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# THE SILVER KNIGHT

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## Leadership Positions

## Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

State Deputy	Joe Alvin Haun
State Chaplain	Rev. John McShane
State Secretary	Meynard Infantado
State Treasurer	Tom Villardi
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Dan St. Pierre
Associate State Chaplain	Rev. Gerald R. Grupczynski, SChr.
Immediate Past State Deputy	Toni F. Pascua
State Executive Secretary	Al Cuccinelli

## District Deputies / Councils

District 1	Councils 978, 4997, 7322, 16207	Mathew Mareno (7322)
District 2	Councils 4928, 10577, 12877, 14588	Steve Schiwart (4928)
District 3	Councils 4828, 6688, 13897, 13924	Pete Comerford (13924)
District 4	Councils 4781, 12845, 13842, 13944	Michael Houdyshell (12845)
District 5	Councils 1340, 2380, 2511, 2666	Charles Reifsnyder (1340)
District 6	Councils 5448, 9437, 9899	Jesus Sanchez (9437)
District 7	Councils 7708, 8282, 13754	Bill Ennis (13754)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 12690	Gerry Rockwell (13392)
District 9	Councils 10442, 10780, 14144, 14784	Raymond Foster (10442)
District 10	Councils 3741, 13456, 15061	Matthew Garnes (13456)
District 11	Councils 8078, 13392, 14820	Edmundo Verceles (14820)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Chris Traver (14784)
District 13	Councils 11174, 11179, 11512, 13691, 15790	Dennis Murtaugh (11029)

## Other Nevada State Officers 2021 - 2022

State Program Director	Dan St. Pierre
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr.
Webmaster & Communications Director	Rick Sherman
Special Assistance / Sick and Bereavement Chairman	Roger Watson
State Training Coordinator	Ed Verceles
State College Council Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
State Young Adult Outreach Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Budget Committee Chairman	Meynard Infantado
State Disaster Committee Chairman	Terry W. Zehl
State Public Relations Chairman	Steve Coe
Health Services Chairman	Dr. Thomas D'Amato
State Historian	J. Michael Brady
State Newsletter Editor	Al Cuccinelli

## State “Faith in Action” Program Chair

State Faith in Action Program Chairman Dan St. Pierre

## State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

State Faith Program Director	Hilarion Cordero Jr
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	IPSD Toni F. Pascua
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. Reifsnnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair
State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	PSD Thomas Thorn
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr
Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Mark B. Foxwell
Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair (Las Vegas)	<i>Vacant</i>

## State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Al Pena
State Marian Hour Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
State Athletic Events Committee Chairman	Daniel Barry
Catholic Citizens Essay Committee Chairman	Jim Shurtliff
Youth Director	Daniel Barry
Awards/Report Forms Director	Al Cuccinelli
State Squires Committee Chairman	George A. Minter
Soccer and Free Throw Chairman	Robert Hartman
Keep Christ in Christmas Program Chair	Digna Pena

## State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Community Program Director	Raymond Brewer
State 365 Club Committee Chairman	PSD Ray Gardea
State Convention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Robert Hartman
Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Pete Comerford
State Recognition Committee Chairman	Daniel Mathews
State Audit Committee Chairman	PSD Thomas Thorn
State Round Table Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnnyder
State New Council Development Committee Chair	Sammy Dagher

## State LIFE “Faith in Action” Programs

State Life Director	John DeBord
State Silver Rose Chairman	Steven P. Schiwart
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Richard Menard
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell
State Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee Chairman	John Suchewski
State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	John Suchewski

## State Membership Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Christopher T. Traver
Online Membership Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Tom Villardi
Southern Nevada State Recruitment Chairman	Ray Troik
Northern Nevada State Recruitment Chairman	Michael Alvendia
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis Murtaugh
State Council Reactivation Chairman	Tom Howerter
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	PSD David Strait
State Council Retention Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
State Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator	Jesus Sanchez
State Hispanic Development Committee Chairman	
Reno	Herbert Melendez
Las Vegas	Jesus Sanchez
State Filipino Development Coordinator	
Reno	George Michael Alvendia
Las Vegas - South	Pro Edillo
Las Vegas - North	Francis Dayao

## Supreme Council Announcements



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## College Knights ‘Go to Joseph’

SK Patrick E Kelly

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Supreme Knight

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### **Speakers at annual conference encourage young men to follow St. Joseph’s example**

College Knights looking for direction and guidance in life need look no further than St. Joseph, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly told hundreds of young men gathered virtually for the 56th Knights of Columbus College Councils Conference.

“As college Knights, St. Joseph can help you answer two key questions before you: What kind of a man do you want to be? And, more importantly: What is God calling you to do with the gifts he has given you?” the supreme knight said.

Knights of Columbus college councils, which are active on nearly 150 campuses in the United States and Canada, aim to help men contribute to Catholic life on campus through faith formation, service and brotherhood. This year’s College Councils Conference, held Sept. 24-25, brought college-aged members together under the theme “Go to Joseph.”

Supreme Knight Kelly stressed that St. Joseph can be both a powerful intercessor and a model of courage for young Knights making foundational decisions about their lives. He added that by joining the Knights of Columbus, they have already set out on the right course.

“As a college knight, you’ve already made a decision that sets you apart and sends a powerful message,” Supreme Knight Kelly said. “Joining the Knights says to your campus and to the world: ‘I am a man of faith and I’m not afraid to take a stand.’ That’s no small thing, especially now. You are following Christ at a difficult time and place.”

Keynote speaker Father Donald Calloway, MIC, urged college Knights — in a world where there is “so much confusion about what it is to be a man” — to imitate the servant leadership of St. Joseph. Noting that many attendees will be called to fatherhood, Father Calloway encouraged them to look to Joseph under his title “Pillar of Families.”

“If men are not there to shore things up, to hold things up, to be pillars, things are going to collapse,” he said. “No, you have a role to play: servant leadership. You have to be sacrificial.” Father Calloway, a member of Father Peter Paul Maher Council 6793 in Silver Spring, Md., challenged his brother Knights to foster and deepen personal devotion to St. Joseph. He suggested three ways to do so: first, honor St. Joseph every Wednesday, the day traditionally dedicated to him; second, pray the rosary and meditate on his silent witness; and third, consecrate oneself to him. At the conclusion of his address, Father Calloway then led the Knights in a prayer of consecration to St. Joseph.

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After the supreme knight's message and keynote address, several councils were honored for their witness and service on campus throughout the last fraternal year. The Outstanding College Council Award, which recognizes the college council that best exemplifies the mission and ideals of the Order, was presented to St. John Henry Newman Council 11323 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va.

Throughout the pandemic, the Knights at Virginia Tech provided opportunities for Catholic men on campus to gather at socially distanced events, including kickball games, cookouts and Bible studies. They also engaged in service projects, such as maintaining the grounds at the Catholic Campus Ministry's Newman House and raising money for local charitable organizations, including a local pregnancy resource center. (The Knights held a "tonsure drive," collecting more than \$5,000 for the organizations by shaving the tops of their heads.) One of the council's most visible witnesses to the faith was the eucharistic procession the Knights organized and held on campus.

Watch the Virginia Tech Knights, and other award-winning councils, in action on their campuses in these short videos:

**Outstanding College Council: St. John Henry Newman Council 11323** at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va.

**Outstanding College Council First Runner-Up: St. Thomas Aquinas Council 16464** at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas

**Outstanding College Council Second Runner-Up: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Council 15020** at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

## Diocese Announcements

## Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Most Reverend George  
Leo Thomas Ph.D.



Third Bishop of Las Vegas  
Roman Catholic Diocese  
of Las Vegas

**THE MOST REVEREND  
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**WHERE:**  
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3050 ALTA DR.  
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**PRICE:**  
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## State Officers Announcements

## Statewide Recruitment Drive - October 17

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

A flyer for the 2021 Nevada State Council Recruitment Event. The background features a blue sky with a church steeple and a profile of a man in a white clerical collar. The text is as follows:

*Greetings from WMD Joe Haun and his team!*

**2021 Nevada State Council Recruitment Event:**

What: Delta Church Drive (All Councils in Nevada)  
Where: All Catholic Churches in Nevada  
When: October 17<sup>th</sup> of 2021 (All Sunday Masses)

Get ready!!!  
Same Time Same Goal  
All councils all over Nevada to participate!

**DELTA CHURCH DRIVE**

For more info, contact State Membership Director PGK Chris Traver 1-702-575-8862  
Email: [travermeadowsha@gmail.com](mailto:travermeadowsha@gmail.com) or [MembershipDirector@Nv-kofc.com](mailto:MembershipDirector@Nv-kofc.com)

Logos for K of C and the 2021-2022 Year of St. Joseph (Devotion, Charity, Liberty & Fraternity) are also present.

**Watch for further details, coming in September!!**

Of course, every week, every month is a recruitment drive but this October date will be **big!**

All councils will be participating in this synchronized recruitment **blitz!**

## State Officers / District Deputies Meetings Schedule

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

The following chart represents the State Officers and District Deputies meetings for the 2021 - 2022 fraternal year. The State Officers will meet for the first session, and the State Officers and the District Deputies will meet for the second.

Month	Date	Time	Location
July	July 26, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
August	August 30, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
September	September 27, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
October	October 25, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
November	November 29, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
December	December 27, 2021	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
January 2022	January 24, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
February	February 28, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
March	March 28, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
April	April 25, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
May	May 30, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting
June	June 27, 2022	5 – 7pm	Virtual Meeting

## A Message from the State Secretary

SK Meynard Infantado

Greetings to Everyone!!!



State Secretary

Let me begin by saying thank you my brothers for all the hard work that you do whether it is in the State, Council or Assembly. As your State Secretary, I promise to do my best in serving you and the State Council. It is an honor to work with you all!

Charity is an act that is inspired by the love of God. It is a duty that is filled with blessings, sympathy and joy when you see the face of God in that person you are helping. Charity has no motives. It does not need human recognition; it does not ask for glory and praising.

September is one of the best months we've ever have not only in terms of recruitment but we have so much events and activities. Recruiting with WSD Joe Haun, Supreme Hispanic Coordinator Pano Magana and WMD Chris Traver was an exciting experience working with Hispanic community. We held the drives at St. Christopher, St. Bridget and St. Anne. We were also at St. Elizabeth Seton assisting WGK Bob Sotelo and his team.

Nevada State Council is truly active and busy. Attending inauguration of Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg in Reno is one the highlights of our activities. The new bishop of Reno loves the Knights and we promise to support him.

We had a great time during Nascar event. It gives us opportunity to do fundraising for the needs of either State or Councils.

I hope everyone stays safe and God bless us all!



NASCAR weekend at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Pictured left to right:

ST Tom Villardi, SES Al Cuccinelli (behind counter) and Nevada District Master Rick Sherman





Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg's Installation

Pictured left to right:

SA John Long, DD Chris Traver, Rev. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA, Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, SD Joe Haun and SS Meynard Infantado

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## Message from the Desk of the Immediate Past State Deputy

Toni Pascua, PSD

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Immediate Past  
State Deputy

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My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Pleasant greetings as we welcome October, ushering in the harvest festival, of counting our blessings, reaping what we sow- the fruits of our labor!

It is a mindset, a time to assess the directions on what we had achieved so far in our personal lives, family, work, our parish, our community and for the Brotherhood of the Knights.

Thank you for all your commitment and service to the State Council - in helping with the membership drives and strategies to grow the Order!

Some insights to ponder upon from a Brother Knight to a Brother Knight:

A healthy dose of faith and tenacity, will inspire your thinking with passion and determination to drive your inner self.

Take chances, like opportunities, only knocks once especially when you are busy and that the door behind you will not reopen again.

I do not indulge on games of chance, but if there's one thing I'm willing to bet on, it's myself.

We're all going through our problems and some insecurities, and all have diverse abilities, with sensibilities, we all need each other as no man is an island.

Empowerment is making things happen without asking for permission.

Think outside the box, work outside the confines of your comfort zone-if not- try and go against the grain. As soon as you accomplish one thing, set a higher goal. That's how you elevate your stature to a higher level and trust wherever the road will find you.

Take the time to focus on mental health — for oneself, for the spiritual, without feeling guilty or selfish. With empathy - the world will envision you the way you want to be seen and treat you the way you want yourself to be treated.

Happiness is manifested to improving, evolving, moving forward (esp. the ability to stand up faster when you fall) , inspiring, teaching, and that life is a continuous, learning process.

If everything were seamlessly perfect, you would never know the difference and you would not prosper.

Maturity partnered with wisdom, makes you understand and appreciate life. With the coming of age, experiences are powerful especially if you learned it the hard way. All the joys are remembered and make the bad memories fade away.

Your self-worth is determined by you. You don't have to depend on someone telling you who you are. Disposition is powerful than the mind can even digest and understand.

My goal was independence. Do what you were destined to accomplish - trust God and all else will follow.

Embrace the mistakes that may come your way. Perfect imperfections make you the person as unique as you are.

You are in charge of you, and you are the Director of your own stage, your job is to take care of yourself as it will exude to others, as Charity begins at home.

Love God above all - love thy self, thy family, spend some time with the ones you love!

***Vivat Jesus!***

Toni F. Pascua, IPSD

*Family is where life begins and love never ends. – TP*

## **State Directors/Chairs Announcements**

## A Message from the State Pro Life Director

SK John E. DeBord



State Pro Life Director



St. Joseph, defender of life,  
*pray for us!*

### ***A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life***

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's  
most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
—especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace  
to do the will of God in all things.  
Amen.

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To order this card (English, #2115 / Spanish, #2116), call toll-free 866-582-0943. [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife)

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## A Message from the State Membership Director

SK Christopher Traver




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 State Membership Director
 

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### Men Leaving the Catholic Church

Brothers,

I hope this email finds you all well. About 11 million adult men in the U.S. were raised Catholic. Still, they left the faith, and men are underrepresented in the church versus their share of the total population ( 46% of parishioners are male versus 49% of the population. I read an article about why men leave the Catholic Church, and the following results will shock many of you.

- Men don't that Catholicism is unique and essential to a happy life.
- Only 38% of Catholic men strongly agree they are proud to be Catholic.
- Only 26% of Catholic men consider themselves to be practicing Catholics.
- A large majority of Catholic men, 57% are not certain it is possible to have a personal relationship with God.

Brothers, these numbers are not good for the future of the Catholic Church for several reasons:

- Fewer men reduce the pool for priestly and religious male vocations.
- Men are needed for healthy growing parishes; research shows that congregations with greater portions of men more are more likely to be growing.
- Men are much more influential in the conversion of their families than women. Research shows that when a woman converts to Catholicism, the whole family converts 17% of the time. When a man converts, 93% of the time, the entire family converts.

The Knights of Columbus have what men are looking for. Our Faith in Action has what men are looking for to help grow their faith. For example, Spiritual Reflection Program: Creating fraternal opportunities for prayer and reflection, such as retreats, produces spiritually vibrant councils.

**Holy Hour:** Eucharistic adoration deepens our relationship with Christ. Councils can organize their Holy Hours in various ways and incorporate things such as the sacrament of reconciliation and prayer for particular intentions.

**Family Prayer Knight:** Catholics often struggle to find opportunities to socialize and/or pray together with other faith-filled Catholic families. Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for council members, their families, and the whole parish community to come together for an evening of prayer and fellowship.

When recruiting, please remember to discuss the Faith In Action Programs with potential new members because many of them are looking to develop their faith but are not going to come out and verbalize it, so it is essential to find what them person wants.

Thank you and God Bless!

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## A Message from the State Soccer and Free Throw Chairman

SK Robert J Hartman

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Soccer and Free Throw  
Chairman

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Brothers:

Now is the time to be ordering your Basketball Free Throw and Soccer Challenge Kits.

Basketball local contests should begin in January, District Level in February and State Regional in March.

Soccer Challenge should be held in October and November.

Rules for these contests are in the Kits, which can ordered from [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)

In both Contests it is required that the Contestant's Score Sheets be signed by a Parent or Guardian. Also Please put your Council Number on the Score Sheet. This will make it easy once the score sheets have been judged at the State level.

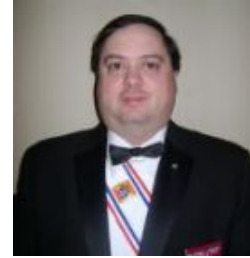
Fraternally,



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## Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities “2021- 2022 Tootsie Roll Drive”

SK John Suchewski



Special Olympics &  
Intellectual Disabilities State  
Chairman

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**WHAT:** The State of Nevada Knights of Columbus’ Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities “Columbian Year 2021 - 2022 Tootsie Roll Drive”.

**WHERE:** Stores and Churches within the State of Nevada.

**WHEN:** Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24, 2021.  
Councils with scheduling conflicts may reschedule their drive, as authorized by the state by-laws & standing rules but please keep those dates close to the designated weekend. You must notify the State Chairman of your revised dates in writing.

**WHO:** All Brother Knights, Friends and Families of the Knights of Columbus. All Councils shall coordinate their Tootsie Roll Drives with the State Chairman.

**WHY:** To join with our Brother Knights, nationwide, to support those in our communities who are most in need of assistance.

### All Tootsie Roll orders, both North and South, will be placed with:

John Suchewski, Special Olympics & Intellectual Disabilities State Chairman  
5375 Awbury Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89110-3759

(702) 816-9904

[jsuchewski@centurylink.net](mailto:jsuchewski@centurylink.net)

See link below which will direct you to the “Tootsie Roll Packet 2021-22” document on State Uknight site.

<http://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/index.asp?CN=US&ST=NV>

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## A Message from the State KCIC Chair

Digna A.Pena

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Nevada State KCIC Chair

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### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

We are just a few months away till Christmas. I remember around this time of the year when Department stores all around the country are starting to put out their display of Christmas merchandise. Toy stores are bursting to the seam with the latest electronic toys and gadgets. Christmas trees decorated with twinkling different color lights as though replicating the twinkling little stars from heaven.



Summer is beginning to simmer down and fall is on its way. The smell of Christmas is in the air. Soon we will be hearing the old familiar sound of the Christmas carols. The memories of the years past when we were younger and the practice of our Christian tradition of welcoming the birth of our savior. **I consider it our responsibility as older statesmen and women to keep it alive.** To teach our children about Christmas and the reasons we celebrate it. The usual robust way we celebrate the coming of our Lord is somewhat tamed by the advent of the pandemic. Many of us are afraid to go out and shop for Christmas gifts like we use to. We got use to shopping using the internet.

The Knights of Columbus has a very nice way of Keeping Christ in Christmas. We are evangelizing Christmas by selling this beautifully crafter and keepsake quality Christmas Cards which paints the picture and tells the story about the birth of our savior. Some people will say why do we have to buy Christmas cards when we can easily send them by e-mail and other electronic devices that saves money? It is a good question but I think not in all cases.

We have aunts and uncles living in remote places and does not have a computer or wifi connection. There is aunt Sally who lives in a care home facility. There is mom or pop who is living in an adult

facility. Their children, nephews and nieces are living so far away that their only means of communication is letter writing or perhaps a phone call.

**It is this one time during Christmas to send them a greeting card just to let them know that you love them and are thinking of them on this time of the year. I have seen how this card can put smiles on their faces knowing that you still care.** Wouldn't it be all worthwhile? When we were young after we get our degrees in College, the first thing we do is find a job, get married start a family and tried to live the American dream. Both my husband and I were so consumed with work, raising our kids that the only time we have to think about our parents is during their birthdays and Christmas time.


It is not just the intrinsic value of this Christmas greeting cards that I describe above but also the fact that it is an easy way for your Council to raise awareness about Christmas but also make money in the process. When you get the support of your members to sell Christmas cards, you can divide up the cards among your members and start making money for your Council and the State Council. Please support this project of the Knights of Columbus, Keep Christ in Christmas by remembering your friends and relatives, and make money besides.

## *Start This Program*

**“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”**

1. First and foremost keep the Knights of Columbus national theme before the public of the **true meaning of Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ!!**
2. Encourage personal participation in the New Evangelization by sending religious Christmas cards as well as displaying KCIC magnets, bumper stickers & yard signs.
3. Provide a product not readily available to our Catholic community
4. Minimal manpower required by any council.
5. **Raise** guaranteed and needed **funds for local K of C** councils to address charitable needs.
6. Create an identity of your local Council serving the Catholic parishes.
7. Positive community image results in an opportunity for **new member recruitment!!**
8. Give a personal meaning to evangelization and send a blessing for Christmas containing the true meaning of this holy season.
9. Use the proceeds from this evangelization project to support vocations of nuns and priests, Catholic Schools, Pro-Life, tomb for the unborn, college scholarships and/or other council charitable programs.

For further information and assistance in starting a program for contact:



**Digna Pena**  
**4842 Nara Vista Way Unit 101**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89103**  
**Phone: 702.726.7040**  
**Email: Dignac0310@gmail.com**

**Profits raised will support Council Charities**  
**“Keep Christ In Christmas”**

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## A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF

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General Agent

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Every sport, every enterprise, every organization, every industry has their top reps, their all-stars and their most valuable players. They are the ones who give their all 100% of the time; they represent their companies masterfully, they get customers and retain them, they provide extraordinary service, they inspire their colleagues to reach heights no one thought attainable. Well, the insurance industry is no different and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about that.

The life insurance industry has an organization called the Million Dollar Round Table or MDRT. It is an international organization that was founded in 1927 and it recognizes agents for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. In our industry, these are the hallmarks of the all-stars.

"Big deal!" you might say. "What's so special about that?" Let me tell you what is so special about membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. Across the industry in a normal year, only about 2% of agents meet the stringent requirements to become an MDRT member. We've had a great track record at the KofC over the last four or five years where 10 or 11% of our agents qualified for membership. That's about five times the industry average...pretty impressive!

But last year was anything but normal and we had an anything but normal group qualify for MDRT: 38%, yes, you read correctly, 38% of our field force qualified for membership in this prestigious organization. There were only three other companies in the USA that had a higher number of qualifiers, but none came close to our percentage of qualifiers. Imagine that, the KofC beat out some of the biggest names in the industry.

What's all this mean to you? This kind of result doesn't come about by accident. It demonstrates the Knights of Columbus commitment to give you, our members and your families, a highly trained, qualified and committed financial services professional. My job is to use my skill and knowledge to make sure you understand the issues of protecting your family from the unknown. Let's get together soon...and I'll tell you about my Million Dollar Round Table journey.

Vivat Jesus!

## State Historian Report and October 2021 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

### Brother Knights

#### Council Updates are as follows:

1. I continue to be in contact with our District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the 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 Worthy State Deputy Joe Haun 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 am continuing to work with resources from Supreme, PSD Ray Gardea and SK Kenneth Sawyer, State Communications Director to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received or will be shortly the Biographical information from all but one PSD from 2000 to present.
- 4.

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 you, my brothers.

### History of the Knights of Columbus More History of Bishop Patrick Manogue

Patrick Manogue was born in Desart, County Kilkenny, Ireland on March 15, 1831. When he was three years old, both of his parents died within a few weeks of each other and the little thatched cottage in Kilkenny where the family lived was a sad place because there were seven orphaned children left behind. Michael Manogue, the eldest of the children, set off for America in the hope of improving the family situation and as he earned enough money, he sent it back to Ireland to bring his brothers and sisters to the New World, one by one. When it was Patrick's turn, he arrived in the United States in 1848 at the age of 17 and worked in

Connecticut for two years. He then moved to Chicago where he attended College of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary for three years studying for the priesthood. However, by the time the entire Manogue family arrived in the U.S., the need for money to support the family had grown more desperate. Patrick thought he could best support his family and realize his own plans to become a priest if he went to California to work in the gold mines.

In 1854, at the age of 22, he arrived in the California gold fields and went to work for three years at the small but prosperous mining camp known as Moore's Flat, about 20 miles from Nevada City on the trail leading north. This mining village, named after H. M. Moore, who owned and operated a hotel and had some mining interests, has a population of about 300 at the time of Manogue's arrival. When a priest arrived in the camp from time to time to minister to the miners, it gradually became known that Patrick had been in the seminary for three years and was working in the gold fields only to make enough money to help support his family in Connecticut and then to return to the seminary to complete his studies so he could be ordained a priest.

While at Moore's Flat, Patrick did quite well in digging for gold. He lived alone in a typical windowless miner's cabin located by a creek. He cooked over an open fire with the standard menu being boiled salt pork, jackrabbit, venison, and quail. However, the rigors of mining did not seem to deplete Mr. Manogue's strength at all. At 6'-4" and weighing 250 lbs., a fellow miner described him in these terms: "I never saw a harder worker. He was a young man of great frame and strength and worked tirelessly from morning to night. And yet he put in every spare moment studying."

Despite the uniqueness of his motivation for being in the gold fields and despite his recreational preference for study, Manogue's popularity with his colleagues is documented. He could be seen, the tallest man in the place, at the Miners' Union Hall, the Brewery or Piper's Opera House and his fellow miners always chose him to arbitrate conflicts between the miners. They accepted his verdicts with grace and said he prevented many fights among the men who stood in awe of his powerful Celtic physique and personality.

**Remember:** The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, who carries on the work he began 139 years ago, when he gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

**Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's  
"Blessed" status and pray for his Sainthood!!!**

Visit the website: [www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org](http://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org)

## “Knight in the Light”

### **Most Reverend Gregory William Gordon**

#### **Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Las Vegas, appointed May 28, 2021**

Gregory Gordon was born on October 4, 1960, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He moved with his family to Boulder City, Nevada in 1972. He attended St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia from 1978 to 1980 and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary from 1980 to 1983. Gregory then received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1986 and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome in 1987.

Auxiliary Bishop Gordon was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Daniel F. Walsh on January 16, 1988, for the Diocese of Reno, Las Vegas. He was later incarnated into the Diocese of Las Vegas when it was split from the Diocese of Reno by Pope John Paul II on March 21, 1995.

His Excellency Gordon served as parochial vicar at St. Francis de Sales parish, Las Vegas from 1988 to 1990; associate pastor 1990 to 1991 and administrator 1991 to 1992 at St. Anne parish, Las Vegas; campus ministry at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas 1992 to 1993; pastor pro tempore at St. Mary of the Virgin parish, Las Vegas in 1993; associate pastor at Our Lady of Las Vegas parish from 1993 to 1994; administrator from 1994 to 1995 and pastor from 1995 to 2003 at St. Christopher parish, North Las Vegas; and pastor at St. Francis of Assisi parish, Henderson from 2004 to 2007. From 2007 to 2014, His Grace was assigned to the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C., serving as secretary to Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Pietro Sambi and later, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano. On May 21, 2009, He was named a Chaplain of His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI, which granted His Grace the title of Monsignor. He served as pastor at St. Anne parish, Las Vegas from 2014 to 2020. He was also named chancellor, moderator of the curia, and vicar general for the Diocese of Las Vegas in 2020.

On May 28, 2021, His Excellency was named an Auxiliary Bishop of Las Vegas and the titular bishop of Nova Petra by Pope Francis. He received his Episcopal consecration on July 16, 2021, from Bishop George Leo Thomas, with Bishops Joseph A. Pepe and Daniel F. Walsh, serving as consecrators.

Submitted by: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

## Assembly/Council Announcements



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## St. Jude, Council 9102 - Autism Foundation Donation

SK Joe M Suarez, Jr

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Grand Knight  
Council #9102

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### Tootsie Roll Drive Check Presentation



Pictured left to right:

FS Harold Panaligan, DGK Nino Erolin, Brian Hager, CMPE of the Ackerman Center, ST Tom Villardi, GK Joe Suarez Jr. and Ch Ron Calimlim

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## St. Joseph - Council 10442 - Spirit Therapy Donation

SK Charles C McCloskey

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Grand Knight  
Council #10442

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### Tootsie Roll Drive Check Presentation



GK Chuck McCloskey presenting the Council Tootsie Roll proceeds check of \$1,587 to Spirit Therapy.

# Memorial Golf Tournament - "Golfing for Charity"

SK Al Pena



Grand Knight  
Council #14144

Our council is presently sponsoring a CTK Memorial Golf Tournament at Highland Falls Golf Course on 10201 Sun City Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134. This tournament is set to take place on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The purpose is to raise money to support many of our Church improvement projects and Charitable projects of the Knights of Columbus such as the Special Olympics, Wheelchair Drive, Food for the Hungry, Ultrasound Initiative and much more.

To make a difference in our community, we rely on the generous support of individuals and businesses in our community. We would be most grateful if you will consider sponsoring a hole or two of the 18-hole golf course. There are three (3) tiers of sponsorship:

- 1) Major Hole Sponsor \$300
- 2) Minor Hole sponsor \$200
- 3) Hole Sponsor \$100

The Major and Minor sponsors will be duly acknowledged during the opening and prize awarding ceremonies. Their names and or businesses will also be included in the handouts to players prior to the start of the tournament. The hole sponsor will be acknowledged in a poster to be planted in the tee boxes being sponsored.

Knights of Columbus Christ the King Council 14144 presents

# Memorial GOLF

TOURNAMENT  
"Golfing for Charity"

**November 17, 2021  
Wednesday**

**Tee Time: 8:00 am Shotgun Start**  
**Format: Stroke Play**

**Highland Falls Golf Course**  
10201 Sun City Blvd., Las Vegas  
NV 89134

**Please join and be a SPONSOR!**

**Contact Information**  
Eli Garcia: 909-217-2176  
Primo dela Rosa: 703-989-2517  
Arce Mendoza: 702-255-4421  
Al S. Peña: 702-918-4569

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## Ponderosa Council 4928 - September Activities

SK Thierry V Barkley

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### A COUNCIL IN THE PINK (AND THE GREEN)

It's the end of Summer and up north that means BBQ at its best. After a one year hiatus, the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off has returned to Sparks. This six-day community street event ending on Labor Day, drew large crowds despite the haze from nearby wildfires which had an aroma remarkably like that of barbecue, buffet, and beer. We volunteered when not eating.



Grand Knight  
Council #4928

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## Ponderosa Council 4928 - September Activities (continued)

SK Thierry V Barkley



Grand Knight  
Council #4928

### OFF TO THE RACES

The 57th running of the Stihl Reno National Championship Air Races was postponed last year due to the pandemic, and it was doubtful going forward in 2021. Planning for a national event of this scope generally starts on the first day after the end of the previous event. It had stopped completely.

In March, the Reno Air Races Association decided to move forward with this five-day event despite the uncertainty of COVID restrictions. In addition to short planning lead times, there was the loss of staff continuity and significant changes to the Reno Stead Airport due to facility improvements and area growth. In the end, Ponderosa Council overcame these challenges for event parking control, ice sales, and sponsor cooler deliveries to and from the tarmac. Air race officials were more than pleased with our volunteer staff support.

The Reno Air Races is Ponderosa Council 4928's largest fundraiser in terms of volunteer manpower needed and income earned. It did not disappoint. Through program commitment and member support, Ponderosa Council logged 1471 volunteer hours. Four (4) other area councils pitched in with an additional 534 hours for a total of 2025 hours in service.



Working a parking control shift at one of 6 lots



Loading coolers for delivery to sponsor boxes



Ice Sales, "The coolest place in town."

### FOR THE NUMBERS GUYS

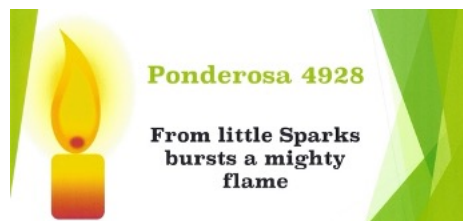
September was approached with great uncertainty. Would the Nugget Rib Cook Off and/or the Reno Air Races be allowed to proceed under COVID mandates and/or changed masking and distancing restrictions? Would event patrons enjoy coming out of pandemic isolation with nearby wildfire smoke in the air? Considering the scope, would enough members step up to adequately staff the event?

The results are in! These two fundraising events in September achieved a combined total of **2,725 volunteer hours with over \$29,000 in net proceeds.** Fallon Council 4828 (Fallon), Christ the King

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Council 7322 (Reno), St. Michael the Archangel Council 10577 (Stead), and Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 (Sparks), all pitched in to help make these fundraisers a resounding success. Ponderosa Council 4928 even received a completed Form 100 for membership and the interests of several new candidates because they like who we are and what we do.

Not bad for a month's work.





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## Christ The King Council 14144 - San Lorenzo Ruiz Celebration

SK Al Pena

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Grand Knight  
Council #14144

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San Lorenzo Ruiz celebration at Christ the King held on September 26, 2021

## **Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements**

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## Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

SK Thierry V Barkley

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Grand Knight  
Council #4928

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### FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

#### MINTER FAMILY

SK George and Lady Joyce Minter could not do it alone, but the success of the two largest fundraisers, held back-to-back in September, could not have been achieved without them. Bro. George was the Program Chair for the Nugget Rib Cook Off and the Program Co-Chair for the Reno Air Races. He coaxed, cajoled, and wheedled over 2,725 total volunteer hours from our members, family, and area councils. Lady Joyce provided grace and charm working multiple shifts at both the Nugget Rib Cook Off beverage booths and the Reno Air Races Ice Sales tent. There's more, but you get the drift. A truly remarkable achievement.



**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2021****TODD GALATI**

For the 19th year, Bro. Todd M. Galati volunteered in support of our Reno Air Races fundraiser. He certainly earned recognition for longevity, but the true value of his presence far exceeds that. Just ask the race officials who struggled to get this national event up and running after a year's hiatus on short notice. As Program Co-chair, Todd's experience, leadership, and drive, specifically as it relates to Cooler Line set-up, staffing, and program execution over the 5-day event, cannot be overstated. Despite formal race event program awards, he is our best pilot.



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## St. Joseph - Council 10442 Recognitions

SK Charles C McCloskey

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### FAMILY OF THE YEAR

#### DONOFRIO FAMILY



Grand Knight  
Council #10442

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GK Chuck McCloskey presenting “Family of the Year” plaque to the Lady Paula & SK Tony Donofrio.

### KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

#### STEVEN LUEDTKE



GK Chuck McCloskey presenting “Knight of the Year” plaque to Steven Luedtke.



GK Chuck McCloskey presenting plaque to outgoing GK Don Thompson.

GK Chuck McCloskey also recognized **38 brothers** with certificates for years of service to the Knights, starting with Fr Tom Gallenback who has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 63 years, followed by:

- James Shaw - 60 years
- Fidel Diaz - 55 years
- Vincent Eckelkamp - 55 years
- Fr Joseph Anthony - 50 years
- James Matthews - 50 years
- Nick Ciccone - 45 years
- John Diaz - 45 years
- Xavier Aguilera - 40 years
- William Buttell - 30 years
- Larry Eisenzimer - 30 years
- Leon Fuselier - 30 years
- Francis Giancola - 30 years
- Ernesto Medel - 30 years
- Don Thompson - 30 years
- Gene Ceccato - 25 years
- Belino Iway - 25 years
- James Palmiere - 25 years
- Gerald Barrett - 20 years
- Raymond Foster - 20 years
- Paul Huether - 20 years
- Mark Nichols - 20 years

Victor Stango - 20 years  
John Calsada - 15 years  
John Falzarano - 15 years  
Joseph Micatrotto - 15 years  
Frank Nails - 15 years  
Juan Padron - 15 years  
Stephen Spelman - 15 years  
Bernard Verna - 15 years  
Symaron Ciccone - 10 years  
Roque Lapuz - 10 years  
Stephen Marek - 10 years  
David Olson - 10 years  
Deacon Thomas Roberts - 10 years  
Philip Tederous - 10 years



*Blessed Michael McGivney*

*Pray for Us*