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State Deputy:
Ramiro Gardea

Brother Knights, Families and Friends,

This past year has proven to be challenging and rewarding in many ways as we fast approach the end of yet another fraternal year. Our 105th Annual State Convention is just around the corner and we are in the process of making final arrangements to ensure we have a successful convention. This year's convention will be hosted by UNLV College Council 15061 at the Alexis Park Resort Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Special guests will be Supreme Council Representative Andrew Walther, wife Maureen, and California San Diego Chapter Rene Trevino who will talk about the Special Olympics Summer Games in Southern California this year.

The Nevada Jurisdiction accomplished another milestone this past March 2015; a Knights of Columbus Roundtable was established on campus at University of Reno, this was a project started 7 years ago. We can proudly state the Knights of Columbus are now established within both University's in the State of Nevada, UNLV in Las Vegas and UNR in Reno. We expect to have a full UNR Council on campus by May 2015 and we wish them God's speed in all their endeavors.

Our congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary State Council who recently established a new Ladies Auxiliary Council at Christ the King Council 14144, we also wish them God's speed in all their endeavors.

As my term of office comes to a close I want to thank all Brother Knights, families and friends throughout the Nevada Jurisdiction for all your past support and hard work in assisting your communities and parishes. Thank you and God bless everyone.

*Vivat Jesus,
Ramiro "Ray" Gardea
State Deputy*

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UPCOMING 105th STATE CONVENTION NEWS!!

Gentlemen,

We are a few weeks away from the 2015 Nevada State Convention being held at the Alexis Park and sponsored by the Nevada State Council. State Convention flyers have been distributed recently and so make note of the deadlines so that we have a well attended meeting with full participation.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Location: Alexis Park All Suite Resort, 375 E, Harmon Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89169

Reservations at the Alexis Park can be made by calling (702) 796-3322 or email: reservations@alexispark.com. The Deadline for the group rate has expired so availability may be limited and at market price.

Alexis Park
Toll Free Phone Number:
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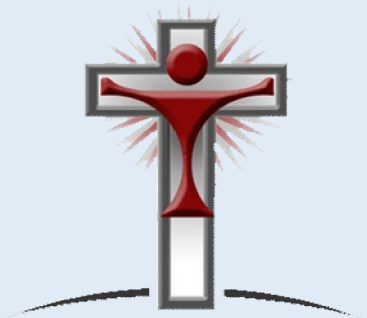
CONVENTION YEARBOOK & SHIRTS:

Refer to flyer earlier distributed for pricing and deadlines.

If you have any questions please contact:

Robert Miranda
Convention Chairman
(702) 762-1680

Or go to the Knights of Columbus Nevada State website at:
<http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/?CN=US&ST=NV>



Host Council:
UNLV College Council
#15061



“To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely.”

- Pope Francis



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STATE CHAPLAIN: FR. ALBERT FELICE-PACE,

The Joy of the Gospel and the Knights by Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P. State Chaplain



In the year 2013, Pope Francis published his first apostolic exhortation for the whole Church titled "The Joy of The Gospel." It was addressed to all people of good will. We Knights of Columbus need to study this letter and see how to implement it in our councils and our parishes.

In this exhortation, Pope Francis reminded us that the most important mission of the Church is to proclaim and announce the joy of the Gospel, a joy that it is not of human rights but which comes from God. The joy indwells in the missionary nature of the Church.

With regard to the Church's pastoral outreach and greater involvement in today's world affairs, the Pope writes, "we cannot passively and calmly wait in our church's building, we need to move from a pastoral ministry of mere conservation to a decidedly missionary pastoral ministry. The task continues to be a source of immense joy for the church: 'just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than ninety nine righteous persons who need repentance. Lk. 15:7."

The word "joy" appears 109 times in the Joy of the Gospel. This word joy or this phrase the joy of the Gospel has been in the Pope's vocabulary as priest, bishop and cardinal. As Pope, he now reaffirms the conviction of the church that it is concerned not about its boundaries but about seeking an encounter with humanity, an encounter that communicates the joy of the Gospel. At the beginning of the letter, the Pope invites all Christians everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ or at least an opening to letting him encounter them. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord. We Knights should take heed of this.

For Pope Francis, the Church is to be a joyful community of believers completely unafraid of the modern world, completely unafraid of change and completely unafraid of challenges. There are people who like the status quo – we have always done it this way. The Pope insisted that the Christian evangelizer cannot show the face of someone who has just come back from a funeral or a Christian whose life seems like Lent without Easter. The overall message is that Catholics (including the Knights) should be unafraid of new ways of thinking about Church. In fact, the Pope insisted that new ways are essential if we are to spread the Gospel at all.

We must live by the joy of the Gospel as we evangelize and transmit our Christian faith. He wants us to reach out, 1) to those who are already practicing their faith. We need to help them to continue to grow spiritually; 2) to those who are baptized but whose lives do not reflect the demands of baptism. They have fallen away by the wayside. We need to help them experience a conversion and a recommitment to the Gospel; 3) to those who have not heard the Gospel as yet.

As Knights we need to reach out to all these people. In the exhortation, Pope Francis, reminded us that a personal dialogue is needed as we invite these people either to recommit themselves to the Gospel or to invite them to listen to the Gospel for the first time. In the years after the second Vatican Council, the faithful have been reminded of the importance of being evangelizers of the Gospel.

Pope Francis, in one of his recent homilies said that all Christians must proclaim Jesus Christ in such a way as to build bridges not walls. The Pope himself showed us how to build bridges. The Pope went to Jordan and the Holy Land where he prayed with the Moslems and the Jews. And last Pentecost Sunday, at the Vatican he prayed with the President of Palestine, Abbas, the President of Israel Perez and the Orthodox Leader. Let us be builders of bridges to invite others to come and join us. The joy and confidence needed to tackle these challenges is rooted and grounded in a deep relationship with Jesus Christ. Without that personal relationship with Jesus to spread the Gospel is useless. We must have what the Pope calls a "constantly renewed experience of savoring Christ's friendship and his message." Remember always the words of Jesus, "Do not be

The Joy of the Gospel and the Knights by Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P. State Chaplain (cont. from pg. 4)

PS. This is my last article that I will submit for the Silver Knight since a new State Chaplain will be appointed by the new State Deputy. I want to thank Br. David Ryan and Br. Ray Gardea for inviting me to be the State Chaplain during their terms of office. I enjoyed working with them and with the Knights.

As of June I am going to retire from being Director at the Catholic Newman Center at UNLV. I will be living in Las Vegas with the Dominican community. I will still help various parishes in celebrating Masses and hearing confessions.

And finally, I will continue raising funds for the building of a chapel at UNLV. By the time you receive this issue of the Silver Knight we would have reached the first million. So we will be working on the second one. I suggested once before and I will do it again. I would love to see the KofC of Nevada donating funds for a stained glass window or two. If every Knight sends just 5 dollars we can raise \$25,000. This is my challenge to every Knight of the Nevada Jurisdiction. Let's do it. I am the first one to send \$5. Follow my example. Please send the \$5 to Catholic Newman Center, 4765 Brussels St, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Checks made payable to Catholic Newman Club. Thanks. This will be a nice retirement gift.

Our Principles

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Fraternity – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.



STATE SECRETARY: Greg
Sprigg



Inspirational article submitted by State Secretary Greg Sprigg

The grandson of the legendary Green Bay Packers coach speaks of past, present and future NFL championships in light of the Catholic faith.

by TRENT BEATTIE 01/23/2015

Joe Lombardi, grandson of famed NFL coach Vince Lombardi, is the offensive coordinator of the Detroit Lions.

– Photo courtesy of the Detroit Lions



Not many people can say their last name is on the sterling silver trophy presented each year to the best team in the NFL. However, while Joe Lombardi is one of the few who can lay claim to that honor, he is not taken in by it. The Super Bowl trophy is named after his grandfather, Vince Lombardi, who, as head coach of the Green Bay Packers, won five NFL championships.

As quarterbacks coach of the New Orleans Saints in 2010, Joe Lombardi helped his team win the trophy named after his grandfather. Now, as offensive coordinator of the Detroit Lions, he hopes to win the Super Bowl again one day, but he also knows that there are more important things in life. Faith and family come before football in the Lombardi household, which prays the Angelus, the Rosary and the Diviner Mercy Chaplet on a daily basis.

Joe Lombardi, a 43-year-old father of six, spoke with Register correspondent Trent Beattie about football and Catholic traditions in anticipation of Super Bowl XLIX, set to take place on Feb. 1 between the New England Patriots and the defending-champion Seattle Seahawks.

The Lions played the Patriots in the 2014 regular season, so you got to see them up close. What do they need to do in Super Bowl XLIX to prevent the Seahawks from repeating as Super Bowl champions?

The Patriots have an outstanding offense led by Tom Brady, but they can't rely solely on it against the Seahawks, who have a tremendous defense. Because the Patriots won't be able to run up the score, I think the key for them will be their own defense. They've got to control the running game of the Seahawks and try to force Russell Wilson to beat them with his throwing arm.

You won a Super Bowl as the quarterbacks coach with the Saints in 2010. Was there special importance for you in winning a trophy with your grandfather's name on it?

Winning the Super Bowl was special, but not just for me. I think everyone else on the team liked it as much as I did. People on the outside looking in might see things in a different light, but, from a coach's perspective, you get too focused on all the work involved to notice a family name on a trophy.

I guess you could say I was carrying on a family football tradition, but the specifically Catholic traditions, which were passed on through my family as well, are the ones most important to me. I wasn't able to meet my grandfather, since he died nine months before I was born. However, his Catholicism lives on through me, so that's what really means the most.

Did your grandfather's football lessons get passed on to you through your father?

They did, but I don't recall my dad sitting me and my two older brothers down every week and telling us outright that we were getting a lesson from Grandpa. It was more of something that was always there, kind of like a part of your identity. Your respect for the game is a part of a heritage you carry with you. (cont. pg. 7)

Inspirational article submitted by State Secretary Greg Sprigg (cont. from pg. 6)

Somewhat paradoxically, one of the things passed on was that success is not a matter of genetics. You're not born a winner; you have to make the effort to become one. Anyone can do something well if he has the sincere desire to do that. There has to be a commitment to getting the task done and a dedication to the fundamentals of one's position.

I've been blessed, not only to have a grandfather like Vince Lombardi, but also to have been around so many other talented coaches. My high-school coach at Seattle Prep was Rollie Robbins; at the Air Force Academy, it was Fisher DeBerry; at the University of Dayton (the first place I coached), it was Mike Kelly; and with the New Orleans Saints, it was Sean Payton.

The Lions were 7-9 in 2013, but after a new coaching staff came on the scene, went 11-5 and made the playoffs. What needs to be done to get even better next year?

We want to continue to improve, have a great regular season and go further in the playoffs. We're already going in that direction, because we've gotten better from 2013. We've played smart football by cutting down on turnovers, and our defense did extremely well. Our offense needs to be more explosive, though.

There's a lot of talent spread in the league, so there's a cluster of teams that, if certain things turn out right, can win the whole thing. I think we're one of those teams, so we have a real shot at being the best next year. You start out with an overarching goal like that and then break it down into smaller goals: Right now, the players need a rest from the season; then they start working out on their own; then we have training camp, preseason etc. It's all done one step at a time.

Besides your own work, you need to have certain things outside your control go your way. This happened with the Saints in the 2009 regular season and 2010 postseason. One example was almost losing home-field advantage for the playoffs, but, because of the Bears' overtime victory against the Vikings in late 2009, we were able to play at home, including against the Vikings in the NFC Championship game. They say luck is the residue of design, but we had zero control over a game between two other teams. That's where you have to be thankful to God for gifts that are handed to you.

Have you always been thankful for your Catholic faith?

I have not. Unfortunately, it's all too common for people in my generation to have gotten lost in the catechetical haze of the 1970s and '80s. Parents sent their children to Catholic schools under the assumption that they would receive a Catholic education, but that's not what usually took place. Maybe part of it was my fault, by not being interested in hearing the truth, but there wasn't great faith formation in the classroom.

I first started becoming truly interested in the greatness of the Catholic faith around the time I got married 15 years ago. My wife, Molly, and I were concerned about all the health dangers of contraceptive pills, so we looked into natural family planning [which the Church approves]. A priest we met with wanted us to listen to a talk on CD from Dr. Janet Smith called "[Contraception: Why Not?](#)" but we said we were already sold on the topic. He insisted that we listen to it anyway, and we were blown away by what Dr. Smith said. Even though we were on the path it recommended, our beliefs and motives were reinforced or augmented in many ways.

That was the first step toward becoming more fully Catholic?

Yes, we started looking into what the Church teaches, and our search has produced so many great results. Now, we love being immersed in Catholic traditions, including the extraordinary form of the Mass. We attend a parish that has this one *Sunday* a month, and the other Sundays they have the ordinary form in English, but with the priest facing ad orientem ["toward the east," or in the same direction as the congregation] and with suitable music. (cont. on pg 8)

Inspirational article submitted by State Secretary Greg Sprigg (cont. from pg. 7)

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, so we should do everything we can to make it look and sound like that, rather than downplaying the fact. That's why I find it worth the effort to search for a Mass that's done well. It helps me to get a sharper sense of heavenly things and to pray better.

One thing that has helped me get a better sense of the Mass is a book called [Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist](#). In it, Dr. Brant Pitre gives a historical context for the sacrifice of the Calvary, which is the same as the sacrifice of the Mass. He shows what the Passover was like at the time of Jesus, why Jesus started the Eucharist during Passover, what the Jews were looking for in the Messiah and the meaning of the manna in the desert. Overall, you're able to see that Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and practices.

Do you think that if people would look into the history and theology of the Mass they would get more out of it and attend it more frequently?

No question about it. It's mind-boggling to learn what really takes place in each Mass. It's not a random collection of man-made rituals; it's something that originated with Jesus (and, in a sense, came before him, since it has its roots in the Old Testament), and it has been passed down to us. Each of its parts has deep meaning because they are reflections of Jesus.

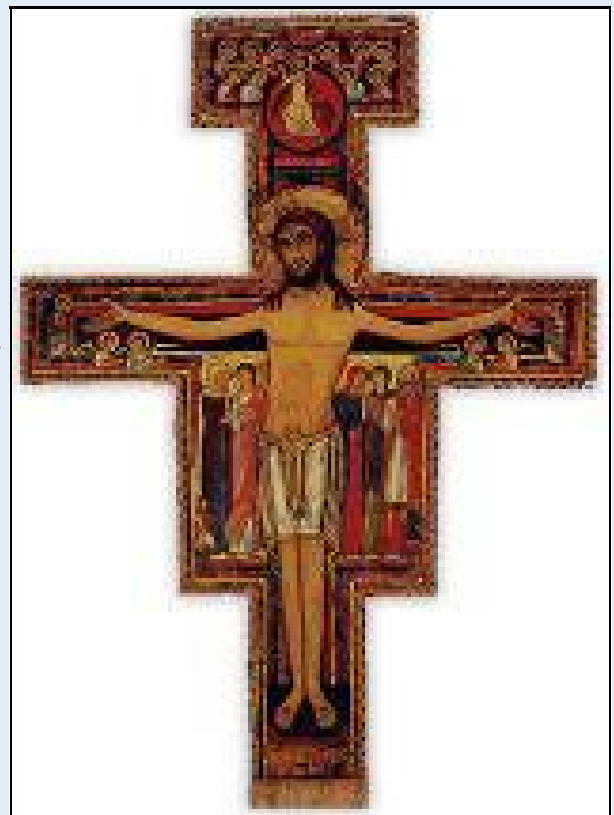
One of the things I like to do is not only going to *Sunday Mass*, but making a day of it with the family. Instead of going our separate ways after church, we meet up with another family or two and enjoy a meal together, play with the kids, etc. I get to do this all-day thing now that the season is over, and it's a great blessing.

Are there other Catholic family activities you enjoy?

Our family tries to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet every day. Marian intercession and the mercy of God are so closely related, so we've even started the Angelus at 6am, noon and 6pm. The first one, that early in the morning, is a challenge, but even if we pray the Angelus at 8, it's 6 somewhere, right? Plus, no matter what time of the day it's done, prayer is always a good thing.

It's a privilege to be the father of a Catholic family, where you not only pass along natural life to your sons and daughters, but supernatural life, too. That's what matters most, what's way more important than any Super Bowl victories, however fun those may be. I try to get this across to men's groups I talk to through [Catholic Athletes for Christ's Speakers Bureau](#). The Super Bowl is the attention-grabber, but the more relevant thing is to live your life according to the teachings of Jesus, which are found in their entirety in the Catholic Church.

Register correspondent Trent Beattie writes from Seattle. Read more: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/joe-lombardis-super-bowl-and-super-faith-stories/#ixzz3Q3GRXoGH>



S T A T E t r e a s u r e r : T h o m a s p e a c o c k

At the midyear I mentioned that I would not be running for state office due to health reasons.

At that time I knew it was not all good but 2 hospital stays for more than half the month made it impossible to meet all my Treasurer duties in a timely manner. Bills did not get paid and checks were not deposited.



John Layman was Treasurer for 3 years prior to being State Deputy and has graciously offered to take over. That is best for me and for the Knights of Columbus at this time. He is working out with Greg Sprigg, SS on handling the details.

Prior to all the disability things flowed very smoothly, although everyone has not gotten the message that the state's checking account is named "Knights of Columbus." K of C also is accepted although "Greg Sprigg" and "Nevada State" are not. Sometimes these things are easy like when the SS puts out a meal reservation form that specifies who to make the check to. Having been a GK I know that communication is not always easy when it has to go through a FS to the Treasurer. My council tended to conduct most of that check writing at the monthly meetings when everyone was in the same place but that is not always the case. I hope John and his successor do not have these kinds of problems.

My health is seeming to get better, maybe because of all the prayers, but also because my wife keeps me home bound, except for medical appointments, which can be 4 times a week. Yesterday was only the second time in 6 months that they sent me home without any poking (except for the initial blood sample) which seems good. This compared to the nupregin shot in the belly, the platelet or blood transfusion, which can take most of the day. At least with "march madness" I find myself doing what so many other people are doing. Yes, my bracket was busted right off the bat with Iowa State, the big 12 champion, was not supposed to lose the first game.

I am available to any and all by phone, but won't be seen at large gatherings until all those blood numbers go significantly up and stay there. I am still looking for a "go home" to be for the second time in a row. God bless all those who care and pray as attitude and morale is so important to recovery. There were several time in the hospital when I wondered what was to become of me. But then that applies to us all, although we don't think much of it. We all will die, we just don't know when, or where, or how. Rosaries are so important and we all have one to say.

Thomas Peacock,
State Treasurer

Over the course of its history, the Knights of Columbus has been an unstoppable force for good in the Church and society.

Learn how a handful of immigrant Catholic men, led by one visionary priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, seized the spirit of their times to found an organization whose appeal is timeless because its goals are for all eternity.



State Advocate: Thomas J. Thorn

Dear Brother Knights,

Fraternal year 2014-15 has been a full year of opportunities, growth and challenges as your State Advocate. I have received many questions on different issues effecting the Councils and their membership came up and was able to answer them due to the Supreme Council website's great amount of guidance for Council Advocates and myself to answer Council, District and State Officers questions. When needed, we were able to consult the Supreme Advocate for the Supreme Council's guidance on issues. Had the opportunity to participate in the Walk for Life in San Francisco again and was proud that many of those attending the walk in San Francisco were Knights. Worthy State Secretary Greg Sprigg and I presented Bishop Calvo with a check from the proceeds of the Seminarian Raffle for the support of Seminarians in the Diocese of Reno. The Nevada State Council and the Resolution Committee submitted and reviewed resolutions to correct a standing rule issue to bring it in line with the State Council By-laws and several other resolutions for the 2015 Nevada State Convention.

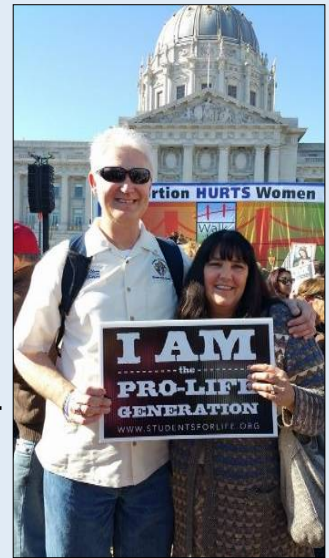


Thank you for all the hard work and the many members that advised and supported me in this effort and helped make this year a successful fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Thorn
Nevada State Advocate

The Rally began at 12:30 p.m. in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza. Once again, the speakers spoke of their real life experiences and embracing a culture of life. Pope Francis' diplomatic representative to the United States Archbishop Carlos Maria Viganò addressed the rally and thanked the participants "for your public witness."



Many members of Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies were participating in "The Walk For Life" march of January 24, 2015 in San Francisco.

State Warden: Victor M. Edwards

How to Plant a Council Garden



Plant four rows of peas

- Personality
- Perseverance
- Promptness and
- Preparation

Plant four rows of squash

- Squash gossip
- Squash indifference
- Squash criticism and
- Squash negative thinking

Plant four rows of lettuce

- Let us obey the rules and regulations
- Let us be true to our obligations
- Let us be faithful to our duty and
- Let us love one another

Plant four rows of turnips

- Turn up for council meetings
- Turn up with a friendly smile
- Turn up with new ideas and
- Turn up with determination

Cultivate well, perspire a little and reap the benefits of an outstanding and prestigious Council.

Victor M. Edwards
State Warden



Members of St. Francis of Assisi Council 13456 in Henderson load donated food items onto a Catholic Charities truck following the council's monthly collection at St. Francis of Assisi Church. During their most recent drive, Knights collected 6,000 pounds of nonperishable food items. In 2014, the council garnered 94,500 pounds of goods.



**Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE**
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

"How long has the Knights of Columbus been in the insurance business?"

The Knights of Columbus has provided insurance benefits since its inception in 1882. From very humble beginnings, the Knights of Columbus has evolved into a Fortune 1000 company, marketing life insurance, retirement products, disability, and long-term care insurance to its members and their families.

"How is the safety of the funds in Knights of Columbus insurance plans and annuity retirement funds assured?"

The safety of funds in Knights of Columbus insurance plans and annuity retirement funds is best gauged by the financial strength of the Knights of Columbus. Our financial strength ratings are consistently among the highest in the industry:

† We have earned A.M. Best's highest financial strength rating (A++, Superior) for 36 consecutive years.

† *National Underwriter* ranks us in the top four percent of the approximately 2,000 insurance companies in North America based on total value of assets.

**Knights of Columbus Insurance
(North)**



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As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world. Writing in last month's *Columbia*, the Supreme Knight reflected on that uniqueness, noting that:

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There's a certain counter-culture inherent in this approach, which is part of what makes the label of "World's Most Ethical" so rare. "Some may say that this is a kind of idealism that cannot compete in the real world of business," the Supreme Knight continued. "On the contrary, the tremendous success we have achieved in recent years demonstrates that our approach is the height of what I would describe as Catholic realism. We deal with real persons, not with economic abstractions. Our focus is on the person who is always worthy of respect and who always should take precedence over profit."

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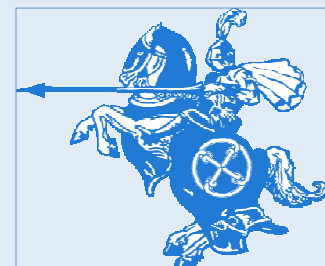
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D i s t r i c t d e p u t y # 7 : M i k e R i p p a

My Brothers in Christ;

As a new 4tr degree Sir Knight in 1997 I was anxious to become a member of the color corps in my Tucson, Arizona assembly. The functions for color corps were many and we practiced frequently to learn the many drill ceremonies.

Indeed practices in the hot Arizona sun we looked quite "bizarre" with chapeau and swords....wearing shorts to keep cool! All that practicing paid off as we eventually were invited to attend a 4ft degree exemplification at an assembly in Pomona, California. There were several color corps representing assemblies in attendance all from Southern California and my assembly the lone entry from out of state.

The drill competition would grade you on marching, sword movements and efficiency under the guidance of the color corps commander. The winner would receive the Traveling trophy for one year.

We were truly amazed at the intensity of the competition and proud to be included! Awards for the year were presented at the evening dinner banquet and suspense was building for the final best assembly color corps.. I can still recall the Master of Ceremonies pausing in his announcement with the words....."Hold on to your hats"...1st place is Father Henry Miller Assembly Tucson, Arizona! We had achieved a remarkable award in our very first color corps competition.

Nevada District Deputy 7— Mike Rippa



D i s t r i c t d e p u t y 9 : R a y m o n d A . T r o i k , J r

Being a Knight for 40+ years has augmented my life immensely. I've had an immediate FRIEND Contact throughout the world. 20 years in the USAF literally placed me around the world. Almost every base in which I was stationed I met good Catholic Christian Men: Knights of Columbus. They welcomed me to the base/town and I felt accepted.

Brother Knights: THIS IS OUR HERITAGE AND LEGACY to live, share and pass on. We have to continue the good example shown us over the years: Fraternity. We all want to welcome many Catholic Christian men into the K of C. But we need to practice Fraternity. In my year and a half as DD 9 I have seen this in practice in many councils. Coming into the meeting and pulling up a chair and sitting isn't injecting Fraternity into the Council. Shaking hands with ALL the brothers promotes Fraternity. Making other brothers FEEL important by addressing them and sharing promotes Fraternity. Making yourself known by other than a name promotes Fraternity. Offering to help in a particular project promotes Fraternity.

Why did I pick this subject? Being an observer of human nature and concerned with interpersonal relationships I see a problem. I see people walking around "Face booking", Tweeting, Linking and being completely oblivious of those around them. Walking across the street and texting does not bring anything to the lady in the wheelchair trying to cross the road. I just sidestepped her because she was in my way; I could have helped her cross the street by offering to push the chair. Instead I was more interested in texting my friend that I was running late and didn't have the brains or civility to use the phone for what it is: A VOICE MESSANGER. Interpersonal relations are fostered by contact: face to face; vocal, physical, psychological etc. Impersonal relations are fostered by word messages that lack feeling.

We are more and more entering a stage life that is fostering the impersonal vs. the interpersonal. A good firm handshake speaks volumes when accompanied by a friendly greeting. Fraternity is OUR HERITAGE AND LEGACY. Jesus is our Guide. He bled for us! He taught us! He made us WELCOME thru Baptism wherein we became Brothers IN Christ.

VIVAT JESUS. In and thru the Knights of Columbus!

Ray Troik

DD 9

D i s t r i c t d e p u t y # 1 0 : T o n i F . P a s c u a

What you do defines you – who you are (and what you get out of life)."

In continuity from the last fraternal year 2013-2014, we got the 3 Councils Star District Award for:

St. Sharbel Maronite Church Council 14820 – 3 Star Council
UNLV-St Thomas Aquinas Newman Center Council 15061 – 2 Stars Council
St Francis of Assisi Council 13456-1 Star Council

Overall:

District 10 was awarded as one of the winners of Supreme Membership Growth contest for District Deputies and Winner of the Nevada Statewide Membership contest together with my two councils (UNLV and St. Sharbel)– in as far as council competition was concerned. Our District's motto: Reach for the Stars.

As we approach the epoch of this Columbian year- it is astounding to know that on my second term as District Deputy – was more of a fulfilling and productive year, seemed as we've only just begun this journey. It has been fast paced and kind despite having a full time career in the service industry. Because of diligence and perseverance in recruitment, district wide, my team has obtained a number of new memberships and maintained a steadfast growth in each of their respective councils.

Following the recently concluded DD and GK training, a joint District training with District # 9 was held last August at St Sharbel Maronite Church and was a well attended one.

On February 26, a Joint triple District (7, 9 and 10) meeting was held at St. Viator Church Parish Hall with 18 Brother Knights from 11 different Councils in attendance. The distinguished participants were the 3 Field Agents, 3 DD's and our Worthy State Deputy Ray Gardea. In spite of busy schedules all the District 10 Grand Knights, Officers and their councils are doing all their best efforts to achieve our goal in reaching for the Stars.

Here are some of the highlights of District 10 accomplishments:

St. Viator Council 8282, Las Vegas, Nevada

During this Lenten Season – Council 8282 Officers, members Knights' Ladies and their families hosted Fish Fry Fridays which was always been well attended in this parish/community. A bake sale proceeds to help raise tuition fee/aid to benefit the needy students of St Viator Catholic Church. Sponsored an Essay Writing Contest at St Viator Catholic School. Tootsie roll drive was held in October to benefit the mentally challenged individuals. Breakfast with Santa on December. An annual blood donation/drive for a local bank. Christmas Party Social for members and their families. Corporate Communion mass.



St Francis of Assisi Council 13456, Henderson, Nevada

Was awarded Star Council 2013-2014. Grand Knight Ed Boreczky, was named the Grand Knight of the Year 2013-2014. Tom Swanson and his family won family of the Year. State Council Activity of the Year 2013-2014 Ladies Auxiliary of the Year 2013-2014. A very successful monthly food drive garnered 94,500 pounds of non perishable products last year that benefited both the St Therese HIV Outreach of Las Vegas and Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada. Regular Pancake socials held at the church courtyard served after the morning masses. Volunteered at Catholic Charities in food pantry and the Lied Dining Room in serving meals to our homeless brothers and sisters. Christmas Party function was celebrated at The Wild horse Country Club for the members, their wives, friends and families. (cont. on pg. 17)



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St Francis of Assisi Council 13456, Henderson, Nevada

At least 50 members served food at The Heritage Senior Center in Henderson on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Helped at Habitat for Humanity in building homes and the new Restore shop in Las Vegas. Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on October. NASCAR- had a group of volunteers in March to raise money to donate to the St Francis of Assisi Church building funds. Most of the council members are helping the parish, priests, families and communities in most of their activities.

St Sharbel Council 14820, Las Vegas

Past Grand Knight Sammy Dagher (1st from left) with GK John Karam (not in photo) with some members of St. Sharbel Maronite Church Council 14820 in Las Vegas, Nevada sponsored the serving of meatless Lentil Soup supper to the parishioners and community at the church's courtyard after the station of the cross. Parishioners and their families were grateful to the Knights for this hearty endeavor. Won 3 Stars Council Award last year. Officers and members were available in helping Father Nadim in church building/projects and fundraising. Brother Knights and their families served at the Parish's Annual Christmas Party. Hosted a Sunday Pancake Social. Served at Dinner in honor of Maronite Catholic Bishop –The Most Rev Abdallah Elias Zaidan, in conjunction with the celebration of their newly built church dedication ceremony. (Photo shown below)



UNLV Council 15061, St Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Las Vegas, Nevada

Won 2 Star Council 2013-2014. One of the winners of last year's the State Membership Recruitment Contest. Cleaned the Newman Center facility last February (above photo). Hosted a barbecue to welcome the old/new students at the Newman Center. Prepared the Retirement Party for State Chaplain Father Albert Felice-Pace (April, 2015) to celebrate his 55 years of reverent service. Lastly, a noteworthy cause to mention was this Council is home/ host for this year's 105th Nevada State Convention, here in the heart of Las Vegas.



In conclusion, to do things all for the Glory of God, with a gracious heart, humbled thoughts, heartfelt feelings. Many are called but only a few are chosen. If you have a desire to be a Knight – it's a noble feeling. A sensible answer is an affirmation to the calling in a once in a lifetime approach. One of the best choices in life.... In service to God, church, community, family and of being selfless to others.... Of the men on the move – in constant Dynamo- "Dynamic Motion." Distinctively – the Knights in Action.

To the Officers and Brother Knights of District 10: We grow, we learn, and we seek... but for now, we pause and celebrate... Life to it's fullest... in splendor, we are forever grateful. My profound and sincerest thank you for all your unwavering support and good works in reaching for more Stars!

May God keep and bless us a hundredfold! Vivat Jesus!
Toni Pascua, PGK
District Deputy # 10

S t a t e m e m b e r s h i p d i r e c t o r :
T h i e r r y V . B a r k l e y

Worthy Brothers,

As we approach the close of this 2014 - 2015 fraternal year we should be blessed with the fact that each of us has worked hard to bring in new members to our Order.

By recruiting new members we all maintain the vision of our founding Father Michael J. McGivney and to keep his works alive today and tomorrow.

It is obvious that recruiting new members is not only essential to the continued growth of our Order but also to the fundamental health and vibrancy of your Council.

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has repeatedly stressed that we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic Man.

New members are essential to our success and your Council's well being depends on it.

Implement an ongoing membership drive and do not depend on the spring Church Community drives as your sole source for recruitment.

The Order has been promoting "One New Member, Per Council, Per Month" which reflects a true calling to each of us.

Look outside the box and promote your council's strengths each opportunity that you can.

One council has already done so by developing a hand out that explains how any new member can participate during the year for no less than 24 hours and further defines what the Council's does annually for its activities in the Church, Community and Charity.

Let's support our Supreme Knight's call to action. Let us all maintain Father McGivney's mission. Let's bring to life our Order's mission.

I thank you each and all for your sincere efforts to bring new members into your Council and our Order.

Vivat Jesus,

Fraternally
Thierry V. Barkley
Membership Director.



State Program Director:

DON'T MISS OUT ON PROGRAMS

Often when discussing program opportunities when I meet with brother Knights and Grand Knights the topic of the difficulty in getting volunteer participation arises. Managing volunteer operations is becoming more difficult all across the nation in all organizations and functions. We have the advantage that most of members of our order joined the Knights to be part of the many programs and activities that the order is known for.

In our current day and age the demands of careers, family and personal obligations tend to limit our ability to participate in volunteer activities strictly based upon the time required. Last year I became aware of councils who did not receive the Columbian award and/or the Star Council Award due to not having the full slate of programming activities in the given program areas. This was unfortunate due to the fact that most if not all of them had sufficient participation by our members to qualify for the awards but were either unaware of those activities or were unsure how to dovetail those activities into the Knights of Columbus program areas.

To give an example, some parishes sponsor Boy Scout Troops. Knights may be serving in leadership positions in those organizations. By supporting these efforts and assisting where necessary the Council can use credit for the man hours that our brother knights are committing to that organization while making a positive impact on the young men who may be more likely to want to join our ranks later due to the impact our involvement has on them at a younger age.

Youth based groups, parish based groups as well as an unlimited number of other groups within our Parishes and community can benefit from Knights of Columbus involvement and the Councils can benefit by including those ac-

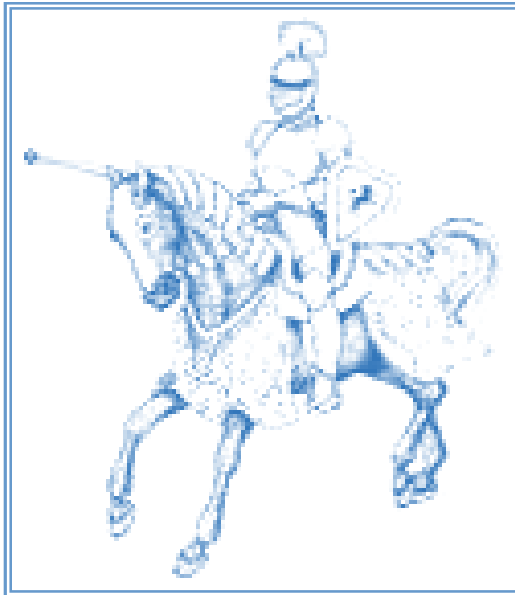
tivity into our programs. This can go a long way to establishing our councils as the "go to" organization with the church.

We do a good job recording our efforts as ushers, lectors, etc., as church activities but the potential is unlimited. Some other ideas could be as simple as organizing a pot luck picnic after mass on a Sunday afternoon (family or church activity), working with the youth group to hold a Rosary for Life or Unborn (youth and culture of life). In northern parishes after a winter storm get a group together to clear walks and drives for the elderly in the parish or neighborhood. By involving family members, youth groups or scouts you could use that as a church, family, or youth activity.

Just about every group or activity that could benefit from Knights of Columbus involvement falls within our program areas. We benefit from the personal involvement with those we serve but every action we take publicly is an opportunity for recruitment. Often men will approach us as a result of our actions as positive role models of what Catholic men should do. Our current members

will have more opportunities to become involved and retention will naturally improve. Grand Knights should strive to understand the Knights in their council and have an idea about what activities they are performing in our parishes and communities. Brother Knights should also contact their Deputy Grand Knights to advise them of activities they are involved with and discuss how the council can be enlisted to become involved.

Vivat Jesus
Charles Reifsnyder - State Program Director



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State Family Director: Anthony F. Donofrio

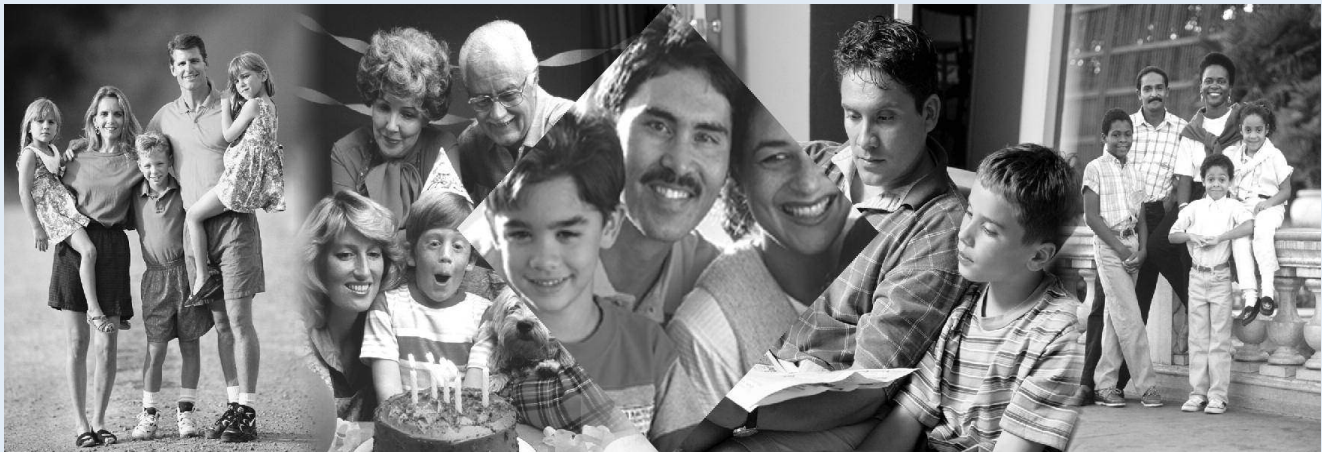
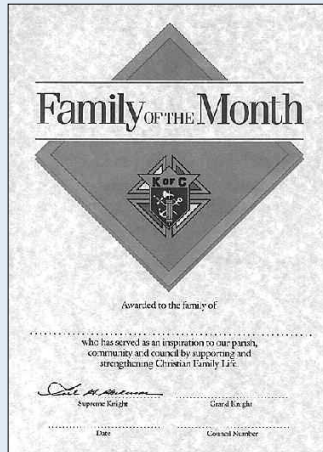
As this Columbian Year 2014/2015 is about to be behind us it is time to reflect on our accomplishments or lack of. Did all of us do all that we could to make the Knights Of Columbus a truly Family oriented organization as we advertise. Some of us did just that. There are many programs aimed at helping our youth become better citizens and better Catholics. I would like to thank those councils that participate in those events, however there are far too few. We all need to examine our councils and make a concerted effort to participate in these character building programs: Free Throw competition, Soccer Challenge, sponsor Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and offer scholarships to mention a few. A very small percentage of councils participate. We also need to rejuvenate our family picnics, the Corporate Communion followed by a social or breakfast of some kind and other family oriented events. I would like to thank those Grand Knights and their councils who have done most of these things.

I must comment on the Family of the Month program. So far this year the councils have made a significant improvement in reporting their Family Of The Month to Supreme. Recently our monthly aver-

age of councils reporting is 11 councils to only six councils last year. We still need all councils to send in this report monthly to honor all of the deserving men and women who make the above programs a success. Very few councils give them the recognition they deserve. I wish to thank those councils for honoring the families whose hard work make this a family organization. If you need help in following this simple process feel free to contact me and I can show you how easy it is to make this report. It can be done on line in ten minutes and submitted immediately, no written form and no mailing. This could be the best 10 minutes that you could ever spend for recruitment and retention. Please honor those women and men who make our families an integral part of THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

I would like to thank those councils who continue to put together events that keep alive our family values. Without our families cooperation and support we would not be able to accomplish the great things that we do as an order. Let us all make a pledge to do more to involve our families to make this a better and more rounded organization.

State Family Director Anthony F. Donofrio



State Youth Director:
Robert Hartman

Report on Youth Activities for 2014 - 2015

This year our focus in youth athletics was on the Soccer Challenge. Unfortunately only a few councils participated with only 190 kids

Participating state wide. Basketball Free Throw fared much better. We had 489 reported entries. District and State Regional Contests were held in both the Northern and Southern Regions for both Contests.

Participation in both the Substance Abuse Poster Contest and the Essay Contests were minimal.

Nevada has only five Squires Circles with a total membership of less than 100. Brothers, this is an area in which we need to concentrate our efforts. The squires offer great opportunities for young men. and as a bonus, it is a great way to gain membership for our order as these young men mature.

Several Councils offer scholarships to graduating seniors. In my own council we have named the scholarship in honor of our Charter Grand Knight Celestinus "Charlie" Kopp. I encourage all Councils & Assemblies to award scholarships to deserving Catholic Graduating Seniors. Not only will you be assisting a student. But, you will also be giving him/her recognition for their scholastic achievements.



Lastly the Knights of Columbus has now partnered with Praesidium to perform background checks on those Brother Knights who work with or have contact with children. This program is similar to the "Protecting God's Children" program that many of us completed during the last few years. It is now required for Grand Knights and Youth Directors.

In closing, may I say that whenever we do these youth activities, we provide positive direction to our children. We touch their lives, and we help shape their future. By doing these activities for their well being, we Lift High the Cross"

Fraternally: Robert J. Hartman
Nevada State Youth Director
VIVAT JESUS

**SOCCER
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**FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Culture of Life Chair (Reno Diocese): Mark Foxwell



Nevada Knights Support the West Coast Walk for Life

Four Councils in the Reno Diocese made it possible for about 200 people to ride busses to the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 24, 2015. This year's Walk had the largest-ever turnout with crowd-size estimated anywhere from 60,000 to 80,000. The WFL presenters publicly praised the Knights of Columbus for their support and for the 500 ultrasound machines they have set up at crisis pregnancy centers nationwide.

Nevada Council #978 at St. Thomas Cathedral donated \$1000. Without this donation, the parish simply would not have been able to organize a bus to the walk for life. More directly, they were able, because of the generosity of the Knights, to sponsor seven teenagers and two of their parents (from low income families) who would not have otherwise been able to go on the walk.

St. Robert Bellarmine Council #13897 in Fernley's Grand Knight, Brian Hanifan, captained the bus, donated \$400, spoke at Masses about it, spoke to confirmation students about it, ran a fundraiser to gather another \$270 towards the cost, and handed out Rosaries on the bus. This bus picked up people from California as it passed through Sparks, who would not otherwise have been able to attend.

Christ the King Council #7322: This was their 8th year hosting a bus at St. Albert's in Reno in which State Secretary Greg Sprigg has been the Bus Captain for each of those years. The Council underwrites the full cost of the bus and then charges \$30/seat to recover a portion of the money. Usually around 6-8 members of the Council attend including Fr. Mark Hanifan and fellow Knights from the Council's Parish Round Table in Quincy, CA.

Each year they have a contingent of Confirmation Students along with their Directors for whom they cover the cost, including anyone who is unable to pay but wants to attend.

St. John Vianney Council #13842: The Council made a bus from St. Rose of Lima Parish possible. SK John DeBord organized the effort, had the Council pay for the bus, and provide snacks for the riders. The Council recouped its expenses by selling seats.

As Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Chairman for the Reno Diocese, I want to encourage every Council to set money aside in next year's budget to either sponsor your own bus, or, at least, to help support some other bus. I am working with State Secretary, Gregg Sprigg, to see if we can set up a bus next January from the Las Vegas area.

The photo was taken at the January 2015 Walk for Life in San Francisco in front of City Hall. Pictured are L-R Jonathan LaCombe, GK Brian Hanifan and Armando Erebia from St. Robert Bellarmine Council in Fernley, Tom Thorn, Nevada State Council Advocate, and Mark Foxwell, Culture of Life Chairman.

Submitted by:

Mark Foxwell
Nevada State Council Culture of Life Chairman,
Reno Diocese

Council # 6688: Pope John Paul II

St. John Paul the Great Council 6688 is located in rural Lyon County and encompasses Yerington, Smith Valley, and Hawthorne. Although small in membership numbers compared to other Councils, it has a big heart and supports many worthy causes. First and foremost, Council 6688 promotes the ideology and philosophy of the Knights of Columbus. This is in conjunction with the teachings and ideals of our Church. Council 6688 reaches out to prospective members through membership drives, personal self-initiatives, and promoting awareness of the Council throughout the community. Council 6688 is well on its way to Star Council designation and has worked diligently towards this prestigious goal. As one can imagine, living in small communities and areas poses its own particular set of issues-to include number of potential members, money that can be obtained through fund raising, and actual completion of tasks assigned by the Council's Pastor. Council 6688 has increased its membership, fund raising capability, and also its visibility in the community and region. Council 6688 readily supplies manpower to accomplish goals as well as financial assistance.

Several of Council 6688's most recent projects cover a range of activities. An annual donation is provided to the Lyon County school district to assist high school children develop social and community development skills.

Another of Council 6688's annual causes is a donation to the Josh Farler Foundation. The Josh Farler Foundation provides funds to families who cannot afford expenses related to illnesses and infirmities of their children. It covers additional costs related to the medical expenses that families incur. Another cause that Council 6688 proudly supports is Life Choices Community Pregnancy Center. The sanctity of life is first and foremost in our hearts and minds.

Council 6688 welcomes the opportunity to meet with our fellow Brothers to discuss issues, exchange information, and promote the ideals and goals of the Knights of Columbus.

Dennis W. Stark and John Walter, Council 6688 Yerington Nevada (517-206-5799)



Lyon County School District Donation



Josh Farler—Helping Hands Donation



Life Choices Pregnancy Center Donation



C o u n c i l # 1 4 1 4 4 : C h r i s t t h e K i n g

Council 14144 has had a very busy and active year. Starting with the installation of officers. We were fortunate enough that our Priest, Fr. Ray Rioux, (*a 1st Degree Knight*) was available for the installation. After the installation we had a B-B-Q at charter member Les Lisicki's home.



As started the New Fraternal Year our new Grand Knight gave a very inspiring "*ask not what your council can do for you, ask what you can do for your council*" speech. This led to implementing some new, and some not so new programs. Starting with the "wear the badge" program. All brother Knights were asked to wear their badge. The council members started wearing their badges at Mass and other Parish events this has helped to make us more visible and increase our membership.

We have reorganized and improved our Knight's wall in the community center. This has helped in making our Council more visible to the parish. The Grand Knight was able to get the past awards on the wall as well as a Past Grand Knight area and a section for our deceased brothers.

During the tootsie Roll drive we had a record number of Knight's and family participating. We raised \$7,831.06 over three weekends. This is a record amount of funds raised for our charity. The charity Transitional Services was quite surprised.



We implemented a monthly newsletter in January of 2015. This has been well received by the members and the parish. This works in conjunction with the UKnight website to keep the members informed. We have also maximized the use of this email system to keep the membership informed of upcoming events.

In an effort to help our sister council Holy Spirit Council 14787 we have entered into a joint fundraising effort in April of 2015. Holy Spirit Council does not have any access to facilities to hold fundraising events. So this works out well.

The council officers decided it would be best to recognize our brother knights for their volunteer efforts and contribution to the Council, Parish and the Community. We did this by implementing the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month program. One of our Family of the Month recipients Sam & Maria Patino was awarded the Plaque of the Holy Family for November 2014.

Since the parish finances are down substantially in the last few years we have stepped up to man the fish fry's during lent and helped in making this more known in the community.

During November we held a membership drive utilizing a pulpit speech after each Mass during one weekend. This resulted in twelve form 100's, 9 made the 1st Degree in November, 6 made the 2nd & 3rd Degree in January and 4 made the 4th Degree in January. We are currently on track for Double Star Council and the Triple Star Council is within reach.

We had four Candidates attend the 4th Degree exemplification. Two of these candidates attended their 1st Degree in November. Three of our council members are now part of the 4th Degree Color Corps. One of the newest members and two others.

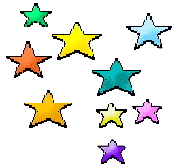
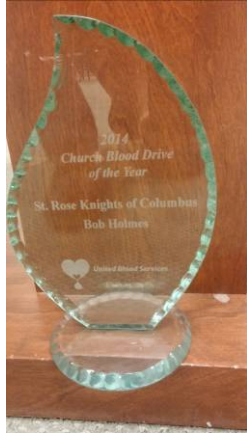
GK Vincent F. Gorski

Council # 13842: St. John Vianney

Saint John Vianney Council 13842 of Reno were pleasantly surprised at their February council meeting when blood drive coordinator Bob Holmes announced that the council had won the church blood drive of the year for 2014 by United Blood Services. United Blood Services selected our council from all churches/denominations throughout our community.

During 2014, Bob coordinated two blood drive events at Saint Rose of Lima in South Reno. The blood drives welcomed all parishioners and encouraged a friendly competition between the Women of Saint Rose and the Knights of Columbus to foster participation. Our events brought in over sixty donors in 2014.

Special thanks to Bob for his dedication and commitment to providing lifesaving blood donations to those in need in our community.



On October 18, 2014 Council 13842 hosted its annual spaghetti feed to raise money for the numerous charities the council supports. Spaghetti feed coordinator, SK Hugh Ricci, crafts his homemade spaghetti and meatballs from a secret family recipe which is a huge hit with the Saint Rose of Lima parishioners. 100 pre-sale tickets sold out immediately with 50 additional tickets sold at the event. The council had nearly 30 volunteers and the event cleared \$1,300. The volunteers served all 150 diners in less than 20 minutes and the event was a great success.



Grand Knight Rick Schultz, PGK John DeBord, and PGK Tom Gurgui led our Council 13842's participation in "The Walk For Life" march of January 24, 2015 in San Francisco. There were some 50,000+ participants who made the journey into San Francisco where the Rally began at 12:30 p.m. and through 1:30 p.m. and it was followed quickly to assemble and begin the march of some two miles from the San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza down Market Street to the Embarcadero. This event was the 11th annual "Walk For Life" West Coast in San Francisco.



Respectfully submitted,
Rick Schulz
Grand Knight Council 13842

Council #14782: Holy Spirit

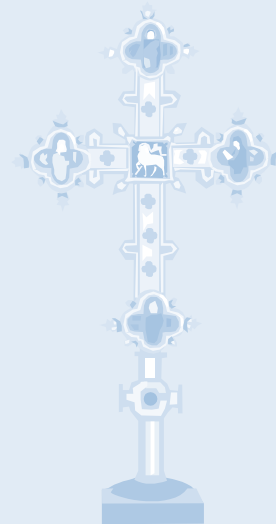
As we strive forward, in anticipation towards building our Church. We had 2 fund raisers so far this fiscal year, with the proceeds going towards our "Capital Campaign". We held a Bunco Knight, and we held a Car Raffle. We are blessed to have a fellow Parishioner donate a car for this event. We raised over \$21,000.00, for our Capitol Campaign, while hosting these 2 events. We have plans to have more fund raisers this fiscal year. We raised over \$3,100.00 for our charities in the Annual Tootsie roll drive.

We have hosted the Deacons Appreciation Dinner here in the South on Feb 8th. We have plans to Host a Pasta Dinner night with another council to raise money for both Councils to help us in our duties to our Church and Community. We are planning to do a Habitat Build Day here in Las Vegas. Our membership so far is up 17% this fiscal year. We have done the Basketball Challenge, Substance Abuse, and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest.

We are on track to make Star Council this year which will be the second time ever in our history. We have achieved so much so far and there's always more to gain. We will never stop trying new ventures. I am so proud of my Brothers in my Great Council.

We are so blessed to have a Great Priest, Fellow Brother, Fr. Bill Kenny to help us in our Events.

Holy Spirit Council #14784
Grand Knight. S.K. Joe Cerame



Council # 10442 :
St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

A YEAR TO REMEMBER for COUNCIL 10442

FY 2014-2015 has been quite an eventful and successful year for the Council and so we thought we would recap in pictures some of the key events. It was the 25th Anniversary year of the Parish and the Council was a big part in participation of these celebrations as well as annual fundraiser activities.

As the Council celebrates a great year filled with good memories, we want to extend a huge thank you to State Deputy Ray and the other outgoing State Officers for their leadership, and our congratulations and support to the new officers who will be taking over.

OCTOBER 2014 Tootsie Roll Campaign and Country Western BBQ Dinner

The Council had a very successful Tootsie Roll Campaign this year because of all who helped. The Council was also proud to honor our own Father Tom Gallenbach, who made his degrees in 1958, for his 25+ years of service to our Council, at our annual Fall Country Western BBQ Dinner.



Tootsie Roll Drive at Smith's

Father Tom with the PGKs honored at BBQ Dinner

then time for Line Dancing

NOVEMBER 2014 –Council Charity Golf Tournament

On November 14, 2014 The Council hosted its First Annual Charity Golf Tournament and the event was a great success!!!

DECEMBER 2014 BREAKFAST WITH ST NICK



Knights with Afton Kidd aka St Nick

Crowd enjoying Breakfast

Knights serving Pancake Breakfast

Yes, it has been quite a year. In addition to the above, we continue our monthly Pancake breakfasts for the Parish.

We also have a team that runs a concession booth at sporting events at UNLV/Sam Boyd. We need approximately 13 people to run the booth and it has been a good fundraiser for us. We were able to donate approximately \$15,000 last year to charity because of the hard work of the Knights of the Council.

GK Kenneth J. Sawyer

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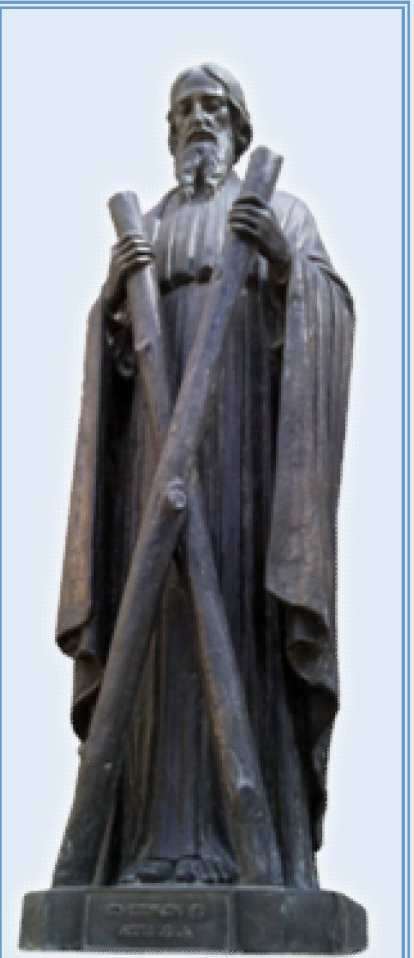
We started this year by participating in the July 4 Independence Day Parade in Boulder City. Our Float was entitled "One Nation Under God" and consisted of a 1965 Ford Fire Truck decorated with banners, bunting and flags. Riding on the float were eleven Brother Knights, two wives and children & grandchildren of the Knights.

This year we have focused on two service area's for most of our efforts. As the youth of our Parish are the future of the Parish. Our first area has been to increase Youth oriented activities. We already have the funding available for the Carlie Kopp Memorial Scholarship {named for our Charter Grand Knight} In November and December we held the Soccer Challenge with 123 kids participating in Boulder City. We went all out this year by having 364 children participate in our annual Basketball Free Throw Contest in January. On February we hosted the District 12 Contest and in March, we hosted the Southern Regional Contest here in Boulder City.

Our second area of Prime Focus has been the Nevada State Veteran's Home, located in Boulder City. Each Saturday, members of our Council conduct a Holy Communion service for the Catholic Residents. Members of our Council also visit with the residents on a regular basis. We have also joined with other groups to put on a Father's Day Party, Super Bowl Party, Christmas Party and the annual "Veteran's Olympics" and Veteran's Day Celebration. Finally, several members of our Council are "Committal Ministers" commissioned to provide Graveside Internment Rites for the Veterans and Spouses, who come from other Parishes outside the area or from the Veteran's Home. This is our way of saying Thank You to those who sacrificed so much to protect and preserve this "One Nation Under God"

Whenever a Brother Knight from our council is ill or hospitalized. We have a group that each Thursday will go and visit them. This has grown this year to where currently we have one Brother Knight and his wife in the Nevada State Veteran's Home. Another Brother Knight is in the Long Term Care Facility at Boulder City Hospital. Another Brother Knight and his wife are in the Mountain View nursing home. Our visitation group is well received by those in need and their families. This is how our council has answered the call to "Lift High the Cross"

Fraternally: Robert J. Hartman GK Co. 8078
Nevada's No.1 Council by a Dam Site



St. Andrew's is a parish called by God to form a community of people, who respond in faith to Christ, imitate His service to others, and seek the reign of God through a prayerful and sacramental life.



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United in Charity.

Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary:
President Jackie Katrosits



Jackie Katrosits
President, Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Sisters In Christ and Families,

As we near the end of the fraternal year and my third year as president of the Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary, I want to thank all the auxiliary members for their support and welcome at their activities. I look forward to seeing you at our 11th Annual Ladies Auxiliary Convention at the Alexis Park on April 24, 2015.

The auxiliaries in the state are accomplishing many great things for their community, their council, and themselves. It has been a productive year and a sad year. As auxiliaries, you have donated time and money to charities and your church, actively supported your councils, and developed friendships. One more auxiliary has been chartered, two more are hoping to reactivate within the next year, but one has been deactivated. And valuable members have joined the Father due to illness.

As a widow myself, I always like to remind Auxiliary and Council members of two important actions. First, I would recommend both husband and wife be familiar with family finances. In too many families, only one partner takes care of the finances. I learned from experience that this means that the other partner does not know what needs to be done if she/he needs to take over unexpectedly. Second, keep your widows and widowers involved in auxiliary and council activities. The Knights of Columbus has usually become the family's main social activity, so without their spouse, many activities are lost. You have no idea how difficult it is to attend a Knights function by yourself if not asked by a fellow member. So keep asking and keep them involved.

As an e-mail sent out by the Lambe Assembly stated:
"There is in each of us so much Goodness that if we could see it Glow, it would Light the World!"

God Bless,
Jackie

"Together As Sisters In Christ"

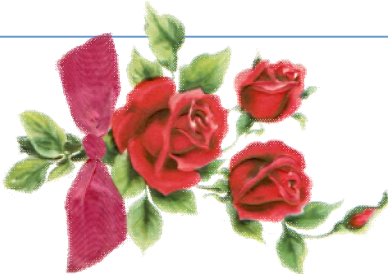
Nevada State Ladies Convention
Friday, April 24, 2015
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Alexis Park Resort
Hosted by: UNLV College Council #15071

NEVADA STATE COUNCIL

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2013-2014

President	Jackie Katrosits
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Council	President	Date Chartered	Charter President
5693	Kathy Strait	9/13/1983	Vicki Bently
11029	Inactive	8/03/1996	Nell Baker
3741	Inactive	9/01/996	Phyllis Savone
5448	Inactive	10/24/1997	Vicky Gonzales
7322	Inactive	3/17/1999	Billie Youngman
9102	Inactive	4/27/1999	Sandy Nasse
2666	Inactive	6/12/2000	Mary Klemish
9899	Inactive	8/03/2000	Ana McCabe
12690	Inactive	5/21/2001	Ann Hernandez
10442	Jolyn Pinzl	10/12/2002	Paula Donofrio
12543	Inactive	4/13/2003	Miriam Flores
13456	Beth Carter	1/18/2005	Beverly Dendary
4997	Inactive	6/07/2005	Christina Brokaw
2511	Jodie Micheletti-Murach	11/11/2006	Rosemarie Conner
14144	Vickie Gorski	3/21/2015	Vicki Gorski



On a blank slate: A word from State One year Trustee/Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary- Ditas M.C. Pascua

Eventually, all the pieces fall into place. Until then, *Laugh at the confusion, Live for the moment and know that everything Happens for a reason...*

So here it goes On sisterhood in dynamic motion - With lingering thoughts, it occurred to me that writing is never a hard task to express your thoughts and feelings as long as it is genuinely expressed from the heart.

I am happily married, for 26 1/2 years now and counting and was blessed with 3 beautiful children. My hubby, Toni and I, have a full time managerial job in the hospitality service industry. He is currently a fourth degree Knights of Columbus/ Faithful Captain, and a District Deputy #10- for two consecutive terms. We are both committed in work, church, and community, and present at most of the gatherings, social functions, fellowships, numerous projects and volunteer jobs in our favorite charities. Both of us serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in our parish (St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church). We love to spend quality time with our family- pray the rosary, worship, travel together, shop, run a marathon, work out at the gym, cook, enjoy watching sports/movies and simply being with each other is priceless.

My thoughts and feelings about our Ladies Auxiliary- I belong to St. Francis of Assisi Council 13456- one of the most active in the Nevada Chapter, since 2007. I've held the position of Parliamentarian in two successive terms since then. I was always one of our official delegates or an alternate to represent our council since I started with our council. It was indeed fun to join in the fellowship of the ladies in other circles and watch the State elect their officers until I answered the call and got elected to office as State One Year Trustee this current year. How fast the time flies- and we are nearing another fraternal year with another slate!

Thinking of the fact that we have barely started with yet another productive year and now ready to conclude it, I encourage you ladies to open your hearts and give it a thought in prayer to answer any calling, to participate and even hold an office can make such a difference in someone else's life. All the blessings you receive are what you can give in some other ways without expecting anything in return. To hold a position and even to be a member is fulfilling as you belong to an active group of selfless, diversified, caring and God centered group of women working towards a common goal of sisterhood, community, family, church and fellowship.

The camaraderie fostered throughout the years blossoms like we belong to an extended family bonded in one faith and unity, in both my council and the State -as we aim through our objective of helping with the numerous church activities, gatherings, socials fundraisers, projects and meetings that are held with the intent to build our church. All these, in collaboration with the Brother- knights we continue to assist of everything that was needed in our parish/church.

Our intimate group also formed friendships and support - happier with the good news and success with projects ranging from supporting the seminarians with gift cards and notes of caring; the same with the elderly by visiting them in the hospices and assisting them in the senior bingo socials. We also have a bake sale/ Sweet Shoppe in our annual festival, butter lamb and bread for the Easter/ Lent season, socials like the Christmas party with our husbands (Knights) when we sell tickets and raise funds through our gift baskets which we raffle.

Our fun doesn't end there, we also meet for our Ladies' Night out once a month for dinner in a restaurant just to bond and keep the spirit of friendship and sisterhood alive out of the usual business meetings!

There are moments we constantly pray together and share sad times in the case of a member's or a family illness, hospitalization and crisis-of the bereavement. We reach out and send words of comfort to each other- on the road to healing and being human again! I felt the sincerity of our group when I lost my very own best friend- my mother, who joined our Creator-November of 2014. All of us has lost a loved one or some one dear or close to our hearts and so often we ponder on their loving memories together.

It took me a while to write this as I was torn to pieces but somehow accepted reality that life must certainly go on as it was just worth living for to the fullest in His perfect timing. We all likewise have our ups and downs but of all the events in life there are only two most important times of our lives I'd like to share- it is the day I was born and the day I found out why...

Why? It's because each and every one of us has a purpose - what we can do in life as we journey to achieve now. I learned to give not because I do not have a lot but because I know how it felt to have nothing. And with that being said, it is ultimately up to us to make every moment count. We live to be in service not to be served - a mission to be fulfilled, erstwhile to leave a legacy to be remembered in our hearts.

As long as God is the center of our lives and as long as we believe- nothing in this universe is impossible.... Keeping the faith alive. YSIC in dynamic motion, State Ladies Auxiliary 1 YR Trustee Ditas Pascua

Fr . Francisco Garces Council # 5 6 9 3 :
Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of Council 5693 contributed to these events and worked to promote good will while supporting each cause.

Father Francisco Garces Council 5693 Anniversary,

This year we rededicated support for our host council who will celebrate its founding 50 years ago on April 19, 1965. Since that time the first Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary was established. Our's. Past officers of the Council 5693 Ladies Auxiliary worked to help write the bylaws and charter the Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary. Ladies of our auxiliary have served as officers of the State Auxiliary for each of the ten years since its inception. Three of our members have served as State President, and we are not finished providing such leadership.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally.

During September 2014, Ladies Auxiliary members were given information and handouts that announced the numerous locations where Rosary Rallies were to be held, and announcing the date and time. The Rosary Rally is a very effective petition for Our Lady to intercede in opposition to the various travesties in our world today.

Parish October Bazaar

The ladies served food along with the Knights at our food and beverages booth. We sponsored a gift basket for the silent auction fund raiser at this years bazaar.

Annual Ladies Retreat

The Ladies had their annual Ladies retreat. This year Sr. Karen Crouse, offered an inspiring presentation on "Aging gracefully and gratefully". Sister Karen has been a special friend, and has graciously offered her time and talent to support our group and its members. We have been blessed to enjoy her counsel and encouragement for over two decades.



Craft Sale at Breakfast With Santa.

For the 19th straight year this auxiliary has hosted a craft sale in conjunction with the council's "Breakfast with Santa" program. The festive holiday event has always been successful and this year is no exception. The forty plus booths of Christmas craft items produced a colorful and festive atmosphere at Msgr. LaVoy Hall, Literally hundreds of families look forward to this wonderful event. Grand Knights of Council #5693 have earned awards and recognition for this event, and because of its popularity, several other councils have developed similar programs with similar success, but from its beginnings 19 years ago, much of the appeal has come from the artistry and love of this group of ladies. Once again in the Christmas season of 2014, the council, the parish, members of St. Francis De Sales, and the community at large were charmed and delighted by the efforts of this group. This year's success at the Breakfast with Santa Craft Sale marked an unbroken chain of successes since its beginning in 1995.

The Empty Bowl Benefit

In March, our members attended the fifteenth annual Nevada Clay Guild's "Empty Bowl Benefit event" at Green Valley High School in Henderson. All proceeds go to benefit the "Catholic Worker," our charity, and to support their soup line which serves the poor and the homeless. (cont. on pg 32)

Fr. Francisco Garces Council #5693: Ladies Auxiliary (cont. from pg. 31)**Pasta Dinner for the Mentally Challenged.**

This group supported the annual Pasta Dinner for the Mentally Challenged. Once again the banquet was a success.

Sister's Appreciation Dinner

Our ladies have volunteered to help the Msgr. John J. Lambe Assembly hold their annual tradition of hosting and honoring the Sisters of the Las Vegas Diocese. We endeavor to lend tasteful elegance to this beautiful yearly event.

First Choice Pregnancy Center

On Mother's Day, we plan to distribute baby bottles and collect donations for the First Choice Pregnancy Center. The funds raised will help support the Pro-Life efforts of this free testing and counseling service. This is our second year supporting First Choice, and we look forward to a long future of rewarding experiences there.

Fellowship and Teamwork

Fellowship is something treasured, and we value it. It flows from an ability to remain personable while striving to achieve our ideals. Our members serve the Church and the community as volunteers who work with youth, the school, religious education, scouting, Eucharistic ministry, and other pursuits. Working in service to God, we live our faith in our daily lives. Teamwork is the natural result.

Closing

The Ladies of this Auxiliary also have fun. We've enjoyed our time together at productions of the Super Summer Theater and other outings, and our companionship grows whether we're on a dinner outing or just gathering at our monthly meeting,

It is well known that over the past 32 years, the lovely ladies of this group have devoted thousands of hours in support of the program activities of Council #5693, working side by side with their husbands, and conducting independent beneficial programs. This years accomplishments are noteworthy, but they don't start and stop with the change of the fraternal year or the change of leaders. Our works are a continuation of impressive traditions that were established over many years by this wonderful group.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation for the loyalty and support of my fellow members. It is an honor to share in the sisterhood, the fellowship, the love, and the fun that abounds in this group, and it is a great privilege to be honored as their leader while serving as their president.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Strait
President



St. Joseph, husband of Mary
Council # 10442: Ladies Auxiliary



It has been another busy year for the Ladies Auxiliary of Council 10442. I would like to thank all the Ladies for their help and support over the past year. We have been involved in many activities with the Parish and supporting our Knights, and I must say everyone has done a remarkable job.

2014 was the 25th Anniversary of our Parish, St Joseph Husband of Mary. The Parish had several different types of celebrations throughout the year. The Knights and the Ladies were instrumental in helping in a couple of these, including the kickoff Anniversary celebration the weekend of Feb 21-22 2014. The Parish provided food to the Parishioners after each mass while the celebration was taking place, and the Knights and the Ladies pitched in to help serve over 400 people at each of 7 masses that weekend.

In May the Parish had a Family Day, Picnic in the Park, where the parishioners could come and enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, games for the kids, entertainment. The Ladies were out there helping the Knights cook, serve, and run the stands.

We had a very successful "Secret Prayer program" that the Ladies also participated in. The Parish has a very active Youth ministry and there were many teens that were enrolled in the confirmation program and made their confirmation at the Bishop's Mass on Pentecost Sunday in June. Every young woman in the program had a member of the Auxiliary as a Prayer partner that was praying for her, and sending her little cards and thoughts at "milestones" along the way, Christmas, Easter, retreat weekends, and Confirmation itself. Then at the Confirmation mass we met the teens and celebrated them receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

We also continue to help the Knights at their Fund raising dinners for the Parish, decorating/setting the tables and the Hall in preparation for the dinner. We also help during the Dinner, selling drink tickets and raffle tickets. We have a raffle basket and a 50/50 raffle during the evening and the Ladies help with the table.

In addition, we continue our Monthly fund-raising religious goods sales. Through the monies raised with these sales, we were able to donate to the Parish, the Youth Ministry, St Therese center, Catholic Charities, Parish Seminarians, and to Three Square on behalf of Fawn House, which consists of two sober living homes for recovering women that need to get back on their feet. The Ladies support them financially as well as visit twice a year and bring them "gift baskets" with toiletries and gift cards so the women at the Home can buy the simple things that they don't have a lot of resources for but the rest of us take for granted. When we visit, we share and listen to them and it feels as important as the gift baskets for them to know that someone cares.

We started a memorial plaque last year, similar to the Knights' that honors deceased members by listing their names and dates. Unfortunately, we had to add 3 names last year of Sisters that went to the Lord.

We have had a busy and successful year and am grateful for all the help and support of the Sisters of the Auxiliary and the Knights of Council 10442. We have worked together well this past year and I pray we can continue that good work.

Jolyn Pinzl, President
Ladies Auxiliary Council 10442



Elko Council # 2511: Ladies Auxiliary

Remember those days gone by and afternoon tea parties with your sisters, brothers, friends and teddy bears. Well on February 20, 2015, the community of Elko County dusted off their favorite hats to attend the Fifth Annual CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Benefit Afternoon Tea sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 2511 (the Ladies). This event was a huge success which raised about \$4,900, increased the awareness for the CASA Program in Elko County and which could potentially change a child's life.

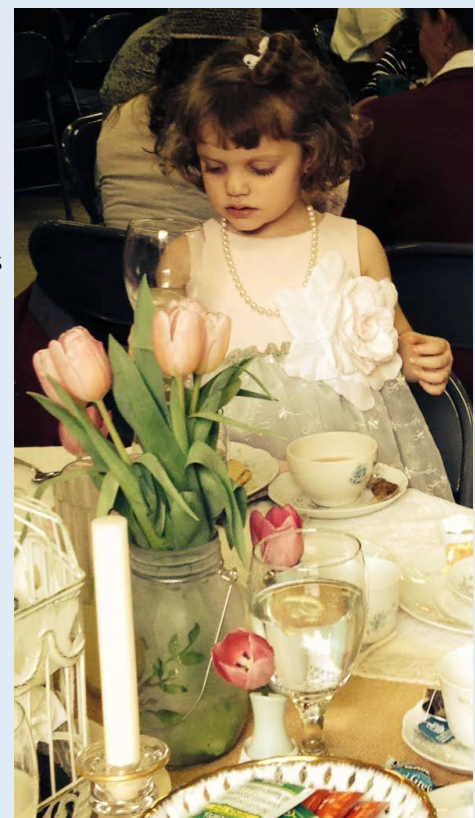
The CASA program is a nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of abused and neglected children in Elko County. This non-profit is wholly dependent on fundraisers, donations and grants to operate. CASA volunteers ensure that the best interest of the children remain the focus throughout the life of the case, according to the group. Volunteer advocates for counseling, parenting classes, education needs, substance treatment, as well as other factors that affect children or their families. Volunteers also ensure that children are provided with safe and permanent home, and remain involved until cases are closed through reunification with parents, adoption or guardianship.

With the support of St. Joseph's parishioners, confirmation students, and organization, friend and supporters of CASA and the Elko Business Community, the Ladies were able to convert the parish hall into a picturesque tea venue. Twenty-seven tables were decorated with a variety of theme including Harry Potter, Luck of the Irish (by Fr. Dan Hussey - Pastor), High Tea with the BBC (by Chris Kanowitz – Seminarian), Vintage Hats, Paper Dolls, and too many others to mention. Guests were also impressed with a buffet of tea sandwiches and desserts that were accompanied by a wide selection of teas and coffee.

Awards were given for the Best Dressed Table Sponsored by a Business (the Star), the Best Table by an Individual (Annie Andreozzi), The Best Dressed Table Overall (Pam Morrison), the Most Decadent Dessert by a Business (JR's), the Most Decadent Dessert by an Individual (Barbra James -VP) and the Most Savory Tea Bite (Jody Micheletti – Pres.). Four Tables were also decorated and donated by Business and Individuals for the silent auction.

If you are interested in attending or decorating a table at the Sixth Annual Tea Benefit to be held on February 20, 2016 or would like to make a donation please contact Alana at nneCasa@gmail.com

Jody Micheletti
President



**URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE
OF POPE FRANCIS
EASTER 2015**

Central loggia of the Vatican Basilica
Sunday, 5 April 2015



Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" (Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "Come and see!": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord!

Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you.

Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.

Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck by the Ebola epidemic in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and to care for those suffering from so many other diseases which are also spread through neglect and dire poverty.

Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped.

Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent.

We pray in a particular way for Syria, beloved Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenseless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue!

Jesus, Lord of glory, we ask you to comfort the victims of fratricidal acts of violence in Iraq and to sustain the hopes raised by the resumption of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

We beg for an end to the conflicts in the Central African Republic and a halt to the brutal terrorist attacks in parts of Nigeria and the acts of violence in South Sudan.

We ask that hearts be turned to reconciliation and fraternal concord in Venezuela.

By your resurrection, which this year we celebrate together with the Churches that follow the Julian calendar, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace in Ukraine so that all those involved, with the support of the international community, will make every effort to prevent violence and, in a spirit of unity and dialogue, chart a path for the country's future. On this day, may they be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen, *Khrystos voskres!*

Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!