas, NV
				8078	Boulder City, NV
				8282	Las Vegas, NV
				12690	Laughlin, NV
12	Name Dennis Murtaugh Address 9414 Quiet Valley Ave. City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas, NV 89149-0155 Res. Phone Tel: (702) 396-7406; Cell (702)371-4222 Bus. Phone E-Mail Address e3jarhead@gmail.com	14544	4414120	5693	Las Vegas, NV
				11029	Las Vegas, NV
				12543	Las Vegas, NV
				14544	Las Vegas, NV

Dated June 10, 2019

State Deputy

State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico

Dear State Officers, Priest-Chaplains, District Deputies, Grand Knights & Brother knights:

Greetings & Peace be with you!

With the start of Fall (new season as of September 23), we are finally enjoying the change & improvement of weather in Nevada. Our environment informs & confirms that change is necessary and part of the cycle of life. We are truly being reminded that changes are happening all around us. Thus as members of Nevada Knights of Columbus, we need to embrace & adopt adjustments & changes, i.e. from the uniforms of the 4th Degree into more spiritual reflections during our monthly meetings. We are challenged to manifest daily our "FAITH INTO ACTION".



Nevada State Chaplain

In September, I've witnessed & attended the exemplifications of new members into 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Degrees. I've attended the Provincial Meeting of Masters from California & Nevada headed by Master Dave Ryan. Let's continue not only to acquire new members but also re-activate former inactive members by calling & visiting them.

There are two up-coming events that need our commitment & participation: 1) Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner hosted by K of C Council #2828 on October 10th (Thursday) 6:00PM at Markich Hall, 911 E. Ogden Avenue, Las Vegas 89101. Encourage your Council Priest-Chaplains to attend. Bishop George Leo Thomas will join us. 2) Include in your schedule & calendar the coming "Day of Reflections" on December 6th (12:00 noon - 6:00pm Friday) in Tonopah, Nevada followed by the Mid-Year Meeting on December 7th (Saturday). Watch for more details to be announced in my November Chaplain's Message.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Manny R. Guico

State Deputy September Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy



Diocesan Conference
September 6-7, 2019 at Texas Station, Las Vegas
State Secretary Joe Haun, State Treasurer Meynard Infantado, State Warden Tom Villardi, Online Membership / Spanish Development Chairman Dennis No and yours truly.



2019 Diocesan Conference



Father Daniel Rolland, OP accepting the check donation for the Western Dominican Order for the Seminary Education Fund.



September 14, 2019 Cooking and flipping Pancakes at Catholic Workers, Las Vegas with St Anthony of Padua Council 14544 Officers to help feed the homeless.



Feeding the homeless.



In behalf of the Nevada State Council donated \$14,200.00 to First Choice Pregnancy Center for a new Ultra Sound Machine.

A Message from the State Retention Director

SK Raymond Troik



State Retention Director

October Retention

My brother Knights I hope all is going well with all of you and you're totally involved with all the activities of 2019/20. I purposely began this month's article with the above. WHY? Because we are a FRATERNITY! WE are a BROTHERHOOD!. I care about YOU and hopefully you care about ME. This is WHY WE ARE KNIGHTS!

I hope YOU have started to implement OUR Retention Program. YOU CAN DO IT! Have we contacted our delinquent knights? Hopefully we have. Some have proposed that we return to a program from the past. [Not all that is old needs to be replaced. If it worked: Continue.] The program is this: Active knights contacting delinquent knights. It's based on Fraternity; it's fraternity in action. Basically I believe this is how we do it. It's been called in the past a calling tree. IF each active knight had say 5 delinquent knights to call. He calls them, say 1 a night. What does he say? "Hi I'm Joe Gluts from K of C Council 10000. I notice you haven't paid your dues." WRONG!!! #1. You're not the Council FS. #2. You're calling because YOU CARE. Instead: 'Hi I'm Joe Gluts from K of C Council 10000. I know you're a BROTHER Knight and I'm sorry I haven't seen you in a while. I attend the Saturday evening Mass. You're going to 0730?, 0930?" Big difference in the approach; RIGHT? Yes! The 2nd approach allows the delinquent knight to retain his dignity and maybe he gets the idea that someone in the council CARES. It's up to you; how would you like to be approached? Caring, loving, fraternal? Yes! This is the FIRST STEP. The conversation can go anywhere from here. Keep it light! No pressure! Fraternal! Some have said: "Call weekly." That might be a little much. Maybe twice a month; maybe after a function or a business meeting. Basic concept: MAKE CONTACT. Personally I believe we've been delinquent in this area. We have brothers who need encouragement, are sick, disabled and have trouble getting around. These are OUR BROTHERS! Make them feel welcome; fraternity! FRATERNITY!

Where to we go from here? Well FIRST let's get started with the above. 20 knights at a meeting each has 5 names; that's 100 contacted delinquent knights. WOW! What if half of those came back to a business meeting? We know have 70 knights at a meeting. Note to GK's: Make that next meeting the BEST ONE EVER! You want to keep those knights coming back. Right? We will touch on other aspects of the "Calling Tree" next month. Let's get it rolling in October. Please emphasize FRATERNITY, BROTHERHOOD. You and I are the only ones who can BRING LIFE to the KNIGHTS.

Your Brother,

State Historian Report and October 2019 Knight in the Light

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Worthy Grand Knights'; **please send me your completed Form 185**, Council Officers information so, I can establish strategic contact for our Columbian Year 2019-2020. **(some Grand Knights have responded, THANK YOU). Remember to include the name and contact information of your appointed Council Historian.**

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 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 Councils record's, 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 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. Make this new Columbian Year the best year ever for your respective Council and Assembly.

A Nevada Knights of Columbus History Fact:

"Knighthood is a deep commitment to our principles..."

Be on your guard (Worthy Knight). Stand firm in the faith, be men of courage, be strong. I Corinthians 16:13

In 1881, Father McGivney began to explore the idea of a Catholic, fraternal benefit society. In an era when parish clubs and fraternal societies had wide popular appeal, the young priest felt there

should be some way to strengthen religious faith and at the same time provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner. Father McGivney had suggested “Son of Columbus” as the name for the Order. This would bind Catholicism and Americanism together through the faith and bold vision of the New World’s explorer. The word “Knights” replaced “Sons” because Irish-born Civil War veterans wanted to apply a noble ritual in support of the emerging cause of Catholic civil liberty. Our Order’s principles in 1882 were Unity and Charity. The concepts of Fraternity and Patriotism were added later. These Columbus-linked themes reverberated with pride in the American promise of liberty, equality and opportunity. Because Columbus was a devout Catholic and a great explorer of the Americas, Father McGivney chose the name of our Order after him.

Thoughts:

What would Father McGivney say about our councils? Are we charitable beyond our parish walls? Are we unified as the right arm of the Catholic Church? Are we fraternally bonded in Catholic brotherhood? Are we actively patriotic beyond simple flag-waving?

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

“Knight in the Light”

Although, Columbus’s time was centuries before our Order was established, he was a Knight in his own right; as his agreement with Queen Isabel and King Fernando gave him Knighthood and the title of Admiral of the Sea, Viceroy of any new lands and awarded ten percent of any new wealth, with the success of his first voyage, the rest is history. October’s “Knight in the Light” is Christopher Columbus! Columbus brought America to the attention of the social, economic, scientific cultures of Western Europe. The result was the United States of America. The ultimate patriotic focus of our Order.

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

A Message from the State Program Director

SK Zach Z. Vandongen



State Program Director

Greetings:

As we are dealing with heat stress from high temperatures, do not add stress by being indecisive on what council programs to choose, then being too late to do them.

Write down the date and time of your council events, so that now you have a record for the council and in chronological order.

Important note - when you send your council Activities Report to the State Deputy during the State Convention weekend, do not omit anything of interest.

Also remember, all programs need at least one Knight involved for your Council to be credited the activity. Of course, the more member participation, the better. Choose your program, implement the program into action, just as with your Faith.

Important - before any youth programs are started, make sure you are compliant. Take the Protecting God's Children's Class.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>

This is good for 2 years.

Grand Knights, Program Directors, Community Directors, Family Directors, Chief Counselors (Squires), Counsellors (Squires) need to take the classes.

When summer is over and with winter approaching, consider the Coats for Kids program.

Membership drives this time of year are also very important to the life of your Council and the Knights of Columbus. Many Parishes also have October Festivals, Marian Hour of Prayer, baby bottle drives, Advent activities, etc., which are all great activities for your Council to participate in.

After Advent, we'll soon be in the Lenten Season with fish fry and soup on Fridays.

The bottom line is be creative, take initiative when choosing and implementing your programs. Remember: hand-in-hand, working together, we can achieve anything.

Be safe, be blessed.

Vivat Jesus,

Clergy Dinner (South) Save the Date

Stephen Melancon
FICF, PGK

The 72nd annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner for the Diocese of Las Vegas will be held Thursday, October 10, 2019. Our beloved Priests are our guests.

Councils are encouraged to make reservations and to invite their deacons and deacons' wives.

Tables of 8 will be available. Seating will be limited.



General Agent

SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus
Las Vegas Council
2828

will be hosting the

72nd annual
Clergy Appreciation
Dinner

October 10, 2019

Markich Hall
Downtown Las Vegas
chairman: stephen Melancon 702.672.1425

Council 9102 Awarded TEFAP Local Distributing Agency Partnership

Having started our Food for Families Program almost 2 years ago with Father John McShane Giving Back Mondays in downtown Las Vegas, we initiated the process of signing on with Three Square to make a bigger impact in our community. Our council was awarded a TEFAP Local Distributing Agency Partnership with Three Square in August of this year.



Grand Knight

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal program that provides food commodities at no cost to Americans in need of short-term hunger relief through food providers like emergency food pantries, food banks, soup kitchens and shelters.

Working with Three Square, a Feed America Member, we held our first distribution event on Friday, September 13, 2019 at Doris Reed Elementary School in Las Vegas, NV. Doris Reed is a Title 1 school and we distributed over 10,000 pounds of food to over 235 families. Shredded pork, milk, grape juice, cheese and apples, along with cans of beans and tomatoes were distributed.



Meeting at Our Las of Las Vegas for assignments and instructions



Unloading food with truck and crew provided by TV Transport (NV State Warden Tom Villardi)



Council 9102 volunteer along with TV Transport crew



Deputy Grand Knight Joe Suarez, State Athletics Chair Dan Barry and Sir Knight John Hedge



Registration table with School Principal Jennifer Aznarez (l) and Grand Knight Bernie Iwaczyszyn (r)



Parents and students lining up prior to event kick-off

TEFAP Event Photos – September 13, 2019



Three Square's Warehouse, Las Vegas, NV



Dave Ryan, Vice Supreme Master of the St. Junipero Serra Province, along with Tom Villardi, Nevada State Warden have undertaken the challenge of taking this new partnership to other councils throughout the Three Square coverage area of Southern Nevada – stay tuned for more information coming soon.

Upcoming State Events

Dates	District Deputy Orientation	District Grand Knight Training	Mid-Year Organizational	State Convention
2018				
5/4/18 - 5/6/18				St. Joseph's - Elko
7/7/18 - 7/8/18	Our Lady of Las Vegas - Las Vegas			
12/8/18			Immaculate Conception - Sparks	
2019				
5/3/19 - 5/5/19				St. Patrick's - Fallon Fallon Council 4828
7/6/19 - 7/7/19	Immaculate Conception - Sparks			
12/7/19			St. Patricks - Tonopah	
2020				
5/1/20 - 5/3/20				Our Lady of Las Vegas St. Jude Council 9102
7/11/20 - 7/12/20	St. James the Apostle - Las Vegas			
12/5/20			Our Lady of Snows - Reno	
2021				
4/24/21 - 4/25/21				Harvey's Lake Tahoe - Stateline Our Lady of Tahoe
7/10/21 - 7/11/21	St. Rose of Lima - Reno			
12/4/21			St. Peter the Apostle - Las Vegas	
2022				
4/30/22 - 5/1/22				La Virgen de Guadalupe Mesquite Council 13754
7/9/22 - 7/10/22				
12/3/22			Diocese of Reno	
2023				
5/6/23 - 5/7/23				Immaculate Conception - Sparks Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877
7/8/23 - 7/9/23				
12/9/23			Diocese of Las Vegas	

Dates and venues subject to change.