



# SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

“First in Faith and Charity”

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## State Deputy’s Message

Brother Knights,

I wanted to say thank you everyone for all your sacrifices and commitment to the order. As we do our duties and responsibilities to the Knights of Columbus, we learn that it is not always a success but as Proverbs 3:5-6 says, Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths...

NV State is doing well. Our State has just recently launched the Cor program. I encourage councils to focus on this. We have to pray for the success of this program. Last time, we invited the Grand Knights and District Deputies at Prince of Peace Social Hall here in the South for a 2-hour discussion and briefing about Cor. This coming October 2nd, the North will have their first Cor briefing. Now is the time to execute!

We pray for our Executive Secretary Tom Edwards and WDM Tom Villardi who are still in hospital. My prayers go to them and to those who are sick and in distress.

Lastly, I am inviting everyone to join our Annual Charity Bowling Tournament in South Point Hotel and Resort on October 14th. Most of the proceeds will go to ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancies).

Thank you all and God bless.

**Meynard Infantado**

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# State Secretary's Message

Worthy Brothers,

Our Mid-Year Convention will be held in Las Vegas this year and is being hosted by Council 14144, Christ The King. We will begin on Friday evening and the event will conclude on Saturday with a wonderful dinner prepared by Chefs Franco and Chuck.

The event hotel, if needed will be the Orleans Hotel & Casino and we've arranged for a special Knight's rate. See flyer below for the program guide and check the UKnight website for the link to hotel reservations and to order meals.



## NEVADA STATE COUNCIL 2023 MID-YEAR CONVENTION

December 01 - 02, 2023

**Meeting Location:**

Christ The King Catholic Church  
4926 S Torrey Pines Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89118

**Hotel:**

The Orleans Hotel & Casino  
4500 W Tropicana Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89103

**Friday, Dec. 01, 2023**

4:30 - Registration  
5:30 - Filipino BBQ  
7:00 - Award Ceremony

**Saturday, Dec. 02, 2023**

7:30 - Registration - Breakfast  
8:00 - Rosary  
8:30 - Business Meeting  
12:00 - Lunch  
3:00 - Eucharistic Adoration  
4:00 - Mass  
5:00 - Cocktail Hour  
6:00 - Dinner

**Pricing:**

Knights: \$85 - all meals  
Guests: \$50 - Sat. dinner

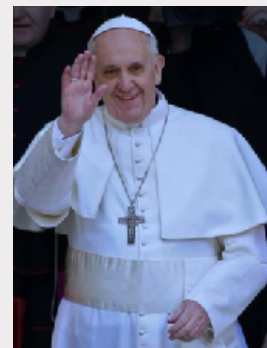
# Holy Father's

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**October 2023**

### For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



State Event Coordinator Chuck McCloskey and Council 14144 GK Rick Houle and his team have done a fantastic job planning and organizing this event. Rick was even able to involve the Ladies Auxiliary, who will be contribution considerably.

I look forward to seeing many councils participating this year.

Vivat Jesus!

**Al Cuccinelli**

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## Upcoming Nevada Events

- 10/07 [Worldwide Men's Public Rosary](#)
- 10/14 [Nevada State Council 1st Annual Bowling LV Tournament](#)
- 10/14 [Council 12690, Laughlin, NV - Fall Frenzy Golf Tournament](#)
- 10/17 [Knights of Columbus Virtual Financial Webinar Register](#)
- 11/11 [Nevada State Council LV Gala Evening](#)
- 11/11 [Bishop Manogue Assembly 100th Year Anniversary Celebration](#)
- 12/01-02 [Nevada State Council Mid Year Meeting Christ The King - LV](#)

## October 2023 Readings

10/01/23  
[Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

10/08/23  
[Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

10/15/23  
[Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

10/22/23  
[Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

10/29/23  
[Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

## State Treasurer/District Master's Update

Worthy Brothers,

I would like to congratulate Northern District Marshal, Dan Dexter for being chosen by the Supreme Master, SK Michael R. McCusker, to be the newly created 4th degree, District Master for the Northern Diocese.

SK Dan has served as the Northern Marshal for years and as the Supreme Master has decided to divide the Nevada State 4th Degree District in to two Districts, SK Dan brings a lot of experience to this role.

I look forward working with SK Dan and wish him all the best. Please join me in congratulating Worthy Sir Knight Dan Dexter, the new 4th Degree, Northern District Master.

Splitting the State into 2 jurisdictions will make it better for everyone and I will continue on with my District Master responsibilities in the Southern Diocese as well as with my Seminarian Education Raffle duties.

Vivat Jesus!

**Tom Villardi**

State Treasurer / Nevada District Master

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# State Membership Director's Message

Brothers,

Membership is key to your council success, without continuously inviting Catholic men to join your council and our order neither would be able to function. With average age of Knights in the order between 65 and 70 years of age we need to think about mine and many other brothers' replacements. We lose more than 160 knights a day due to deaths, suspensions and withdraws or over 58,000 knights per year. (Taken from supreme power point on membership).

Example, my council has 265 members and the breakdown by age is: 18-25 (4), 26 - 50 (42), 51 - 65 (69), over 65 (150).

I attended a Webinar on August 17, 2023. In the presentation it was mentioned that a number of councils complained they had submitted their 365 to supreme but supreme was not showing it received. Thereby not qualifying for star council. The cause is that if you submit the 365 without all four directors and one chairman shown, as required on the 365, supreme will process the 365 for those positions shown but will not give the council credit for its submission as it is incomplete. The required positions that must be appointed for Star Council are: Program Director, Community Director, Family Director, Membership Director and Retention Chairman. Look at your 365 and make sure you have the five positions filled, if needed update and resubmit. Remember, only the Grand Knight can fill more than one position on the 365 and he is limited to the GK position and one other.

We had a very good month in September and ended the month with 7054 members or just 196 from our goal of 7250 members by 30 June 2024. We are back to number three behind Ukraine and Alabama.

Grand Knights please schedule your delta drives for the rest of the fraternal year and pass that info on to the State Deputy and myself. If possible, we will attend your delta drive to help out.

My Grand Knight asked me to schedule the delta drives for our council and it took me less than 10 minutes to put four delta drives on the church schedule.

## Nevada Assemblies

- #611 Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lambe
- #612 Bishop Manogue
- #613 Fr. Caesar John Caviglia
- #614 Milo Taber
- #2164 Rev. Theodore Van Skee
- #2532 Fr. Joseph Bochenski
- #2561 Rev. Robert Gotta
- #2739 Fr. Sauveur Dominic Tambourin
- #2776 Fr. Michael J. McGivney
- #2777 Our Lady of Sierra
- #2820 Fr. Joseph O'Callahan
- #3118 St. Andrews
- #3134 Our Lady of Tahoe
- #3375 Guardian Angel
- #3566 St. Pedro Calungsod
- #3643 St. Frances Garces
- #3684 Fr. Emile Caponne
- #3772 Fr. John Kenny
- #3968 Fr. Tom Gallenbach

Let's make October our major delta drive month and start the quarter off with a bang. Not sure about you but I want to see Nevada number one of the U.S. jurisdictions. However, as September 30, 2023 we are 26 members behind Alabama and as for Ukraine, I think everyone has conceited them the top spot in the order for the second straight year. They are at 53.46 percent of their goal in just three months.

God Bless,

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## State Program Director's Message

### EVANGELIZATION: A ROADMAP TO GROWING YOUR COUNCIL

#### Introducing COR

I had the pleasure of attending the State Program Director onboarding Webinar conducted by Worthy Supreme Program Director Tyler Lomnitzer that was held on July 19, 2023. There are a number of things that I picked up which I would like to share with you. The discussion essentially centers around what we covered at our State Organizational meeting but is worth repeating and cannot be over emphasized.

In many of the previous articles that I wrote, I mentioned the ways we engage our members and motivate them to exercise their faith and positively contribute to the welfare and well being of their Church community.

**E - Engage** your members - Tell them the active programs that you have. What they can do to help. Who benefits from the program.

**E - Evangelize** - Putting into action what you learn from the readings of the Scriptures and the teachings of Christ.

**S - Satisfy** - Keep track of your total volunteer hours you earned, the number of items you have processed (i.e. sandwiches for the poor), the amount of money raised, the number of people served. This feedback information is essential to getting your members engaged and satisfied. Letting your members know the value of their contribution is key to satisfaction. **BE GENEROUS IN REWARDING AND CELEBRATING SUCCESS. SCHEDULE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION.**

**C - Committed** - Happy members tend to commit to the long term goals of the Program.

### WHAT IS EVANGELIZATION?

“The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on re-proposing the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis in faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for re-proposing of the Gospel “to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crises of faith due to secularization.”

## PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

These are programs and resources available to Council Program Directors. Faith & Family - Jason porrello@KofC.org:

**Keep Christ in Christmas Posters** - due February 28 - K; 1 - 2; 3 - 4

### **Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)**

A. For every \$500 raised by the Council, Supreme will give you back \$100.

B. For every \$2,000 raised by the Council, Supreme will give you back \$400.

**Ultrasound Machine** - There are 1,700 machines already installed and is continuing to save over 200,000 lives.

**March for Life** - Support our effort through March for Life. The KofC contributed \$82-Million.

**Silver Rose Program** - Make your reservation early and take the opportunity to schedule a visit of this ICON in your Church.

**Special Olympics** - Support the Special Olympics. Tootsie Roll Drive supports this program. To date the KofC had contributed \$128 Million to this program. SK Rick Sherman of St. Viator is very much involved in supporting the Special Olympics. Contact him to learn more and how you can help.

**RSVP** - Seminarian - Your support by selling raffle tickets are helping educate Seminarians. Last year our State Council raised \$73,000.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**Soccer Challenge** - Due by January 15

**Essay Contest** - Due by February 15

8th- 12 Grade - To write an essay: How can the parish evangelize in this digital age? Submit it to Supreme to determine the winner.

**Coats for Kids** - winter is approaching. Kids will be needing winter coats to protect themselves. The cost for 12 pieces is \$247.28 or \$345.00 including shipping. Order yours now as supplies are limited.



**Wheelchair Initiative** - a donation of 10 wheelchairs gets the Council 2 credits toward your Columbian award.

**Disaster Relief** - Establish a phone tree within your Council to enable a quick response in the event of a disaster.

## STATE SPONSORED BOWLING TOURNAMENT

We thought about a great way to bring everybody together and have fun while raising money for a good cause (ASAP). The Knights of Columbus is well known as an organization of hard working brothers trying to make a difference by helping the widows and orphans, the needy and the outcast.

We are so wrapped up to this idea that we forget that we also do things that promotes our faith, friendship and camaraderie. This is one example. This Tournament will allow us the opportunity to meet and interact with other members of the Knights from other Councils and perhaps strike a lifelong friendship.

Wait a minute there is more. You have a chance to compete and display your bowling skills and win a prize. There is also a raffle of gift prizes that will take place all in the spirit of fun.

Make this a family affair. Enjoy.

The Knights had negotiated a great deal. Take advantage.

Councils that participates gets 2 credits toward your bid for a Columbian Award. (The first step toward getting your Star Council Award.)

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## Knights History

### Nevada History

#### Manogue's Legacy: Cathedral Builder and Romantic Symbol of the West

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament assured Manogue's reputation as one of the leading figures in diocese lore and history. This elegant building helped to define Sacramento's emerging downtown. It was set deliberately one block north of the state capitol building as a sacred counterpart to the Greco-Roman design of the statehouse. The image of the cathedral was used frequently by city boosters and publicists.

Although he looms large in the popular imagination of Sacramento Catholic life, Bishop Manogue did not create the Diocese of Sacramento. In fact, he simply reaped the reward of what the unlamented and disagreeable Bishop O'Connell had done. It was Bishop O'Connell who recruited priests, opened churches and missions, and lobbied for religious communities to begin schools and orphanages. Bishop O'Connell had traveled farther and with more difficulty than Bishop Manogue. Even in Sacramento, the Catholic establishment was well in place before Bishop Manogue arrived.

However, as the builder of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Manogue created a visibility for the Church in northern California that singles him out for special recognition. Whether merited or not, Manogue, the "miner bishop" became the romantic symbol for this first era of Catholic life in northern California. After his passing Sacramento would wait a year for a new bishop.

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### Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

#### Remember:

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

#### Continue:

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

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

#### Visit the website:



## **Knight in the Light**

### **Sir Knight George Minter**

#### **PGK, FDD and Nevada State Program Director**

I was born June 3rd, 1950, at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda Maryland. I was raised by my maternal grandparents, Ann and George Follis in Northwest Washington, D.C. We were five blocks from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and five blocks from Nativity Parish and Parochial School.

For eight years, I attended Nativity Parochial School, which was taught by The Franciscan Nuns (the very best) and graduated on June 3, 1964, my 14th birthday. I volunteered through 6th, 7th and 8th grade as a Patrol Boy (Crossing Guard) finishing as a Lieutenant on the busy intersection of Georgia Ave. and Quackenbos St.; played four years of CYO Football (8th Grade Team Tri-Captain) and Baseball; and as an Altar Boy finished as Master Of Ceremonies at High Mass, fulfilling a goal, which I longed for. Additionally, in 7th and 8th Grades, I and about ten of my classmates attended monthly meetings at the Marist Seminary adjacent to Catholic University. I witnessed the completion of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Patroness of our country) on the grounds of Catholic University.

By seven years old, I had chosen my high school to attend, Saint John's College High School. It was founded in 1851 when three Christian Brothers were sent from Baltimore to establish a Catholic High School.

By 1911, Saint John's would become a Junior Army ROTC program. Back then, we had to study for and pass Entrance Exams to attend a Catholic High School, there was the Diocesan Exam (covered six high schools) and separate exams for both Saint John's and Gonzaga. I passed all three. So I entered Saint John's in Fall 1964. With a Cadet Corp of about 1,100 students, it was the largest Junior ROTC Program in the Country. Our uniform was very similar to West Point, especially in Winter, wearing our overcoats, we definitely stood out. The scholastic and athletic programs were second to none. The Christian Brothers made up about 80% of the Teaching Staff, with the other 20% being mostly SJC graduates.

I played for three years and lettered in JV and Varsity football and did extremely well as a Cadet on the Drill Field. The Academics at SJC was very challenging, these Christian Brothers were demanding, but I got by. Some of the fun stuff included our Regimental Ball, Winter Ball, and monthly high school dances (Fundraisers), featuring one band in the auditorium and the second band in the cafeteria. The girls came mostly from the eight or more Catholic Girls High Schools. I always enjoyed Religion Classes and we had one-week Retreats as Juniors and Seniors. Some heavy stuff was covered, as the Viet Nam War went on and racial tension and issues escalated. Looking back, I am so grateful to have grown up then and to my grandparents, who without their love and support, I would not have experienced this. After four great years at Saint John's, I graduated on June 3, 1968, my 18th birthday. I had a great Catholic start.

In my third year of college, I married my high school sweetheart and one year later, my son Daniel Christopher was born. This was a game changer; I ended my college days and went to work in construction. My wife was involved in a devastating car accident, suffering traumatic injuries, as medical and lawyer bills piled up. After four years in construction, I had earned journeyman status, but I had had enough. I found employment as a bartender at an up-and-coming Steak and Lobster Restaurant.

For almost one year, I worked my construction job during the daytime and then worked evening's bartending. By Fall 1974, I was at Maryland as a Junior studying Business Administration and Finance. All the while we were practicing Catholics. By Summer 1976, I had been promoted to Assistant Restaurant Manager, which pleased my wife, but I personally longed to complete what I had started, my College Degree. By January 1977, I was promoted again to Day Manager at the new College Park location, close to the Maryland campus, but had to switch over to night classes.

In May 1978, I graduated with my Major in Business Administration and minors in both Finance and Economics. In July 1978, my soon-to-be EX, left me taking my son with her. We attended together, Marriage Counseling for a couple of months, until I got hit with separation papers and divorce papers.

I was beside myself in despair and grief. After two years of dealing with this, in Summer 1980, we were divorced. Needing something to blame, it was my restaurant work, the long hours and being away. Only in hindsight I can say that her physical challenges, our joint emotional pain and financial hardships had carved out two very different people with very little in common. It was at this time that I had been recruited to work in the Insurance Industry as an Agent; after all I needed to get away from that restaurant gig that ruined my marriage. I was in a very dark and troubled place. I found a Catholic Diocesan support group, SWORD (Separated, Widowed, or Recently Divorced). This deep despair finally helped lead me to get on my knees and pray for God's help...simply stated: "I can't, YOU can, I think I'll let YOU". That put me on a path, which I've mostly followed. It was then, that I asked myself, what do I really believe, what qualities did God endow me with, my answer was through my grandparents who sent me to Nativity (the Priest & Nuns) and then onto Saint John's (the Brothers) ...the answer is

GOD, Country, Family & Friends, that was 1983.

Through all of this I put on my game face when it came to my son, Danny. What I held up in the divorce proceedings was the custody (in 1980, Maryland had no joint custody) and my visitation. To spend as much time with him as I could, I became the Head Coach in the YBA league and the Assistant Coach in the CYO league, winning the Championship, when he was an 8th grader, playing my old position on offense, left guard. Doing normal father and son together stuff, sports, movies, model building.

Getting prepared to start High School, Danny and I went to court, and I became his custodial parent.

Danny went on to become the team captain of both his Walter Johnson HS football and wrestling teams, earning the Coaches Award in both sports. He went on to attend Montgomery College and transferred to Catholic University and graduated in May 1994. There he met Jenny, and they married in August 1994.

They have 6 children, Elizabeth (Ave Maria University grad), Natalie (Catholic University grad), Erik (Ave Maria University grad), Aidan (Donahue Academy Senior), Gabriella (Donahue Academy Freshman) and Rebecca (Donahue Academy 7th Grade).

Elizabeth is now happily married to Santiago, and we have two great-grandchildren. For a number of years, we would send money for the kid's text books, school supplies as they have always been Catholic educated, our Daughter-in-law, Jenny is a wonderful Catholic Mom, and she brings Danny along for the ride.

After eight years as a divorced bachelor, I met Joyce taking Country Western Couples Dance Classes in August 1988. We married in November 1990 at Little Flower by Monsignor Bowling, having had our annulments finalized, some years before. We are coming up on 33 years of marriage and she remains my Bride and "the Love of my life". Many of you have met her at various KofC conventions and functions, while others have worked side-by-side with her at a Ponderosa Council activity. She's the best and I am reminded of that by all my friends. Joyce fully supports me as a Knight of Columbus.

One Sunday morning, while attending Sunday mass at the newly completed Holy Cross Catholic Community church, SK Mark B. Foxwell approached me and in typical Foxwell style told me to fill out the Form 100, so I DID! On March 5, 2002, I completed my 1st Degree Exemplification. At that time, SK Mark B. Foxwell was our Grand Knight and in the minds of most, an iconic Knights of Columbus leader. He became my mentor and quickly put me to work. My first service initiative was to help clean up the new parish grounds. I received my 1st Council Knight of the Month recognition for planting Virginia creeper flowering vines donated by Lady Joyce at the request of Pastor George C. Wolf. My career as a knight has lasted longer than the Virginia creeper vines in the high desert climate and rabbits. SK Mark also encouraged me to volunteer at the Reno Air Races, the Council's biggest fundraiser and I worked the mobile home vehicle parking lot near St. Michael Catholic Church with Mark. During those early years, what I enjoyed most was the fellowship of knights and playing softball on Team 3 in the Church League until an ACL injury ended my softball playing days at 55 years old. Work and school limited my participation in the council for a couple of years. In 2010, my council activity began in earnest as Outside Guard and Inside Guard positions. Looking back, it was my presence at these Officer Meetings that was a learning opportunity. It prepared me well for more challenging roles ahead. In 2012, following my son's lead, I became a 4th Degree Knight. Something changed within me, and I still can't explain it!

GOD led me to this new beginning, "I can't, YOU can, I think I'll let YOU"!

2013 to 2022: Chief Counselor of Fr. Art Herkowski Columbian Squires Circle 5686

Nevada State Squires Chairman

2015: Columbian Squires Award Highest Circle percentage enrollment gain

2017: Brother Barnabas Award Top 25 Circles of 1,500 worldwide      \$8,500 Operation Toy Box

2018: Sr. Carmen's Food Pantry in the Columbia magazine chosen by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson "It shows what we do." The photo and story appeared in the August 2018 edition of the Columbia magazine as a four-color full-page ad with our story. It was the first such page illustrating "Faith in Action" activity to appear on the back inside cover page.

2011-2012 & 2012-2013 & 2013-2014: Elected Outside Guard then to Inside Guard

2013-2022: Nevada State Squires Chairman

2014-2015: Grand Knight---“Surge with Service”: State recognition: Church of The Year Award.

Council of the Year Award; Knight of The Year Award-Mark Foxwell.

Grand Knight of the Year Award-George Minter; STAR COUNCIL

Chairman for new fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off

“Ladies of the Knights” began Council formal recognition.

RSVP: 1st time donating \$500.00 to each of the Diocesan 5 Seminarians

2015-2016: Grand Knight---“Surge with Service”: State recognition: Church of The Year Award.

Council of the Year Award; Family of the Year Award-Steve and Debbie Schiwart

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off

Chairman: Ultrasound Machine, began June & ended in October-raised \$10,000; STAR COUNCIL

2016-2017: Elected Council Treasurer

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off

2017-2018: District Deputy for District 2. Achieved 285% of District Quota

All 4 Councils reached their membership quotas with a Triple Star Council, Double Star Council

One Star Council and 4th Council with 200% of Quota; District Deputy of the Year Award

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off

Elected as Nevada State Delegate to 2018 Supreme Convention

2018-2019: District Deputy for District 2. Membership was down everywhere, statewide. Focused on assisting Councils improve internal operations, reporting and Programs.

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off

2019-2020: Ponderosa Council Elected 3 Year Trustee

Council Program Director

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off; Co-Chair Reno Air Races (Event Volunteers)

Nevada State Program Director; Endorsed the 1st Supreme/State Matching Coats for Kids

Introduced the Event Summary form and supported Family of the Month promotion.

2020-2021: Ponderosa Council Elected 2 Year Trustee; Council Program Director

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off; Co-Chair Reno Air Races (Event Volunteers)

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg's Installation Mass for two days chauffeured out-of-town bishops to and from the airport, St. Rose of Lima parish, and Peppermill as needed.

2021-2022: Ponderosa Council Elected 1 Year Trustee; Council Program Director

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off; Co-Chair Reno Air Races (Event Volunteers)

2022-2023: Grand Knight---"Faith In Action" --- Council Program Director

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off; Co-Chair Reno Air Races (Event Volunteers)

State Community Award for RARA; Columbian Award; Father McGivney Award

2023-2024: Grand Knight---"Faith in Action" --- Council Program Director

Chairman for fundraiser-Nugget Rib Cook-off; Co-Chair Reno Air Races (Event Volunteers)

2014 to Present: Bishop Manogue Assembly 612---Held 1st position as Sentinel for several years. Elected Trustee for past four years.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

# Veteran's Day Events / Respect Life Mass & Contest



*Celebrating 100 Years*  
**Bishop Manogue Assembly 612**  
 Instituted November 11, 1923  
**Religiously Devoted; Patriotically Proud.**  
**Military Appreciation Dinner**  
 Honoree WW II Veteran  
 SK Anthony Pagano, MD  
 Guest Speaker  
 Lt. Gen. Leslie C. Smith, USA, Ret.  
**Saturday, November 11, 2023**  
 Reno Elks Lodge #597  
 597 Kumle Ln., Reno, NV  
 5:00 pm Social - 6:30 pm Dinner  
 NY Strip Steak or Chicken Dinner  
 Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable and Dessert  
**Commemorative Centennial Event Pin**  
**\$40.00 per person**  
 RSVP Dinner Choice to:  
 SK William Sousa  
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 Please RSVP before Nov 6th  
 Formal Event: 4th Degree uniform,  
 tuxedo with social baldric or suit



THE NEVADA STATE COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO OUR  
**Veterans Day CELEBRATION**  
**SAT • 11 NOV • 5:30PM**  
 \$50- pp / \$25 - Veterans / \$350 - Table  
 American BBO - Cash Bar - Raffle  
**RSVP BY OCT 31ST**  
**ST. JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY**  
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 In Partnership with Council #10442  
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August 14, 2023

Dear Principals, Directors of Religious Education, and Home Schooling Parents:

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a contest to coincide with the annual Respect Life Mass which will be hosted by Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. The Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

I encourage Catholic students to attend the Mass and invite participation in the contest by students in sixth through twelfth grade. The contest will include essays, poetry, and traditional posters. Following the Mass, I will personally award prizes to the first, second and third place winners in two age categories. It is hoped these events help foster awareness of the need to protect and promote human life from conception to natural death.

Linda Ugalde is coordinating the contest on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and may be reached at 775-722-7849 or emailed at [respectlife@catholicreno.org](mailto:respectlife@catholicreno.org). Please see the attached contest cover page and rules for more information.

I hope your students take part in these activities, as they provide wonderful opportunities to educate our youth on the great gift and sanctity of life at all stages. Thank you for your consideration.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

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 Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
 Bishop of Reno



## Best in the West Volunteers

The Best in the West Nugget Rib Cookoff in Sparks, NV, is considered one of the premier grilling competitions in the country. It has been a significant source of income for area councils under Ponderosa Council 4928 leadership for many years with compensation based on volunteer hours worked and the sharing of gratuities with Nugget employees.

Last year's event experienced triple-digit temps, but the crowds still came and lined-up at beverage stations to beat the heat with BBQ sauce on their lips. This year's event experienced waves of rain with cool temperatures that reduced event attendance and dampened beverage station sales. None the less, the Council achieved record earnings.



The key was recruiting, and volunteer recruiting is always a challenge. Despite the elements experienced over this 6-day event, it was Council members and family who rose to the occasion and filled nearly 87% of event staffing needs.

The balance of support came from other area councils. In the end, Ponderosa Council experienced an increase of 55% in fundraising income over the prior year, a significant achievement by any measure.

- George A. Minter, GK

## An Accolade of Trust

The 6-day Best in the West Nugget Rib Cookoff is staffed with volunteer Nugget personnel who handle cash registers with volunteers from community organizations including the Knights of Columbus who generally help stock and serve beverages and food.

Due to persistent rain and short Nugget staffing, the Nugget Vice President of Hotel Operations, Stacey Schierling, allowed Grand Knight Michael R. North of St. Michael the Archangel Council 10577 (pictured above) to tend the cash register alone at a “cash only” beer stand during an event shift.



When Stacey was later challenged by resort management for allowing a non-Nugget volunteer to tend the register by himself, Stacey's response was, “If you can't trust the Knights, then you can't trust anyone.”

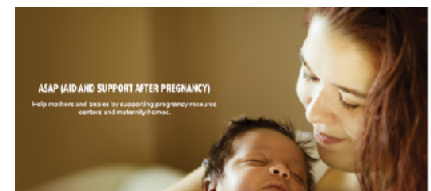
A great accolade to the credit of SK Michael and to all those members who strive to do what's right.

- George A. Minter, GK

## Aid & Support After Pregnancy

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

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



## Culture of Life Fund

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

**Knight of the Month - 1**

SK Todd Galati has participated in all the annual Reno National Championship Air Races events dating as far back as 1998. In 2001, he joined the Knights of Columbus, after which time he eventually became the Council’s point of contact with respect to the Reno Air Races Association (RARA) contract. In doing so, the Association gained much needed event experience and program continuity; the council gained increased fundraising opportunities.



He has served as the Council’s RARA Contract Program Co-chair for many years. Most recently he has been responsible for staffing and implementing the V.I.P cooler line – a program element that has been particularly successful in generating supplemental service gratuities.

In recognition of his RARA program commitment and leadership skill, SK Todd is recognized as our Knight of the Month for September.

**Knight of the Month - 2**

SK Marv Cochran is a Past Grand Knight (2002-2004) who has remained highly active in council

program activities throughout his membership years. Some long-term contributions of note include multi-year chairing of the Annual Diocese of Reno Diocesan Conference and for preparing the “breakfast” in the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Breakfast with Santa programs.



With his appearance this month at the 59th and last annual Reno National Championship Air Races event, SK Marv set a council member record that will never be broken — 31 continuous program years of volunteer support of this major council fundraiser, a fundraiser that has facilitated the success of countless service initiatives throughout the years.

For all his commitment in time and energy, SK Marv is recognized as the Council’s September Knight of the Month.

– George A. Minter, GK

**Family of the Month**

SK Robert and Lady Lisa Holleman have long been recognized for their support of Holy Cross parish, not only as Eucharistic ministers, and parish lectors, but also in many other ways both inside the church

and on the parish grounds.

This month both are recognized as our September Family of the Month for their extraordinary contribution of time and energy in support of the Council’s Best in the West Nugget Rib CookOff and the Reno Air Races Association volunteer contracts. Together, this high-energy team worked all five (5) evening shifts and all day on the sixth day, Labor Day, in a main beverage booth at the Rib Fest, and resided on the Reno Stead Airport grounds in their camper working the entire day all five days at the Reno Air Races, Bob for cooler line duty on the tarmac, and Lisa as the Parking Lot Captain for Lot 6, the designated Handicap Parking lot!



It was volunteer contributions like this that furthered the record success of these Ponderosa Council 4928 fundraisers.

– George A. Minter, GK

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Deacon Francis Coyne  
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***Blessed Michael McGivney***

***Pray for Us***

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