



SILVER KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

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

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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

Good news! Nevada State welcomes Cor officially.

COR exists to form and strengthen Catholic Men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into deeper relationships with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity.

We thank Nevada delegations who went to New Haven, Connecticut to participate in the training bootcamp. They will be our SMEs (Subject Matter Experts). We will soon begin the program here in Nevada!

First, we will be asking Grand Knights to pick their own Cor representative from each of their own councils, preferably the Faith Director of the council. It is important that you select your Faith Director. Check who is your Faith Director on the 365 Form that you submitted to Supreme. If you have not submitted your 365 Service Program Personnel form, please do so as soon as possible.

We will have our first "Train the Trainer" session at Prince of Peace Social Hall (South)- Home of our Director of Diocesan Faith Formation WGK Deacon Dave Walker. We will soon email you the dates.

Our first session in the North will be determined by our State Chaplain Fr. Arlon Vergara.

We will also have virtual GotoMeeting sessions so everyone can attend. Our GotoMeeting application can hold up to 250 attendees.

Cor Technical Trainers in the South:

- WGK Deacon Dave Walker - Director of Diocesan Faith Formation (South)
- SK/FDGK Manny Infantado
- SK/FA Albert Chia
- Assisted by State Program Director Al Pena and SK/PGK Eddie Infantado

Cor Technical Trainers in the North:

- Fr. Arlon Vergara, OSA - State Chaplain
- Deacon FDD Herbert Melendez - Director of Diocesan Faith Formation (North)
- Assisted by WSW Leo Carew III and Grand Knight Richard Matoza

God Bless,

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Holy Father's

PRAYER INTENTIONS

September 2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



State Chaplain's Message

Worthy Brothers,

I attended the Cor training in New Haven, Connecticut on August 24-27, 2023, learning the concepts and the strategy on how to implement the "Evangelization and Faith Formation Program" conducted by the Team from the Headquarters of the Knights of Columbus. In attendance of the said training were representatives from other States, including Canada, the Dominican Republic, and the Philippines. We had great speakers who led us to experience the "Cor Brotherhood" centered on Christ. The mission of Cor is to refocus and strengthen the faith and virtue of Catholic men through the three key elements: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. I believe that it is timely and rightly needed in response to Pope Francis' invitation to enter into the "Synodal Process." The Church has been attacked by different forces of evil, and as Knights of Columbus we must be standing in the breach of confusion and danger to secure the safety of our brothers and sisters in the Faith. We are all called to jump in and rescue others by our willingness and intentional heart to be mentors and guides for others.

I have been a Knight since 2006, I admire our fraternity to serve our community, parish, and country. It is noble to do all the dirty work. Many Brother Knights are heroic in doing all humanitarian and charitable works unceasingly. But there is a limit to what we do because we are all humans: therefore, we become tired and exhausted. There is no way to replenish our lost energy. We slow down and disconnect with our



Brother Knights.

This Cor Brotherhood, which I like to call it, will be the answer to our diminishing desire to sustain our future in order to impact others through our Order. What has been lacking is the spiritual stability for the sustenance of our souls.

The very reason why early Christians were able to persevere to follow Christ, despite the many trials, was their communion with each other living out the gospel and “sharing everything they had.” (Acts 4:32). Spiritual connection and relationship with Christ make a great difference to achieve and further our ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. By coming together, supporting each other and mentoring each other with an openness to include others on our way to God, is our Mission.



The Order of St. Augustine, of which I belong as a religious, emphasizes St. Augustine’s rule, “to be of One Heart and One Mind intent upon God,” is the reason why we come together as a community. St. Augustine wrote, “Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!” These are thought-provoking words. We cannot deny that we are in the mud of earthly comfort, not mindful that we don’t have the time to do something to save ourselves, our families, and the world by our own little way of responding aggressively to be firm in faith and to practice virtues for the sake of the kingdom.

We need to enjoy the company of others as we follow the path of holiness in Christ. This Cor Brotherhood is relevant in this modern time to guide our path to God and to answer our thirst for spiritual nourishment. There is no way we can search and find God if our relationship with Him is lukewarm and detached from Him. To be alone is more difficult, but to stay connected with our fellow Knights and neighbors is precious because by relating to each other, it is a way to know God better. We must be able to say who God is and what He is doing in our lives through an intimacy with God and others. This intimacy is indeed a manifestation of our profound relationship with God. I have a deep impression of this encounter which is only possible

through persistent prayer, formation and fraternity which will surely bless us with the rich treasure of God’s presence.

Many would probably say that attending the Cor Brotherhood is only for women, no! It is for gentlemen who accept with great humility to sit silently and listen to another; to pray together and share together takes even greater humility to understand, “I need to be steadfast in making my decision to belong and participate.”

May our founder, Blessed McGivney, and our Lady of Guadalupe, our mother, pray for us and for the success of this spiritual endeavor of the Knights of Columbus. God bless you.

Fr. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA
State Chaplain

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State Secretary’s Message

Brothers,

We had a wonderful experience at the Supreme Convention in early August. Thousands of Brother Knights and clergy from all over the world. I will summarize some of the most things reported. Before I get to that let me say that on one of the afternoons there was a State Pin Exchange. It’s a way of getting everyone together and socializing. Our State Pin had the best design and was by far the most sought after.

The theme for the Convention was “First in Faith and Charity”.

NEW HEIGHTS OF CHARITY

- \$5.3+ million to help people affected by natural disasters, including hurricanes Fiona and Ian.
- 20th anniversary of the Order’s partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission.
- \$3.7+ million in scholarships and support for priests.
- \$21+ million and countless volunteer hours to Special Olympics.
- Coats for Kids program on track to donate the program’s one-millionth coat this winter.
- Largest-ever relief effort — the Ukraine Solidarity Fund \$21M+ Ukrainian refugees — mostly women and children — and their families.
- 9,000 Knights in Ukraine and Poland have distributed 7.2M pounds of food, 3.6M pounds of care packages, 85K pounds of medications to those affected by the war.

PROTECTING FAMILIES

Superior ratings from AM Best (A+) and Standard & Poor’s (AA+). 2nd consecutive year, Forbes has recognized Knights of Columbus Insurance as one of America’s best life insurance companies.

Upcoming Nevada Events

- 09/08-09 [Las Vegas Diocesan Conference](#)
- 09/16 [Cor Technical Training LV](#)
- 09/23 [Sisters Appreciation St. Anthony of Padua, LV](#)
- 10/14 [Nevada State Council 1st Annual Bowling LV Tournament](#)
- 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](#)

September 2023 Readings

09/03/23
[Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

09/10/23
[Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

09/17/23
[Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

09/24/23
[Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

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FORMING MEN IN FAITH

To help Catholic men grow in prayer, faith formation and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus has launched an initiative called *Cor*, Latin for “heart,”

After a very successful pilot program in 21 jurisdictions, we’re preparing to roll *Cor* out to the entire Order.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through **prayer, formation, and fraternity**.

BUSIER THAN EVER IN A POST-ROE WORLD

Last year Supreme announced a new pro-life initiative called ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) with a goal of \$5M for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes – 6M+ raised.

Donated 1,745 ultrasound machines to date to pro-life pregnancy centers through the Ultrasound Initiative

A NEW ERA OF IMPACT

2M+ members around the world, reaching new generations and setting the stage for a “new era of impact.”

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly – “In this age of mediocrity, the Knights of Columbus invites men to greatness; to sacrifice themselves for the good of others; to commit to a higher call with a band of brothers; and to stand strong in the breach, side by side, instead of being swept away by the culture, one at a time.”

We will inspire a new generation of men on a mission — “**first in faith and charity.**”

Vivat Jesus!

Al Cuccinelli
State Secretary

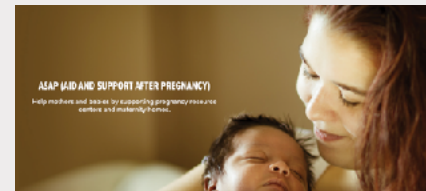
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Aid & Support After Pregnancy

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.



State Treasurer/District Master's Update

Brother Knights,

I am very proud of our state this past fraternal year, we did amazing numbers. Brothers, you all played a major part in all of our accomplishments. I would like to thank you for your dedication to the order. Myself personally, I accomplished more than I thought I was capable of due to my health and physical disabilities but everyday I pushed through and kept my faith in Jesus.

With 4 districts in Providence, Las Vegas, NV is number 1. Since my time as an officer within the council, my council has made Star Council every year and I plan on continuing it. Most recently, I have attended the State Convention in Orlando, FL and as always, I'm reminded of the honor it is to be a Knight. As our member coordinator, I was proud to see that we surpassed our goal at 127%. I'm constantly working on growing our numbers, but specifically in the 4th Degree as we all should. Another highlight of this fraternal year for me is the making of our new council at St. John Neumann, as District Master this project is priority and it's coming along very well. I cannot forget to mention the Seminarian Raffle and an outstanding job all of the councils did this year! My responsibility was that of production and distribution for the tickets and the delivery of the check at the GO Forth Mass to Bishop Thomas. This year I will lead the Seminarian Raffle as Seminarian Chairman along with SK Tom Edwards as RSVP Coordinator.

To wrap things up, I am looking forward to fulfilling my duties as State Treasure and Treasure of 10442, with my wife Gigi by my side. If God is willing, I will continue my devotion to my parish as head usher, my community work with water distribution to US Vets of America, and monthly food distributions at Dorris Reed Elementary and Findlay Middle school where 40 thousand pounds of food has been distributed to the community each month. Thank you to all the brother knights that volunteer every month. If you would like to join us, please check Uknight for dates or email me for more details.

Keep a lookout for upcoming events, just to name a few; Coats 4 Kids, Tootsie Roll Drive, Harvest Festival, and the Veterans Parade. All in which I will assist coordinating and participating in. Although, I am just finding out I am scheduled for surgery September 7, I plan on making the Exemplification at Prince of Peace on September 23 and the following events - God be with me.

Please keep my family and I in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Villardi

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State Membership Director's Message

Worthy Brothers,

A Church Drive can be very effective if fully planned and implemented. Supreme has delta drive kits available at no charge to the council. These kits contain promotional material and prayer cards to hand out before or after mass and contact cards. The kit does not contain form-100's as supreme wants us to use online membership application on your phone or computer. My goal is for every council to conduct a membership drive by the end of September. Several councils have already held their first membership drive but we still have 28 councils who have not. Please get with your pastor and schedule one for September and your council's membership drives for the rest of this fraternal year.

Why? Why, invite men to join your council and our order? Inviting men to join your council is the opportunity to build your council and our brotherhood and help our parishes, families and communities. To grow is to be able to expand your service. Your parish, families and community need your council now more than ever and your council needs to continually grow to help meet growing needs.

How? Talk to your pastor. A council that doesn't work with a pastor will struggle. Meet with him regularly. Ask what the council can do for him and the parish. Talk about the faith programs that the knights offer to grow the faith of the members of the parish. Ask if you can conduct membership drives at the church so to have the men needed to conduct programs that help the parish. Then ask if he will invite men, he feels would be a good fit to join your council.

Plan: Set clear expectations on growing of your council. Every fish fry, every pancake breakfast, every charitable activity, every event that draws a crowd is an opportunity to invite men to join. These events are concrete proof of your council's good works. Talk about membership at every event and program your council conducts.

Schedule church drives: Your Delta Church Drive Program should bring in two or three men from each mass. That has been the experience of your state officers and directors. If you have five

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
- # TBD Fr. Tom Gallenbach

trained members ready to perform at each mass you should get two or three new members. If you need training of how to use the online membership application get with your district deputy for help.

Challenge your members: One of the most effective ways to grow your council is a personal invite from a Knight. Challenge each of your officers and directors to bring in one new Knight this fraternal year.

Step outside of your comfort zone: We hear a lot of stories from men who waited decades for someone to ask them to join the Knights. All it took was a personal invite. Go beyond your everyday circle. Talk with parishioners at Mass. Be visible. Reach out to the young and old. Reach out to all ministries and ethnic groups in your parish.

God Bless,

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Knights History

Nevada History

Father Manogue in Virginia City

After his ordination in December of 1861, Father Manogue reported to Bishop O'Connell in Marysville, who dispatched him to the small Nevada town of Virginia City. Perched on the edge of the Washoe Mountains, Virginia City had first been visited several years before by Father Joseph Gallagher who set up a small mission there. Virginia City grew tremendously with the Comstock Strike of 1858-59 and even more when four miners struck the "Big Bonanza" in 1873. Father Manogue tended to the church of St. Mary's in the Mountains and traveled to scattered mission stations. He proved himself to be a superb organizer and institution builder, founding schools, a hospital and orphanage. He welcomed the Daughters of Charity to work in the community. Because he was a terrible public speaker, he had the good sense to bring in preachers of note for special occasions, like the leather-lunged Jesuit Father John Chrysostom Bouchard. In his nearly twenty-year pastorate, Father Manogue forged bonds with people from all walks of life. His friendship with Big Bonanza multimillionaire John Mackay and Theresa Fair, wife of millionaire James Fair, would later prove important.

Father Manogue had definite ideas about church building. The memories of the remaking of Paris during his seminary years were refreshed when he received a health leave from Nevada in 1873 and spent several months abroad. He continually built and rebuilt St. Mary's in the Mountains (occasionally destroyed by fire), making it each time more and more elegant as the means of his parishioners allowed. He brooked no rivals to his authority in Virginia City. Bishop O'Connell interfered little in his work, and a small community of Passionists, who had set up a mission in the mining community, left town after tangling with Father Manogue.

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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 be the one to Canonize our Blessed Michael McGivney!

Visit the website:



Knight in the Light

Sir Knight SEAN HALPAIN

Supreme Director, PSD (Arizona), FDD, PGK and PFN

It is an honor to be a “Knight in the Light” as I am not a Nevada Knight of Columbus but rather from Arizona. I had the privilege to serve as the Supreme Representative to the Nevada 2023 State Convention.

I was born in Rawlins, Wyoming and am the second oldest of seven children. My father grew up in Colorado and my mother is from Butte, Montana. They met and married in Wyoming after my father had completed serving with the 11th Airborne Division in WWII. He joined at the age of 15 and was part of the Occupation Army in Japan. I spent my grade school years in Bairoil, Wyoming, an oil camp company town of Sinclair Oil and Gas Company. I graduated from Moorcroft High School, on the edge of the Black Hills of Wyoming

I financed my college attendance by working summers in the oilfields around Gillette, Wyoming. After graduation I returned to the oil business as a Field Superintendent for an oil field construction and maintenance company. I was fortunate to work for a man that told me I had a job as long as he owned the company, but he sensed I wanted to move on and leave the “Patch”. With his support and encouragement, I went to work for Petrolane Gas Service. I worked in both the Natural Gas and the Propane divisions in Wyoming, Utah, and Arizona. It was while living and working in Casper, WY that I married my wife Brenda and joined the Knights of Columbus. Our pastor, Fr. Sheridan, invited the entire men’s slow pitch softball team, that the parish sponsored, to join and nine of us joined together.

I have been married to Brenda Buscher Halpain for almost 39 years. We have two adult sons and two grandsons. We live in Sun Lakes, AZ after moving from Wyoming in 1986, where Brenda and Sean were married in 1984.

I am a Charter Member of Council 11536 in Mesa, Arizona. I joined the Order in 1984 as a member of Council 1563 in Casper, Wyoming. I joined the Patriotic Degree in 2000 and am a Charter member of Assembly 3029 and served in several offices including Faithful Navigator.

I was able to serve in multiple Council Officers positions, both in Wyoming and Arizona. As Grand Knight for the 1995-96 Fraternal year, Council 11536 earned the Star Council Award. I served as a District Deputy from 2007 to 2010, receiving the Star District Award for the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year. I was asked to serve again as a District Deputy in 2014 at the same time I held a State Office. From 2009 to 2011 I also served as the State General Program Director.

Elected as State Warden in 2011, I served in all the state offices culminating as State Deputy from 2016 to 2018, receiving the Circle of Honor award for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year.

I had the high honor of being elected to the Supreme Board of Directors at the Minneapolis Supreme Convention in 2019. I currently serve on the Appeals Committee and am Chairman of the Eucharistic Revival Ad Hoc Committee.

I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science with emphasis on Public Administration and Public Law and my Master of Arts Degree in Political Science emphasizing Public Administration. Both Degrees are from the University of Wyoming.

My professional career has been as varied as my Knights of Columbus experiences. I began in the oil and natural gas construction industry, followed by 16 years in the natural gas and propane utilities industries where I was active in management as well as mergers and acquisitions, 4 years in minor league professional basketball and finally over 19 years in the international semiconductor industry.

While at the Continental Basketball Association, at the time the Official Developmental League for the NBA, I served as Corporate Treasurer and Director of Finance. In this role I managed the accounting for the Association, oversaw the accounting for the eight league teams, and prepared consolidated financial reports of the teams and league office.

I recently retired from the international Semiconductor industry where I was the Director of Product and Inventory Management for Somerset Capital Group. My duties include global inventory management, international and domestic shipping and logistics, US Customs compliance, and site facility management at their operation in Tempe, AZ.

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



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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. 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,

+ 
 Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg
 Bishop of Reno

Helping Hands Feeding the Needy

The St. Vincent’s Food Pantry program of the Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada is the largest food pantry in northern Nevada. On August 7th, five member knights of Ponderosa Council 4928 met with Monique Jacobs, the Charities’ Director of Mission and Identity, who graciously took the team on a tour of their Fourth St. facility in downtown Reno.

In addition to viewing the process of receiving and distributing food in their food pantry and touring Reno’s oldest “soup kitchen” that serves over 400 people each day, the team also learned of seven other diverse programs that provide emergency support services, senior housing, assistance for a legal pathway to citizenship, help to low-income Medicare beneficiaries, the Thriving Families support center and more.

Most were surprised to learn that their Wellness and Vaccines initiative is not just local to Reno. It works with the NRHA by providing vaccines and health and wellness knowledge to the needy in rural areas throughout the State of Nevada, from Jackpot to Laughlin, supporting two traveling medical teams.



The tour ended with a viewing of a wall mural created by staff member “Vinnie.” It displays images of helping hands on air balloons delivering food to the needy ... an appropriate background for the Council to hand our Food for Families donation of \$1,000.00 to help deliver food to those in need.

- George A. Minter, GK

Annual Mass of Sending Forth

Through all your hard work and resolve, we were able to present Archbishop Thomas with a check for the Archdiocese Seminarians in the amount of \$41,991.64.



- Al Cuccinelli, SS

Soccer Challenge 2023

After two consecutive late October Soccer Challenge events in prior years were dampen due to rain and bone chilling wind, Ponderosa Council 4928 coordinated with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) on hosting this annual youth event in warmer weather for ages 9 to 14 at the Shadow Mountain Sports Complex. In addition to the benefits of improved weather, it was sandwiched between two competitive AYSO Sparks Region 166 Micro-tournament matches that provided both improved program support and increased youth participation.

This year’s event had 7 members who stepped up and volunteered 24 hours in service to plan and help set up two goals, and to register and record the scores of the 20 contestants who competed. Winners in 7 classes moved on to the next level of competition.



While it was generally agreed that the program could have done better, it was felt that conducting the program with AYSO in late summer was very beneficial, giving the Council a base to grow in the future by improving pre-event procedures.

- George A. Minter, GK

QR Code Membership

It couldn't be any easier.



Brother Knight and Coast Guard Rep.at council 12877, Mike Colasio and wife Lori. Mike joined online using the QR code.

Pictured: PGK Leo Carew and wife Connie and GK Ritchie Matoza.

- LeoV Carew III, SW

Knight of the Month

SK Robert L. Culwell has been a member of Ponderosa Council 4928 for 16 years with a long history of active participation in Council fundraisers and service initiatives. As a veteran Marine Corps pilot in the Viet Nam War, he is one of the first to volunteer for the Reno Air Races year after year after year. Bob has already volunteered for this year's event to be held in September. The same is true of the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off where he has volunteered to man beverage booths since the Council first participated back in 2014.

He is currently working this year's event in Sparks which ends on Labor Day.



Those are the Council's major fundraisers, but it doesn't end there. Bob also participates in many different types of Council service initiatives throughout the fraternal year including this month's Soccer Challenge held at Shadow Mountain Sports Complex and the Annual Diocesan Conference held in January. For all that he does, he is recognized as our August Knight of the Month.

- George A. Minter, GK

Family of the Month

SK Steve Schiwart and Lady Debbie continue to be active parishioners at Holy Cross Catholic Community (HCCC). Both serve as Eucharistic ministers. He also serves as a parish lector and usher.

SK Steve is our Council Advocate, the current District Warden, and the State Council Chair for the Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose. In the latter role, he recently travelled to

back to Sparks, NV to coordinate and collect the Silver Rose to initiate its Nevada tour leg with a presentation and rosary at



HCCC on August 6th - an approximate 575 mile drive in service!

Debbie is the parish's Women's Group Chair responsible for leading its Easter Diaper Drive, hosting pancake breakfasts, and maintaining the parish Gift Cabinet. As a couple they are recognized as the Council's August Family of the Month.

- George A. Minter, GK

Diocese of Reno Seminarians

Sean Scherschel
Theology I
St. John's Seminary

Anthony Rizo
Mount Angel Seminary

Rene Rodriguez
Theology III
St. John's Seminary

Jacob Means
Propaedeutic Year
Mt. Angel Seminary

Deacon Francis Coyne
Pastoral Internship
OLW Newman Center

Archdiocese of Las Vegas Seminarians

Juanpablo Macias
2nd Year Pre-Theology
Mount Angel Seminary

Gino Esposito
Propaedeutic Year
Mount Angel Seminary

Simon Tran
Pastoral Year
Christ the King Catholic, LV

German-Andrés Ramirez
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