



SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

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

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State Deputy’s Message

Brother Knights,

Greetings to all of you!

As your new State Deputy, I am here to support and serve you. All of us play a role in the order, and no matter how big or small they are, you deserve not to be taken for granted. I am not here to promise you the moon and stars but I am ready to listen and make decision. I am ready to fail and make mistakes but I am also ready to get up and make it right.

First order of business is unity and harmony amongst ourselves. We have to be humble and have a contrite of heart in doing our duties. More importantly, let’s have fun out there.

I am excited to work with my great State team. Our success depends on group of guys working together with the same goal, setting aside their pride and egos.

I am really happy to have Brothers Al Cuccinelli and Chris Traver on my side. Brother John Long is great guy and will stand as our Advocate. Brother Dan St. Pierre will continue his role as State Warden while WISD Joe Haun and SBD Toni Pascua will act as team Senior Adviser. VSM Dave, WDM Tom and PDM Rick will handle their part in the 4th Degree level.

We will revisit the roles and responsibilities of District Deputies and Grand Knights, to make sure they are on track with Membership goals and objectives. Chairmen and Directors will also play a key role in the success of the state. We’ll touch base with our Field Agents to get their input as well.

Holy Father's

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis



The Month of: **October**

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Fr. McShane will continue his role as State Chaplain. It is time to remind everyone that this month is the month of Holy Rosary. I am encouraging everyone to pray for us.

I am looking forward to working with you all.



4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony - October 1, 2022

God bless.

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ASAP (Aid & Support After Pregnancy)

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

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

ASAP

Recruiting

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

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

- RGD Ray Lopez

State Secretary's Message

Brothers,

I am honored to have been asked to step up to the State Secretary position and would like to thank the State Team for their vote of confidence. I will do my best to fulfill my duties and to meet the benchmark set by my predecessor, our State Deputy Meynard Infantado.

As a reminder, this month is our Delta Church Drive. All Councils should be heavily focused on recruiting this month. There are many events that are scheduled in October at your Parishes and this would be an ideal time to meet and sign up new Brother Knights.

Let us work together with our pastors, churches, and communities at making this a fruitful Church Drive.



Greetings from Nevada State Team!

2022 Nevada State Council Recruitment Event:

What: Delta Church Drive (All Councils in Nevada)
Where: All Catholic Churches in Nevada
When: October of 2022 (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 SK Resty Lopez 1-702-506-1071
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Vivat Jesus!

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Program Director Report

OUR FEATURED PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH

The Coats for Kids program is one of the featured programs of the Knights of Columbus. It was intended to keep our kids warm during the harsh winter season which usually occurs starting in the month of September and lasting around March or April.

During this time, our kids who are exposed to this kind of weather condition can get sick of FLU and possibly even COVID. Again the Knights are stepping into the breach and raising money to buy Coats and distribute them to Kids whose parents are struggling to provide for their most basic essential needs and can't afford them.

Councils across North America can purchase new winter coats for children in need at a discount and distribute them in their local communities. A featured program, Coats for Kids counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

Overview

Provide warmth for deserving children during cold winter months. Families struggling to make ends meet use their scarce resources to meet the most basic needs and cannot always afford the vital essential of a new winter coat. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since program inception.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Contact the state council to inquire about assisting in a Coats for Kids event or coordinating one in your community.
- Organize a Coats for Kids distribution. Set a date, location and time.
- Buy cases of coats for distribution.
- Promote the Coats for Kids drive in the community and to local media.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.

Upcoming Nevada Events

- 09/28 - 40 Days for Life
11/06
- Oct. Delta Church Drive
- 10/13 Respect Life Mass
- 10/20 Priest Appreciation Dinner
- 10/29 Trunk or Treat
- 11/04 Wine Tasting Fundraising Event
- 11/12 A Knight to Remember Gala Dinner
- 12/03 Mid-Year Meeting

October 2022 Readings

- 10/02/22
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 10/09/22
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 10/16/22
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 10/23
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 10/30
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Action Steps

1. Contact the state council to inquire about assisting in a Coats for Kids event or coordinating one in your community.
2. Using Knights Gear order coats for the event. Coats can be bought on www.knightsgear.com in the United States and www.knightsgear.ca in Canada.
3. Prior to the Coats for Kids event, use the sample press release as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.
4. Build public interest! Promote the Coats for Kids event in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
5. Invite the media to attend. (For publicity reasons, councils might also consider inviting local athletes, TV personnel, and the parish priest to the distribution, as well.)
6. On the day of the event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including Prospect Cards #921A). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
7. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
8. Following the Coats for Kids event, update the community on the success of your program by amending the sample press release and distributing it to local media, along with energizing photographs from the event.
9. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.

Distribution Requirements

To satisfy program requirements and receive credit for their program, councils must distribute a specific number of coats. Please place your order as soon as possible because they run out of certain sizes fast. PDD Ray Foster is the contact person in Southern Nevada and GK George Minter in Northern, Nevada.

First decide where your Council plans to distribute the coats. Visit the site or talk to the person in charge and tell them that your Council wants to distribute Coats to the Kids in the area and ask them what sizes would suit them best. Or have a sign up sheet of the kids who wants coats for winter indicating boys or girls and sizes.

Based on the sign-up sheet, plan your purchase. Call the person you talk to him/her and inform him/her that the coats have arrived and you are coming by to distribute them to the parents and kids on a date That is mutually agreed upon.

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Nevada District Master's Update



I can't tell you how extremely happy I am that our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his staff have appointed me District Master of the Fourth Degree for the State of Nevada.

When I joined the Knights back in 2014, the Fourth Degree was my goal and getting there as quickly as possible, which by the way happened in 2015. I never thought for one minute that I would have become a State Master for the Fourth Degree.

What makes this honor so special is the wonderful Brother Knights that I have met along the way, and the tremendous leadership that I observed from the previous State Masters Dave Ryan and most recently Rick Sherman. I'm sure filling their shoes would be very difficult, so my plan is to do the best I can, but in my own way. That may be a little different than what they did, but I of course will stay true to our mission of Patriotism, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. I just noticed I put the word Patriotism first, because that's who we are, Patriots of the 4th Degree.

The Fourth Degree is the most visible of all the degrees in the Knights of Columbus. Our uniforms stand out at all the special occasions that we attend.

I'm not going to get into complete details of my plan until I get passed my first exemplification on October 1st. Please bear with me, wish me luck, and pray for my success as your new Master because that success will impact all of us as we move ahead through this Fraternal Year.

Thank you.

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Supreme Director's October Message

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Warmest greetings and welcome the golden harvest season that is Fall!

Quick trivia: Did you know that October used to be/was the last month of the year?

The original Roman calendar appears to have consisted **only** of **10 months** and of a **year** of 304 days. ... The Roman ruler Numa Pompilius is credited with adding January at the beginning and February at the end of the calendar to create the 12-**month year**. In 452 B.C.E., February was moved between January and March. (Source: Wikipedia)

Such was the reason why you'll hear some students graduated from universities and some companies and organizations still practice to close the books on October for a fresh start.

A fusion of thoughts;

Let's do an assessment on how we had done so far as a better Catholic man.

Are we doing our share of giving back to our community and performing random acts of kindness? These days it'll come in handy as we are preparing for the "ber" months which means Christmas is just around the corner.

How do we prepare ourselves for the coming of God, the Son?

The answer is yours and for you to keep on believing that you had done good to others in a righteous manner.

Don't let go of the hands that hold you, kept you afloat and held you and didn't let you down.

When that time comes... Only then...we can speak, express and love thy self, so we can exude that love to others.

Stay positive, even we feel that tarnish, at some point in your life a storm will pass, it's inevitable. Getting involved with the Band of Brothers- Knights of Columbus, can help each other to build a strong foundation of faith, so when the storm does come, you will not be ravished as yet, when you fall, a few times you'll know how to land and that there'll be a thousand reasons to stand.

Let's get that momentum started, for this fraternal year to see that the best is yet to come!

Vivat Jesus!

Toni Pascua
Supreme Director
Knights of Columbus



Thank you! - the two most powerful words in this world- TP

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining.

While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today.

In an attempt to make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation.

The analysis can be done in the comfort of your home or virtually. What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security.

Vivat Jesus!

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Knight in the Light

Sir Knight Gene M. St. Mary

State Deputy 1987-1989 and 1991-1992

Gene was born April 27, 1933, in Wapato, Washington to Harold and Romaine St. Mary. He was raised in the Yakima Valley and graduated from Marquette High School in Yakima. He attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington and Carroll College in Helena, Montana. In July 1957, Gene was drafted into the U.S. Army receiving training at Ft. Ord, California and Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. His tours of duty included Sacramento, Alabama, Korea, and Kentucky. In 1972 while still on active duty he was attached to the Nevada National Guard. Gene retired as a Master Sergeant from the army in 1989. While in the army, Sir Knight St. Mary was an instructor, radar repair technician and ended his career in personnel and administration fields. After retirement, he worked as a service station attendant in Sparks for several years; then decided to retire completely, which he flunked. He then worked three days a week at Avis Rent-a-Car as a driver.

While stationed in Sacramento, he met his wife, Bettie. They were married in Madera, California on August 23, 1959. They have two children, Karen, and Kevin and two grandchildren. Gene and Bettie have made their home in Sparks, NV since 1972.

Brother Gene joined the Knights of Columbus on March 11, 1972 as a member of Council 4928, Sparks, Nevada. He received his second and third degrees on June 3rd of the same year. 1972 was an exciting year for Gene, not only for joining the Knights, but becoming very active by being elected Recorder of his Council. In 1974, he was elected Grand Knight of his Council and had the privilege of hosting the "Centennial" year (1976) Nevada State Annual Meeting in Sparks.

Sir Knight Gene served as District Deputy under Richard DiCianno, PSD for a period of one year. Under the leadership of Addison Millard, PSD, Elwin Williams, PSD and Roland DiSanza, PSD, he served as the State Membership Director for a period of six years.

On June 11, 1977, Gene became a member of the Fourth Degree in the Bishop Manogue Assembly in Reno, Nevada. Gene held all offices in the assembly, culminating with the office of Faithful Navigator.

At the annual meeting in 1981, he was elected State Warden. He held that position for two years and was then elected as State Treasurer for the next two fraternal years. At the 77th annual meeting in Las Vegas, Gene was elected State Deputy for the fraternal year 1987-1988; and at the 78th annual meeting in Carson City, he was re-elected for the fraternal year 1988-1989.

The two years as State Deputy showed an increase in membership in the state, the second and third annual programs for the Mentally Challenged were increased; the Seminary Education support to the bishop also increased. He saw the installation of a new council; and the need and formation of four round tables in the state.

During the next few years, Gene worked as the Administrative Aide to Ray Barozzi, PSD and Doug Matejovsky, PSD. At the 81st state annual meeting, Gene was once again elected State Deputy. He served in this capacity for the fraternal year 1991-1992. Again a few accomplishments; an increase in membership for a total of 2,780 members in Nevada; the institution of a new council Our Lady of the Valley Council 10780, Pahrump, NV. A rise in monies for the Mentally Challenged program (\$29,060.26). An increase in the monies in support of the bishop's seminarians for the Seminary Education Fund Drive. Also, during this year, he was named to the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor only the second State Deputy from Nevada to be so honored.

Gene then served as the State Executive Secretary for Ted Aceto, PSD, Dale Shoemaker, PSD and John Youngman, PSD. In September of 1993, he was appointed by Supreme to serve as Master of the Fourth Degree for the Nevada District, which he served until September 1996, when Supreme appointed a new District Master, Richard DiCianno, PSD. Gene has also served as the Secretary for the Past State Deputies Association.

When Father Norman King arrived at Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks, NV, he began work on establishing a Knights of Columbus council there. In February 2001 Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 received its Charter. Gene was instrumental in council development and is a Chartered Member. Sir Knight Gene continued to support his council as Recorder (2009-2010), Grand Knight (2010-2011), and the three Trustee Offices from 2011 - 2014. Gene continues to be active in the council and as a parish member. Gene is a mentor and trusted friend to his brother Knights at all levels of the Order throughout the State of Nevada and beyond. Gene is indeed a "Knight to Remember"!

Worthy Past State Deputy Sir Knight Gene M. St. Mary passed away on July 10, 2022.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Fundraising at the Reno Air Races

As August turned into September, Reno-Sparks experienced a heat wave of record-setting triple digits. Two weeks later, in nearby Stead, the early morning chill hit the 40F's, and the air quality index dipped to "Unhealthy" due to the Mosquito Fire in nearby Placer County, CA. Regardless of these air and weather challenges, the Reno Air Races event still progressed under a threat of reduced sky visibility, and even cancellation.

But the Reno Air Races are a last-of-their-kind event, supported by a hard core following of former military and air race enthusiasts that come from near and far to meet old friends, share war stories, tour static displays, and hopefully view the high-speed action above.

Under his year's agreement, Ponderosa Council 4928 was obligated to staff 230 shifts over the five-day event period plus cooler line set-up. To meet this obligation, other area councils were invited to participate. In addition to our sponsoring role, Council 12877, Council 10577, Council 7322, Council 4828, Holy Cross Parish, and others, all financially benefited by volunteering a total of 1,942 hours. Each institution proportionally shared in the net income proceeds of over \$15,000.00.

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In addition, a good time was had by all. Next up – our Columbus Day Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. .

- George Minter, GK

Silver Rose at Immaculate Conception

On September 3, 2022 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church was blessed to have the Silver Rose come through Sparks Nevada. We were honored to have Silver Rose Chairman Jerry Fong from Sacramento California, Dean Pittman California Sanctity of Life Chairman and District 2 DD Steve Schiwart here in Sparks and of course many Brothers Knights from Council 12877 including myself Leo Carew and Deputy Grand Knight Richard Matoza.

We are so Blessed to have Father Philip a Fourth Degree Knight himself. Over the course of three days the rose was visible at three masses and over 250 people venerated the Silver Rose.

- Leo Carew III, GK

Best in the West

Reno-Sparks experienced a record-setting triple digit heat wave as summer came to a close. In Sparks, twenty-one (21) food vendors competed for the title of best BBQ ribs and best BBQ sauce at the 33rd Annual Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off. As the competition heated up, so did the temperature. Knights and spouses helped save the day by bringing drink to the thirsty.

Through our 501(c)(3) charity, volunteering member knights and spouses of Ponderosa Council 4928, St. Michael the Archangel Council 10577, and Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877, helped man 77 shifts, contributing 452 volunteer hours, in support of a Premium Beer Trailer and a large Beverage Booth over the 6-day event that ended on Labor Day. When on break, all enjoyed the sights, the sounds, and the tastes of world-class BBQ.

With Ponderosa Council in the lead, this effort raised \$7,301.00 in earnings and kudos from the Nugget Resort staff and management. Each volunteer earned a stylish canary yellow event tee which will likely become de rigor outdoor wear at future home BBQ family events. You can't beat that.

- George Minter, GK

Family of the Month

Ponderosa Council, #4928 is recognizing the Popp Family, for September's Family of the Month.

Together, Bro. Robert and Lady Diane Popp worked a total of 20 volunteer shifts, essentially from dawn to dusk for five days at the 2022 Reno Air Races event. Bob was part of the Cooler Crew responsible for off-loading and later returning corporate sponsor coolers that were transported by the Council to and from the Reno-Stead Airport tarmac. Lady Diane volunteered as Ice Sales Co-Chair and helped keep the Bishop Manogue Catholic HS students active and interested in making their community service hours meaningful. In addition, their pleasant demeanor contributed to a sense of team, and teamwork is a key element for fundraising success. For all their time and energy, leadership and smiles, Bro. Robert and Lady Diane are recognized as the Council's Family of the Month for September.

- George Minter, GK

Knight of the Month

Ponderosa Council, #4928 is recognizing Brother Todd M. Galati, for September's Knight of the Month.

For more than 20 years, Bro. Todd Galati has volunteered for the Reno Air Races and watched his responsibilities, as well as Ponderosa Council's event scope, grow. This year, the Council's scope included 6 Parking Lots with diverse challenges, an Ice Sales team, and corporate sponsor Cooler Transport to and from the tarmac. Once again, Todd was the primary point of contact with RARA providing experience and continuity much needed and appreciated by RARA Management.

In addition to Council event planning, event coordination with RARA, event set up, and working five event days from dawn to dusk, Todd personally recruited 27 Bishop Manogue Catholic HS students for community service hours to help fill a need. In recognition of his on-going commitment, energy, and leadership that helped contribute to the success of the Reno Air Races and the Council's major fundraiser, Bro. Todd is recognized as our September Knight of the Month.

- George Minter, GK

Family of the Month

Council, #12877 is recognizing Javier "Rocky" Dominguez and his daughter Amaris as the Family of the Month for August.

Rocky is a single father who works full-time, is a very active member in our Council and raises his daughter with the upmost Catholic principles and values.



Pictured Father Philip, Rocky's, daughter Amaris, Rocky Dominguez, Father Ed, and Grand Knight, Leo Carew III

- Leo Carew III, GK

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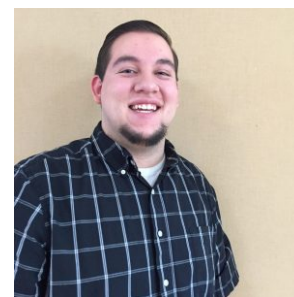
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