



# THE SILVER KNIGHT

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## From the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

“Hope springs eternal in the human heart!”

As long as we keep on believing, our momentum becomes steadfast in everything that we do.

The season figuratively welcomes Spring.

Of new beginnings, resonating freshness, blooms and moving fast forward marching to this benevolent month of March!

As we talk about forging a new era of Knights, it meant reaching a new generation of men, new ceremonials for the new Knights of charity, unity, and fraternity ,as we open more opportunities that empowers the Order to grow.

First degree to the Fourth degree meant a secrecy since the early 1880’s onwards. Secrecy creates an impediment to get new younger members whilst others have no ceremonial team.

Thus, combining the First, Second and Third degrees into a trifold ceremony maybe held in the chamber or church where families can witness the ceremony. The vision of Fr Michael J. McGivney to manifest Christ’s love to others - entrusted this to the layman in unity of the clergy to direct and carry out this mission to the rite and order of the church.

### **Charity**

Christ redeeming us is the real meaning of charity. Sincere giving of oneself to humanity.

Priceless gift - greatest virtue to bear, forgive,

Is greatest in unity.

*Symbol- Crucifix*

### **Unity**

Shared Catholic faith founded in the unity of God- one faith, one God and one church.

Exemplified in marriage - faith and love for the church and family- united in the pursuit of this mission of a perfect union with a common cause.

*Symbol -Cable*

### **Fraternity**

Men of others and integrity. Protects and stand united with his brothers to bear one another’s burden. Encourage one another and protect the family. This principle is a virtue of a Knight to serve the Church in solidarity with the priest,

**Vivat Jesus!**

In Latin for -Jesus Lives!

A greeting that remains to strengthen faith of the order.

We invoke the protection of the Virgin Mary, Our Queen and Mother by praying the Rosary. The Hail Mary is our weapon to face the challenges and conquer our battles. We must always carry the rosary (keeping it in your pocket) and pray as often as you can.

As the weeks of Lent progresses, let us not tire of doing our stewardship and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of our respective vocations on our way to the Easter season.

May this observance of Lent and of penance be a prayerful and fruitful journey as we be more contemplative of our Catholic Faith.

Thank you for all your good works and commitment to the Order!

Vivat Jesus!

Toni Pascua  
State Deputy  
Nevada State Jurisdiction  
Knights of Columbus

“Spearheading Membership Growth, One Knight at a Time”

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## Nevada State Officers 2019 - 2020

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
State Chaplain Associate of Southern Nevada	Rev. Gerald Grupczynski, SChr.
State Chaplain Associate of Northern Nevada	Fr. Arlon Vegara
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas Thorn
State Chaplain Emeritus	Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P.

## Other Nevada State Officers 2019 - 2020

State Executive Secretary	Richard Senninger
State Webmaster	Mark B. Foxwell
State Communications Coordinator	Mark B. Foxwell
State Training Coordinator	Richard Senninger
State College Council Coordinator	Don Cortez
State Young Adult Coordinator	Lance Pascua
State Budget Committee Chairman	Nestor Tan
State Disaster Committee Chairman	Chuck Baker
State Public Relations Director	Tom Bush
Health Services Chairman	Dr. Thomas D'Amato
State Historian	J. Michael Connor
State Newsletter Editor	Al Cuccinelli

## State “Faith in Action” Program Director

State Faith in Action Program Director	Christopher West
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## State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

State Faith Program Director	Hilarion Cordero Jr.
State Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	Milton Ham
State Keep Christ in Christmas Committee Chair	Charles P. Reifsnnyder
	Marty Bushman, Co-Chair

State Seminary Education Fund Committee Chair	Gregory Sprigg
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Reno Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Mark B. Foxwell
LV Diocese Holy Family Prayer Committee Chair	Robert McNamara
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State (South) Silver Rose Run Committee Chairman	Mariano Santana

## State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

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State Special Olympics Committee Chairman	John Suchewski
State 365 Club Committee Chairman	Ray Gardea, PSD
State Convention Committee Chairman	Tom Villardi
State Legislative Committee Chairman	Mark B. Foxwell
Council Retention Committee Chairman	Gerry Rockwell
Las Vegas Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Robert Hartman
Reno Diocese Military & Veteran Committee Chair	Joseph J. Fournier
State Recognition Committee Chairman	Daniel Mathews
State Health Services Committee Chairman	Dr. John C. DiGrazia
State Audit Committee Chairman	Jim Holmes
State Round Table Committee Chairman	Charles P. Reifsnnyder
State New Council Development Committee Chairman	Edmundo C. Verceles

## State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

State Family Program Director	Edgardo Infantado
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
Vegas Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Gerry Holinski
Reno Culture-of-Life Service Program Director	Mark B. Foxwell

## State Programs Directors / Chairs

State Membership Director	Tom Villardi
Online Membership Chairman	Dennis Miguez
State Member Retention Committee Chairman	Raymond A. Troik
State Recruitment Committee Chairman	Gerry Rockwell
State Shining Armor Award Committee Chairman	Dennis J. Murtaugh
Council Reactivation Chairman	William Harmon
Reno Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Todd Carbal
LV Diocese Insurance Promotion Committee Chair	Stephen Melancon
State Ceremonials Director	David Strait, PSD

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## State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico

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Nevada State Chaplain

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My Brother Knights:

On February 26th, we began and entered into the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. During this 40 day period, we are encouraged to implement THREE Lenten practices: Prayer, Penance (Fasting & Abstinence, self-denial) & acts of charity (alms-giving & outreach helping the poor & needy). If we just focused on many of our K of C Pastoral works & projects, these are "our Faith in Action" activities.

I encourage all Council Officers to attend the coming Nevada State Convention on May 1 - 3 at Our Lady of Las Vegas Parish. Bring your spouses, Ladies Auxiliaries & family members to attend RETREAT (Spiritual Reflections) on first Friday, May 1st starting at 2:00PM - 5:00PM. Let's all show up on time. More details will be announced & shared in April's State Chaplain Message.

There are 2 pamphlets/booklets that every Knights should have & read: 1) Into the Breach & 2) Complete my Joy. We plan to order these and hand them out during our State Convention. I look forward to personally meeting you and your family members at the Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Manny R. Guico

Nevada State Chaplain

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## A Message from the State Membership Director

SK Tom Villardi

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State Warden  
State Membership  
Director

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Greeting Brother Knights,

I am happy to report that Nevada is still #1 in all of North America!! We have fallen to #8 in the jurisdiction however. Still very good and we should all be proud of our accomplishments.

Many councils have started doing the new Formation Degree Ceremony in place of the old First Degree format but some are having trouble adapting to the change. Please keep in mind, that with the new Formation Degree, your team can now read from the script. This really makes a difference and makes it very easy.

I have attended at least 5 of the Formation Degree Ceremonies; some in church after Mass, while others in the Council Hall. Please ask your First Degree teams to view the video and see just how easy it is to perform; it really is.

I know that change can sometimes be hard to embrace, but let's not stop the great year that Nevada has been having. I'm here to help in any way that I can, so please let me know what I can do to help your council.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the State Convention on May 1,2 and 3. Please check the state website on all the events that we have planned.

Vivat Jesus!



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## A Message from the State Retention Director

SK Raymond Troik

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State Retention Director

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### RETENTION: A COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY

Knights one and all! It is time for ALL members of the council to 'step up and work'. We all are in councils where about 1/2 of the Knights are seldom seen. Well, the unseen Knights are all about us. These are our brothers who have lapsed from attendance. They may have been active before but now because of age, health, interest etc. they have put the Knights on a back burner. Enter the Active Knight. We need these men. AND WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Active Knights in the Council, if the FS and Council Membership/Retention Chairmen have done their jobs, then it's NOW up to you. Your FS has mailed out dues membership and some of them have come back undeliverable. He has contacted Supreme and verified that the address & phone #'s are correct.

- #1. Do you know the member?
- #2. Try to contact the member. Ring doorbell, call, knock on door etc.
- #3. If personal contact is not available, try the social media. Enter his name on Facebook, Twitter etc. Sometimes he will be on one of those sites and voila: CONTACT.
- #4. If you cannot make contact, then return info too FS who will contact me.
- #5. If you make contact, then it is time to: OUTREACH! "How are you? What's happening, etc." Fraternal not confrontational! It is a time of "I'm interested in YOU."

All of us are capable of doing this. LET'S DO IT! After acceptance; let the FS send the dues notice. If the gentleman does not want to be a knight, give him a sheet of paper and have them write the request down along with membership # and give to the FS. He knows what to do.

Gentlemen, for the next 4 months we are all RETENTION CHAIRMEN. WE are the Council. We are Responsible for the Council. Encourage your Retention Chairman and FS to implement this program. Just think 20 years from now how nice it would be to have a fellow Knight call and offer to take you to Mass, meeting or the local watering hole.

# State Deputy February 2020 Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy



State Officers February, 2020 Planning Meeting at Mesquite



Council Visits



Pahrump Council 10780 Meeting  
Photo with Pahrump Council 10780 Officers and Ladies Auxiliary



Renewal of Vows, followed by Degrees Exemplification hosted by St Anthony of Padua Council  
14544

Photo shows with Council 14544 Chaplain, Officers, members and Ladies with State Deputy Toni Pascua (4th front row from left) , State Treasurer Meynard Infantado, State Administrative Assistant Rick Senninger and District Deputy# 12 Dennis Murtaugh



St Viator Council 8282 Delta Church Drive



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## NEWSFLASH

SK Toni Pascua

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Worthy Grand Knights:

The Nevada State Council is giving away this nice tablecloth (see attached photo) that you can use for your council meetings, socials or membership drives. All you have to do is complete the following criteria:



State Deputy

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1. 100 % in Membership Quota (300% and up in membership Quota will get a personalized - Council name and number)
2. Complete the Faith in Action / Columbian Award Requirements on or before April 15th, 2020
3. Must be in good standing in all Supreme and State Council Assessments on or before April 15th, 2020.
4. Must be in Compliance – Praesidium’s Armatus / Safe Environment



**Be one of the First Council to get this prize!**

Fraternally,

Toni Pascua  
State Deputy  
Nevada State Council

"Spearheading Membership Growth, One Knights at a Time"

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## State Historian Report and March 2020 “Knight in the Light”

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

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**Keep the new membership growth going!!! Kudos to our Leadership Team (State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Members) on continuing to build our new member signups statewide.**

Other updates are as follows:

1. I am continuing to work with the District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to appoint a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the significant events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position in your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
2. In concert with our new Worthy State Deputy Toni F. Pascua and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each 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 will continue to work with resources from Supreme and PSD Ray Gardea to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information for a few PSD's.

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

## Knights of Columbus History Fact:

# K OF C NEVADA COUNCIL CHRONOLOGY

- Goldfield Council 1070 Instituted January 14, 1906
- Tonopah Council 1160 Instituted December 16, 1906
- Tonopah and Goldfield Councils Merged January 2, 1932 into Tonopah-Goldfield Council 1070
- Council 1070 Suppressed August 31, 1941
- Nevada Council 978, Reno, Nevada - Instituted April 9, 1905
- Nevada State Council - Instituted May 10, 1910
- Current Las Vegas Council 2828. (Las Vegas Council 1851 - Instituted June 25, 1916; Forfeited October 5, 1919)



*J. Michael Brady*, State Historian

Nevada State Council

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## “Knight in the Light”

### **WPSD Sir Knight Gabriel Frank Perry, FDD, PFN, PGK**

**Currently in his 80th year of service as a Knight of Columbus!**

**This is Phenomenal; Think About It!!!**

Worthy Past State Deputy, Sir Knight Gabe Perry is in his 98 year, born in Ogden, Utah on May 25, 1922; his family moved to Ely when he was five. SK Gabe got an early start with the Knights of Columbus, inspired to join by Joe McMasters who handed him an application to join the Knights at his High School graduation (perhaps this is something for us to consider as a member recruiting arena). Gabe had a diploma in one hand and the Knights application in the other. He waited until August 1940, as he had to make some money to pay his dues to join. He joined the U. S. Army in 1943 and served in the European Theater in the AJD office, monitoring and recording troop movements, Corporal Perry was Honorably discharged in 1946.

Sir Knight Gabe was married to Ida, his high school sweetheart, in 1942. They had one daughter. As things progressed, they now have four Great-Grand-Children.

Our Past State Deputy then moved from Ely to Reno to take a position with a local automotive parts supply company in 1946. He was with this company 28 years. SK Gabe's next adventure was with the Truckee Meadows Community College where he used his knowledge, experience and contacts in the automobile industry, to start an Automobile Mechanic Training Program. Sir Knight Gabe created this program at TMCC by contacting the automobile manufactures; Ford, General Motors, Toyota and Chrysler, based on the relationships he built in his previous position. These Automobile manufactures, collectively, over the period mentioned donated 29 automobiles for instructional purposes. The local dealers, independent garages, and others also contributed smaller units for instructional use. He developed and taught the curriculum there for 30 years.

Concurrently, SK Gabe was active in the Knights of Columbus Council 1340, Sacred Heart, in Ely, NV and then transferred to Council 978, Nevada in Reno. He advanced in the chairs to serve as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Bishop Manogue Assembly 612, District Deputy and ultimately as State Deputy for two terms, 1960 thru 1962. Upon stepping in as State Deputy, he immediately set up a meeting with Bishop Robert Joseph Dwyer, Bishop of Reno 1952-1966, the second Bishop of Reno, to ask how the Knights of Columbus could service the Diocese. Bishop Dwyer's response was, to establish a Knights of Columbus Council in every Parish. Additionally, Sir Knight Perry's focus as State Deputy was to develop KofC programs centered around Family Care and Support. He took office with four active Councils in the State; leaving State Office with four additional



Councils established; Council 4928- Ponderosa, Sparks; Council 4828-Fallon; Council 4997-Msg. Patrick J. Connors, Our Lady of Snows and Council 4781-Sierras Madre, Carson City. He recalled a particularly proud time during his term when the Third-Degree ceremony at Council 4781, Carson City had 100 Knights participating.

SK Gabe attends Our Lady of Snows and has served as Reader and Eucharistic Minister. Additionally, as President of the Parents Club at Bishop Manogue High School.

In reflection of the past, almost, five decades since serving as State Deputy, SK Perry has mentored other State Deputies and has continued to bring inspiration to the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Order as he has given back, throughout his career, the support and inspiration he received at an early age when he became a member of the Knights of Columbus. If you want to say hello! WPSD Gabe can be emailed at [gabeidaperry@att.net](mailto:gabeidaperry@att.net)

*J. Michael Brady*, State Historian

Nevada State Council

## A Message from the State Public Relations Chair

SK Tom Bush



State Public Relations  
Chairman

On February 2nd Sir Knights, Rick Houle, Tom Villardi and Tom Bush delivered 14,000 bottles of water, for our veterans, at Share Village Las Vegas, Our goal is 200,000 bottles of water per year. Special thanks to our community partners Three Square and TV Transport Inc. which provided us with transportation and especially Arnold Stalk President of Share Village, Jeremy Powell of TV Transport Inc. and our K of C State Deputy Toni Pascua! Share Village is now a community partner with the Nevada Knights of Columbus and have graciously placed our Logo with link to our Supreme website on the Share Village website. It is an honor to serve those that served us.

<https://sharelasvegas.org/>

#KnightsOfColumbus #ShareVillage #TVTransportInc. #ThreeSquare





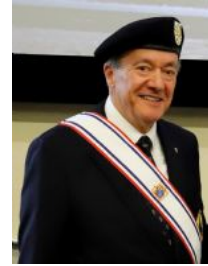
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## Men's Retreat Sponsored by Assembly 2820

SK John C Boland

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Faithful Navigator

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We are requesting your help in promoting this Men's Retreat. We really want this to be more than a KofC retreat, so everyone's help is vital. We would appreciate your including this information in other bulletins, in your group's newsletters, etc.

The Men's Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. The Retreat will start at 9:30, break for lunch and rap up around 2:00.

The Assembly will charge \$10 Per Person to cover the cost of food and incidentals for the retreat. We will also cover costs for those who lack the funds to attend.

Get the word out to save the date! More information on signing-up will be fourth coming.

Thanks,

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## Annual Hawaiian Luau

SK Fred Smith

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Faithful Captain

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### Mark Your Calendars for a Fun Evening!!

Our Annual Hawaiian Luau is set for June 13. Cash Bar will open at 5:30 and Dinner will start at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are now available for \$25 and your tickets include one free drink.

You can purchase your tickets from me at this week's Assembly meeting, from your Grand Knight, or on our Assembly website: [Click Here for Luau Tix](#).

This is the only fundraiser this Assembly conducts each year. We hope you'll consider attending. See you Wednesday night!

Vivat Jesus!  
SK Fred Smith  
Faithful Captain and Luau Chairman  
509-499-1622

# 2020 Convention Yearbook Order Form

SK Albert Chia



Convention Yearbook  
Chairman

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 110<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION — NEVADA STATE 2020 CONVENTION YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

St. Jude Council #9102 is hosting the 2020 Nevada State Convention as we celebrate our 61st anniversary. The Convention Yearbook will be distributed to all Delegates attending the convention, which will be held at Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. 80% of this year's State Convention Souvenir Program net proceeds will be donated for the benefit of: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Pasig, Inc. to support Seminarian Education and 20% for Nevada State Council General Fund for operations and Council's Incentive Programs.

Council, Individual, or Business is encouraged to participate by submit a Photograph or Business Advertisement for publication in the Convention Yearbook (Excluding competing Insurance Companies and Financial Institutions.) This will also be a business directory for brother knights.

- Pictures/ Ads should be in print ready format (Color preferred)
- Please provide pictures/ ads in PDF or JPEG format
- Refer all questions to the Convention Yearbook Chairman, Albert Chia via phone 702-493-2818 or email [kofc2020@mail.com](mailto:kofc2020@mail.com)

The deadline for submission of ads is **April 5th, 2020**

Advertisement Size: Souvenir Program is 8 1/2" X 11" Portrait  
(Please check one)

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*This form will serve as your invoice, please retain a copy for your records*