
THE SILVER KNIGHT



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

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A Message from the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

The best is yet to come!
Hello to the month of June- literally marking the mid year!

On behalf of the Officers of The Nevada State Council, we thank you all for participating in our recently concluded 111th Annual Nevada State Convention at the Harveys Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV, May 14,15 and 16,2021.

What it seemed less is more, it's a coming out celebration from the vestiges of the lockdown, somehow restrictions were now lifted in time for this celebration.

Our modern day, everyday super heroes- to make better a Catholic man- a better family man, husband, father, brother, son, uncle, grandfather, cousin, neighbors helping each other. Just as this State Convention exemplifies the coming together that reverberates the synergy as one Band of Brothers and families in Christ.

With optimism to pursue our goals - with this year's power theme, let us all be "Finding Christ in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The constant search for an answer and continuous quest for every endeavor more so on unprecedented times.

Congratulations to our Council, Family, Chaplain, Family, Family Activity, Grand Knight, District Deputy and Knight of the Year Awardees- you deserve it!

This month, we celebrate and honor our dearest fathers, as the head of the Family! God bless the patriarchs of our families. We also honor St. Joseph to whom this year was revered as Jesus' foster father, The devoted Worker and The Carpenter.

Upcoming Events this June 2021:

- June 14- Flag Day
- Second Monday of the month- SD Meeting with State Officers (6 pm)
- June 20- Happy Fathers Day!
- June 28- SD Toni's last and final Monthly Meeting with District Deputies
- June 30- Last Day of The Fraternal year 2021

Congratulations to Bro. Joe Haun, newly elected State Deputy (2021-2022) and his State Officers. May you have a fulfilling and exciting term!

As I will be your Immediate Past State Deputy, I wish the best of luck on our stewardship as leaders and may Our Lord guide you to continue this wonderful journey/endeavor to keep Nevada number one with the continued strength to move membership growth of the Order.

Thank you very much for the optimism as we look forward to greater heights for the future, with faith and hope in Christ!

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
Special Assistance / Sick and Bereavement Chairman	Roger Watson
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	Ditas Pascua
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

Knights Donate to Build Oxygen Plant in COVID-Ravaged Amazon

SK Patrick E Kelly

Project follows nearly \$250,000 of oxygen supplies sent by K of C to Amazon regions of Brazil and Peru.



Supreme Knight



NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus is providing more than \$146,000 for the construction of a plant to condense and concentrate oxygen to serve Peru’s second most populous region, which is suffering from the effects of COVID-19.

The Order is undertaking the project at the behest of Archbishop José Antonio Eguren of the Archdiocese of Piura, Peru. The goal is to fill nearly 50 10m³ oxygen tanks daily to help fill an urgent need in the community. The project follows nearly \$250,000 worth of oxygen supplies sent by the Knights of Columbus to help the Indigenous people of the Amazon region.

“Breathing is so fundamental that we often take it for granted, and now we see men, women and children literally desperate for this basic necessity,” Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said. “The Knights’ principle of charity impels us to act and provide resources necessary for our brothers and sisters in Christ to live through this global crisis.”

The Piura region is the second-largest population center in Peru, but it has an acute infrastructure deficiency when it comes to ICU beds as well as the provision of concentrated medicinal oxygen. Health care networks, already precarious from the impact of natural disasters, have been strained, and many individuals in critical condition are going without oxygen, both in the hospitals and in

private homes. However, with the commitment from the Knights of Columbus, the archdiocese can immediately begin construction of a facility that will make oxygen available to patients within 6 to 8 weeks.

In February, the Knights of Columbus provided concentrated oxygen and personal oxygen concentrator devices to the Amazon regions of Brazil and Peru, where Indigenous populations have been hit hard by the pandemic. This latest project fulfills the Knights' \$400,000 commitment for COVID-19 relief in South America, and will make an impact long into the future.

The recent efforts in Brazil and Peru fall within the Knights' "Leave No Neighbor Behind" initiative, which began nearly a year ago as a response to the pandemic. Knights of Columbus around the world were encouraged to continue serving their communities while adhering to social-distance guidelines. In addition to charitable support at the state and local level, the initiative included a multimillion-dollar campaign to support food banks in the United States and Canada; million-dollar lines of credit to dioceses in financial trouble; sponsorship of Vatican broadcasts during Holy Week and Christmas and support of Rome's Bambino Gesù pediatric hospital for the care of children infected by the coronavirus.

"We have pledged to leave no neighbor behind, and this commitment to this work in South America speaks to that," Supreme Knight Kelly said. "In our response to the coronavirus as with so many other initiatives, we will hold true to the saying, 'where there is a need, there is a Knight'."

2020 - 2021 Circle of Honor Report

Robert J. Kish Jr.



Territorial Growth Director - West

Dept. of Fraternal Mission

WSD Tony,

WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 200% is incredible.

This should keep you ahead of Manitoba. What a fantastic year you had, despite the pandemic. You're an inspiration to all. Congratulations again!

Fraternally,



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			Quota	Prior Day	Today	Diff	Need	Percent	Quota	Prior Day	Today	Diff	Need	Percent
1	Nevada	4	281	560	562	2	*	200.00%	190	435	437	2	*	230.00%
2	Manitoba	4	180	321	324	3	*	180.00%	140	236	239	3	*	170.71%
3	North Dakota	4	281	272	274	2	7	97.51%	260	231	233	2	27	89.62%
4	Oklahoma	4	384	331	332	1	52	86.46%	302	261	262	1	40	86.75%
5	Rhode Island	4	204	170	170	0	34	83.33%	150	161	161	0	*	107.33%
6	Alabama	4	323	247	248	1	75	76.78%	280	162	163	1	117	58.21%
7	New Hampshire	4	238	171	171	0	67	71.85%	200	102	102	0	98	51.00%
8	Arkansas	4	238	155	156	1	82	65.55%	110	93	94	1	16	85.45%
9	South Dakota	4	306	186	186	0	120	60.78%	320	165	165	0	155	51.56%
10	Mississippi	4	289	159	160	1	129	55.36%	230	119	120	1	110	52.17%
11	Oregon	4	357	126	126	0	231	35.29%	330	-80	-80	0	410	-24.24%
TOTALS			3,081	2,698	2,709	11	797	87.93%	2,512	1,885	1,896	11	973	75.48%

Las Vegas Diocese Announcements

Msgr. Gregory W. Gordon, Appointed Auxiliary Bishop

Most Reverend George
Leo Thomas Ph.D.



Third Bishop of Las Vegas
Roman Catholic Diocese
of Las Vegas

Holy Father Pope Francis Names Diocese of Las Vegas' First Auxiliary Bishop

My Dear Priests, Deacons, Staff, and Friends of the Diocese of Las Vegas,

It is with great joy that I share with you the news that today, our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Gregory W. Gordon, Vicar General of the Diocese of Las Vegas, as Auxiliary Bishop of Las Vegas with the Titular See of Novapietra.

This is the first time the Diocese of Las Vegas has ever had an Auxiliary Bishop. Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, hopes to attend the Ordination to proclaim the papal letter at the Ordination Mass of Bishop-elect Gordon on Friday, 16 July 2021. I will be the ordaining prelate of the Mass.

I ask you to keep Bishop-elect Gordon in your prayers. Kindly mark your calendars to concelebrate and to assist at the Episcopal Ordination Mass on July 16. The location of the Ordination is yet to be determined. More information regarding the details of that day will be forthcoming.

Let us give thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us, the clergy, and the faithful of the Diocese of Las Vegas on this day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Auxiliary Bishop Gregory W. Gordon

State Officers Announcements

State Deputy May 2021 Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

111th State Convention at Harveys Lake Tahoe



General Meeting Session



Meeting in Progress during the 111th State Convention

Western Rodeo Buckle for State Chaplain and Membership Director



Father Manny Guico (center)- State Chaplain and Membership Director received the Western Rodeo Buckle as an award for the Western Territory Membership Recruitment Contest during the months of November, 2020 to January, 2021 also in photo Ray Lopez- Regional Growth Director (Southwest Region) and Toni Pascua – State Deputy.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Year



Digna Pena, President of Christ the King Council 14144 Ladies Auxiliary received the 2020-2021 Ladies Auxiliary of Year Award from Ray Lopez, Regional Growth Director (left) and State Deputy Toni Pascua.

Grand Knight of the Year



Photo shows Leo Carew III (center)– Grand Knight of Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 in Sparks receiving the Grand Knight of the Year Award.

Knight of the Year



Christopher Traver of Holy Spirit Council 14784 was chosen as the Knight of the Year Award from State Deputy Toni Pascua and Lady Ditas Pascua with RGD Ray Lopez.

School Site Tour and Check Delivery to Cristo Rey St Viator College Preparatory High School



Photo with Father Tom Von Behren (front row 2nd from left) President of Cristo Rey St Viator College Preparatory High School in North Las Vegas



Father Tom Von Behren (center) accepting the \$1000.00 donation from Nevada State Council for the Cristo Rey St Viator College Preparatory High School in North Las Vegas.

State Deputy's Farewell Message

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

Good Day, with blessings to everyone!

Supreme Dignitaries, State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Delegates and families and guests:

Like a graduation, speeches are a customary way to sealing the deal. This endeavor doesn't mean it's the end, it's actually the beginning- in this transition, the transfer of authority means a step forward in leaving behind a legacy breezing through (who knew it!) a number of unique challenges and a pandemic.

Who knew that I would be standing here in front of you, whereas in my younger years, I was just a naive lad working my way to be a Mechanical Engineer someday, but ended up ironically in the Hotel Hospitality Industry, where I started from the ranks, and met my boss who was to be my future (my wife).

Fast forward to this day, after 33 years of marriage, 3 wonderful kids -now 5 in all, plus 3 puppies and almost 18 years with the Knights, and now being your SD, am humbled enough to serve and lead the State Council to greater heights. Thank you for this opportunity!

To recall, none of this had even a hope of any practical application in my life, never thought of it but the calling of accepting the position was one after the other. It was so worth it especially being blessed with family.

The two-year term just passed, one year in glory, and the other in absolute trials along the way to get this far. The struggle was real in dealing with individuals with conditions and different levels of capabilities to get the job done. But with Mentorship not the position alone is enough to earn the respect of many.

Embracing a second term was not an added intention, I was reluctant in doing a repeat but the calling was averted to accepting it after constant encouragement /with the advice of our State Chaplain, and after asking God's guidance and a deep thought — — — I considered it a done deal.

To those who had supported me, Thank you very much!

Tomorrow means now. Every moment counts. Not counting it but making every member who joins count, making it - Membership recruitment remastered. Make ourselves an everyday hero, what's your super power? Time, talent, gifts, and treasure.

What it's worth is not the price but the sharing without expecting anything in return as it gets back to you on a hundredfold. Knowing that you and I have a magnanimous job to undertake, we still managed to intercept the lead from the predecessor in the years that we were lagging behind.

As a State Council we made changes left and right, and to leave a legacy, we put Nevada where it stands now to lead the pack (where others tread to follow our trail). We used our resources to dive into uncharted territories and set the pace for others to keep up on this inspiration for the Good of the Order.

We need to write the pages of the next chapter in history for our jurisdiction, as one being inited in faith. How do you want to be remembered? It's all up to you.

To your best, do your duty from the day you took your oath until the very end of office. There were a lot of challenges especially during these unprecedented times where almost everything was brought to uncertainty but a story to inspire us to sustain our faith, driven with conviction that we will be guided through the principles of our Brotherhood- Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

As your State Deputy, the promise to bring in more new members at the start of my two year term was one of our prime responsibility and as respectable as it is you can see for yourself that we grew in numbers.

These men will be serving for the next generations to come by and see the potential that each Brother Knight can bring to leave no brother and their families behind. Every day is always a new opportunity to serve. Make ours and ourself an everyday hero, make every member count.

As the saying goes, "Rome wasn't built in a single day." It was indeed a Chariot race from the very start to the finish line. Putting Nevada on the map was a feat, where we will NO LONGER BE SEATED AT BACK DURING SUPREME CONVENTIONS. (Fine line - if we keep up).

Entirely many are called but only a few were chosen with a purpose in our lifetime. Of putting our needs aside looking after our Brothers and their families in need of the most- Faith into Action.

In the coming weeks, the State Deputy elect and I will be working closely to ensure a smooth transition and as The Immediate Past State Deputy, I look forward to continuing to serve the State Council to fully support my successor.

When I became State Deputy in 2019-2021, I told my brother Knights that "the best is yet to come!" The past two years, and the achievements were made possible as a team with the synergy of our State Leadership- Officers, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies' and Grand Knights'.

I believe that we, the Knights of Columbus stand as one in Charity, Unity and Fraternity with a strong bond of Brotherhood helping brothers in the next generations to come!

(Let them stand) Acknowledge ad libs first and then let the men give the flowers to their wives.

Thank you, Brothers! And their families (esp the spouses) who supported your husband, for it is the time that they spend with us is the time that they weren't with you. I shall treasure every moment of this momentous event forever till the end.

To my successor and the Brother knights who are called to step up to the next level- remember to serve with the ideals and principles and stick to your core- you might not realize it but there are no steadfast, pre emphasis, formulas, playbook or algorithms to follow. But to leave a legacy to make a difference. Keep on celebrating that's key to find the reasons to do so.

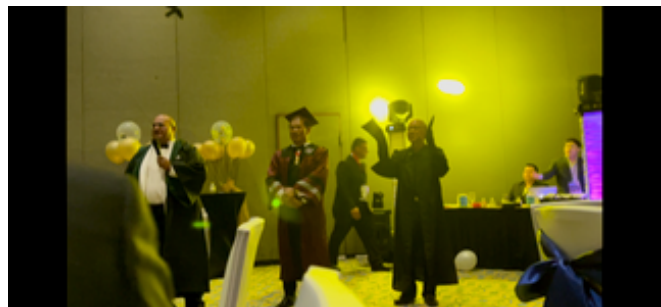
So while there is time, have some fun, love the accolade and notoriety (in a good way) be adventurous- see the possibilities, be bold and daring, as the theme of our Convention- we are in a constant search, following our principles of Brotherhood- in the quest of "Finding Christ in Charity, Unity and Fraternity."

The concept of which is found in the theme song- "I Still Haven't Found What Am Looking For!" Now only to be with you at this very moment. The best is yet to come!

Am beyond grateful especially my family, my everything! Above all, Thank you God. I lift everything up to glorify and honor You. As I close this chapter, I do so with a grateful heart. To everyone with a dream, know that your dreams are valid, and on your path you are never denied, and only redirected.

We are done! We did it! With absolute joy and a thankful heart- Maraming Salamat Po (Thank you)!

"Graduation Ceremony" at Convention Dinner



Vivat Jesus!

Final Message as State Chaplain

Father Manny R. Guico



Nevada State Chaplain

Dear State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights & Brother Knights:

I'm writing my final State Chaplain's message. It was my pleasure to join and see many of you at our recent concluded 111th Nevada Council State Convention held at Harveys Hotel in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. We had a wonderful & fruitful gathering after almost a long period of no in-person meetings.

I wish to inform you that I've decided NOT to continue as your State Chaplain in Nevada. I've devoted two years (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021) and learned a lot on the workings of the Knights of Columbus as a Fraternal Catholic Organization. I truly believe that the Duties & Position of the State Chaplain has to be shared and extended to the Clergy both in the North (Diocese of Reno) and in the South (Diocese of Las Vegas). Looking back after he was elected in May 2019, State Deputy Toni Pascua asked me to serve as the Nevada State Chaplain. Since he will be the "Immediate Past State Deputy", I will also join him as the "Immediate Past State Chaplain".

Our newly elected State Deputy Joe Haun will choose the "new State Chaplain" with the approval of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Las Vegas and Reno. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your State Chaplain and Spiritual Adviser. When I first took on the position, I had no inkling or guide to direct me regarding the job description. I had to learn and go on a "fly", many times by trial & error. I hoped that I had given you "solid spiritual foundations and reflections" that made your "Faith in Action" relevant and productive.

Thanks for all the support you've given me. Thanks for the memories!

Vivat Jesus!

SJR8 / Nevada Equal Rights Amendment

Thomas Thorn, PSD



Immediate Past
State Deputy

Brother Knight,

SJR8, the proposed Nevada Equal Rights Amendment has passed the legislature and will be on the ballot for approval by the voters in the 2022 general election.

The Nevada Family Alliance poll demonstrate that a majority of Nevada voters will oppose this proposed amendment once its probable effects **have been explained to them.**

The proponents of this measure have done an amazing job of keeping it secret. To defeat it in the 2022 election will require a major statewide education effort aimed at Nevada's Catholics and the general electorate.

For reference, this is the text of the proposed amendment:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this State or any of its political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry or national origin."

Although it is benignly written, activist judges will use it to **attack every principle the Knights of Columbus organization promotes.** It must be stopped!

From Nevada Right to Life:

SJR8 ERA is Stealth Bomber to Eliminate Abortion Funding Bans

Last session's late night radical state equal rights amendment is back for its second round of votes. Just like before, the legislature does NOT want your opinion and does NOT want your input. SJR8* would insert radical (but benign sounding) language into the State Constitution. Once there, legislators will have a hard time fixing the problems created. Nevada Right to Life created a 2.5 minute video to explain the issue. Please take a moment to watch and plan to take action. We can only stop this with your help.

Take Action. How You Can Help And Keep Helping.

1. Please email these Nevada Senators.

Please send an email to Senators Heidi Seevers Gansert and Carrie Buck, as soon as possible. Both are on the Senate Legislative Operations committee in charge of hearing this measure. They need to get on the record that SJR8 has unintended consequences and needs proper hearings from experts and citizens who will bear the brunt of this careless amendment.

Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert

heidi.Gansert@sen.state.nv.us

Senator Carrie Buck

carrie.Buck@sen.state.nv.us

Senator Nicole Cannizzaro, Majority Leader (Sponsor)

nicole.Cannizzaro@sen.state.nv.us

Put in the Subject Line "Vote NO on SJR8*."

2. Register your opposition to this deadly bill at the legislative poll site.

a. Go to <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/80th2019/>.

b. Under the heading "Select a Bill and Enter Your Opinion" go to "Select a Bill" and choose SJR8*.

c. Leave a message "No on SJR8*" or some other message.

3. Call Senators on Monday:

Call Freshman Republican

Senator Carrie Buck 775-684-1457

Republicans who voted YES on SJR8* ERA in 2019.

CALL them.

From Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey: (Senate Minority Leader)

James Settelmeyer, 775-684-1470 Cell: 775-450-6114 (send a text)

From Washoe County: **Heidi Gansert, 775-684-1419**

From Washoe and Carson: **Ben Kieckhefer, 775-684-1450**

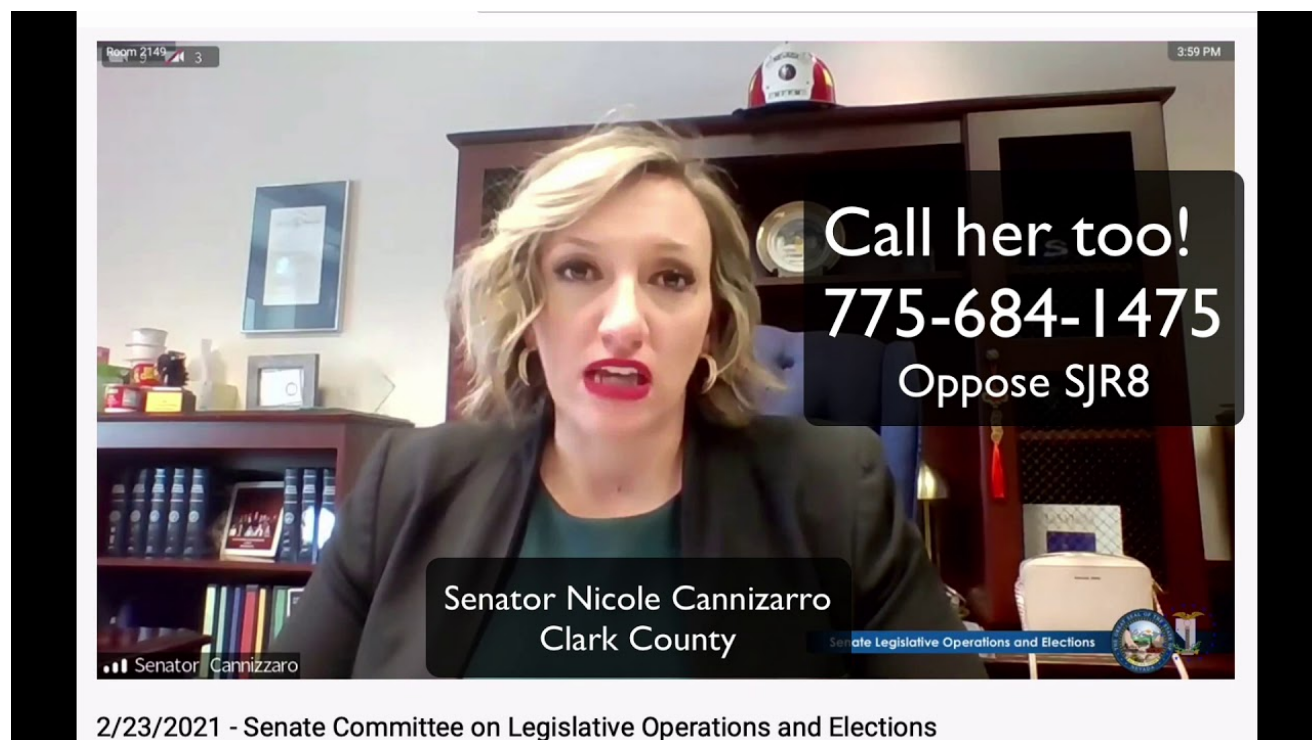
From Clark County: **Scott Hammond, 775-684-1442**

From Clark County: **Keith Pickard, 775-684-1481**

From Boulder City: **Joe Hardy, 775-684-1462**

4. Consider testifying at later hearings.

Please spread the word!



State Directors/Chairs Announcements

A Message from the Vice Supreme Master

PSD David Ryan



Vice Supreme Master

Catholic Workers Feeding the Homeless

Catholic Workers is opening back up with the pancake breakfasts for feeding the homeless.

Any assistance that Councils or Assemblies can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Beginning on June 12, 2021 Julie from Catholic Workers has asked the Knights to begin feeding the homeless on the Second Saturdays. It will be a little different that before in that we will need only four Knights or their family members to do the cooking starting at 4:00 a.m.

At 6:00 a.m. we will need 8 Knights or their family members to make up the meals in to go containers.

At around 6:30 the meals will be taken down to where we normally set up the tables, but we have lost the lot that we have used for the last 16 years.

Now the tables will be set up on the sidewalk and there will be four lines for the homeless to come by and pick up their meal.

Support for this program has in the past cost runs between \$360 to \$390. Not sure what the cost will be now with the increase in food costs in the last year but expect it will be over \$400.00 per month to feed the 300 to 400 people each month.

Again, any assistance that your Councils or Assemblies can provide will be greatly appreciated. Send contributions **made out to Catholic Workers** (tax ID 88-0486834) and mail to:

VSM David Ryan
8740 Castle View Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89129

The reason donations need to be mailed VSM Dave is that if you mail them directly to Catholic Workers the Knights might not get credit for the donation.

God Bless,

111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention Update

Lady Ditas Pascua



2021 Nevada State Council
Convention Chairperson

Dear Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

Warmest greetings and blessings to everyone!

At long last - we had finally celebrated with all praises to God , our recently concluded 111th Annual Nevada State Convention, which was made possible by the collective efforts and synergy of our State Officers and Convention Committee Leads and their members- It may not be perfect but our imperfection made the difference.

Post convention arrangements, reports and survey are now being processed. In general, we thank you for the kind words of gratitude and compliments about how we styled and staged all the events, as well as comments to do better on the next one.

Our State Convention, themed as, "Finding Christ in Charity, Unity and Fraternity" was filled with Faith in Action through recollection and prayer session with our State Chaplain, Fr. Manny Guico, rosary and Divine Mercy, Necrology Memorial Mass, (which was concelebrated by our Associate State Chaplain Rev. Gerald R. Grupczynski, SChr. ,Our Lady Of Las Vegas Pastor),was a well attended celebration , prior to the main festivity ,the Saturday Gala Night Dinner with attendance of 180 plus, honoring the Past State Deputies and Awards Night for the deserving Council and Activity, Family and Activity, Chaplain, District Deputy, Grand Knight and Knight of the Year.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our Committee Leads, State Officers and the State Directors, District Deputies and all who made it possible - Thank you for your cooperation and teamwork!

Congratulations to Worthy State Deputy Toni Pascua for completing his two year term (2019-2021) in leading the State of Nevada number one in membership intake worldwide!

Kudos to Bro. Joe Haun, State Deputy Elect and his new set of State Officers! May you have a purposeful and productive term!

Good luck to all Brother Knights for stepping up to the next level!

It has been a pleasure indeed to serve as this year's State Convention Chairperson as I had the honor and privilege to orchestrate multiple events and activities for the enjoyment of all. Those memories we had created will always be cherished tomorrow.

I certainly look forward to hear your stories and attend the next Convention to come.

Two powerful words- Thank You! And never forget to pray.

Until we meet again.

Yours truly in the spirit of friendship and camaraderie- your sister in Christ,

A Message from the State Family Program Director

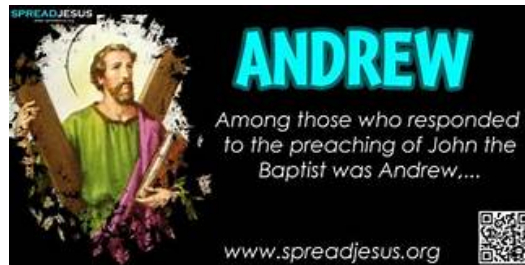
SK Al Pena



State Family Program Director

PASSING OF THE BATON

After attending the last State Convention on May 14-16, 2021 held at Harvey’s Hotel and Casino in Lake Tahoe, I heard the speech of **Fr. Manny Guico**, talking about the sports of track and field. He asked the convention delegates who they think usually wins in the 4 x 400 track relay? Is it the anchor who tries to outrun their opponent to gain an early advantage or **the one that makes sure that they hand the baton smoothly and error free to the next runner?** He ventured to say that the odds are in favor of the team that passes the baton error free. They usually win most of the time if not all the time. What Jesus did was handed out the baton to John the Baptist and Andrew. Then came Peter who was called Simon followed by Phillip and then Nathanael (Bartholomew). After 40 days of His resurrection, Jesus before ascending into heaven told his disciples that after he ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit would come down upon them with power. At Pentecost, they received the Holy Spirit with tongues of fire. St. Andrew, St. Peter, and St. Paul with their army of followers crossed the Bosphorus also known as the Strait of Istanbul which is described as an enormous suspension bridge that connected Europe and Asia to pass the baton to the people of Asia proclaiming God’s good news throughout the rest of Asia and the world.



In **Fr. Manny’s** reflection he said that **Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney** received this baton just like all of us when we were baptized. Fr. McGivney did something more with it. He founded the Knights of Columbus based on the guiding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. By joining the Knights of Columbus, **we became the runner with a baton looking to pass it on to the next generation of young runners.** The race is long and hard. We are constantly being asked to go

into the breach to put our faith into action and stop abortion. There are many cases that were brought before the Supreme Court which if decided in our favor will encourage other States to make abortion illegal, minimize if not eliminate the government funding of abortion. The most prominent of those cases is the abortion law passed in Mississippi on 2018 that bars abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy with limited exception. The law was blocked by the US Circuit Court of Appeals. We are also being asked to go into the breach to stop the attack on our religious freedom, our right to free speech, our right to life, our right to equal justice and much more.

Now there are the following States that passed laws either restricting or making abortion illegal:

- A. Alabama on May 14, 2019 signed a law banning abortion at any state of the pregnancy.
- B. Alaska - Abortion is legal in Alaska but has to be performed by a Licensed Physician.
- C. Arkansas - on May 15, 2019 signed a law banning abortion after 18 weeks of pregnancy.
- D. Arizona - Abortion law permits abortion up to 24 weeks of pregnancy.
- E. Georgia - The living infants fairness and Equality (life) which prohibits abortion.
- F. Indiana - Abortion Law to take effect on July 1, which outlaws abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy.
- G. Oklahoma - On April 29, 2021, Governor Kevin Smith on April 27 signed a bill to outlaw abortion immediately.
- H. Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri and Mississippi - prohibits abortion after 6-8 weeks of pregnancy.

In the past, there were only four (4) States that have enacted laws banning or limiting abortion. Now there are eleven. The Supreme Court had refused to hear any more cases involving abortion saying that it is now considered “Stare Decisis” or a case that has been previously decided. Now they have expressed their willingness to hear the case brought by the Attorney General of Mississippi on appeal. Depending on the outcome of this trial, other states may be persuaded to limit if not reverse the impact of Roe vs. Wade. We should continue to pray for this to happen.

The baton is passed on to the next generation of runners. In our families, when a child is born, the mother, father, brothers and sisters, passes on the baton to the child. It symbolizes a collection of learned traits made up of family values and religious traditions that is handed down from generations after generations which the child learns at an early age and receive from the Holy Spirit at baptism. These family values and religious traditions becomes the foundation of the child’s early faith development and formation. It is passed on with great care. It serves as a moral compass that will guide they child later on in life in dealing with society in general and later on his own family in particular. **After 2,000 years of existence, there are 1.2 billion Catholics in the World who has received this baton and the race goes on.**

What about the Knights of Columbus, I believe that **when we bring a new member in the Knights of Columbus, we are passing the baton to a fellow Catholic and giving them a chance to experience the joy of giving.** Of loving your neighbor as thyself, Of being a part of a brotherhood organization that cares for others especially those who are being left behind, the hungry, the old, the sick and the outcast. We are giving them a chance to pass the baton to their friends, family members, and members of their communities who shares the same values as we do. Those of us who wants to give something back to the community. After all life is too short and God’s work is unending. The more people we can pass the baton to, the stronger we will get, the more lives we can save, the more people we can help.

If you remember the tale of the Turtle and the Hare; who won the race between the turtle or the hare?

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF



General Agent

Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide, it's time to start planning again. With spring and some break in the weather, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows. I've had some estimates for work I need done around the house. Every craftsman has told me their business is booming. So many people have noticed things that need to be done around the house since they've been inside for the better part of a year.

And as you sit around and consider all the things that you need to get updated, let me make a suggestion that may put your mind and your family's mind at ease. We know this year has been unpredictable in many ways, but let's be honest, pandemic or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus I am your partner on your journey to prepare for and face the unpredictable.

Just as we take stock of the physical changes that need to be considered, I'd suggest that you take stock of where you stand protecting your family. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with industry leader Advicent to help us help you. I can use Advicent's state-of-the-art software to provide you with a comprehensive financial needs analysis. With it I can help you take stock of where you are today, where you want to go, and how close you are to achieving your goals. I can help you identify any gaps in your coverage or issues you should address. This will give you a comprehensive look at where you stand. While many other companies charge for this kind of service, the Order has invested in this software to help us agents help our members. This financial needs analysis is free of charge as a fraternal benefit of membership.

I feel I have a special bond of brotherhood with all my members and I am committed to helping protect Catholic families...your family...while furthering the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please take time to meet with me and take advantage of this free benefit of membership.

Vivat Jesu!

A Message from the State Recruitment Chairman

SK Raymond Troik



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

State Recruitment Chairman

Fellow Knights! We have to beat Manitoba; it's our destiny! But WE have to do it. I was going to put in last years article; decided against it! Personally I believe each council should check with the brothers who have signed in ONLINE. Maybe they just need a little incentive to be full fledged active knights. Now that I've turned the big 8 0 I know it is time to get YOUTH into our councils. I remember back 50 years ago and see our Council Officers and members. They were middle aged REAL CATHOLICS. Granted a lot has changed in 50 years. Dad's have different responsibilities and interests. That's ok! They are still dedicated Catholic Christians and have time for a man to man relationship. So, BEAT MANITOBA! Recruit FROM THE ONLINE MEMBERS!

RETENTION is difficult. I heard of one council who DID IT. Story: in the process of contacting some of the members who were delinquent in payments one of our brothers hit the jackpot and jumped on it. The delinquent member said he had some family problems and WAS HAPPY someone called. He wants to get back to meeting with other Knights and he offered to pay ALL BACK DUES. We told him all we wanted is 2 years; he paid for 4. I know that isn't going to happen all the time; but it can happen. But it can only happen because YOU AND I reach out. Financial Secretaries: print up a list of delinquents; bring it and some paper to the next meeting. Ask everyone to help. Get the Grand Knights attention. Be positive and ask for their help. Tell them to check the list and see WHOM THEY KNOW. Pick them! Write out the info if needed and ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP. The Knight may want to get active again. YEAH! If you don't try; you'll never know.

It's the end of the year! We have 1 MONTH to make us PROUD. Are you PROUD? SHOW YOUR PRIDE!!

VIVAT JESUS!

State Historian Report and June 2021 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Brother Knights

Looking Forward to Our 21/22 Columbian Year!

Updates are as follows:

1. I continue to be in contact with our District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the 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 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 two PSDs 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 you, my Brothers.

History of the Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics

This is Nevada Special Olympics 50th Anniversary.

Knights were among the founding members of the Special Olympics.

Knights donated more than \$600 million to the programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Since 2014, Knights have volunteered almost 4 million hours for the Special Olympics. Today Special Olympics serves over 5.1 million athletes in 174 countries.

Congratulations to the Knights as we continue to proudly serve the Special Olympics!

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

Visit the website: www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org

“Knight in the Light”

Sir Knight Paul Dendary, PSD, FDD, PFN and PGK State Deputy 2007 -2008

It all started by just going to a meeting. Who would have thought? A friend that I worked with at the time asked me to go to a Knights of Columbus meeting with him. It was Thursday at noon at a Mexican restaurant and I said Yes. I knew of the group because my uncle was a long-standing member. I went to the meeting and learned a lot. A few days later, on June 1, 1994, they were having an initiation at our local Catholic church. It was called a First Degree. I was a little worried but still I said Yes. I was initiated into Council #2666 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Winnemucca; Nevada and the rest are history.

It all started with YES. I have been saying that a lot throughout the years. Nothing is ever easy, but you are taught all you need to know, you just must be willing and say Yes. A couple of months later August 1, 1994, I went to Lovelock, Nevada and took my Second and Third degree. What an awakening! It was a learning experience to say the least. It made me think and wonder more than I ever have. When you become a member of the Third Degree, you can hold an office with the Council. At the next election, I was elected to Deputy Grand Knight. Nobody else wanted the position so I stepped up and, again, said Yes. I figured it could not be that hard and with the support of the other members, I took on something I knew nothing about.

A few months later I was asked to go to my first Nevada State Council Convention. Some of the other delegates were not able to go so when asked if I could fill in, I jumped at the chance and said Yes. It was an EDUCATION, like taking a college course that took thirteen years to complete. It all started that night in Las Vegas as if it were a dream.

It was Saturday evening at the Nevada State Convention banquet, and I noticed the head table of these men in white tuxedo jackets, and I told myself that evening that I would like to get to that head table but probably would never make it. After all, I was just a lowly member from a little Council in a little town named Winnemucca, far from the big city of Las Vegas. Who would elect a member like me?

After that convention, I went on to become the Grand Knight of my Council. I joined the Fourth Degree on March 22, 1997 and went through all the different positions. Our Council hosted the State Convention in 2003 which was a challenge, but it turned out great, having members from all the state and Supreme representatives coming to our little town. Life took some changes along the way and we moved to Las Vegas and I joined another Council. Then when the St. Francis of Assisi Council #13456 was formed, I became of charter member.

My dream came to fruition at the Nevada State Convention in 2002. I was elected State Advocate, I made it. Five years later, I became the State Deputy of our great State of Nevada. In that thirteen-year period, I have held a lot of positions in the individual Councils and the State Council.

I have been a Trustee, Deputy Grand Knight, Grant Knight, Charter Faithful Admiral and Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree, District Deputy, State Program Director, State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary and State Deputy.

The journey has been an awesome one. The experiences of traveling around Nevada for the Knights and meeting all the members throughout the small towns and big cities have been great. Starting with the State Deputy training in New Haven, the friendships, and bonds with State Deputies from around the world is hard to describe. We have been blessed to attend Supreme Conventions in Orlando, Nashville and Quebec as well as earning a membership trip to Cancun. The Knights of Columbus was my second job, in addition to my real full-time job. You must want to do this, not just act like you want it. It is not easy but at the same time, not hard. You learn as we all learn for our whole life. We start learning at an incredibly young age and we never stop. Our principles guide our Order. They are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. They will guide us on our quest for the rest of our lives.

The Knights of Columbus was my life and my families for a long time and well worth all the pancakes, Tootsie Rolls and Fish Fry's! My wife was President of the Ladies Auxiliary for our Winnemucca Council #2666. After our St. Francis of Assisi Council #13456 was established and the Ladies Auxiliary was formed, she was the Charter President. For everything we put into it, we would not have changed anything.

It all starts with YES.

Vivat Jesus

Paul Dendary, PSD

Submitted by: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Vivat Jesus!

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

A Reflection from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

THE VOICE OF ASIAN AMERICANS

We are Asian Americans with a voice and identity and we want to be heard. This is the far cry of many Asian Americans. For so many times in our nation's history when a national crisis arises, organizers of other colored people tend to lump Asian minorities with a group of other organizations, so that somewhere down the line our demands and identity get lost in the quagmire. The voice of the organizers trumps our voices and our demands get muted in the background and rendered less significant, less important. In fairness, we have to admit that there are demands that are congruent that stem from racial discrimination, which we all suffer from, some to a greater extent than others. But there are some differences, too, like job, religious, sexual orientation and others. There are instances where Asian Americans are not treated fairly especially in the theatre arts and other professions. Talent alone is not enough. Education, training and ability are not given equal weight and importance.

Do we have a problem unique to our race and national identity? You bet. Our strength and contribution to the arts, social and economic development of our country are not readily appreciated and recognized, so we live in the shadow of those organizers whose primary concern is to promote their own agendas. This makes us less capable of stating our concerns to seek improvements in our social, economic and political conditions. We find it difficult to take advantage of the opportunities and support that other organizations benefit from. In short, we are needed when the hard work is about to begin, but forgotten when the battle is won. We feel used. The Politicians easily forget that we even exist. Or, if they do, they only find us when election times come or when they need our support. In short, we are dispensable. We are mere pawns in the chess board.

Do we feel cheated? I think we do. When all the smoke clears, we are back to square one. Nothing changes. We are still left behind. Our problems and concerns have not been addressed. They hear the cry of wolves and posited rumblings and nothing more. Then we wait for the coming of dawn and the promise of a brighter tomorrow. When will the dawn break for us? When we can finally say Martin Luther King's famous line, "**free at last thank God almighty we are free at last**". When will our children and the generations to come finally be given the chance to be treated equally with dignity and respect. I like what Martin Luther King once said, "**That people should be judged not by the color of their skin but by the substance of their character**".

Discrimination in the workplace is an ordinary occurrence. We have to overcome not only the color of our skin, our unique accent, our cultural differences, our social preferences, academic credentials, sexual and religious orientation. This was the burden that the first the wave of immigrants who came to this country endured. They were farm workers and maybe less educated.

The life and times of the early immigrants was beautifully described and illustrated in the book of Carlos Bolusan entitled, “The Romance of Magno Rubio”. What is unacceptable is for this stereotype to trickle down to the second and third generations of Asian Americans. Even if our children were born and educated here, they still have to overcome a mountain of obstacles to establish a foothold in this country. We continue to dream of the day when people of our country begin to accept them as equals. During war when our children are called upon to serve our country, we gladly volunteer. We even encourage our children to go. We consider it our sacred duty to fight for our country and what it stands for. **So at least in the battlefield we are treated equal in life as well as in death.**

They say time heals the wounds of sadness, anguish, guilt, anger, and the feeling of diaspora. We hope that someday more caring, more fair, more compassionate, more understanding, more forgiving, more considerate, more kind, and more charitable will rise up from the ashes of destruction, like the rise of the **Phoenix that gives birth to a new breath of freedom that is less discriminatory, less self centered, less greedy, less provocative and less destructive. Then that gift of prosperity will be ours to enjoy and not to destroy.**



Our country is so much stronger because of its diversity. We are multi-cultural and benefits from each other's talents and culture to create trade opportunities domestically as well as internationally. It is this treasured blend of culture that is intrinsically woven in the fabric of our country's history that made us stronger and the envy of the world. There are some elements of our society who still believe that we should be hostile to Asians because we are suffering from Covid which may have come from that part of the world. This lead to the killing of Asians in Atlanta, Georgia, New York City, San Francisco, and Orange, California; and in perpetuating hostility towards Asians in other parts of the US. It is my sincerest hope that we can find a solution to this problem and not continue to fuel this hate that creates a barrier that **divides us instead of unite us.**

The Knights of Columbus can be a catalyst in ending this racial divide "The Knights of Columbus was founded with a framework which could and would support membership for the broadest possible diversity of practicing Catholic men." Indeed, historian Christopher Kauffman wrote of the Order's early ethnic diversity, "It is the only American Fraternal Society which did not, by its constitution prohibit Negro membership." If our founding fathers found it important and necessary to open the doors of our fraternity to include all practicing catholic men regardless of color, then we should condemn this killing, violence and hostility and become a force to unify our country for the good of all Americans.

In contrast, my experience when I arrived in this country some 58 years ago was a little different. I was sitting in a small coffee shop in downtown, Los Angeles when I met Mr. Fisher. He introduced himself to me as a practicing CPA. He has an office in Beverly Hills. He asked me who I am? What I am doing or plan to do? I told him that I just arrived from the Philippines, that I was fascinated by what I saw in Los Angeles, that I was thinking of finding a job and settle here. He asked me if I finished college and what course I took? I said that I have a BBA-CPA and LLB degrees and worked briefly at Sycip Gorres & Velayo Corp as a CPA. I also said that I was employed at the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office as a prize planner and worked my way out of college before that. He told me that since I am an accountant my best bet is to look for a job as an accountant. To make a long story short, he gave me his card and told me to go see him at his office in Beverly Hills the following day. I got a hold a map and tried to figure out how to get to Beverly Hills. I finally found the place. Mr. Fisher offered me a job to be his bookkeeper in his office. After working there for 3 months, he introduced me to his client, the Manager of Ortho Mattress Corporation. I was hired as an inventory analyst. That started me off in my long and exciting career as an Accountant and became an American citizen. Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Fisher. He ratified my belief in the American sense of generosity and kindness. The rest is history. I managed to earn my (US)CPA-MBA degrees to advance my career and retired a Corporate Controller-CFO of medlum and large size companies, raised a family and lived the American dream.

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!

The month of June is here, and the first thing that comes into mind is - Welcome Summer! Time to open up to new challenges as the mandate has finally loosened up and take the opportunity to be where the action is.

Our 111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention, on May 14-16,2021, up in Lake Tahoe, was a blast! We met and renewed bonds of brotherhood and made new friendships in person. The State Convention theme is aptly termed," Finding Christ in Charity, Unity and Fraternity." We are challenged to find our true selves in our day to day living for a purposeful journey wherever we are and for whatever we do - the search is on to follow the path of righteousness, as we are all created equally in God's likeness and image.

As Fraternal year 2021 is about to end,I wish the best of luck to the new State Deputy elect and his new set of State Officers, Directors and Chairmen.

It has been a pleasure and am honored to have served as your State Young Adult Outreach Chairman and Online Membership Chairman for The Knights of Columbus.

Please continue to use our on demand online new member registration, the more efficient and instantaneous way to recruit more eligible Catholic men to be a Brother Knight.

Once again, please do your share and make it a habit to ask and introduce this membership privilege to any of your eligible Catholic male friends, relatives, neighbors, co workers, connections to be a member of The Knight of Columbus.

Take advantage of the 24/7 on online recruitment promo code: MCGIVNEY2020 - for the first 12 months complimentary (free) membership (regularly \$30.00/ year) This offer has been extended until June 30,2021 only.

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

It is every brother Knight's responsibility and moral to recruit.

Thank you for your commitment to grow the State Council's membership, which is more of passion rather than an obligation.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support throughout 2019-2021!

Keeping you in my prayers,

State Young Adult Chairman Convention Highlights

SK Lance Pascua



Nevada Young Adult Chairman



Photo with UNR College Council's delegates
(L-R Ethan Hiller, State Chaplain Fr Manny Guico, Lance Pascua and Timothy Watts)



L-R Ethan Hiller, State Chaplain Fr. Manny Guico,
Lance Pascua, Timothy Watts and
General Field Agent Kevin Tuuri



UNLV and UNR college councils with State
Chaplain Fr. Manny Guico



UNLV and UNR college councils at the
Necrology Memorial Mass of the 111th
Nevada State Convention

Assembly/Council Announcements

Ponderosa Council #4928 Karma Boxes

SK Charles B Goucher

KARMA BOXES



Grand Knight

The term “karma” is derived from the philosophy that a person's good deeds will contribute to his or her own good fortune. This philosophical concept has given rise to approximately 30 karma box locations throughout the Reno-Sparks area. Each karma box offers non-perishable food and personal care essentials free for the taking. On each door is a sticker that reads “If it’s empty, fill it. If you need it, it’s yours.”

During the summer, volunteers stock karma boxes regularly with fresh fruit, toothbrushes, clean socks, bottled water, sunscreen, Gatorade® and baseball caps. During the winter, these boxes are stocked with gloves, knit hats, warm socks and hardy, non-perishable foods, and personal care essentials.

Ponderosa Council 4928 has just initiated the fabrication of three new karma boxes to expand the program. When volunteers build, paint, erect and fill karma boxes, it does as much for them as it does for the people they serve.



Reno, NV



Sparks, NV



Work in Progress

Why a Council Life Director?

Deacon Dave Walker



Grand Knight
Council #9899

Every legislative session this happens: Nevada legislators introduce physician assisted suicide bills. This year, Nevada Senate Bill SB105 was introduced and at the same time Assembly Bill AB351 both with the same goal of legalizing doctor assisted suicide in Nevada.

This session the bills did not even receive a hearing - stopped in committee! **The bills were tabled with the help of some of our council Life Directors.** Many people took part in the effort to stop those bills. You can expect that in the future it will take a greater response to stop them.

These bills are introduced very quickly and require a quick, concerted response to stop them. The window for response is often one or two days. Sometimes only hours.

A Life Director with a notification network set up can have a big effect on stopping legislation—saving the lives of the elderly and the unborn. Just ask Planned Parenthood and NARAL. Their networks are in place and super-efficient. The Nevada KofC network is just a dream.

A Life Director just quickly passes information on to mobilize his council and his parish into action. But the network needs to be set up well ahead of time. Too many of these pro-life issues are only defeated by last-minute response.

It was quick response that kept SB105 and AB351 in committee this session. Just letting people know how easy it is to give their legislators their opinion on a proposed bill. A “YES” I am for it or a “NO” I am against it. Believe it or not that can and did make a difference. You can do that on your cell phone now.

If you are wondering how to improve your council's response to Catholic issues. Or if your council would like help setting up a Life Director. Or if your current Life Director would like to be on KofC Council Life Director contact list (before we really wish we had one) feel free to contact me: Prince of Peace Council 9899 Grand Knight Deacon Dave Walker deacondavelv@gmail.com.

Vivat Jesus,

Congratulations to the “Sparkies” - Council #4928

SK Charles B Goucher



Grand Knight



Ponderosa Council 4928 State Convention team with FS Russell Bernhardt displaying the Nevada State Council Family Award with DD Herbert Melendez

Congratulations to the “Sparkies” - Council #12877

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight



Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 State Convention team displaying the Nevada State Council Grand Knight of the Year Award (SK Leo V. Carew III) and a Certificate of Appreciation for Membership Recruiting (Bro. George Michael Arvendia) with DD Herbert Melendez

From little Sparks bursts a mighty flame

Holy Spirit Council #14784 - Big Winners at Convention

SK Christopher T Traver



Grand Knight

Holy Spirit Council 14784, were the big winners at the 111th Knights of Columbus State Convention! Our Grand Knight Christopher Traver won Knight of The Year, our Deputy Grand Knight Brian Sondergoth's family won Family of the Year, and our Chaplin, Father Bill Kenny won Chaplin of the Year.

Congratulations to all the winners.



Grand Knight Christopher Traver (l)
Deputy Grand Knight Brian Sondergoth (r)

**Knights in Action: Councils
#7322 and #12877**

SK Michael Chaump



Grand Knight

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight

WALK TO MARY ACROSS AMERICA

It was a sunny day when the Walk To Mary Across America-Reno began.

First there was the mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 9 am which was celebrated by Fr. Philip George. Fr. Philip spoke of St. Joseph the Worker whose feast day it was, followed by some information about the apparition of Mary to Adele Brise in 1859 in Wisconsin. This apparition is the only one approved by the Catholic Church in the United States.

After mass and the opening remarks, Fr. Klekas led us in prayer and then we were off! Our route was a 3.4 mile loop south of the church. There were banners and a statue, prayers, singing and chatter. The Knights of Columbus assisted with the books and t-shirts, setting out water and snacks for the pilgrims to take and providing bottled water along the route. Knights were at the head of the Walk and tended to those at the end of the procession. Their help was very much appreciated!

There is an annual Walk To Mary in Wisconsin on the first Saturday of May. Pilgrims walk all or part of the 21 mile route that begins at the National Shrine of St. Joseph, and ends at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, the site of the apparition in 1859. It was felt that by having Walks in other locations throughout the country, more people could participate in this wonderful devotion. This year in addition to Wisconsin, Walks took place in Reno and in San Francisco. The hope is that next year, Walks will be organized in additional locations.

Save the date for next year's Walk To Mary/Walk To Mary Across America which will be on **May 7, 2022.**

Contact Ginger and Tony Peacock for more information on Walk to Mary Across America.
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For more information on Walk To Mary go to walktomary.com

The website for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is championshrine.org



Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Ponderosa Council #4928 Recognitions

SK Charles B Goucher



Grand Knight

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2021

VILLANUEVA FAMILY

The Villanueva family continues its very visible role at Holy Cross Catholic Community parish despite pandemic restrictions. Bro. Lusciano is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister and helps organize many Hispanic-theme events and programs. Lady Icela completed the Lay Ministry Formation program in Spanish and is very active in religious education. Daughter Lucia completed the same course in English and works in the parish office. The sons are active in the altar server program and frequently operate the display monitor. For this and for many more reasons, they are recognized as our Family of the Month for May.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2021

GEORGE F. MAGER, JR.

Bro. George reached two new milestones this past month. First, he achieved Honorary Life Membership. Secondly, after having built his own home over 40 years ago, and is currently proficient in scroll saw art, he answered a new challenge and completed the first of three new Karma Boxes. Make no mistake about it. Enough paint covers salvaged roof plywood blemishes well. In addition, the very presence of these new Karma Boxes in the community will expand our Council's outreach to the needy. For this, Bro. George Mager reaches another milestone. He is our Council's Knight of the Month for May.



Bro. George on right.
Buddy Rick on left.



Waiting to go on a pole.

Holy Spirit Council #14784 Recognitions

SK Christopher T Traver

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2021

ROGER WATSON



Grand Knight

Our Knight of the Month for April is SK Roger Watson! Roger is an example of what a Knight should be. Roger is always ready and willing to lend a hand at council events. He is always helping on the fish fry, directing traffic for the First Communion Mass and is very spiritual as well. He attends mass daily and participates in your weekly online rosary. He also serves as the Faithful Navigator for Assembly 3772. Roger, on behalf of the council, we congratulate you and thank you for all that you do.





Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us