
THE SILVER KNIGHT



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

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Happy 50th Anniversary!!
Vivat Jesus!!

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A Message from the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

What maybe little can be more?

This year was fleeting and infamous, mainly due to this global pandemic that turned around and drastically disrupted lifestyles, livelihood and most of all our attitudes in living beyond Covid-19 setting.

Towards the end, we can only look back what had transpired. Year 2020 to reckon with started as usual with a big bang and hopes of prosperity. I have a planner full of scheduled events but alas, when this pandemic started March 15,2020 fast forward to this day, all were cancelled to this writing.

Together as State Council, we evolved, did great and fared well despite the odds and ends as we navigated throughout the unreasonable times.

My heartfelt Thank you to my State Officers, Directors, Chairman, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council Officers and Brother Knights for a job well done and continue to strive more for this term. Our gratitude to each of your spouse, and your families for their unwavering support and understanding for it was the times you were with us (Knights) and that you weren't around them. For the struggling councils, it's never too late to start, and level up- your GK together with your DD and their State Officer in charge of your District, can help you build up and restore membership to it's quota. Dropping and suspending membership is not a solution in the name of retention. Let's end this fraternal year with synergy and strength in numbers through the power of Mentorship.

We pray that we may continue to serve and leave a legacy to help so no one will be left behind and take the band of brotherhood to the next level.

Always thankful, counting the blessings bestowed upon us. For every aspiration, there is hope, for every dream, an outlook to foster positivity that will fare out according to His Will.

A reminder: please continue to do the Power of One and more by recruiting eligible Catholic men you know. Please take advantage of the promo code: MCGIVNEY2020 (this is a free membership) valid up to December 31,2020.

We need at least 36 new members per month to maintain our current status. This is makes a great gift idea to any of your peers, relatives, family and friends.

Thoughts on retention: Let us not focus on counting the members, but make every member count!

Upcoming Events for December 2020:

December 5	NV State Council Mid Year Organizational Meeting with State Officers, Directors, Chairmen, DD's, GK's, Brother knights (hybrid meeting) Command center- TV Transport Office of WSW Villardi (details to be announced)
December 08	Feast of The Immaculate Conception
December 16-24	9 Days of Christmas Novena/Mass / Simbang Gabi
December 24	Christmas Eve
December.25	Merry Christmas!!!
December 27	Feast of The Holy Family
December 28	Holy Innocents' Day
December 31	New Year's Eve

Year 2020 has been anything but normal, the pandemic had made us focus about what made it better for you. Be grateful, and fill our life with a purpose and passion.

As this year is about to end- there is nothing heartfelt but to feel what maybe little can be more?...

*A twinkling light far beyond our sight,
Brings back joy in the depth of the night,
As we remember times beyond crisis past, let
our hopefulness be our grace at last ! TP*

Keeping Christ in Christmas may humbleness and kindness, more than ever be always in our hearts!

To one and all, Have A Merry Christmas and a Hopeful 2021!

Vivat Jesus!

Leadership Positions

Nevada State Officers 2020 - 2021

State Deputy	Toni F. Pascua
State Chaplain	Rev. Manny Ramirez Guico
State Secretary	Joe Haun
State Treasurer	Meynard Infantado
State Advocate	John Long
State Warden	Tom Villardi
Associate State Chaplain	Rev. Gerald R. Grupczynski, SChr.
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas Thorn
State Executive Secretary	Al Cuccinelli

District Deputies / Councils

District 1	Councils 978, 4997, 7322, 16207	Mathew Mareno (7322)
District 2	Councils 4928, 10577, 12877, 14588	Herbert Melendez (4928)
District 3	Councils 4828, 6688, 13897, 13924	Steve Schiwart (4928)
District 4	Councils 4781, 12845, 13842, 13944	Michael Houdyshell (12845)
District 5	Councils 2380, 2511, 2666, 11512	<i>To Be Announced</i>
District 6	Councils 5448, 9437, 9899, 13691	Luis Herrera (9437)
District 7	Councils 1340, 11179, 13754	Charles Reifsnyder (1340)
District 8	Councils 2828, 9102, 13392	Gerry Rockwell (13392)
District 9	Councils 10442, 10780, 14144, 14784	Raymond Foster (10442)
District 10	Councils 3741, 13456, 14820, 15061	Matthew Garnes (13456)
District 11	Councils 7708, 8078, 8282, 12690	Richard Menard (8282)
District 12	Councils 5693, 11029, 12543, 14544	Dennis Murtaugh (14544)

Other Nevada State Officers 2020 - 2021

State Program Director	George Minter
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Ray Pelletier
Webmaster & Communications Director	Kenneth J. Sawyer
State Training Coordinator	Ed Verceles
State College Council Coordinator	Don Cortez
State Young Adult Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Budget Committee Chairman	ST Meynard Infantado
State Disaster Committee Chairman	Jesse Chmielewski
State Public Relations Chairman	Bob Cameron
Health Services Chairman	Dr. Thomas D'Amato
State Historian	J. Michael Brady
State Newsletter Editor	Al Cuccinelli

State “Faith in Action” Program Chair

State Faith in Action Program Chairman Dan St. Pierre

State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

State Faith Program Director	Catalino Cabe
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	PSD David Ryan
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. Reifsnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair
State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	IPSD Thomas Thorn
State Vocations Committee Chairman	Hilarion Cordero Jr
Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Mark B. Foxwell
Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair (Las Vegas)	<i>Vacant</i>

State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Al Pena
State Marian Hour Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
State Athletic Events Committee Chairman	Daniel Barry
Las Vegas Catholic Citizens Essay/Poster Contest Committee Chairman	Jim Shurtliff
Youth Director	Michael Caudell
State Squires Committee Chairman	George A. Minter
Soccer and Free Throw Chairman	Robert Hartman
Keep Christ in Christmas Program Chair	Digna Pena

State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Community Program Director	Raymond Brewer
State 365 Club Committee Chairman	PSD Ray Gardea
State Convention Committee Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	Joe Williams
Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Robert Hartman
Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Pete Comerford
State Recognition Committee Chairman	Daniel Mathews
State Audit Committee Chairman	IPSD Thomas Thorn
State Round Table Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnyder
State New Council Development Committee Chair	Sammy Dagher

State LIFE “Faith in Action” Programs

State Life Director	John DeBord
State (North) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman	Steven P. Schiwart
State (South) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnyder
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Michael Gagnon
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell
State Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee Chairman	John Suchewski
State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	John Suchewski

State Membership Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Rev. Manny Ramirez Guico
Online Membership Chairman	Lance Pascua
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Phil Holquin
State Recruitment Committee Chairman	Ray Troik
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis Murtaugh
State Council Reactivation Chairman	Tom Howerter
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	PSD David Strait
State Council Retention Chairman	Joe Williams
State Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
State Hispanic Development Committee Chairman	
Reno	Herbert Melendez
Las Vegas	Jesus Sanchez
State Filipino Development Coordinator	
Reno	George Michael Alvendia
Las Vegas - South	Pro Edillo
Las Vegas - North	Francis Dayao

Supreme Council Announcements

Watch and Wait

Supreme Office



Knights of Columbus

During Advent, Christ calls us to be vigilant.



As we begin the season of Advent, we notice the days growing shorter. For many, the air is turning chillier too. We likely will start spending more time at home as well — not just to enjoy light and warmth, but also to curtail the spread of COVID-19.

To be “cooped up” at home, as we have already experienced during this pandemic, presents certain challenges to our patience and mental health. But as some have pointed out, staying home also presents certain opportunities, particularly during Advent.

“What if we were able to take advantage of this shuttering of our busy lives to observe Advent as our church has always encouraged us to do: a time of reflection, a time of quieting, a time of stillness, to make room for Christ in our daily lives?” asked Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City, Missouri, in a message on the diocesan website.

Interestingly, our proper response to the worsening pandemic this fall neatly parallels our proper experience of Advent. Both should lead us to focus more on God. Both should make us more aware of our mortality.

Avoiding the transmission of coronavirus requires some precautions, health experts have warned. So, we stay at home more. We wash our hands more thoroughly. We practice social distancing. We wear face-masks. We are advised to avoid situations that put ourselves or others at higher risk.

In a word, we are advised to be vigilant against coronavirus.

In the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent (Mk 13:33-37), Christ also cautions vigilance as we anticipate “the Lord of the house” at his Second Coming. “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come ... May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping!”

The reference here is to remaining faithful and prayerful, avoiding even the “near occasion of sin,” as one formula for the Act of Contrition states. God is merciful, but to presume on his mercy and thereby become lax in our pursuit of holiness is a sin in itself. We must be prepared for his return — or our own death, at which moment we will face his judgment — at all times. “Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!” writes the prophet Isaiah in our first reading (Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7).

Is such vigilance possible? Can we remain so faithful in the face of so many challenges? Yes, says St. Paul in our second reading, if we remember what we have been taught and rely upon God’s grace for our strength. “He will keep you firm to the end,” Paul writes, “irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 1:3-9).

And the Psalmist summarizes our Advent call: “Lord, make us turn to you” (Ps 80:2-3, 15-16 18-19). We turn to him in prayer, and we turn to him to seek his grace in his sacraments, in penance and the Eucharist.

With the devil lurking about seeking to draw us away from Christ and our path to heaven, the stakes could not be higher: it is a life-or-death struggle on an eternal scale.

We must remain vigilant, lest we be caught asleep.

Message from the Supreme Secretary

Michael J. O'Connor



Supreme Secretary

WAIVER OF SUSPENSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

Recognizing the difficult times facing many councils due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors has extended its waiver of the suspension process for subordinate councils. Past due balances will remain unadjusted, but the threat of suspension has been lifted for the October 10, 2020, due date.

Additionally, the Board of Directors voted to not levy Per Capita, Catholic Advertising or Culture of Life assessments on January 1, 2021, for the first half of the calendar year.

These measures were taken so that councils can concentrate on the more pressing issues they are facing due to COVID-19.

Thank you.

Michael J. O'Connor

State Officers Announcements

State Deputy November 2020 Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy



Panelist at 2020 State Deputies Mid Year Meeting

Photo shows (left to right) Jonathan Reyes- K of C Senior Vice President Evangelization and Faith Formation, Walter Wych - State Deputy of New York, Toni Pascua, Fr Manny Guico - NV State Chaplain and Rev. Michael Gelfant – New York State Chaplain.



November District Deputy Monthly Meeting

Meeting Northern Nevada Leadership in Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks
Photo shows (left to right) Toni Pascua, Leo Carew II – Grand Knight Council 123877,
Steve Schiwart - District Deputy # 3, Chuck Goucher – Grand Knight Council 4928 and
Matt Mareno – District Deputy #1.

State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico



Nevada State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights:

We started the Season of Advent, preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ, Our Lord & Savior. We know that he already came over 2,000 years ago when he became one of us, born in Bethlehem and dwelt among us. That was the "First Advent". His second coming or "Parousia" is what we are anticipating and preparing to welcome. We are all being encouraged to be ready and prepared when he returns. Let's all stay alert & sober, as Saint Paul wrote in one of his letters. Let us not be caught "sleeping & carousing", with our lamps not lit & well oiled. Prepare for the Lord's coming especially during this time of Pandemic. "Prepare Ye the way of the Lord!".

We will soon hold our State's Mid Year Organizational Meeting on December 5th, Saturday via "virtual meeting". Let's all participate even if we cannot gather in-person. I encourage each member to recruit one new Knight by using online registration and taking advantage of the 100% promotional code "MCGIVNEY2020". It's so easy even during this challenging time of coronavirus.

Last November 28th (Saturday) I celebrated 4:00PM Mass at Christ the King Church and held my 50th (Golden) Priestly Ordination Anniversary. Due to the declared "Statewide Pause", church attendance was down from 250 to only 50. I'll try to send the LINK so that you can go and watch my Thanksgiving Mass on <https://www.facebook.com/ctklv> The video Mass should still be there if you click the link under Christ the King Church - November 28, 2020 4:00PM Saturday Mass

Finally, our traditional annual Novena called "Simbang Gabi" held on December 15 - 23 had been called off due to the pandemic. Hopefully we will resume this meaningful preparation for Christmas next year 2021. I'm sharing with you my daily prayer & mantra: "THINK POSITIVE & TEST NEGATIVE."

Vivat Jesus!

Father Manny R. Guico
Nevada State Chaplain

Supreme Family of the Month Announcement - October 2020

SK Thomas Thorn



Immediate Past State Deputy

Brothers,

Congratulations to the **Brian L. Sondergoth** family (Council 14784) who was selected as Supreme's Nevada Family of the Month.

Thank you also to the following councils who believed their Families of the Month were worth submitting to Supreme.

4828
4928
7322
9899
13924
14784

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Thorn - NV IPSD

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

A Message from the State Faith in Action Program Chairman

SK Daniel C St Pierre



Faith in Action Program Chair

Worthy Grand Knights and Program Directors,

Ok, I get it. Lots of emails... Too long didn't read... Do you know when your email goes unread? Obviously, no one has responded to me that they haven't read my emails, but there is a feedback loop. If you take a look at the Nevada State Report from Supreme, you can see that there are only 2 councils in the State (one of them being mine) that have filled out a form #10784 for ANY activity conducted by the council. The State and Supreme Councils both request this form be filled out for ALL activities conducted by a council.

Now, I am not here to lecture. But proper and timely reporting is essential in any business, club or organization that intends to grow and improve so please look at quickly filling out the forms for all activities conducted by your council. ANY Knight with a computer can do it. This is not necessarily an additional task levied on Grand Knights. Get your council listed. Email me with questions.

So, in the interest of shorter emails in the hopes that someone actually reads it, I would ask you to look at the following two activities in November as a part of the Faith in Action Program. During COVID, I know many councils are looking to make financial contributions and conduct in-home events rather than actual in-person activities. Therefore, for November please take a look at The Global Wheelchair Mission from the Community Category (I received a direct mailing from them this past month) and Pregnancy Center Support from the Life category. The details are attached, so please take a look AND fill out the forms!

Again, here is your primary Faith in Action resource: [Overview Resources - Faith in Action](#)

There are many other links from there.

Please don't hesitate to send me any questions.

Fraternally,

Dan St. Pierre

A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

IN DEFENSE OF OUR RELIGIOUS RIGHTS AND TRADITIONS

One of the basic tenets of our Democracy is the recognition of the fundamental rights of individuals to exercise their freedom to worship and to choose and practice whatever religion they prefer. Then there is **the right to free speech and peaceably assemble to seek redress of their grievances.** All of these rights are guaranteed by our Constitution. Lately, these rights are under attack. St. Peter parish in Dorchester, Boston was burned and the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was vandalized, the statue of Fr. Junipero Serra was destroyed in California. ABC News reported that on June 5, 2020, **a guy climbed up an Alabama bridge to knock the cross down.** The statue of Jesus was beheaded in Florida, the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was beheaded at Chattanooga, Tennessee Catholic Parish on July 15, 2020. The wave of vandalism that is going on around the country is an attack on the Catholic Church and our right to practice our religion, or perhaps a sign of a shifting attitude of some elements of our society to draw the country into Socialism?

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 which was codified at 42 U.S.C. ensures that religious freedom is protected. The National Defense Authorization Act to include military, passed on July 6, 2020, provides for religious accommodations for members of the Armed Forces. H.R. 2431 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 condemns violation of religious freedom and assists the Government in advancing the fundamental rights to freedom of religion. These are but few examples of existing laws intended to protect our fundamental rights to religious freedom. We cannot stop people from trying to destroy our churches and symbols of our religious faith. **But we can remain vigilant in protecting our churches and symbols of our faith by reporting such incidents to the proper authority.**

Marriage and religious freedom act background - The Marriage and Religious Freedom Act (H.R. 3133 S 1808) would bar the Federal Government from discriminating against individuals and organizations based upon their religiously motivated belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman that sexual relations are properly observed to such a marriage. This is another law which affirms our religious belief that marriage is a sacrament. The purpose of which is procreation. Without disrespect to people who holds a different view, they, too, have a right to follow and defend their right to self determination. We look to the Bible to seek guidance as to how we should view marriage. The Bible defines marriage as a covenant. Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife and they shall become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).

Life begins at conception. Our religious belief as Catholics does not allow us to condone or approve of abortion or the taking of the life of an unborn child. **Roe vs. Wade** was a case brought before the

Supreme Court. The Court by a 5-4 ruled to uphold the right of the mother to obtain abortion. This gave rise to the opening of abortion clinics and the demands of women for Corporation and the Government to allocate funds to support these clinics and make available abortion pills. Several attempts were made to overturn this decision, but so far to no avail. This decision is now considered **Stare Decisis** or a case that has been previously decided. The Affordable Care Act further re-affirm this right. We have been forced to take the position of defending the life of the unborn child by offering alternatives to an abortion. Until we succeed, more lives will be lost and the mantel of protection for unborn human rights under the Constitution will remain **silent**.

The biggest killer in the world is not COVID. It is Abortion the leading cause of death in 2019 where 42.3 million abortion cases were performed worldwide. In the United States alone, there were 12,857 cases of abortions performed in 2019 and 18,511 in 2003. (11.6 per 1,000 women ages 15-44). Staggering statistics as it maybe, we have not been able to stop it. There are promising signs showing up in the horizon. **9 states have outlawed abortion or forbid it at a certain point in the pregnancy. Alabama made it completely illegal to have an abortion.** For this new wave of a growing number of anti-abortion support, we stand with high hopes that someday we shall overcome. We must remain vigilant and continue our campaign to stop abortion and save the lives of hundreds of thousands of unborn children who were denied their right to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In the words of Patrick Henry **“Eternal Vigilance is the Prize of Liberty”**.

Vivat Jesus!

A Message from the State Program Director

SK George A Minter

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, State F.I.A. Program Directors,
and all others,



Fraternal Programs Report Form #10784

State Program Director

Recently Sean Potts, from Supreme, shared that Nevada Councils are failing to prepare and submit Form 10784 (Fraternal Programs) to Supreme. We have failure at the Council level and the question is what are we going to do and what corrective action needs to happen?

First, do the Grand Knights even know about [Form 10784](#) (clickable link)? If so, why are they ignoring what's asked of them by Supreme and State? If they don't know about Form 10784, why don't they know?

Second, I'm turning to the District Deputies to inform, TEACH and support their Grand Knights and Councils about filing their Council Activities.

Third, the State F.I.A. Program Directors need to stay in the loop.

Our FIA Program Chair Dan St Pierre and I discussed Centralized vs. Decentralized methods for information gathering and who should submit is influenced by what method is chosen and each can have their own unique challenges for Council implementation.

Please keep in mind that, this might require a CHANGE in a Council's culture and people don't like or not always be receptive to CHANGE. Have you ever seen or experienced a person or group worked to their DISADVANTAGE, just because they are COMFORTABLE with their old way of doing things?

If you need help or additional information, please ask.

Vivat Jesus

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF



General Agent

Council Meeting Message December 2020

In previous years this is the time we may have been shopping for that special present, getting a tree and preparing to cook the traditional Christmas meal. This year will be different. Many will be reluctant to travel, so many may be celebrating with just the household instead of a house-full! Instead of crushes of people at the mall, our Christmas presents will be dropped at the front door by UPS, USPS or Amazon Prime. No 22 lb. turkey this year for the family members visiting from far and wide; just a small one for the few of us. While this year may be different, it may get us to slow down a bit and perhaps savor the special time of year and what we really celebrate.

We turn our thoughts to themes of “Peace on Earth” and “Goodwill to Men!” We think of our Savior’s birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history. We think of family, both the ones we celebrate with this year in person and those who might only be present on Zoom. But we’ll make it through the season; we’ll have even more to celebrate next year.

Each year I remind my readers of some important financial issues as we move through December and hit year end. As you slow down here are some financial issues to consider at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we’re so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.
2. Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that’s in there by year end? Some plans have a “use it or lose it” feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues.
3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the “catch up” provision? You won’t have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.
4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so don't go it alone. Give me a call and I will be happy to discuss any of these issues...and you can do it safely, virtually with me on the computer from the comfort of your home.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:5

Vivat Jesus!

Reflections from the State Family Program Director

 SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

I. NO BRIDGE TOO FAR

Transforming our dreams, thoughts and ideas into reality is a challenge to many who are planning to undertake a major project or any project for that matter because it forces us to answer thought provoking questions and do some creative thinking. There are obstacles that usually gets in the way such as time and resource allocation. Then, there is the question of getting support, setting priorities, and finding financing source to name a few. But don't worry, **no bridge is too far**, if you really set your mind into it. The agenda of our Fraternal Organization is pretty much pre-set and is found in the Fraternal planner that is made available to all Councils at the beginning of each Columbian year. We don't have to transform nor create separate agendas unless we have new one's that we plan to undertake like a major fund raising event for the benefit of our parish community. All we are being asked to do is to look at the upcoming event and start planning ahead.

Willingness to work towards attainment of goals is a good start and the main source of motivation. Specific and clear goals lead to greater output and better performance. Goals must be unambiguous, measurable and clear. It has to be realistic and challenging. Edwin Locke developed the theory in 1960. He proposed that intentions to work toward a goal are the major source of work motivation and incentive. You will be way ahead if you follow simple and tried methodology that breaks down your idea into manageable small task. Finding volunteers is perhaps the hardest thing to do especially during this time when there is COVID to consider. This is why it is important to keep in touch with your members. Clean up your contact list and make sure that your Council is informed when a member moves or has a change of address, phone number or e-mail. Keep them informed of upcoming events and/or meetings and agenda to discuss. **Encourage members to participate by making them feel and understand that they are doing something worthwhile that will benefit their parish community and put their faith into action.**

Action Plan

- A) Identify the task
- B) Decide who would do what
- C) Keep a rear view mirror:

Helpers/people, equipment, material, expertise and system. This is referred to as SCHEME. SCHEME is a large scale of systematic plan or arrangement for attaining a particular object or **putting a particular idea into effect.**

In every step of your action plan, you are bound to encounter problems which you may or may not have anticipated. So right down every problem that you encounter and follow the steps below:

Over-All (Steps)

- A) Define the problem
- B) Collect & analyze the data
- C) Clarify and prioritize
- D) Write a goal statement for each solution
- E) Implement solution
- F) Monitor & evaluate
- G) Refine - evaluate and refine continuously. Always look for a better way.
"If it works - Break it".

Create timelines

Project management is the process of overseeing organizing, guiding an entire group of people of different backgrounds and experiences in the achievement of a specific goal. In order to effectively control the timely and orderly completion of every task that have been assigned to every individual or group of individuals, the Program Manager has to prepare a schedule listing the task to be performed, the person or persons responsible for completing the task and the timeline for completion.

Execution

The act or process of executing performance. This is where supply logistics and control is an operational necessity. The Program Manager has to stay on top of the project and constantly monitors the progress of the work based on the established timelines. He also make sure that there are no unnecessary interruptions in the work flow. That he keeps the people motivated and focus on the completion of the goal. The people are the components of an engine and the Manager is the Engineer making sure that the engine is running smoothly.

Evaluating results

It is important that the tasks are both measurable, realistic and the activity has been planned in a way that it lends itself to data collection. Speaking of Data Collection, it is important for the Project Manager to establish good communication and hands-on involvement in every major aspect of the project. Date collection is important to assess where the project is going and to make sure that it is running on schedule and on budget. When you do your homework and stay focus, the **Bridge is really not too far.**

II. THE PURPOSE OF RUBRICS

A rubric is a scoring guide used by educators to evaluate constructive responses to a product or a project or a program. It has three (3) parts:

1. Performance Criteria
2. Rating Scale
3. Indicators.

It clearly defines what is expected and what will be assessed. Having said that, let me explain why this is important to the Knights of Columbus Councils to adapt. This gives us some kind of a measurement criteria to know if our councils are:

- A. Meeting their goals
- B. Falling behind and needed help
- C. Assess performance consistently from council to council
- D. Give timely feedback and promote achievement of results in a sustainable way
- E. Clarifies expectations and goals
- F. Reforms the methods in evaluating results if necessary

Your State Program Directors and other State Officers are edging to help except sometimes unable to do so due to our inability to receive timely information from the councils as to what programs they are doing;

- A. How successful they are in implementing the programs?
- B. If it is successful how we can let the other councils know so they too can duplicate it.
- C. It will also establish the bench mark where we can begin to monitor your progress and assist you by providing resources so you can get support to help you accomplish your goal and make it successful.

We can only be effective if we start somewhere. The place to start is for each Council to report to us what programs they are doing. If they have been doing the program for quite sometime, quantify it and let us know how many people has been served by the program. Please give us some pictures and describe how many Knight members of your Council participated. What effect it had on your Council members. Did it encouraged your members to participate in your council activities such as attending meetings, doing more fund raising activities, helping the Church by getting involved in many Church ministries both in Church and outreach programs? Are we doing what we can to “leave no neighbors behind” so they don’t go to be bed hungry? I know some Councils who are collecting food such as Christ the King, Holy Spirit, Husband of Mary, San Lorenzo Ruiz, Immaculate Conception and I am sure many others Which we have no way of knowing because you don’t report it.

There are reports that your council need to do in order for Supreme to be informed of your Activities for example SP 7 and to tell other people what the Knights of Columbus are doing to make the World a better place to live.

III. ADVERTORIUS - RESTORING OUR FREEDOM

Let me start with a quote from Senator Claro M. Recto, one of the founders of the Philippine Constitution, who when confronted by a group of rogue Senators demanding to change the Constitution responded and said:

“Those of you who ignore this Constitution will someday find themselves seeking refuge in the very institution they sought to destroy. You are compared to the People of Sodom and Gomorrah, who, after witnessing the Destruction of their lost city, look back in retrospect and asked themselves why, what did we do wrong“ Still refusing to accept the error of their ways but still seeking God’s help and protection after witnessing the devastation.

I was reminded of these words when I listened to the speech made by Justice Alito to the Federal Society on November 13, 2020. He spoke of the need to restore our religious liberty and the right to freely live out our faith. He implored all of us, Americans, to be vigilant against the all-out attack not only on our religious freedom, but on the entire Constitutional System. He certainly made us doubly concerned, that our freedom is being subjugated by some sectors in our society who are using COVID as an excuse to advance their agendas at all cost. Thank goodness to Justice Alito for bringing this up, because **it is so critical and so important to simply ignore**. I hate to wake up one day and realize that the freedom I once enjoyed as a Citizen of this country has been taken away by executive order or legislative means using COVID as an excuse.

Vigilant means:

That, we must win precedent setting cases on behalf of Americans who have been deprived of their religious freedom, and are languishing in jail because they put God first in their lives;

That, we oppose assaults on religious freedom in the US Military;

That, we must pursue our campaign to protect the life of every unborn child and the Sanctity of Marriage between men and a woman. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg established legal doctrine that states “the decision not to have a child is central to a Woman’s life, and to her well-being and dignity. It is her decision she must make for herself”. This was the decision that prevailed in the Roe vs. Wade. The question that is begging to be asked is what about the right of the Unborn child? Who will Protect them? I agree with Justice Ginsburg but shouldn’t the decision be made before the fact and not after the fact? It is not what our criminal justice system is all about? This decision will be the subject of discussion for some time to come;

That, we should stay vigilant in defending our rights as guaranteed by our Constitution so It cannot be easily taken away by unscrupulous politicians seeking To undermine it and hide under the shadow of helping the working class; This brings to mind the case of Jackson vs. Massachusetts where the court upheld a mandatory vaccine law in 1905 over the objection of a man who claimed it violated his due process. Justice Alito conceded that he is all in favor of preventing dangerous things from issuing out of Cambridge, Massachusetts and infecting the rest of the world.

We must remain steadfast in our resolve to protect our Constitution and not allow Foreign power to interfere in our election and dictate the course of our future and our children's Future.

We must protect our Churches and Statues of God and Saints which are symbols of our Faith.

He said that our Constitutional rights have been disfavored and treated as a 2nd class right because of COVID which has become the driving force controlling the social and political fabric of our existence. Our right to free speech and religious freedom is being trampled upon wittingly or unwittingly. The statement made by Justice Alito has a **wide ranging implication and significance, because it goes to the heart of our Constitutional rights as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights under the Constitution.** He also expressed concern about the increasing mandates that are being put in place by executive fiat rather than by legislative process. He cautioned about the vast powers and discretion vested in the Governors of each State in dealing with this National Pandemic. The failure of our Legislature to address the issues involved and to pass legislations to help alleviate the social, economic and financial impact of this problem on our citizens. I share in the concern voiced by Justice Alito about the erosion of our Constitutional freedom and the need to go back to the fundamental doctrine of separation of powers. That Congress is charged with the power to legislate, the Courts the power to interpret, the Executive the power to execute. In addressing this crisis we often hear about transgressions and abuses occurring between the Executive and Legislative branches of our Government that goes beyond the limits of their Constitutional powers which often ends up in the Court to decide. Our Courts should be allowed to operate independently just like the other branches of Government. This is the spirit and intent of the framers of our constitution and the genius of its founders.

Our constitution was designed to contain very enduring qualities. We must find a way to protect and defend it. We have survived 244 years as a nation. Our Government and institutions have made us the envy of the World. Our System of Government is not perfect by any means, but it has endured through the ages. Our **Laissez Faire** economic system has lifted the living standard of our people. Everybody seeking to find great opportunity to improve themselves and their families are competing to immigrate to our country. They come by the millions attracted by the symbol of the Statue of Liberty and the inscription that says ***“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore”*** and the vast opportunities that awaits them in the land of milk and honey.

A Message from the State Recruitment Chairman

SK Raymond Troik



State Recruitment Chairman

Worthy Brother Knights,

Supreme is making my job EASY this month. The following is from Supreme. It has made the job of the Financial Secretary easier; it has given us a chance to excel. Are YOU READY?

In October, I said we can enhance our councils by reaching out to the absentee men. So, now we can REACH OUT. Please, take advantage of our sequestering and call, knock on a door, check out Facebook etc. All done from home with a handful of peanuts and a glass of bourbon [small glass]. Call your FS; get a couple names of inactive Knights. Call them! CALL THEM! We have the time; we need their blood. Be active in this as a council; everyone can and should do it!

FROM: SUPREME SECRETARY

RE: WAIVER OF SUSPENSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2020

Recognizing the difficult times facing many councils due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors has extended its waiver of the suspension process for subordinate councils. Past due balances will remain unadjusted, but the threat of suspension has been lifted for the October 10, 2020, due date.

Additionally, the Board of Directors voted to not levy Per Capita, Catholic Advertising or Culture of Life assessments on January 1, 2021, for the first half of the calendar year.

These measures were taken so that councils can concentrate on the more pressing issues they are facing due to COVID-19.

Thank you.

Michael J. O'Connor

REACH OUT AND LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND!

A Message from the State Retention Director

SK Phillip R. Holguin

Brother Knights,

December 15 — Calendar Year Membership Billing is upon us.

When generating Notices, the pending assessments are processed, the First Notice is generated from the “Notices” section of the Print Center in Member Billing. You have the option of mailing or emailing the notices. This is a good opportunity to include a personal note from the Grand Knight letting its members know that we may have Brother Knights that could be struggling during this pandemic, and we should reach out to those Brothers in need and assist them.



State Retention Director

The council’s membership dues are the primary funds for Councils. We understand that the fundraising efforts for all of the councils have been hindered this year, which has placed barriers in your path. We have to be creative in finding ways to help these Knights in need, and keep them engaged. The other members who wish to resign their membership with the Knights should be identified, and processed out in accordance with the Supreme policies and guidelines. I know this is difficult for the councils to function with members that are in arrears and are not actively involved with the Knights. It is imperative for the retention committees to actively reach out to these individuals and confirm their status, complete the report and provide it to the Grand Knight.

Examples of Billing Dates:

Calendar Year Billing Example

- 1st Notice sent to member on December 15th
- 2nd Notice sent to member on January 15th
- Retention Committee contacts those in arrears
- Knight Alert Letter sent February 15th
- Notice of Intent to Retain sent March 1st
- File a Form #100 with the Supreme Council on May 1st but no later than June 1st

Fraternal Year Billing Example

- 1st Notice sent to member on June 15th
- 2nd Notice sent to member on July 15th
- Retention Committee contacts those in arrears
- Knight Alert Letter sent August 15th
- Notice of Intent to Retain sent September 1st
- File a Form #100 with the Supreme Council on November 1st but no later than December 1st

I hope you and your family are doing well, and staying safe!

Fraternally,

State Historian Report and November 2020 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Brother Knights

Wishing you and yours a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Updates are as follows:

1. I will be in contact with our District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the 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 second term Worthy State Deputy Toni F. Pascua and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each Council's records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/updated over the continuing "Columbian Year" by the Council Historian.
3. To accomplish the infill of Past State Deputy's Biographical information, from 2000 to the current Columbian year: I am continuing to work with resources from Supreme, PSD Ray Gardea and SK Kenneth Sawyer, State Communications Director to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information from all but three PSD's from 2000 to present.

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.

Knights of Columbus History Fact:

Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's new "Blessed" status and pray for his Sainthood!!!

Know this:

New Haven, Connecticut: Blessed Michael J. McGivney Pilgrimage Center (formerly The Knights of Columbus Museum) nicknamed "The Strong Right Arm of the Church" is the place where you have the opportunity to view some of the historical achievements of the KofC group of Catholic laymen since the founding in 1881 to present. The Pilgrimage Center offers self-guided tours of various galleries. The exhibits are world class and has both permanent exhibits and changing exhibits. Among the permanent collection are the Father Michael J. McGivney gallery and reliquary, the Wall of History (detailing the history of the Knights), the Papal Gallery, Christopher Columbus Gallery, the Mexican Martyrs, and others. Rotating exhibits featured artwork and artifacts from around the world. Especially known for the Christmas Nativity scenes during the seasons of both Advent and Christmas.

The website is: www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org.

“Knight in the Light”

Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Manuel Ramirez Guico

Born in San Jose, Nueva Ecija on August 6, 1947, Manuel Ramirez Guico is the 7th child of Doctor Rodrigo Amoranto Guico, Sr & Rosario Payumo Ramirez.

At an early age, Fr. Manny studied at Saint Joseph School run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; in the Parish of **Saint Joseph administered by the Dutch Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Fathers which is now the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija in the Philippines.**

As an altar server at the age of 7, he would accompany Fr. Swinkels to celebrate Mass in nearby villages. This was usually followed by a customary meal prepared by the community who always reserved the best part of the chicken for the priest. To the young Manny who then knew nothing about the vocation, this special treat summoned a desire to enter the priesthood. The calling came, so uncomplicated, to the mind of this simple lad.

During his 2nd Year High School in May 1959, he entered San Jose Seminary under the Jesuits. He was joined with a group of 15 other boys from the province of Nueva Ecija. Out of the 15, only THREE became Priests. “Many are called but few are chosen”.

In 1965, the Seminary was relocated to the Loyola House of Studies at Loyola Heights campus. In March 1967 he graduated at Ateneo de Manila University with Bachelor of Arts degree (Major in Philosophy).

Fashioned unto the obedience of St. Joseph, Fr. Manny heeded the instruction of his Superiors. During his college years, he taught Catechism classes & Religion at UP High School and Ateneo High School. Together with three seminarians, he was involved in Pastoral Ministry at the St. Thomas Villanueva Parish.

It was also during these years in Theology (1968-1971) that Fr. Manny was assigned to interact with married couples as-a-way to better understand the dynamics of marriage and family life in the context of the Faith. Fr. Manny became chaplain of the Christian Family Movement unit of Project 4, White Plains, and St. Ignatius subdivisions in Quezon City led by Dan and Coret Arrozal. This CFM paved the way for the foundation and construction of the Parish Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Project 4, Quezon City. In its founding stage, Father Manny witnessed the Church fully alive, animated by parishioners who responded to the changing role of the laity post-Vatican II. Fr. Manny was scheduled to complete his Theology at the Loyola School of Theology in March 1971. A year before, however, the Loyola House of Studies received news of an intended visit of Pope Paul VI to Manila in November 27 – 29, 1970.

This was the very first time a Roman Pontiff would set foot in the Philippines, the only predominantly Catholic country in Asia. Fr. Manny's superiors seized the occasion as an opportune time to schedule the ordination of their initial batch of priests.

Hence, on November 28, 1970 (at the age of 23 years & 3 months) Fr. Manny was ordained by Pope Paul VI to the Sacred Priesthood at Luneta Park in Manila together with **over 200 from Southeast Asian countries**.

And on November 29th, he celebrated his "First Mass" at the Chapel of the San Jose Seminary with Fr. Eddie Hontiveros, his Jesuit Rector, together with mentor and Spiritual Director, Father Catalino Arevalo who preached at his First Mass, at his 25th Anniversary Mass in 1995 and had written his Homily for 50th Anniversary.

After his ordination, Fr. Manny, whose heart aspired for the obedience and trust embodied by St. Joseph, returned to his hometown in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija having been appointed Vice Rector of Maria Assumpta Seminary.

Between 1971 and 1974, Fr. Manny taught and mentored young seminarians in discerning their call to the Priesthood. This was only the beginning of Fr. Manny's passage in the footsteps of Saint Joseph whose mission it was to guide and protect families and communities, especially in dire situations.

In 1974, he received his first parochial assignment which sent him to Immaculate Conception Parish in General Llanera, Nueva Ecija a fourth-class rural municipality. It held out the crudest accommodations and an isolated existence for the fledgling priest. His only living companions at the rectory were three brothers who became his assistants and sacristans.

This extremely underdeveloped locality was then without electricity and he was faced with reaching out to mostly poor uneducated farmers. But the inspiration of St. Joseph gripped this young priest's heart to be steadfast in his ordained course by the Spirit.

In May 1979, Fr. Manny learned that Auxiliary Bishop Pedro Magugat of Cabanatuan was set to leave for his ordination at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Knowing the Bishop was entitled to take a traveling assistant with him, Fr. Manny was prompted to volunteer to be his aide. This was to be his first trip outside the Philippines. Following the ordination of Bishop Magugat in Rome, fellow Filipino priests persuaded Fr. Manny to stay and work out a scholarship. Not only did he secure permission to do so; he also received a full scholarship at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Italy. Colegio Filipino, a boarding house in Rome became his home till he completed his studies in 1980 with a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology. He also studied under Father Jordan Aumann, OP taking courses on Institute of Spirituality.

In November 1979, Fr. Manny obtained his US permanent immigrant status after having been petitioned by his family who had migrated to Cerritos, California and Skokie, Illinois. His spiritual journey beckoned for him to leave his motherland and to fulfill his priestly mission amid the unfamiliar. This was to be the start of an adventure with the Lord marked by much travel and trials

that would test the tenacity of his faith in God's Word and promise. Ever the follower of St. Joseph's example, Fr. Manny obeyed where the Spirit led him. **ITE AD JOSEPH.**

Between 1981–1985, Fr. Manny ended up serving in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Church in Los Angeles, California and later at Saint Peter Claver Church in Simi Valley, California.

Year 1986 marked a major crossroad in Fr. Manny's spiritual journey. On November 13, 1986, he was sworn in as First Lieutenant in the US Air Force Reserve and entered the US Air Force Chaplain Service that would last for the next 20 years.

Fr. Manny set forth, in obedience to the calling of the Spirit, to provide pastoral care ministry and counseling to young US Airmen. His adventure with the Lord would take him to different military bases from Rapid City in South Dakota; Moreno Valley in California; Honolulu, Hawaii; Albuquerque in New Mexico; San Antonio in Texas; and to Las Vegas in Nevada. While in an assignment in Keflavik, Iceland, Fr. Manny was blessed with a close encounter with the late Pope John Paul II- a sign perhaps that tangibly confirmed the constant companionship of the Lord along his continuing adventure marked by much surprise and fleeting rewards.

Like a father strengthening the spiritual resilience of these young men that dare the battlefields, Fr. Manny ministered to military personnel, aged anywhere from 18 to 40 years old. He was not spared deployment with military troops in combat or in training across various posts, including South Korea, Germany, Italy, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, and Iraq. To the soldiers who faced constant danger at the crossfires of war, Fr. Manny held out a symbol of solace and faith. He stood as the Joseph they could rely on amidst desolation, fear, and their own spiritual quest. Fr. Manny's eyes could not escape the bloodshed. The sight of torn limbs and lifeless bodies were only outdone by the encounter of the devastated spirits of these young men. To live the spirit of St. Joseph meant being a fortification of the faith for these tired and searching souls.

Fr. Manny's retired from the United States Air Force Chaplaincy in January 2007 as a Major and a veteran of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Throughout his entire journey of surprise and adventure, Fr. Manny Guico remained steadfast and unchanging in his inspiration – **ITE AD JOSEPH.** Where the Lord summons, he will obey... he will go... he will minister bravely, alongside the lost, the needy, and the defenseless. He presently resides in Las Vegas, Nevada assisting in several Parishes & Churches.

"I am blessed. I am grateful. Many times, in my life, I have asked why God chose me. Some of my contemporaries have left the priesthood for various reasons, why am I still here? The answer would take me through 50 years of priestly ministry full of surprises and adventures. It has not been easy. I have experienced much frustration and even opposition; you simply cannot please everyone, and even your best efforts will always fall short of others' needs and expectations. But as my Jesuit Spiritual Director impressed upon me, the model of my priesthood must be Jesus Christ who faced hatred and condemnation that led him to the Cross. Must I have it better than Jesus?? A truly humble awakening."

“I want to share two of my guiding principles in my 50 years of priestly ministry. First, ‘Bonus Pastor’, strive to be a ‘Good Shepherd’ that knows his flock and whose flock knows him. Search for the lost, the injured, and the vulnerable and bring them back to the fold and protect them. Second, live the ‘Ministry of Presence.’ Immerse yourself in the lives of your flock. Know their pains and sufferings. Empathize and be one Inspirit in all they undertake and endure.

Finally permit me to share my personal guiding motto summed up in this acronym: “SGHH” - be Simple, Good, Humble, and Holy Priest. I too have yet to master this lifestyle & spirituality but in God’s hands, we are all in the process of becoming and perfecting.”

*”After 50 years of service in my priestly vocation, I have had the privilege and the blessing to have served the ‘ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH’ in my travels throughout the world. When I think to myself why God chose me to be his priest and what is my ordained mission... to put it simply: **“FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE”***

On November 28, 2020, Fr. Manuel Guico celebrated his 50 years of his Priestly Adventure with a THANKSGIVING MASS at Christ the King Church, in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER! “TU ES SACERDOS IN ETERNUM!” (in Latin)

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

Selecting a Family or Knight of the Month with Membership Input

SK Kenneth J Sawyer



Nevada Webmaster and
Communications Director

During these pandemic days when Councils are meeting online I suspect most Officers are having a hard time coming up with nominations for either the Family or Knight of the Month. Clearly, we do not have the same level of activities making it difficult.

I received an email recently that got me thinking, so I'd like to point out how easy it is for our members to assist with nominations. I suspect our members see or know of things others are doing that the officers are not aware of.

We need to encourage members to go to the Council UKnight website, from the home page they select the MEMBERS ONLY tab. Login as noted and scroll down to the NOMINATE tab. Once there they will have a list of Council members, they can pick either FAMILY or KNIGHT of the MONTH. At the top they can provide information of why they have recommended them. Once satisfied they just scroll all the way down and submit.

This is one more service offered through the UKnight web system that I encourage councils to utilize. If anyone needs help or has questions, please contact me.

Obviously the KNIGHT OF THE MONTH and FAMILY OF THE MONTH should be published in the Council newsletter. But with the choice of the Family of the Month that should also go to Supreme.

But, an observation from distributing the Supreme Family of the Month information for PSD Tom each month. It seems that we do not have a lot of Councils submitting their selections. So just to be safe I thought I would include how easy it is to submit the Family of the Month to Supreme.

Once the Family is selected, each Council just needs to fill out [Form 10668](#) (clickable link), have it signed by the Grand Knight. After filling out the form it just needs to be e-mailed to fraternalmission@kofc.org. This form needs to reach supreme by the 15th each month.

Supreme then sends the results to the States each month.

I hope this helps, we need to show Supreme that we have more than 6 Councils in the State.

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A Message from the State Young Adult Chairman

SK Lance Pascua



Nevada Young Adult
Chairman

Hello there, it's Lance Pascua, State Young Adult Outreach Chairman and Online Membership Chairman for The Knights of Columbus!

What are we thinking at this moment?

One is the hustle and bustle of the Advent Season leading to Christmas Season.

Two, at the same time to “weather” amid this pandemic.

Three, to be hopeful and always be grateful- as we humbly pray for everyday! Though as looking forward to a new and exciting year, 2021, wherein we postponed or had cancelled numerous events this year, it was God's will and master plan indeed that had set the tone/adrenaline for us riding through all these.

All what we experienced was we saw the value, strength, learned to live and love that we can do without but bare essentials.

Tide through the storm and move forward to every direction that the road may take us. A reflection on the next year 2021- the best has yet to come.

The best gift you can give this Christmas to any of your relatives, neighbors, friend, co workers (eligible Catholic men) is the gift of Knights of Columbus Online Membership. It is complimentary (normally \$30/ year)

Please use our 24/7 on demand online membership registration link- <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Use promo code: MCGIVNEY2020 (free membership waived for joining now until Dec.31,2020).

Until then please stay healthy, be well and be blessed. Merry Christmas and A Stay Well 2021!

Keeping you in my prayers,

Assembly/Council Announcements

Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmates

Bishop Manogue



Assembly 612

Bishop Manogue Assembly 612 held its annual Military Appreciation Dinner ahead of Veteran's Day on November 6, 2020 at Pinocchio's Restaurant in Sparks, NV. Twenty-seven (27) 4th Degree Knights and guests were in attendance in compliance with State COVID-19 restrictions.

The highlight of the event, as always, is the presentation of the dinner honoree. Faithful Navigator Ricky R. Harold introduced Sir Knight Michael J. Morris, Chief Warrant Officer 4 US Navy Retired. Sir Knight Michael delighted the attendees with a brief summary of his 30-year career in the US Navy. It spanned from post high school graduation in 1966 to the completion of his final tour of duty on September 30, 1996. Initially trained in air traffic control radar systems with tours of duty at four Naval Air Stations and two aircraft carriers, he later earned his Surface Warfare Officer qualification pin and the Meritorious Service Medal award.

Following his distinguished military career and subsequent employment with a defense contractor in Maryland, Sir Knight Michael relocated to Sparks, NV where he was employed in logistics and property management. It was there where he met his lovely wife Carla, was baptized in the Catholic faith and became enamored with the 4th Degree Color Corps at Bishop Randolph Calvo's ordination. He is a past District Marshall of Northern Nevada.

In addition to his Assembly Officer Position as Faithful Purser, Sir Knight Michael also serves as the Ponderosa Council 4928 Life Director and the Holy Cross Catholic Community Culture of Life program lead recently leading the 40-Days for Life prayer vigil and the Protect Our Girls parental notification petition drive. He makes a difference!



SK Mike and Carla Morris



Table of Honor: Mike and Carla (left)
with Megan Freibarger and FN Ricky R. Harold (far right)

“Drive-thru” Fish Fry - Friday, Dec 4th

SK Raymond A Foster



District Deputy

Brother Knights,

Please join us this Friday, Dec 4th from 5-7PM.

Holy Spirit Church
5830 Mesa Park Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89135



\$9.00 for two pieces of deep fried fish & fries.

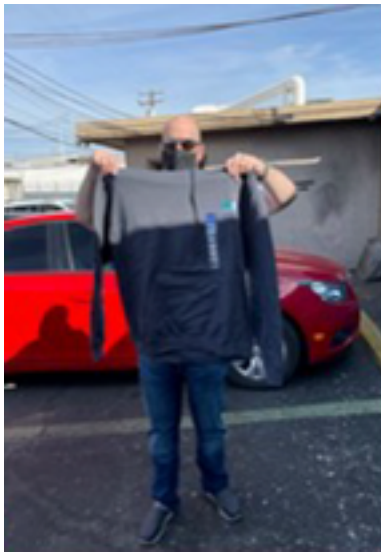
All proceeds are donated to Holy Spirit Church

Holy Spirit Council 14784 Coats for Kids Program Sponsoring Casa De Luz

SK Christopher T Traver



Grand Knight



GK Christopher Traver, FN Roger Watson and Recorder William Campbell of Holy Spirit Council 14784 presented Coats for Kids to Casa De Luz. Their staff was very appreciative of the Knights of Columbus for always helping out their organization, making the kids who go there happy, warm and secure! A special thank goes out to George Minter, William Campbell and his wife Frances for all their hard work in making our 2020 Coats for Kids program a great success!



Sparks, NV Police Department Appreciation Luncheon (update)

SK Charles B Goucher



Grand Knight

Ponderosa Council 4928 imagines itself as a high-energy, volunteer-driven, Catholic fraternal organization putting member Faith in Action. It fundraises hard in support of over 50 service initiatives. This year, however, the Covid-19 pandemic turned its world upside down. All fundraising events were canceled. Many parish, fraternal, and community events were either canceled or significantly changed and downsized. Video conferencing became the norm.

The Council needed something to get its mojo back: an event it could plan, organize and involve its membership hands-on.

One of its members, Bro. Robin Pagni, is a retired Assistant Chief of Police for the City of Sparks. His son, Nick, was recently promoted to the grade of sergeant and is a member of the Department's SWAT team. Given this connection, the Council decided to approach the City of Sparks Police Department with the concept of hosting a Police Department Appreciation Luncheon. Despite its many challenges, including the need for municipal approval, compliance with State-mandated COVID-19 restrictions, and Department officer and staff shift scheduling, Ponderosa Council 4928 made it happen.

On October 22nd, Council members and family draped Department Training Room tables in blue and set up seating with social distancing in mind. Hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled outside in the parking lot, food trays prepared at home were set out, and volunteers manned the serving line during the 2½ hour "lunch hour." In sum, seventeen (17) Council members and spouses donated a total of 81 hours to make this event a success. Over 60 officers and staff were served, each, of which, received a St. Michael the Archangel prayer card. St. Michael the Archangel is the Patron Saint of Law Enforcement.

This event was not a planned Council-budgeted line item. All funding came from Council members who just wanted to reach out to law enforcement to say "thank you" for what they mean to our community every day. The event was very well-received. Ponderosa 4928 got its mojo back!



A Knight with a flare (up) for cooking



Making sure each hot dog is cooked to perfection



Serving line prepared for honored guest arrivals



Grill it and they will come



Honorees socially-distanced. A sign of the times. Smiles.

Holy Spirit, Council 14784 Honor Veteran of Korean War Battle

SK Christopher T Traver



Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus from Holy Spilt Council 14784 and Fr. John Kenny Assembly 3772

Participate in Honoring Andrew Kramer who was in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in 1950, fighting over frozen ground as a teenager, in what is considered one of most important battles of the Korean War. He was one of the American soldiers with the honorable nickname, "*The Chosen Few*."

Dawn Kramer, the daughter of Andrew Kramer, USMC, donated 1,400 flags for Section U, where her father is buried and to honor ALL VETERANS buried at the cemetery. The Knights of Columbus showed up with great enthusiasm and motivation and helped place 1,400 flags.

The event was sponsored by Southern Nevada Patriot Guard Riders.





Knights and family members in attendance:

WGK SK Chris Traver, WFN SK Roger Watson, WDGK SK Brian Sondgeroth, SK Chancellor Andre Mc Coy SK Ed Hartry, FS SK Phillip Holguin, Jean-Paul Downs, Isaac Ortega, Richard Weidmyer & wife Marysue, Larry Cordes

Council 10442 - Keep Christ in Christmas Button & Yard Sign Promotions

SK Don K Thompson



Grand Knight



St Joseph Husband of Mary, Council 10442 in addition of distributing Keep Christ in Christmas, Buttons that brought in over \$1,000 that will be used to assist the less fortunate this Christmas.

They also sold over 72 Keep Christ in Christmas, 18" x 24" Yard Signs, that will be reusable for several years. The proceeds from those signs allowed the Council to donate several of the signs to the Parish and to Catholic Charities.

Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Coat Donation

SK Charles B Goucher



Grand Knight



Traditionally, Ponderosa Council 4928 has held its annual Coats for Kids donation program for the needy in conjunction with a Breakfast with Santa program hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows in December. This year, due to an early cold snap and Covid-19 considerations, delivery couldn't wait. The need was great, and the Boys and Girls Club urged the Council to make its clothing donation as early as possible. We did.

On November 20th, the Council delivered 183 youth-sized coats, 79 scarves, 20 beanies, and 54 pairs of gloves and mittens for immediate distribution. We did not do it all alone. Ponderosa Council 4928 purchased 60 coats, the NV State Council purchased 12 coats, and Supreme match the order with 72 coats. The balance of coats and winter wear were donated by Council members. Circumstances may change, but in Sparks, NV, our sense of community and tradition continues. This service initiative was highlighted on KTVN-TV Channel 2 news. Click on the link below to view the KTVN Channel 2 news coverage.

<https://www.ktvn.com/clip/15159018/boys-and-girls-club-of-truckee-meadows-coat-donation>

Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council 4928 - November Knight of the Month

SK Charles B Goucher



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SK Michael J. Morris is the Ponderosa Council 4928 Life Program Director and the Holy Cross Catholic Community Church Culture of Life Program Lead.

No one is as committed to Pro-Life programs than he, and no one has been busier in the support of such programs than him during the past month. He led the 40-Days for Life prayer vigil on the public walk in front of the West End abortion clinic in Reno, encouraging the participation of 14 members who volunteered over 85 hours in peaceful protest. He was also the driving force in the Protect Our Girls parental notification petition drive obtaining nearly 200 registered voter petition signatures after all weekend parish masses.

SK Michael is a knight who puts his Faith in Action and makes a difference. For this he is named the Ponderosa Council 4928 November Knight of the Month.





Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us