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**Nevada
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Leadership Positions

Nevada State Officers 2022 - 2023

State Deputy	Joe Alvin Haun
State Chaplain	Rev. John McShane
State Secretary	Meynard Infantado
State Treasurer	Chris Traver
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Dan St. Pierre
Associate State Chaplain - Reno Diocese	Rev. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA
Associate State Chaplain - Las Vegas Diocese	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, 11074, 13897, 13924	Pete Comerford (13924)
District 4	Councils 4781, 12845, 13842, 13944	Michael Houdyshell (12845)
District 5	Councils 1340, 2380, 2511, 2666	Charles Reifsnnyder (1340)
District 6	Councils 5448, 9437, 13691, 18004	Jesus Sanchez (9437)
District 7	Councils 7708, 8282, 13754	Erick Tagudar (13392)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 12690	Gerry Rockwell (13392)
District 9	Councils 10442, 14144, 14784	Terry Zehl (14784)
District 10	Councils 3741, 9899, 10780, 15061	Gary M. Bird (10780)
District 11	Councils 8078, 13456, 13392, 14820	Edmundo Verceles (14820)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Bob Sotelo (11029)
District 13	Councils 11179, 11512, 15790, 17996	Dennis Murtaugh (4928)

Other Nevada State Officers 2022 - 2023

State Program Director	Al Pena
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr.
Webmaster & Communications Director	Ken Sawyer
Special Assistance / Sick and Bereavement Chairman	Roger Watson
State Training Coordinator	Tom Villardi
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. Reifsnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair
State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	Ray Foster
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	<i>Vacant</i>
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	Tom Villardi
State Coats for Kids Co-Chair	George Minter / Dennis Murtaugh
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	<i>Vacant</i>
LV 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. Reifsnyder
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	Rick Sherman
State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	Rick Sherman

State Membership Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Chris 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	GeorgeMichael 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	GeorgeMichael Alvendia
Las Vegas	Resty Lopez

Supreme Council Announcements

A Message from the Supreme Knight

SK Patrick E Kelly

Supreme Knight

‘Stand In the Breach’

In his annual report at the 140th Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly urged Knights to preserve life, protect the family and proclaim the faith.

During the opening business session of the Knights of Columbus 140th Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivering his first in-person annual report since he was installed in 2021. Supreme Knight Kelly reminded the nearly 2,400 Knights in attendance that “a Knight is a leader who stands in the breach.”

“We defend the faith. We protect the family. And when a need arises, we rise to meet it — with charity, unity and fraternity,” said the supreme knight.

Supreme Knight Kelly applauded the Knights for standing in the breach to protect and defend the sanctity of life. The Knights were instrumental in organizing the first national March for Life in 1974, and year after year, they’ve helped it grow. Today, the March for Life has become the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world.

Additionally, in June, the supreme knight announced the launch of the new ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, which builds on the organization’s years of support for women and children. Through the fraternal year ending June 30, 2023, ASAP aims to see the Knights distribute at least \$5 million to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations that give direct assistance to new mothers and babies. The funds, comprising donations from both local councils and the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, will enhance the significant resources Knights already provide to mothers and their children, both born and unborn.

Supreme Knight Kelly also urged Knights to deepen their devotion and to trust in strength from God as they continue in their mission for the Church and the family.

“Above all else, being a Knight means drawing closer to the person of Jesus Christ, our King,” said the supreme knight. “That’s why the Order is strongly supporting the National Eucharistic Revival in the United States.”

“At my installation, I called upon all of us to be ‘Knights of the Eucharist.’ And from the Philippines to France — from Canada to Cuba — we should all strengthen our love for Christ truly present in the Eucharist,” said the supreme knight. “The revival may be in the United States, but the Eucharist unites the universal Church.”

In May, the supreme knight announced that the Supreme Council had developed eucharistic procession training materials in consultation with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and pledged \$1 million in support of the multiyear event.

In his annual report, he further urged Knights to strengthen evangelization efforts, noting that an estimated 4 out of 5 Catholics will fall away from the Church by their early 20s.

“In these difficult times, each of us needs a living faith. And each of us needs to lead others to the faith,” he said.

The supreme knight announced the coming launch of a new discipleship and evangelization initiative built on the foundation of the Into the Breach video series, which has been viewed more than a million times. In addition, the Order will release a new series on marriage and family in the coming year.

Supreme Knight Kelly also praised the more than 2 million Knights for their global charitable efforts, which embody the mission set forth by the organization’s founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

Supreme Knight Kelly especially commended the generosity of all Knights who supported Ukrainian refugees following the outbreak of war. Within 36 hours of the Russian invasion, the Knights of Columbus established the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, committing \$1 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainians affected by the invasion of their country, and a pledge to match all funds raised up to an additional \$500,000. To date, the Ukraine Solidarity Fund has raised nearly \$19 million — one of the largest and fastest relief efforts in the organization’s history.

On April 11, Pope Francis blessed a very special Easter basket during a private audience granted to Supreme Knight Kelly and his family at the Vatican. The basket was representative of the 10,000 Easter care packages assembled by Knights of Columbus in Poland, which were distributed to displaced families in Ukraine during Holy Week to help them celebrate Easter.

Polish Knights also established Mercy Centers at strategic points along the Poland-Ukraine border, where more than 300,000 refugees were served.

The supreme knight honored the names of two Ukrainian members who have died so far in the war, and he pledged his ongoing support for the evolving humanitarian needs arising from the conflict.

All told, in the last fraternal year, the Knights donated nearly \$154 million to worthy causes and stepped up with close to 48 million hours of volunteer service. Included among these charitable endeavors were the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program, which provided 150,000 warm coats to children in need; sponsorship of nearly 6,000 seminarians and postulants; an ongoing partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission, which provided the gift of mobility to nearly 9,000 people; and continued support for Special Olympics, with donations of more than \$3.7 million and 418,000 volunteer hours.

The supreme knight also lauded the achievements of the Knights' insurance and investments divisions.

"The original sign of our charity is our financial protection for Catholic families," Supreme Knight Kelly said. "Father McGivney created the Knights to care for widows and orphans. And 140 years later, we have maintained this noble mission — while expanding it dramatically."

With more than \$119 billion of life insurance in force and superior ratings from Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best for its financial strength, Knights of Columbus Insurance is widely respected as one of the best life insurance providers in America.

The organization's investments division, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA), continues to provide the world's broadest lineup of Catholic investment strategies, including its highly attractive mutual funds and other investments that fully align with Church teaching on ethical investing. Today, KoCAA holds more than \$28 billion of assets under management.

Supreme Knight Kelly also encouraged Knights to build on the foundations of unity and authentic fellowship first established by Father McGivney, extending the invitation of membership to Catholic men of various communities and helping the Order to grow.

"About half of all Catholics in the United States between 18 and 29 are Latino. Their faith and their gifts are shaping the future of the Catholic Church," the supreme knight noted.

"In an age of significant immigration, Father McGivney and the first Knights built a brotherhood that deliberately invited men from all backgrounds. They understood Our Lord's universal mission and the Church's role as the source of unity for all people."

In concluding his report, Supreme Knight Kelly delivered a resounding call to action to the 2 million Knights of Columbus worldwide, saying, "Our moment is now. And our mission is clear: Preserve life, protect the family, proclaim the faith. The world needs men who will match these times. And we are rising to meet this challenge."

Diocese Announcements

Together in Holiness

I am very pleased to welcome the second annual Together in Holiness conference to the Diocese of Reno on September 24, 2022. The foundation for renewal within the Church begins in the home as married couples embrace their mission and vocation to love. This mission can only be realized when the family is rooted in a life of prayer, particularly as spouses navigate the everyday struggles and joys of family life. I pray that married and engaged couples throughout the Diocese of Reno will join me at this event so that you will be strengthened in your calling to become true communities of prayer.

Most Reverend Daniel Mueggenborg



Eighth Bishop of Reno



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™
CONFERENCE SERIES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
10:15 AM – 5:00 PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SPARKS, NV

PRESENTED BY

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FOUNDATION

Diocese of Reno

ABOUT TOGETHER IN HOLINESS

Together in Holiness is a marriage conference series for dioceses that inspires spouses to grow together in holiness and empowers parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. To learn more about the Together in Holiness marriage enrichment initiative, [click here](#).

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Annual Diocesan Conference

Most Reverend George
Leo Thomas Ph.D.



Third Bishop of Las Vegas

We are excited to announce that the Annual Diocesan Conference registration website is live.

You may have heard through the grapevine that our Friday keynote speaker this year (and one workshop on Saturday) is Dr. Scott Hahn! We are meeting with the parish ambassadors on Tuesday of next week and will have a packet of information that includes bulletin announcements for your use from now until the Conference.

The Conference this year is two full-days – all day Friday, Sept 9th and Saturday, Sept 10th – with lunch offered on both days in addition to our usual Friday evening reception and Saturday morning coffee/continental breakfast.

Clergy and their parish staff will come together on Friday for a full day in-service with Dr. Tim Glemkowski called, “Made for Mission: Renewing Your Parish Culture.”

The following Foundational Faith Formation modules are being offered. Each is a six hour module starting with one two hour session on Friday afternoon followed by two sessions on Saturday. You must register and attend all three sessions. (This still gives you an opportunity to attend two additional ‘general interest’ sessions.)

Cultural & Intercultural Faith Issues

Introduction to Scripture (English & Spanish)

Spiritual Formation (English & Spanish)

We are also introducing the first module for our Advanced Faith Formation certificate:

Catholic Social Teaching

EVERYONE is welcome to register for these modules as the topics are relevant to ALL Catholics. Anyone working toward their certification will also need to write a reflection paper for whichever topic they choose.

Early bird registration (\$125.00) ends on July 15th. We anticipate a sell out this year, so get your registrations in early. You may do a group registration and select the ‘pay by check’ option so you have time to get an invoice to your bookkeepers.

Please pray for the success of this year's Conference which is our one event each year that provides an opportunity for all of us to gather and grow in our faith.

Thank you in advance for your support!

We hope you will plan to join us:

September 9-10, 2022

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

State Officers Announcements

Supreme Convention Awards

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy



Top 10 Recruiters in the Order - #10 **Joe Haun** 53 New Members

Top Grand Knight in the Order - **Alfonso Pena**

Top District Deputy in the Order - **Raymond Foster**

Pinnacle Award - **Nevada**

Way to go Nevada!!!!!!!

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 2022 - 2023 fraternal year. The State Officers will meet for the first session hour, and the State Officers and the District Deputies will meet for the second.

Month	Date	Time	Location
July	July 25, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
August	August 29, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
September	September 26, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
October	October 31, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
November	November 28, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
December	December 26, 2022	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
January	January 30, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
February	February 27, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
March	March 27, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
April	April 24, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
May	May 30, 2023 (Tuesday)	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting
June	June 26, 2023	5 - 7pm	Virtual Meeting

Note:

Meetings fall on Monday, except where noted.

104th Supreme Convention Photos

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Deputy

Former State Chaplain Fr. Manny, IPSD & Supreme Director Toni Pascua, State Deputy Joe Haun, State Secretary Meynard Infantado (right to left)



Former State Chaplain Fr. Manny



Associate State Chaplain Fr. Gerry



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (center), NV State Deputy Joe Haun (to his right), IPSD & Supreme Director Toni Pascua (to his left), State Secretary Meynard Infantado, GK Leo Carew III, along with wives.

Message from the Desk of the Immediate Past State Deputy - September 2022

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy &
Supreme Director

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Peace and love be with you all, as we welcome fall with the lush and vibrant colors of the harvest season!

We rejoice in every blessing bestowed upon us and our families!

What a very enthralling and incredible experience to be a part and to those who attended our Supreme Knight's (Patrick E. Kelly) first ever live, in person, 140th Supreme Convention (hosted by The Supreme Council and Tennessee State Council), meeting after a two year pause and online proceedings, we are able to witness the solidarity and exceptional participation of the Supreme Officers, Board of Directors, Dignitaries, Hierarchy and brother Knights to experience the band of brotherhood from all over the world. We are grateful for this profound experience, one that will be remembered for a long time. The highlight of the Supreme Convention was honoring Ukraine in the face of its crisis, in search of World peace and healing, at the States Dinner.

For those planning to attend the 141st Supreme Convention, it will be held on August 1-3,2023 at Marriott World Center, Orlando, Florida. Details will be posted on the Knights of Columbus website as we near the event.

The new fraternal year started and has gained momentum, together we shall rise!

I'd like to share reflections from:

Romans 12:12

Find strength in prayer

Rejoice in hope

Be patient in tribulation

Be constant in prayer

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12. The above verse shows us how we are to respond in various situations we face in life.

Our hearts should be full of joy because we have hope in Christ. When facing troubles, patience will prevent us from giving up before seeing our victory.

Always remember:

Never measure your life by your possessions.

Measure it by the hearts you touched,

The smiles you created,

And the love you shared

Vivat Jesus!

Toni F. Pascua

IPSD

Supreme Director

Thank you for this life, a beautiful journey and I wouldn't have it any other way but be grateful, faithful and blessed. -TP

Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us!

IPSD August, 2022 Highlights

Toni Pascua, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy &
Supreme Director

140th Supreme Convention Nashville, Tennessee



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (center), Archbishop William Lori- Supreme Chaplain (14th from left) with Supreme Officers and Supreme Directors at The 140th Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN



Clergy Luncheon

In Photo (seated right to left) Bishop Michael Sis (Angelo, TX), Cardinal Orlando Quevedo (Cotabato, Philippines), Supreme Director Toni Pascua and Board Lady Ditas Pascua

Standing (right to left) Supreme Director Arce Lim, Board Lady Angie Peters, Supreme Director Arthur Peters, Father Manny Guico, Bishop Bart Santos (Iba, Zambales), Supreme Director Justice Jose Reyes, Archbishop Jose Cabantan (Cagayan de Oro, Philippines) and Supreme Director Jack Kennedy



Luncheon at Gaylord Opryland

In photo (left to right) Delsa Traver, State Treasurer Chris Traver, Toni and Ditas Pascua, Father Manny Guico- former State Chaplain and Membership Director, Digna Pena and PGK Al Pena- State Program Director



At Gaylord Opryland Convention Center

With Mrs. Betty St Mary (Widow of Past State Deputy Gene St Mary)



In photo with Mrs. Betty St Mary and Vice Supreme Master David Ryan



With Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 Sir Knights at ICC, Sparks, NV
and Tom Villardi- Past State Treasurer

2020-2021 Best of West Buckle



George Michael Alvendia (2nd from right), former State Membership Chairman of Reno Diocese was awarded one of the five Best in West Buckle Prize from IPSD Toni Pascua.

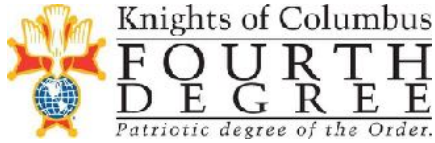
Nevada State Council topped the very “First Best in West” Competition among the 17 State Councils.

Also in photo (from left) Leo Carew III, Grand Knight of Council 12877 and Father Philip George, Council 12877 Chaplain and Pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Sparks, NV

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

4th Degree Exemplification - October 1, 2022

SK Richard E Sherman



4th Degree District Master

We will be having a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Our Lady of Las Vegas.

See UKnight Interactive **Nevada State Council site** for information on fees, filing instructions, dress code, the program book ad form and the banquet reservation form.

SCHEDULE:

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Registration of Candidates
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Exemplification
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Mass at Our Lady of Las Vegas
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	No-Host Cocktails
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Banquet Dinner

LOCATION:

Exemplification: Our Lady of Las Vegas
 3050 Alta Drive
 Las Vegas, NV 89107

Mass: Our Lady of Las Vegas
 3050 Alta Drive
 Las Vegas, NV 89107

HONOREE: SK GeneSt.Mary PSD,FM

A Message from the State Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Program Director

PROGRAMS THAT PONDEROSA COUNCIL RENO, NEVADA IS DOING

First of all, I would like to thank the WGK of Ponderosa Council 4828, SK George Minter for sharing the programs that his Council is doing. I would like to show it to you to serve as a road map on Ponderosa’s approach to choosing Supreme recommended programs involving Faith, Family, Community and Life. Choosing the program(s) to implement is easy but where it gets to be a little tricky comes from getting your Council members to volunteer and to build the kind of enthusiasm and firm commitment to make the program successful.

How do you convert that lukewarm attitude into full blast commitment? We cannot have a strong foundation without applying ourselves. Even David and Solomon found themselves on perilous ground. Half measures and staying in the middle ground will not cut it. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we have long discarded the notion of sitting on the fence and watching things unfold. We get involved. As Grand Knights, we get our members decide and strive. We get leaders of the team who is focused on the objective and can deliver results. That is what we do best. We deliver. We don’t let “Casual Obedience and lukewarm commitment weaken faith.” We do what needs to be done.

What Ponderosa has done so far:

- Faith -** Sent \$1,000 for 2 Reno Diocese Seminarians
First Friday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration
- Family -** Reno Diocesan School Support - \$500
- Community -** Food for Families - Sprout Initiative. Delivered over 4,000 lbs. of food to various food banks.
- Life -** Nevada State Council - Special Olympics - \$100
Nevada State Council Ultrasound Initiative - \$100
Supreme Council Assessment - Culture of Life - \$101
Ukraine Donation - \$500
Life Pregnancy Center Support goal - \$500-\$1,000
- Coats for Kids -** Underway

It is just August and already, Ponderosa is about 2/3 of the way to getting another **STAR COUNCIL** award. I am quite certain that many of our 50 Councils are doing the same and I am waiting for them to send me an e- mail so I could have their programs featured in our Silver Knight monthly publication.

FEATURED RECOMMENDED PROGRAM:

Our featured recommended program for the month is to raise awareness and support of the Pregnancy Resource Center's needs. This was the central focus of the speech of our Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly at the 140th Supreme Convention held on August 4-9 at Gaylord Opryland Resort in Tennessee. He said that after Roe Vs Wade, the number of precious human lives that we expect to save as a result of this Supreme Court decision will increase from 300,000 to 1,000,000 a year.

“Mothers and children need our help now more than ever,” said Supreme Knight Kelly. “As Knights, we are called to courage and self- sacrifice. Standing for life means making personal sacrifices for women and children in need — being willing to give of our time, skills and financial resources, and accepting the fact that the fruits of our labors are often hidden.”

Knights of Columbus councils are already strong allies with the approximately 3,000 pregnancy resource centers in the United States. In addition to placing ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers through the organization's Ultrasound Initiative — more than 1,550 since the flagship program launched in 2009 — Knights provided more than 1.7 million volunteer service hours and gave over \$18 million in funds and supplies to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes from 2018 to 2021 alone, supplying maternity and baby clothes, diapers, food and other items to women and children in need.

I am now asking our Council Grand Knights to dedicate the proceeds from one of their pancake breakfast fund raiser to support the pregnancy centers in their jurisdiction.

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. On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks of **pregnancy**, concurrently overturning Roe v. Wade. Please use KofC form ASAP 11377 7/22 to send your contribution and claim your \$100 Supreme grant.

Also get your council 1-2 points toward fulfilling your requirement for a Columbian award which will lead you toward your STAR COUNCIL award. Our Supreme Knight urged us to step into the breach and put our faith into action. The time to act is now. As long as there are States in the US that favors abortion, we should not stop.

I am also asking you to send letters to your Congressman and Senators to affirm and re-affirm our State's commitment to life. Organize or join marches for Life. Join the Rosary for Life and pray for the end of abortion.

TAX DEDUCTION FOR UNBORN CHILD



“Democrats say that life begins at birth while Republicans say it begins at conception. A unique law just passed in Georgia allows born children to be counted as deduction on taxes.

It's incentive for those who would otherwise consider.”

This is truly a unique law and I salute the Georgian's for making this a law. I am sure other States are thinking of doing innovative ways of promoting the sanctity of life in their States after the Supreme Court decided to leave it up for the people of the States to decide what is best for them.

State Historian Report and September 2022 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Councils’ Continue to Celebrate the Second Memorial Mass or Feast Day of Our Founder Blessed Michael McGivne

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 noteworthy 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. Please use my email address: historian@nv-kofc.com to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, my Brother Knights.

History of the Knights of Columbus Revitalizing Parishes the McGivney Way

The question is crucial. In many places, Mass attendance has declined for decades, as has sacramental practice, the number of baptisms, confessions, confirmations, and marriages. However, such statistics do not tell the whole story. Some of us remember not only a time when parishioners packed churches for Sunday Mass, but also a time when parishes functioned as centers of community life.

A lot has changed. Neighborhoods are not as cohesive as before, while options for socializing today seem to be unlimited. People no longer remain Catholic just because their parents were Catholic. Upheavals and scandals in the Church, combined with a dearth of priestly vocations, all contribute to the declining vitality of parish life. And as parishes face challenges, the very idea of evangelization can seem more and more elusive.

Our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, knew something about renewing parish life. When he arrived at St. Mary's in New Haven, Conn., the pastor was chronically ill, the parish was burdened with debt and pastoral challenges abounded. Yet, even as a newly ordained assistant pastor, Farther McGivney transformed St. Mary's into a thriving parish.

He saw to it that there were plenty of parish activities, such as picnics and plays, to complement the parish's sacramental and devotional life, but he did not introduce them as tactical ploys. Rather, he brought to St. Mary's Parish the same vision of life in Christ that led him to found the Knights of Columbus, a vision expressed in our core principles of charity, unity, and fraternity.

I would submit that these same principles are key to building, in God's grace, vibrant parish communities. They are not abstract ideas but summaries of the Gospel, keys that unlock a living relationship with Jesus Christ in company with others. Indeed, they have the potential to make parishes pulse with life and joy.

Pope Francis has challenged our parishes to be "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference". Fraternity is contrary to indifference. It is a strong sense of responsibility for and solidarity with one's neighbor. This is expressed by reaching out to one another in times of hardship, illness, and death, visiting elderly parishioners, helping bear one another's burdens.

There is no panacea for declining parishes, but I believe Blessed Michael McGivney, the quintessential parish priest, was truly on to the solution.

Columbia, May 2022, by: Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Remember: The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, who we carry on the work he began 140 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

“Knight in the Light”

Brother Alfonso S. Pena **State Program Director, PGK, Grand Knight of the Year by Supreme** **and State Audit Committee and Other State Directorships**

I am the 2nd of three siblings of Rafael L. Pena and Consuelo San Sebastián. I have an older sister who is a retired librarian at New York Public Library and a younger brother, a retired Colonel in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and a successful businessman in the Philippines. My father was the Administrative Officer of the Central Bank of the Philippines and a University Professor of Economics. My mother was an entrepreneur who owned a Dressmaking school in Manila. She was also an educator before and after World War II.

I went to school at the University of the East, Manila, Philippines while working at the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and earned my bachelor's degree in accounting I was a Battalion commander of the Reserve Officers Training Corp. with a rank of Colonel, a member of the University Debate Team, Drama Guild and Student Catholic Action Unit Organizer. Soon after earning my CPA certificate in Philippines, I enrolled at the College of Law at the University of the East and got my LLB degree in 1965.

In March 1966, shortly after graduation, I decided to come to the US. I went back to school and took courses in Accounting at the University of Southern California (USC) and then at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). After about 2 years, I took a CPA review course at Cal State Long Beach, took the CPA exam, and earned my CPA Certificate after working for Haskins and Sells as a field auditor for two years. Thereafter, I went to work at various public and private companies, like Micro data Corporation as head of the Cost Accounting Department. I was a Controller for 36 years at Syntel a microchip, and flat cable and connector company a Division of Allied Chemicals, at Schiff Photo Mechanics, Hancock Laboratories and Century Assemblers as Controller CFO, and finally retired at C & C Partners in 2004 as Corporate Controller.

While working for Schiff Photo Mechanics, I went back to school and took my master's in business administration on a scholarship, graduating Magna Cum Laude which I completed in 1987.

I joined the Knights of Columbus around 1985 at the urgings of an old disabled Financial Secretary of the newly established church at Santiago de Compostela in Lake Forest California where I resided and went to church. I volunteered at various fund-raising activities of our Council such as Pancake Breakfast, tootsie roll drives, raising money in support of the orphanage in Haiti, our annual Feast of Santiago de Compostela with carnivals and food booths, recycling of old newspapers and

plastic bottles which over a period of 6 years was able to raise \$275,000 for our church. I gained a lot of new friends by getting involved in the fund-raising activities and attending meetings.

After my wife passed away in 2011, I decided to move to Las Vegas in 2012 to be closer to my sister who lives in Las Vegas. I remarried in 2013 to Digna A. Pena, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, who encouraged me to rejoin the Knights of Columbus at Christ the King Catholic Community where I served as Lecturer, Recruitment Director, then Deputy Grand Knight for 6 years. During my term as Recruitment Director, our Council received 1- and 3-Stars award and then 9 Stars. While Deputy Grand Knight, I was also appointed to serve as State Family Director and as member of the State Audit Committee. In 2021-22, I was elected Grand Knight of our Council and served in that capacity for one year. At the end of my term, I was awarded the honor of being named Grand Knight of the year, A Service award, a belt, a Movado Watch for the being the best recruiter, and finally the top Grand Knight Award by Supreme. I was also appointed as the State Program Director in addition to my serving as State Family Director and a member of the State Audit Committee. Our Council will receive 21 Stars.

Being a Knight strengthened my faith and renewed my resolve to devote my life to serving the needs of our Church and Community. I found this to be the greatest gift that I have received from God who gave me the opportunity to give something back to my Country who made all my dreams possible.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF

Council Meeting Message September 2022

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security.



General Agent

Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But 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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Fraternal Benefits Night - Watch Party Event

Kevin Tuuri, FICF

Brothers,

Our next webinar will be coming up on **September 15, 2022 at 5:30PM** Pacific. The guest speaker is Ed Slott. More details to follow.



General Agent

Ed Slott Bio

Ed Slott is a nationally recognized speaker, television personality and best-selling author known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable, and entertaining advice.

He combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach guests about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight to the latest tax and planning information. He has been named “The Best Source for IRA Advise” by The Wall Street Journal, and USA Today wrote, “It would be tough to find anyone who knows more about IRAs than CPA Ed Slott.”

Assembly/Council Announcements

With start of the new Columbian Year, please consider designating a Council Publicist. Someone who would take the time to talk about and publicize council events, both here in the Newsletter and in your Parish Bulletin.

The benefit, of course, would be to share and possibly "inspire to action", other councils **to do and 'how to do'**.

- GM

And, as you've heard time and again, Council events are fantastic recruiting tools too!

Night with the Aviators - September 16th

SK Bob B Sotelo



District Deputy #12

Brothers,

Mother Seton Council #11029, is having their “**Night with the Aviators**”.

The game will be on **September 16th** against the Tacoma Rainiers. You can purchase your tickets by going to the web site: [Click Here](#).



Tickets are \$25 plus a \$3 service fee (\$3 from the ticket can be used either at the Concession Stand or the Store).

We will be in Sections 115 and 116. Limited sitting so order your tickets today. If you have any questions, please give **GK Frank Munoz a call at (951) 609-5424**.

Vivat Jesus,



Reno-Sparks Assemblies Hold Joint Ceremonial



Bishop Manogue
Assembly #612
&
St. Andrews
Assembly #3118

In July, Fourth Degree Assemblies kick off their fraternal year with an Installation of Officers ceremonial. Scheduling such an event, nailing down a venue, and avoiding, as best as possible, Council and personal conflicts, can be a challenge. This year was no different. The solution was to team up.

On Saturday, July 30th, Bishop Manogue Assembly 612, and St. Andrews Assembly 3118 held a joint Installation of Officers event at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in downtown Reno. Some members could not attend due to prior commitments including attendance at the Supreme Convention. However, in the end, fourteen (14) Sir Knights and family attended Mass and participated in the ceremonial led by District Marshall Daniel L. Dexter. It was the right venue, and one shared with Sir Knights of similar interests.



Installed and ready to put their Patriotism and Faith in Action in FY 2022-23

Wreaths Across America

SK Saturnino D Erolin

On Friday, September 9th at 12:00PM to 6:00PM the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit will be at Ou Lady of Las Vegas.



Grand Knight
Council #9102



The 48' exhibit is equipped with a 24-person screening room that showcases the different aspects of the WAA mission through video. To the front of the exhibit there are three interactive computers to showcase locations, trucking supporters, and general wreath sponsorship questions. Also, in the front is an education wall of information on the different areas of WAA and where the mission will be going in years to come.

The purpose of the Mobile Education Exhibit is to not only Teach the next generation about service and sacrifice, but to share stories of patriotism and love of country to communities around the United States.

Recognition for GeorgeMichael Alvendia

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

On Sunday, August 21, 2022 at the 11:30 Mass at Immaculate Conception in Sparks, Immediate Pass State Deputy and Supreme Director, Toni Pascua recognize GeorgeMichael Alvendia for his work as Past Northern State Membership Director 2021 and presented him with a belt buckle for most members recruited.



GK Leo Carew III, Father Philip, GeorgeMichael Alvendia and IPSD Tony Pascua

Three Square Program - Food Distribution Event

SK Tom Villardi



State Training Coordinator
& PST



We had a fantastic turnout at the Jo Mackey Elementary School on August 31. The school is a K-8 magnet school in North Las Vegas. They are part of the iLead Academy team with a focus on Digital Sciences. We'll have another event in a month or so - please come out & help; I know that you'll find it worthwhile.



Volunteers from SNPAL and Councils 2828, 9102, 14784 and 17996



PST Tom Villardi, PGK Joe Suarez, Justin Potts, SNPAL Board of Director, SNPAL President Dan Barry, and IPSD & Supreme Director Toni Pascua



SES Al Cuccinelli, the Jordan family, PST Tom Villardi, and IPSD & Supreme Director Toni Pascua

Wine Tasting Fundraising Event - Friday November 4, 2022

SK Bob B Sotelo



District Deputy #12

Brothers,

Holy Apostles Council #12543 will be conducting a fundraiser wine tasting event on **Friday November 4, 2022**. See details below:

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
1920 Martin Luther King Blvd (MLK & Lake Mead)

Donations: \$12

There will be food, music, door gifts, and the ever-popular ring toss.

For more information:

Contact: Steve Okosisi, PGK
Phone: (702)-406-9593
Email: sokosisi@cox.net

Please come & support your fellow Brothers.

Ponderosa Council #4928 Activities

SK George A Minter



PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Grand Knight
Council #4928



Approximately 175 pro-life supporters including knights, family, and friends, came out for a Prayer Vigil for Life on the public parkway in front of the West End Women’s Medical Group, Reno’s only abortion clinic. Ponderosa Council has always been a supporter of this monthly non-denominational, 1st Saturday of the Month Prayer Vigil, but it took the presence of the Most Reverend Daniel Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno, to bring out record numbers of supporters on Saturday, August 6th. Bishop Daniel was kind enough to share a photo op with Council members at this event, including SK Rev. Edward McDonagh



FAN DRIVE FOR SENIORS IN NEED

The summer heat is upon us, and Ponderosa Council 4928 has pitched in for the second year in a row to support the KOLO TV CHANNEL 8-KOLOCares fan drive. This program teams with the Washoe County Human Services Agency to help seniors in need beat the heat. Donations are limited to new room fans in their original boxes. Last year, the Council donated a total of 19 room fans valued at \$417.00.



This year, Program Chair SK Leo Humphreys challenged the Council to do better. He set a Council goal of 40 fan units and made it convenient for all by volunteering to deliver them directly to the Washoe County Senior Center. The fan drive results are in!

With a few days to spare, Ponderosa Council has reached its goal. Twenty-two (22) members and family volunteered 47 hours and 40 room fans valued at \$903.72, all delivered to seniors in need. What a cool and refreshing COMMUNITY service initiative this is!

Council #12877 Activities

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight
Council #12877

DD & GK MEETING

On Monday, August 29 State Training Coordinator and PST Tom Villardi and State Treasurer Chris Traver were at Immaculate Conception to host a DD training with Grand Knights included. We then had a great dinner afterwards at Davids Grill at the Redhawk Golf Course in Sparks. Father Philip and Father Arlon were both present.



BLESSED MICHAEL McGIVNEY MASS

On August 26, 2022 Council 12877 and Assembly 612 hosted a Blessed Michael McGivney Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Father Arlon Vergara OSA was the main celebrate along with other local priest's. We had a first class relic of Blessed Michael McGivney honoring us.



Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council 4928 Recognitions

SK George A. Minter



Grand Knight
Council #4928

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST 2022

HIGLEY FAMILY



The Higley family is truly remarkable. On a typical Sunday morn, one may find Amanda (mom) and Charles (dad) greeting parishioners in the parish Gathering Space before mass. When the mass begins, daughters Hayley and Grace may be leading the celebrant into the Worship Area as altar servers. During the service, daughter Sierra, a volunteer CCD instructor, may be a designated Lector. Having an entire family step up as a team to assist at mass is marvelous. Being part of the Holy Cross Catholic Community is a blessing for all.

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST 2022**SK MICHAEL J. MORRIS**

SK Michael J. Morris is the Council's Life Director and the Holy Cross Catholic Community Respect Life Program Lead. He is firmly committed to pro-life programs and has worked with Fr. Jose Issac to improve the pro-life literature display in the parish Gathering Space. Most recently, SK Michael was the point of contact that rallied Council member participation at the 1st Saturday of the Month Prayer Vigil for Life on August 6th. Currently, he is planning the 40-Days for Life Fall campaign. He is a knight that makes a difference and worthy of Council recognition as Knight of the Month for August.

SK LEO J. HUMPHRIES

SK Leo J. Humphries is a long time parishioner with ties that date back to the old Holy Cross parish church on Goldy Way. In all those years, he has never stopped putting his faith in action by serving the needy in our community in many ways. In recent years, he has been a cornerstone of the on-going success of the Council's Food for Families Sprouts Initiative. Most recently, as Program Chair, he successfully rallied our members to help make the 2022 Fans for Seniors program a success. For all that he does, SK Leo is recognized as our Council Knight of the Month for August.



Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us

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