



THE SILVER KNIGHT

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A Message from the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

My dear Brothers in Christ:

“God has a purpose, God has a plan in this race called life...”

With fall starting to reach its epoch, we approach the season of winter where the days get shorter and the nights get longer and colder- we find ourselves in the mood to huddle in hibernating

Yet this season in our Councils prove that this is only the beginning to pivot ourselves with higher expectations/grounds to position the State wherein we are now stabilizing into the second half of this fraternal year. Reaching the front doesn't mean that we should rest on our laurels but viably be mindful of our commitment to grow our Brother Knights membership base through active maintenance and recruitment.

There is no room for discouragement either or decline in numbers if we all work together as there are vast opportunities and your presence in these communities will make a great difference. Together, we put the Order's principle of charity and community into action (on the various fundraisers/charity events, socials -please see photos on separate page).

As we gathered around the table and celebrated Thanksgiving and await the coming of our Lord, here is a reflection as we tread to the University of Life....

Have you ever wondered why each and every one of us is likened as a contestant in life? Our entry into this world was the time we stood by the track's starting blocks.

More often always a beginning - surrounded by adventures, travails, trials, tribulations, countless challenges to our chagrin- the encounter to a best teacher in life is called experience in the world's largest classroom- the university of life, where....

God is our lifetime coach. Remember that when there's a time you feel that you are simply tired and crushed to the ground, Don't despair... You still are alive and waking up to another day with hope. Of making the right choices.

Hardships won't last it's only a true test on how we cope up and survive.

When you are feeling down and with a sense of hopelessness- put your hand over your heart, feel it- it's pumping - you're alive because you have yet to fulfill something.

And have you ever wondered why in a celebration of life we are called the survivors?
Because we were the ones left behind who still struggles and treads day to day...
That's the plan where you and I were given a purpose.
People who suffer are the ones who feel the need to step up and conquer the battle.
But it doesn't end here....

Sometimes we blame ourselves and question why things don't come out the way we planned it?
We discern and doubt it, otherwise shouldn't be.
We have to believe and put your faith and trust in Him- all will come into place, settle down....
God has a master plan for you and me, even before we are born, He already positioned us where
we are supposed to be.
Life is like a race...
It's only the beginning....

There may be obstacles galore along the way and hindrances from taking you to the trails. Only to
realize these are stumbling blocks- what you hurdle in will make you stronger once you
clear it and take the pace.

Each time you reach your goal- you emerge a winner.
And with every year we have a birthday- it marks the time we cross the finish line for another
race. year.

A mark of a rebirth, a new beginning and an affirmation of blessings.
We get better as we mature meritorious of receiving grace -a symbolic medal of another passing

Life is too short to hold grudges so live it to the fullest as if it were your last and love the people you
care for including your enemies.

We only live once- make it with worthwhile. So that every time you feel down, lift it up to Him and
He will enlighten you all the way.

Also remember that physical and emotional pain is only surface, it has a remedy- that is prayer-the
food for the soul.

Last but not the least I'd like to end this piece.

*"As with this sojourn-nothing else matters, we can breeze through it through thick or thin as
long as we believe we are together in this race called life."- Toni*

To the Worthy State of Nevada Board/Officers, Directors, Chairmen, my dear Brother Knights,

Thank you for all you do, for your time, talent, energy, efforts and treasure in making the order grow in numbers, and for the synergy in making our organization greater than ever!
Let gratitude be our attitude!!!

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and to all your family!

Vivat Jesus!

Toni Pascua
State Deputy
Nevada State Council
Knights of Columbus

“Spearheading Membership Growth, One Knight at a time”

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Nevada District Deputies 2019 - 2020

Jurisdiction of		NEVADA		July 1 2019		to June 30 2020	
District Number	Name, Address (Street and Number), Zip Code Business & Residence Telephone Number	District Deputy's Council Number	District Deputy's Membership Number	Councils in Each District			
				Number	Location		
1	Name Matthew Mareno Address 2848 Laguna Way City, State, Zip Code Sparks, NV 89434 Res. Phone (775)843-2279 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address MARENO@LIVE.COM	7322	4477362	978	Reno, NV		
				4997	Reno, NV		
				7322	Reno, NV		
				16207	Reno, NV		
2	Name Herbert Melendez Address 2327 Dodge Drive City, State, Zip Code Sparks, NV 89436 Res. Phone (775) 354-2323 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address herbertmelendez@aol.com	4928	4131659	2380	Battle Mountain, NV		
				4928	Sparks, NV		
				10577	Stead, NV		
				12877	Sparks, NV		
				14588	Reno, NV		
3	Name Peter Comerford Address 1149 Cheatgrass Drive City, State, Zip Code Dayton, NV 89403 Res. Phone (775)241-2751 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address peteskofc@zoho.vcom	13924	3090690	4828	Fallon, NV		
				6688	Yerrington, NV		
				11174	Lovelock, NV (Suspended)		
				13897	Fernley, NV		
				13924	Dayton, NV		
4	Name John DeBord Sr Address 13305 S. Hills Drive, City, State, Zip Code Reno, NV 89511 Res. Phone (775) 813-6842 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address johndebord@gmail.com	13842	2700651	4781	Carson City, NV		
				12845	Gardnerville, NV		
				13842	Reno, NV		
				13944	Incline Village, NV		
5	Name Ty S. Whitman Address 3825 Flintlock Drive City, State, Zip Code Winnemucca, NV 89445 Res. Phone _____ Bus. Phone (775)304-8749 E-Mail Address ty.whitman@yahoo.com	2666	4665133	2511	Eiko, NV		
				2666	Winnemucca, NV		
				11512	Wells, NV		
6	Name Jesus Sanchez Address 2339 Webster Street City, State, Zip Code North Las Vegas, NV Res. Phone (702) 755-0474 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address chuyusan81@gmail.com	9437	4903285	5448	North Las Vegas, NV		
				9437	Las Vegas, NV		
				9899	Las Vegas, NV		
				13691	Las Vegas, NV		
7	Name Charles Reifsnnyder Address P.O.Box 175 City, State, Zip Code Pioche, NV 89043-1384 Res. Phone (775)962-1384 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address yoteman@icturbonet.com	1340	4307620	1340	Ely, NV		
				11179	Overton, NV (Suspended)		
				13754	Mesquite, NV		
8	Name Joseph Williams Address 5617 Cory Pl City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas, Nv 89107 Res. Phone (702)371-9944 Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address joewilliams24680@hotmail.com	9102	3648067	2828	Las Vegas, NV		
				9102	Las Vegas, NV		
				13392	Las Vegas, NV		

Nevada District Deputies 2019 - 2020

Jurisdiction of NEVADA July 1 2019 to June 30 2020

District Number	Name, Address (Street and Number), Zip Code Business & Residence Telephone Number	District Deputy's Council Number	District Deputy's Membership Number	Councils in Each District	
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9	Name Raymond Foster Address 4736 Anchorage Street City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas, Nv 89147 Res. Phone (702)287-6275 Bus. Phone E-Mail Address rayfosterkofc@yahoo.com	10442	3741503	10442	Las Vegas, Nv
				10780	Pahrump, NV
				14144	Las Vegas, NV
				14784	Las Vegas, NV
10	Name Daniel St. Pierre Address 481 Mountain Heights Parkway City, State, Zip Code Henderson, NV 89052 Res. Phone (702) 280-1009 Bus. Phone E-Mail Address stpierre88@yahoo.com	13456	4378721	3741	Henderson, NV
				13456	Henderson, NV
				14820	Las Vegas, NV
				15061	Las Vegas, NV
				15790	Las Vegas, NV
11	Name Richard Menard Address 3265 Dayflower Street Unit A, City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas, NV 89121-3500 Res. Phone (603)856-3633 Bus. Phone E-Mail Address rechardc.menard@cox.net	8282	2976217	7708	Las Vegas, NV
				8078	Boulder City, NV
				8282	Las Vegas, NV
				12690	Laughlin, NV
12	Name Dennis Murtaugh Address 9414 Quiet Valley Ave. City, State, Zip Code Las Vegas, NV 89149-0155 Res. Phone Tel: (702) 396-7406; Cell (702)371-4222 Bus. Phone E-Mail Address e3jarhead@gmail.com	14544	4414120	5693	Las Vegas, NV
				11029	Las Vegas, NV
				12543	Las Vegas, NV
				14544	Las Vegas, NV

Dated June 10, 2019

State Deputy

State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico



Nevada State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights:

We had just celebrated Thanksgiving Day & weekend with our family members & loved ones. And now we begin and enter into a new Season of Advent (in the entire month of December).

Our K of C Mid-Year Meeting in Tonopah (December 6-8) will be our "First Day of Reflections". I look forward to sharing "spiritual thoughts & reflections" with you.

I also invite you to participate in our Annual "Simbang Gabi", the Novena of Masses prior to Christmas (December 15th - 23rd) held in 12 Churches in the Las Vegas Valley. I will forward the 2019 Schedule of Simbang Gabi.

Then we celebrate Christmas Season with Masses on December 24th & 25th, the Feast of the Holy Family on December 29th, Feast of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1st, 2020, Feast of the Epiphany on January 5th until the Baptism of Our Lord on January 12th.

I have included the four Sundays of Advent Reflections of the Sunday Readings plus the Feast of the Holy Family, which follow.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! PROSPEROUS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!

With my prayers & blessing,

Father Manny R. Guico

State Chaplain's Advent Reflections

Father Manny R. Guico



Nevada State Chaplain

Reflections for December 1, 2019

Homiletic Tips for 1st Sunday of Advent (A): Three things you do when you wake up in the morning....when you stay awake for the Lord's coming: 1) Rdg from Isaiah: You rise up from your bed and pray...like the Israelites who were summoned to rise up the mountain and worship the Lord in the temple; 2) Rdg from Romans: You clear up your beddings, wash and clean yourself to be ready for a new day... like the Roman community encouraged by Paul to have a change of life by turning away from evil and sin; 3) Gospel of Matthew: You get ready for work by preparing breakfast and what you will bring to sustain you throughout the day...like each of us being warned by Jesus to be ready and prepare for the day of judgment; 4) A final thought: "What's so frightening about the coming of the Son of Man? Why isn't it just good news? Well, if he is the life, that life which is opposed to him has to give way; and if he's truth, then false claimants to truth must cede to him; and if he's the way, then the false ways have to be abandoned. So, as we await the Lord's second coming, we must give our lives to him and renounce everything that opposes him." (Bp. Robert Barron)

Advise to preachers: Prepare your advent homily by prayerful reading, researching, reflecting on God's word.

Reflections on December 8, 2019

Homiletic Tips for 2nd Sunday of Advent (A): Three things you need to prepare you for the Lord's coming in your life: 1) Rdg from Isaiah: The Spirit of the Lord that rests upon us with all its gifts which we have received in Baptism and Confirmation; 2) Rdg from Romans: God's Word that gives hope, encouragement and endurance in our spiritual life; 3) Gospel of Matthew: A humble heart to repent in order to straighten the path where the Lord will walk to enter our lives; 4) A final thought: "If you read the Bible with a critical mind, an open heart, and a contemplative spirit, you are sure to experience the movement of the Spirit and its fruits in your life." (Richard Rohr, OFM)

Advise to preachers: your homily is the work and fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Reflections on December 15, 2019

Homiletic Tips for 3rd Sunday of Advent (A): Three ways to face life's difficult challenges with a disposition of joy: 1) Rdg from Isaiah: Don't be afraid because, like the Israelites who were exiled in the desert, God always comes to save us to turn our sorrow and mourning into joy and gladness; 2) Rdg from James: Be patient and persevere like a farmer who waits for the fruit of the work of his

hands trusting in God's intervention and providence; 3) Gospel of Matthew: Hope in the Lord who has made the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the leper's cleansed, the dead raised and brought glad tidings to the poor; 4) A final thought: In what ways have the Lord brought joy in your heart and life amidst the many trials and tribulations that have come your way. Instead of complaint about the discomforts and inconveniences you are experiencing, count your blessings!

Advise to preachers: your homily should instill in your listeners encouragement, hope and joy in the Lord.

Reflections on December 22, 2019

Homiletic Tips for 4th Sunday of Advent (A): Three hopes that will be a dream-come-true in our life: 1) Rdg from Isaiah: The sign that God will never abandon his people and has come to save us; 2) Rdg from Romans: The good news that we belong to Christ and are called to a life of holiness; 3) Gospel of Matthew: We have Emmanuel, God-with-us, and the plan of salvation has been fulfilled through the instrumentality of Joseph and Mary; 4) A final thought: "Was the incarnation only a 33-year experiment, a one-shot incursion by God into human history? No! The marvel of the mystery is that God took on human flesh and has never since ceased to have human flesh. In St. Paul's words, 'We are the body of Christ.' We don't replace Christ's historical body, we are not like his body, nor are we even his mystical body, we are his body; flesh, blood, tangible, in history, and to the extent that we live in grace, the on-going incarnation, God in flesh in history." (Ron Rolheiser, OMI)

Advise to preachers: Your homily should make your listeners feel that God is indeed with us, alive in the word we preach.

Reflections on December 29, 2019

Homiletic Tips for Feast of the Holy Family (A): Three antidotes to keep the family united in harmony: 1) Rdg from Sirach: RESPECT by honoring not only father and mother but all our loved ones despite differences; 2) Rdg from Colossians: FORGIVENESS to family members who have hurt us, knowing that God forgives our sins, allowing Christ's peace to control our hearts; 3) Gospel of Matthew: LOVE willing to protect and lay down our lives for each member of our family like what Joseph did to Mary and Jesus to save them from Herod; 4) A final thought: "Maybe the reason it seems hard for me to forgive others is that I do not fully believe that I am a forgiven person. If I could fully accept the truth that I am forgiven and do not have to live in guilt or shame, I would really be free. My freedom would allow me to forgive others seventy times seven times. By not forgiving, I chain myself to a desire to get even, thereby losing my freedom. A forgiven person forgives. This is what we proclaim when we pray 'and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.' This lifelong struggle lies at the heart of the Christian life." (Henri J. M. Nouwen)

Advise to preachers: your homily should motivate families in your parish to be together to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist.

State Deputy November Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy



St Anne Council 9437 Delta Church with Father McShane



Prince of Peace Council 9899 Delta Church Drive



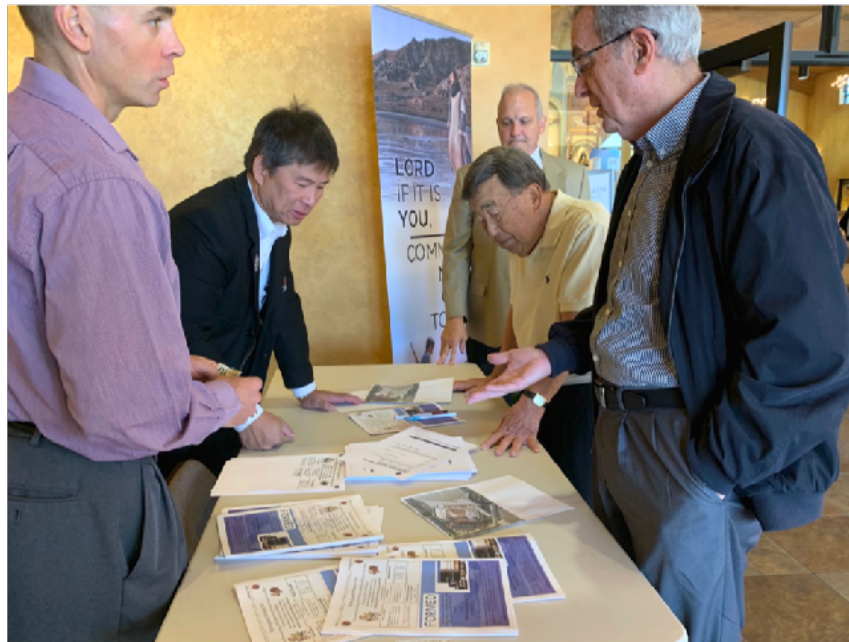
St Joseph Husband of Mary Council 10442 Delta Church Drive



St Jude Council 9102 Pancake Breakfast and Membership Drive



Las Vegas Diocese District Deputies and Grand Knights Training with Past State Deputy Ray Lopez- Southwest Regional Growth Director



Andy Pohl's Turkey Fun Run Registration of St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 in Henderson to benefit the Ultra Sound Initiative and St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Youth Group

Photo shows (Left to Right) District Deputy # 10 Dan St Pierre, SD Toni, Grand Knight Karl Bruno of St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 and Brother Knights signing up for the event

State Deputies Mid Year Meeting 2019 Orlando, Florida



with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



with His Excellency Archbishop William Lori and Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

A Message from the State Membership Director

SK Tom Villardi



State Warden
State Membership
Director

Brothers Knights,

You've done a fantastic job with recruitment so far this year and I wanted to share the result.

At the end of November, the State was at **51%** of our Supreme quota, with 185 new members. This puts us at the highest mark in State's history for this period. Keep in mind that we have 1 month to go until the half way point.

Another item worth mentioning is that for the same period, we are at **250%** of our quota for online memberships.

These are excellent numbers and my special thanks to all of you who made this happen.

I would also like to pass on a thought regarding recruitment during this time of year. **Every event** is an opportunity to recruit new members. This time of year we interact with many people, so consider that every party is an opportunity to recruit and each family gathering is an opportunity.

Keep up the good work and see you in Tonopah.

State Historian Report and December 2019 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to All!

Worthy Grand Knights; **please send me your completed Form 185**, Council Officers information so, I can establish strategic contact for our Columbian Year 2019-2020. **(some Grand Knights have responded, THANK YOU). Remember to include the name and contact information of your appointed Council Historian.**

Other updates are as follows:

1. I am continuing to work with the District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to appoint a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the significant events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position in your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
2. In concert with our new Worthy State Deputy Toni F. Pascua and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a “cloud based” storage system for each Councils records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/updated over the continuing “Columbian Year” by the Council Historian.
3. To accomplish the infill of Past State Deputy's Biographical information, from 2000 to the current Columbian year; I will continue to work with resources from Supreme and PSD Ray Gardea to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information for a few PSD's.

Please use my email address: historian@nv-kofc.com to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to work with my Brothers. Make this new Columbian Year the best year ever for your respective Council and Assembly.

A Nevada Knights of Columbus History Fact:

Emblem of our Order Origin Circa 1882 Supreme Council

James T. Mullen, a New Haven native and Civil War veteran, served our Order as its first Supreme Knight from 1882 – 1886. The emblem of our Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting, May 12, 1883. Supreme Knight Mullen designed the emblem of our Order.

Official description: The emblem incorporates a shield mounted on a Formee Cross (having the arms narrow at the center and expanding toward the ends). The shield is associated with a medieval knight, Formee Cross is an artistic representation of the cross of Christ. Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger of short sword. The fasces is from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus. The short sword is the weapon of the knight when engaged in an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action and, with the letters K of C, it proclaims this specific form of activity.

Colors: Red, White and Blue

Red is then the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual. Thus, white is the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is the symbol of Hope.

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

“Knight in the Light”

Russell J. Bernhardt

Sir Knight Russell J. Bernhardt was certified as a Knights of Columbus Youth Leader on August 20, 2014 and has served as a Columbian Squire Counselor in the Father Art Herkowski Columbian Squires Circle #5686.

He achieved his 4th Degree with Bishop Manogue Assembly 612 on February 21, 2015 where he served as the Faithful Scribe for multiple years, and as Faithful Captain. He authored the Assembly 612 Planning Guide to help new Faithful Navigators transition into their leadership role, as well as, the Assembly Poker fundraiser Run Ride Guide.

Sir Knight Russell was chosen as this year’s honoree at the Bishop Manogue Assembly 612 Annual Military Appreciation Dinner.

Here is his story:

In 1961, he enrolled at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana. As a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, he was required to take a diverse curriculum. One of the university courses that significantly affected his career was Math 195. The course was officially titled “Introduction to Digital Computing.” In that class, he was introduced to computer programming on the ILLIAC II, a revolutionary super-computer built by the University of Illinois that became operational in 1962. For computer nerds, those were the days of IBM punch card programming.

Russ graduated from the University in 1965 with a BA in Finance and he received his draft notice just before graduation.

After considering several options, Russ applied to the U.S Air Force for a rated pilot commission. After three days of testing at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, he was disqualified due to, of all things, hay fever.

He was then encouraged to enlist and apply for a non-rated commission, once in the service. It turned out to be good advice, except that at the time the Vietnam War was rapidly scaling up, and the Officer Commissioning Program was temporarily closed to non-rated candidates. He took the risk and enlisted. By August 1965, he was in training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. When he received permanent orders, he was classified as a Real Estate Cost Management Analyst. In essence, the data he would maintain would help eliminate non-essential base-level construction and facility utilization abuses.

His initial assignment was with the Civil Engineers Squadron of the 7th Bomb Wing, SAC, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas, where he was stationed from September 1965 to August 1966. The B-52 bomber wing, itself, was on temporarily duty in Guam in support of the Vietnam War. In fact, throughout his military career, he was never once stationed at an air base with operational planes. Missiles yes. Planes no.

Prior to arrival, the Strategic Air Command had strongly excoriated the Base Commander for poor facility record keeping. Functionally, he reported to a newly assigned GS-8 civilian who was not only overwhelmed with the condition of the base records, but also under a directive from SAC

Headquarters to computerize the hard copy real estate files. This was at a time when most administrative personnel had no idea as to what a computer was.

Sir Knight Russ knew what had to be done to correct and computerize the base records. He received special permission to work alone at night, key punching data into IBM punch cards until the report conversion was completed. While completing this task, he received permanent orders to report to Da Nang Air Base, Vietnam. With the encouragement of the Base Commander and the Base Civil Engineer, he was permitted to reject the assignment in order to finish what he had started.

Shortly after completion, he received permanent orders to report overseas to APO 96502. Most knew the assignment was in Japan, but no one outside of the Transportation Squadron was quite certain what it was.

Once again, he was given the opportunity to reject the assignment with the caveat that if he did the second time, he would have no choice but to accept the next permanent orders that came through. This time, he opted to accept. The downside was that he really enjoyed his assignment at Carswell, and that he would be frozen with this overseas assignment for two years. Russ said my farewells to co-workers and realized that his work there had made an impact.

As it turned out, he was assigned to the 348th Combat Support Group, PACAF, Itazuke Administration Annex, Japan and stationed there from September 1966 to August 1968 as the Civil Engineer Real Property Management Officer. It was a position promotion.

Itazuke Annex was located near Fukuoka, a city located on the island of Kyushu, 550 miles southwest of Tokyo. It was well off the beaten path. His responsibilities included maintaining real property records for the 13 bases in southern Japan, including the nearby airfield, under the US-Japan Status of Forces Agreement.

The airfield was built by the Imperial Japanese Army Air Force during WWII. After the war, the U.S. Air Force occupied and renamed the airfield, Itazuke Air Base. Later, the runway was extended for use by jet planes. Today, it is called Fukuoka Airport, and is the fourth busiest single-runway airport in the world. Itazuke played a key role in the Korean War and the defense of the Pusan perimeter in 1950.

By the time he was there, the base was on stand-down. The 348th Combat Support Group was very small, composed mostly of Civil Engineer squadron personnel, augmented by Japanese nationals, and shared with a variety of small, odd ball units including a satellite monitoring team. It was a low-profile, and quiet assignment ... except for one little known fact.

Bored deep into the side of a mountain, was a top-secret NORAD-style air defense facility manned by JASDF, the Japanese Air Self Defense Force. Much of his time was spent quietly working with JASDF and coordinating facility management issues with them. Sir Knight Russ was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Major General Takeshi Sakuna JASDF Commander, Western Air Control and Warning Wing.

On the public side, his office was much more visual. Under the Status of Forces Agreement, the U.S. had sole use of military facilities occupied throughout Japan without the need to justify their need. They could, however, and did from time-to-time, return military facilities back to the Japanese people.

By the mid-1960s, the Japanese economy was booming and the pressure to return lands to their original pre-WWII owners was great. In this capacity, he worked closely with the Fukuoka Defense Facilities Administration Bureau.

Most notable action occurred in 1968 when he returned Iwo Jima to the Japanese by issuing the Draft Memorandum of Understanding to the Joint Committee.

While this work may sound interesting and challenging, Fukuoka City was rural, very traditional and isolated from more cosmopolitan areas such as Tokyo. Russ's only contact with home and American pop culture in those two years was letters from home, the Stars and Stripes newspaper, and Armed Forces Radio. Local TV was in black and white, and produced in Japanese only. As a consequence, he was immersed in the Japanese culture.

To fill his spare time void, he taught conversational English at the University of Fukuoka (Fukudai) and Kyushu University (Kyudai) as well as English as a Second Language on-base for USAFI.

When his overseas tour neared its end in the fall of 1968, he considered volunteering for the war zone (the pay was greater) or returning to the U.S. and possibly making application for a non-rated commission. President Lyndon Baines Johnson solved that dilemma.

The Tet Offensive had occurred early in 1968. U.S. support for the Vietnam War began to fade. As the year went on, President Johnson ordered reductions in active service levels, one order, of which, reduced his 4-year enlistment period to 3½ years.

In September 1968, Russ received permanent orders to report to the Headquarters 90th Strategic Missile Wing (SAC), Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming. By the time he reported to Cheyenne, my enlistment period was further reduced by another month.

At Francis E. Warren AFB he received the Commendation Metal for meritorious achievement and service for my body of work in Japan. Russell was honorably discharged in January 1969.

"Looking back, I think I was greatly underpaid, but the value of the experience was incalculable. It opened several career opportunities for me going forward, frankly, I have not talked about this war for years. I do not consider myself a war hero. My country called. I felt an obligation to go, I didn't complain, I went. However, I deeply resented how our true war heroes, living or dead, injured or healthy, were treated upon their return."

We, Knights of Columbus, want to thank Sir Knight Russell J. Bernhardt for this recap of his military career and service to the United States of America.

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

2019 Simbang Gabi Schedule

Father Manny R. Guico



Nevada State Chaplain

"SIMBANG GABI" - December 15-23, 2019



BACKGROUND: In the Philippines, these novena masses are celebrated in the morning 4-5am or in the evening 6-7pm. It is also called “Misa de Gallo” (mass when the cock crows) or “Misa de Aguinaldo”. This is a very much desired Filipino religious tradition. Back home, families wake up early, attend mass and fill many churches. After the liturgy, delicious Filipino food and delicacies are served and shared by families. Thus this Novena becomes both a religious and social gathering.

ACTIVITIES: In the Las Vegas valley, “Simbang Gabi 2019” is celebrated in different parishes at their regular mass time, as published in parish bulletins. Parishioners are invited to attend and participate the novena. The Pastor/Associate at the assigned parish may preside the liturgy. Visiting priests may be welcome to concelebrate. The readings of the day are read and proclaimed. A simple reception/fellowship takes place after mass.

SCHEDULE of Mass/Novena: Dates, Time and Places

1. **December 15, Sunday - 5:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi**
2300 Sunridge Heights Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89052
2. **December 16, Monday - 6:00 PM at St. John Neumann**
2575 W. El Campo Grande Ave., North Las Vegas, NV 89031
3. **December 17, Tuesday at two churches**
8:00 AM at **St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**
7260 W Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89117
7:00 PM at **Our Lady of Las Vegas**
3050 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89107
4. **December 18, Wednesday at two churches**
8:00 AM at **Christ the King**
4925 S. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Bishop George Leo Thomas, Presider
6:00 PM at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
1811 Pueblo Vista Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89128
5. **December 19, Thursday - 7:30AM at Holy Spirit**
5830 Mesa Park Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89135
6. **December 20, Friday at two churches**
7:30 AM at **Holy Family**
4490 S Mountain Vista St, Las Vegas, NV 89121
8:30 PM at **Saint Anne**
1901 South Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89104
7. **December 21, Saturday – 6:30 PM at St. Thomas More**
130 N Pecos Rd, Henderson, NV 89074
8. **December 22, Sunday 5:00 PM at Saint Bridget**
220 N. 14th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101
9. **December 23, Monday – 5:00 PM at Saint Joan of Arc**
315 S. Casino Center Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101



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Council 9102 - Upcoming Events

SK Bernie Iwasczszyn



Grand Knight



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Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekends of
 November 23/24, 30, December 1, 7/8
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 | BEVAN HALL | DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
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Santa | Silent Auction | Cookie Decorating
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Upcoming State Events

Dates	District Deputy Orientation	District Grand Knight Training	Mid-Year Organizational	State Convention
2018				
5/4/18 - 5/6/18				St. Joseph's - Elko
7/7/18 - 7/8/18	Our Lady of Las Vegas - Las Vegas			
12/8/18			Immaculate Conception - Sparks	
2019				
5/3/19 - 5/5/19				St. Patrick's - Fallon Fallon Council 4828
7/6/19 - 7/7/19	Immaculate Conception - Sparks			
12/7/19			St. Patricks - Tonopah	
2020				
5/1/20 - 5/3/20				Our Lady of Las Vegas St. Jude Council 9102
7/11/20 - 7/12/20	St. James the Apostle - Las Vegas			
12/5/20			Our Lady of Snows - Reno	
2021				
4/24/21 - 4/25/21				Harvey's Lake Tahoe - Stateline Our Lady of Tahoe
7/10/21 - 7/11/21	St. Rose of Lima - Reno			
12/4/21			St. Peter the Apostle - Las Vegas	
2022				
4/30/22 - 5/1/22				La Virgen de Guadalupe Mesquite Council 13754
7/9/22 - 7/10/22				
12/3/22			Diocese of Reno	
2023				
5/6/23 - 5/7/23				Immaculate Conception - Sparks Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877
7/8/23 - 7/9/23				
12/9/23			Diocese of Las Vegas	

Dates and venues subject to change.