



THE SILVER KNIGHT

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A Message from the State Deputy

SK Thomas Thorn

Dear Brother Knights,

I look forward to seeing all the Delegates and guest to the Annual Nevada Meeting in Fallon this month and hope that over the rest of the fraternal year you are all inviting Catholic men to join us. At the convention I will make a motion to omit Standing Rule 27 that requires the Grand Knights to send the State Deputy their council roster each January 1 and July 1 as the State Deputy is able to pull this up at anytime and councils have not done this in at least 6 years and I would guess many more. If any delegates wish to start having their councils sent this to the State Deputy you may voice your opposition to it being omitted and share why this is necessary.



State Deputy

At the convention the host council will be handling all the meal and shirt purchase transactions, as we hope going forward from the Midyear meeting in Sparks last December forward to get the host council to “host” meetings. Meaning the State Officers will be focused on their respective jobs instead of the logistics of hosting the meeting. As you may remember, at last year’s convention, at the start of the meeting, there was a call for all those needing to pay or register to come up to the front of the meeting which caused confusion and a 30-minute delay in our meeting. The table to conduct your transactions with the Fallon council will be at the back of the meeting room and we ask that you handle these transactions, if possible, before or after scheduled meetings. Thank you in advance for your consideration to all others attending.

Another effort to have the convention more smoothly is to have the District Deputies sit behind their council delegates and have all the non-delegate guests sitting behind the District Deputies. This will allow the District Deputies to see their councils and to move around and do roll call without the need to turn around. It also allows them to pass out items if needed without standing between the speakers and the audience. An added benefit is votes on resolutions, motions and elections should be very efficient because only the voting delegates will be in front of District Deputies so the movement to and from the ballot box should go smoothly.

I believe we have had a very successful fraternal year last year and still have time to increase our membership this year with the efforts of all the councils working toward the same fraternal goals of having all Catholic men who are eligible be Brother Knights.

The Annual Audit and review of the proposed budget for 2019-2020 was completed in March and the External Agreed Upon Procedures from an outside CPA firm was completed and the Fraternal Year taxes submitted for the Fraternal Year ended June 30, 2018. Thank you to the State Audit Team (all very qualified with accounting/financial knowledge) of Tom Gurgui, Jim Holmes and Dennis Price who worked with State Treasurer Toni and myself to review the State Council records. The external CPA Agreed Upon Procedures review and report submitted to Supreme for review is already completed and submitted. The recommendations of both will be reviewed at the convention. If you

have any questions or wish to discuss these items in more detail, please contact me prior to or after the convention as we have limited time at the convention for these items.

Our Gaming Control Board application and approval for the Seminarian Raffle in Fallon is complete and approved as well.

In closing I would like to share a quote from St. Francis de Sales: "Prayer brings our mind into the brightness of divine light and exposes our will to the warmth of divine love. Nothing else can so purge our mind from its ignorance, and our will from its depraved affections. It is a blessed fountain which, as it flows, revives our good desires and causes them to bring forth fruit, washes away the stains of infirmity from our soul, and calms the passions of our hearts."

Vivat Jesus,

Nevada State Council Officers 2018 - 2019

State Deputy:	SK Thomas Thorn
State Chaplain:	SK Rev. Tom Fransiscus, C. Ss. R
Associate State Chaplain:	Rev. Gerald Grupczynski
State Secretary:	SK Victor Edwards
State Treasurer:	SK Antonio Pascua
State Advocate:	SK Thierry Barkley
State Warden:	SK Joe Haun
Immediate Past State Deputy:	SK Ramiro Gardea
State Exec. Secretary:	SK Meynard Infantado

Nevada State Council Directors 2018 - 2019

State Ceremonials Director	David W Strait - PSD
State Church Director	SK Hilarion G Cordero, Jr
State Community Director	SK Romeo T Panon
State Family Director	SK Edgardo G Infantado
State Council Director	SK Gerry A Rockwell
State Membership Director	SK Raymond A Troik
State Program Director	SK Tom Villardi
State Youth Director	SK Michael Caudell
Hispanic Director LV	SK Carlos Sandoval
Hispanic Director Reno	SK Elvis G. Herrera
Filipino Director	SK Meynard A Infantado

Nevada State Council Chairs 2018- 2019

Shining Armor Award Chair	SK Dennis J Murtaugh
State Council Retention Chair	SK Thomas S Ball
State Disaster Chair	SK Charles E Baker
State Communications Chair	SK Mark B Foxwell
Vocations Chair	SK Hilarion G Cordero, Jr
Special Olympic Chair	SK John E Suchewski
Free Throw Contest Chairman	SK Michael Caudell
365 Club	Ramiro Gardea - IPSD
Council Reactivation	SK Meynard A Infantado
State Squires Chairman	SK George A Minter
Intellectual Disabilities	SK John E Suchewski
Health Services Chairman	Dr. John C DiGrazia
Athletic Events Chair	SK Daniel Barry
Round Table Chairman	SK Charles P Reifsnyder
Substance Abuse Poster	Jim E. Shurtliff
Awards/ Report Forms Chair	SK Tom Villardi
Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	Ramiro Gardea – IPSD
Public Relations Chairman	SK Luis Herrera
Legislative Liaison	SK Mark B Foxwell

Marian Hour Chair (Reno)	SK Mark B Foxwell
Membership Retention Chair	SK Thomas S Ball
Insurance Promotion Chair	SK Stephen F Melancon
Seminary Ed. Fund Chair	Ramiro Gardea – IPSD
New Council Devel. Chair	SK Edmundo C Verceles
Culture of Life Chair Couple	SK Mark B Foxwell (Reno)
Young Adult Devel. Chair	SK Michael Caudell
Culture of Life Chair Couple	SK Gerald A Holinski (LV)
Newsletter/Bulletin Editor	SK Albert Cuccinelli
Soccer Challenge/Basketball	
Free Throw Chair	SK Michael Caudell
Catholic Citizens Essay	
Contest Chair	SK James A Conner
State Historian	SK J Michael Brady

2018 – 2019 Districts and District Deputies Diocese of Reno

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District 3	Gary Butori (Rita)	District Deputy	2200 Harrigan Road Fallon, NV 89406 garybutori@gmail.com C: (775) 217-0307	Councils: 4828 6688 11174 13897 13924
District 4	John E. DeBord (Patty)	District Deputy	13305 S Hills Dr Reno, NV 89511-6246 johndebord@gmail.com C: (775) 813-6842	Councils: 4781 12845 13842 13944
District 5	Ty S. Whitman (Cathrine)	District Deputy	3825 Flintlock Dr Winnemucca, NV 89445 ty.whitman@yahoo.com C: (775) 304-8799	Councils: 2511 2666 11512
District 6	Herbert Melendez	District Deputy	2327 Dodge Dr. Sparks, NV 89436 Herbertmelendez@aol.com C: N/A	Councils: 2380 14588

2018 – 2019 Districts and District Deputies Diocese of Las Vegas

District 7	Charles Reifsnyder (Suzanne)	District Deputy	PO Box 175 Pioche, NV 89043-0175 yoteman@lcturbonet.com C: (775) 962-1384	Councils: 1340 11179 13754
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A Message from the State Membership Director

SK Raymond Troik

May Flowers New Members BLOOM

Roses are Red. Violets are Blue. You're a Knight. Hopefully your fellow christian is TOO! What did you expect? Money? This is the final 2 months of the Fraternal Year! It's probably the BUSIEST MONTH too! Don't be overwhelmed just handle Mother's Day, Ascension Thursday, First Communions, Confirmations, My Birthday, Picnics and Memorial Day one at a time. Ha! And of course: GET NEW MEMBERS.



State Membership Director

All of the above activities in our lives are a MEMBERSHIP MOMENT. They are times to contact possible new members. It only takes a brief intro moment that could lead to a lifetime relationship. Suggestion: make it a point that at everyone of these celebrations YOU contact ONE Good Christian Man. WEAR YOUR BADGE even if you're not formally involved in the ceremony. #1. They know your name. #2. They know you're a Knight. #3 They may ask you WHY! This is a MEMBERSHIP MOMENT! You make it happen; but only YOU can make it happen.

PROGRESS REPORT. Boo hoo! I won't share the figures; they're depressing. We are presently 90 members short of where we were 1 July 2018. Yuk! BUT WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. Please tell your membership director and Grand Knight to take the Delta Church Drive Training and have a MEMBERSHIP DRIVE before 1 June. I know: "Just what we need; something else in May." Ok, first week of June. But DO IT! The program needs YOUR Grand Knight to be involved. Only way it can happen. Let's have the Council Members encourage and support the Grand Knight by elevating the program and showing him YOU CARE. The program needs a "Can Do Council". Be that Council!

Gentlemen, enjoy May! Let the flowers BLOOM: New Members. Please remember Memorial Day! Help place flags on graves but especially Remember our brothers who fought for us; many died for us. REMEMBER! Many were Knights!

State Historian Report and May 2019

Knight in the Light

SK J Michael Brady

Brother Knights, wishing you a meaningful State Convention experience. I am continuing contact with a variety of resources by visiting with Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights to identify historic landmarks related to our Order.



State Historian

Other updates are as follows:

1. I am continuing to work with the District Deputy's and Grand Knight's to appoint a respective Council Historian, for this 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 story!
2. Concerning Council record keeping and archival storage; it is mandatory that a Council keep accounting/tax reporting records for seven years. All other Council record archival storage is not specifically identified as to the duration our timeframe for record keeping. In concert with our Worthy State Deputy Tom and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each Councils record's, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/updated over the continuing "Columbian Year" Council administrations.
3. To accomplish the infill of Past State Deputy's Biographical information, from 2000 to the current Columbian year; I will continue to work with resources from Supreme and PSD Ray Gardea to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information for a few PSD's.

Please use my email address: historian@nv-kofc.com to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forwarding to continuing to work with my Brothers in this regard.

A Nevada Knights of Columbus History Fact:

The Knights of Columbus Nevada Council # 978 was founded in 1905, the first Knights of Columbus council in the State of Nevada active in the Saint Thomas Aquinas Cathedral Parish, Diocese of Reno.

YBIC,

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

“A Knight in the Light”

Sir Knight **Mark B. Foxwell**, Ponderosa Council 4928, Sparks, NV, has served in many State Official roles; as State Webmaster, State Communications Coordinator and State Legislative Chairman, Diocese of Reno Pro-Life Chairman. Brother Mark has been a Knight since 1989 and is a Fourth Degree Member. He and his wife Connie enjoy their family time with their seven children and fourteen grandchildren, the youngest being one month old. Clothing yourself with humility is a



hallmark of Mark. “... In your relationships with one another, clothe yourselves with humility, because God is stern with the arrogant but to the humble, he shows kindness ... Cast your cares on Him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:5-7. Sir Knight Mark is less active these days due to family obligations; however, his heart is devoted to our Order and remains in service to the Knights of Columbus. Thank you! Brother Mark for your decades of humble service to our fraternal service organization; Knights of Columbus. **Thought:** *Once the game is over, the king and pawn go back into the same box.*



March Supreme Families of the Month for Nevada

SK Thomas Thorn



State Deputy

Congratulations to the Supreme Families of the Month in Nevada for March 2019:

- **David Ramsdell** family of Battle Mountain Council
- **James Breeden** family of Holy Spirit Council Las Vegas

Thank you to the 4 council that submitted their Family of the Month for consideration:

Council 2380
Council 3741
Council 13924
Council 14784

Vivat Jesus,

Assembly 2820 Annual Luau

SK Fred Smith

Our Annual Assembly Luau is Exactly Two Months Away!

Annual Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, June 15...

Our Assembly will be hosting an Annual Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, June 15 at St. Joseph Husband of Mary Parish. Advanced sale tickets are \$25.00 per person and \$30 at the door. YOUR GRAND KNIGHT HAS TICKETS FOR PURCHASE!



Faithful Pilot

Your Help is Needed...

This message is a reminder of the importance of this event. It is the only fundraiser your Assembly does during the fraternal year. Please mark your calendar for the Friday prior and for the day of the event, and keep it open so that you can come out and help with set-up, hosting, and tear down. We need every member's help to ensure a huge success!

Solicit a Sponsor...

If you work for a company that sponsors events, or you have secured sponsorships from accounts in the past, please consider approaching them for sponsorship. Sponsor recognition will be prominently acknowledged that night.

Buy a Table...

We hope that you will buy a table with eight of your friends. A full table of pre-paid seats of eight will allow you to reserve the table in advance. (We are unable to reserve tables any other way.) Aren't able to make it? Consider making a patron donation in support of the Assembly.

Please Be Involved...

We don't ask much from you at the Assembly level. Please get involved!

Vivat Jesus!

Resolution of Support - Villardi

SK Tom Villardi



State Program Director

WHEREAS: St. Jude Council #9102, held a council meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, and

WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi currently serves as the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council State Program Director, and the Awards/Reports Forms Chair, and

WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi has served his council in the following offices:

Deputy Grand Knight, Council #9102	2015 - 2016
Grand Knight, Council #9102	2016 - 2018

WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi received the Double Star Council (2016/17), Star Council Award (2017/18) and Columbian Award while serving terms as Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight.

WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi was selected as Knight of the Year and Grand Knight of the Year for Nevada.

WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi founded the St. Jude Council #9102 Community Outreach Program which was highlighted in the Las Vegas Review Journal article *“Churches, agencies feed homeless in downtown Las Vegas”* (November 2017). Through Tom’s support and guidance, the program has grown to supporting Title 1 schools and shelters in Las Vegas area, with monthly food donations now measured in tonnage.

WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi initiated the St. Jude Council #9102 Car Show, now an annual event, procuring funding for our Community Outreach Program, Seminarian Education and the vital needs of Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church and School.

WHEREAS: Brother Tom Villardi, through his leadership and determination, rejuvenated the membership of St Jude Council #9102.

- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi was instrumental in the organization and participation of the Knights of Columbus in the Veterans Day Parade and St Patrick’s Day Parade in Las Vegas, NV.
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi is also responsible for the Usher Ministry at Our Lady of Las Vegas.
- WHEREAS:** Brother Tom Villardi has performed his duties faithfully and in a competent manner, and has won the regard, respect, and favor of members of the clergy, many brother knights and their families, and he exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: St. Jude Council #9102 presents Brother Knight, Tom Villardi as a candidate for the office of State Warden, of the Nevada State Council for the Columbian Year, 2019-20.

Submitted by:

SK Bernard J Iwasczyszyn
Grand Knight

Council Seal

SK Kirk A Niemand
Recorder

CC. District Deputies

Nevada State Deputy Resolution to Omit Standing Rule 27

SK Thomas Thorn



State Deputy

27. COUNCIL ROSTERS:

The Grand Knight of every subordinate council in the State of Nevada shall send to the State Deputy a complete and accurate copy of his council's roster every July 1 and January 1.

Nevada State Deputy Resolution to Omit Standing Rule 27

Whereas, no council has observed Standing Rule 27 in the past several years and

Whereas, due to improved technology State Officers including the State Deputy can access council information anytime they wish to and

Whereas, it is not needed at this time since the State Deputy can pull up the most current roster of any council and print them himself if so desired

Therefore, be it resolved that State Council makes a resolution to omit Standing Rule 27

State Deputy Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Tom Thorn

Dear Bother Knights,

This fraternal year our first meeting prior to the start of the fraternal year was a fraternal year planning session in February 2018 at the Casa Blanca resort in Mesquite. The other State Officers and our Supreme Membership & Programs Consultant, Ray Lopez met to establish our Strategic Goals & Objectives for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year.



Nevada State Deputy



Also prior to the start of the fraternal year was the State Deputy orientation in New Haven, CT. This was held in June 2018 where Julie and I attended and received much training and fraternity with the other Brother State Deputies from around the country and world. State Deputy of Utah and State Deputy of Nebraska with me on break at State Deputy Orientation. It was at this meeting that Julie and I were informed that the only jurisdiction in the Order not represented in the Knight of Columbus Museum (which opened in 1982) was Nevada. We assured them that it would happen before I left office. So, I requested ideas and after some discussion it was decided that we would honor our first Territorial and State Deputy Patrick McCarran which is now housed in the Knights of Columbus Museum.



After the year started the State Council held the District Deputy Orientation Sessions in Las Vegas at Our Lady of Las Vegas. The District Deputies were then to take the training to their councils in July and August. The attendance for this organizational / training meeting was good and the council

did a nice job of hosting. It was at this meeting that the District Deputies and State Officers were installed in officer for the fraternal year.

In August we attended the Supreme Convention in Baltimore. The convention was attended from Nevada by our State Chaplain Fr. Tom, Associate State Chaplain Fr. Gerry Grupczynski, Deputy Tom Thorn and his wife Julie, State Secretary Vic Edwards, State Treasure Toni Pascua and his wife Ladies Auxiliary President Ditas Pascua, State Warden Joe Haun and Program Director Tom and Gigi Villardi, District Deputy and Hospitality Room Chairman George & Joyce Minter, Past State Deputy/ District Master David Ryan and his wife Tracy. We had a chance to host the inaugural



Nevada hospitality room after 108 years as a State Council. We had Delegates and their guest from all over the world visit our representation on Nevada. This list included many Bishops, Priests, State and Supreme Officers and their guests to meet and talk to the Knights from Nevada. At the States dinner we sang the new state song Viva Nevada which replaced Home Means Nevada to Me last year as nobody except for some Nevada know. It is sung to the tune of Viva Las Vegas so that most of the attendees could sing along.

I was able to participate in the Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians during Mass while at the convention so I was 1 hour late to our inaugural hospitality room. However, the remainder on Monday's and all of Tuesday room went well.



In November, I attended the State Deputy Mid-Year meeting in Houston to review where the Order is at midyear and how our state was in relation to the other jurisdictions. There was hours of training and time to talk to other State Deputies and see what works for them and share what is working for us.

December our annual Mid-Year Meeting was held in Sparks hosted by council 12877 Our Lady of the Desert. The meeting was very informative covering Online Membership, Ethnic Development,

Outreach to all Catholics and our State Chaplain Fr. Tom Fransiscus was able to join us as well as Brother Peter Harrison from Supreme. The Past State Deputies banquet had attendance of over 100 people and included music and a fine time. At that meeting I was able to appoint a State Historian for the first time since 2000 and State Training Coordinator to organize our efforts in making sure that State, District and Council Officers have the resources and knowledge to be trained properly.

In February I attended with Julie and State Membership Director Ray Troik and his wife Rose the Circle of Honor Award trip to Indian Wells California where Nevada received the certificate for Circle of Honor from Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.



Also, in February, the State Officers, Membership Director, State Historian, State Training Coordinator, District Deputies Dan and Jesus and our Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez and Regional Training Director Ken White met to review this current fraternal year progress, plan the remaining part of the fraternal year, discuss the upcoming State Convention and plan for the coming fraternal year. The retreat was held in Mesquite and the Mesquite council setup a dinner on Friday and for us to participate in Mass Saturday with the parish. Our meeting was successful and allowed the State Officers to catch up on the open items and have some fraternal time together.



At this meeting State Historian Michael Brady brought us up to speed on the history and plans for recording our activities in Nevada going forward. We also heard from State Training Coordinator Richard Senninger and the plans for getting and keeping our leaders current with the training from the State and Supreme so Nevada can succeed in our efforts to help make better Catholic leaders in this State.

On March 30 the State audit and budget meetings will be held at the Microsoft Offices in Reno and I look forward to the Audit Committee suggestions and the Budget Committee review for this and the next fraternal year.

I am preparing for our 109th Annual Nevada State Convention in Fallon, Nevada and looking forward to a productive and fun time there with all the delegates and guest.

This Fraternal Year we have been blessed with our State Website and emails distribution thanks to State WebMaster Mark Foxwell, our Nevada State Council FaceBook page under State Executive Secretary Meynard Infantado and State Public Relation Chairman Luis Herrera and the Monthly Newsletter continuing with Newsletter Editor Al Cuccinelli.

Additionally we added Hispanic District Deputies Jesus Sanchez and Herbert Melendez as well as Phillipino Development Chairman for Diocese of Reno George Michael Alvendia.

Thank you for your trust and support this fraternal year in our efforts to make Nevada shine in the Order of the Knights of Columbus and give all Catholic men an invitation to join us in seeking Christ, supporting our clergy and creating a fraternal bond among Catholic men.

Vivat Jesus,

State Treasurer's Annual Report

SK Antonio F Pascua

Worthy State Deputy Tom Thorn,

We are proud to celebrate another year of achievement with a new perspective, as we are heading through the end of the Columbian year 2018-2019, please accept my profound gratitude for your confidence in my two consecutive years as your State Treasurer, (second term, re-elected in Elko) serving the needs of our State Board thus making our goals more attainable through your guidance and by means of communication, logistical and technological support.



State Treasurer

As State Treasurer, I made sure that our bank accounts and books are reconciled every month and checks are issued and bills are paid on a timely manner.

Last July, 2018- had the opportunity to attend and be a part of the District Deputy Training, held at Our Lady of Las Vegas. This endeavor was presided by the Regional Growth Director- Southwest Division, Ray Lopez.

On another note, August 2018- saw us through the 136th Annual Supreme Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, where we (my better half, Ditas and I) had the opportunity to visit The Saint Mary's Seminary, where our founder Rev. Fr. Michael J. McGivney, pursued his priestly vocation. Our sojourn took us to a chance to visit the Home of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, called the Stone House circa 1800's, founder of both -a girl's school and a congregation of religious sisters- devoted to charity, the first of their kind here in the United States.

Highlight of this convention- we endeavored to participate and set up for the First time Hospitality Room sponsored by our State. We were able to foster camaraderie amongst the various delegations and served at least 200 plus brother knights and their families.

Most of the Convention Delegates, Alternates, State Board/Officers, and members from the various Jurisdictions enjoyed the day filled with friendship, fun and camaraderie.

Had the chance to meet and greet our Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Most Reverend Bishop Lori, Supreme Chaplain, as well as Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Directors.

During the Convention proper, met and welcomed the South Korea Delegation, the latest country that joined the Knights of Columbus.

After the Convention-we are laser focused on preparing for the December midyear meeting that was held at Immaculate Conception Parish, hosted by Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877, in Sparks, NV.

February 9-10, 2019 Reno and Sparks- Filipino Recruitment and Membership Drive

Attended a Saturday Vigil Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Jorge Herrera and attended by yours truly with Worthy State Deputy Tom Thorn, and State Executive Secretary / Filipino Coordinator (South) Meynard Infantado.

Met and spoke to some Filipino Catholic Men that evening and these acquaintances lead them to join our Order the following day.

On Sunday morning, we (with the Reno Diocese Filipino and Hispanic Coordinators and State Deputy Tom Thorn) attended the Mass that was held at St. Albert the Great Catholic Community at 8 am followed by a Pancake Breakfast hosted by Christ the King, Council 7322.

Also attended a mass at 11:30 am at Immaculate Conception Church in Sparks, NV, followed by a Recruitment Drive with a Filipino Coordinator of the Diocese- GeorgeMichael Alvendia and Reverend Fr. Arlon Vergara, Celebrant.

2018-2019- A Year In Synergy, Retrospect and Moving On ...

This year was indeed a great opportunity to meet/ interact with the out of town Councils- most of its members and Officers, gave an insight of the numerous projects, fundraising, volunteer, charitable works of family, fellowship and assisting the Knights of Columbus Activities.

Had the pleasure of attending numerous occasions/seasonal socials, invites and family/fundraising events surrounding the Knights of Columbus councils, as well as Statewide K of C wide events.

The hard work and passion put in by these organizations is no measurement by far to their dedication in pursuing their respective goals for the welfare of each of their council.

On early January, after my appointment as Acting State Secretary, I made the 2018 Mid-Year Meeting Minutes followed by issuing the past due Per Capita billings to our State Councils.

Feb.15-17, 2019- our recently concluded State Officers' Retreat/Meeting was held in Mesquite, NV for the purpose of brainstorming, and team building for a successful fraternal year as well as preparation for the State Convention forthcoming May 3-5, 2019, in Fallon, NV.

March 2nd, 2019- attended the Pasta Dinner / 2018 Tootsie Roll Drive "Campaign to Support People with Intellectual Disabilities" and checks distribution hosted by Father Francisco Garces Council 5693 of Las Vegas.

On the first quarter of 2019, attended the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications at Las Vegas Diocese hosted by District # 9 at Christ the King Catholic Community in Las Vegas and District # 10 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church of Henderson.

Last but not least, had the opportunity to attend a Budget Meeting and be a part of an Audit Committee for the State, in Reno, NV on March 30th.

Closing:

Thank you to all the State Councils and the Nevada K of C State Board for their continued support! This year was very challenging but rewarding and fulfilling at the same time.

In closing, Our Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council on the occasion of our 109th year Anniversary!



136th Supreme Convention
Baltimore, Maryland
(August, 2018)



First State Hospitality Room
Supreme Convention
(August 6, 2018)



Filipino Membership Drive
Reno Diocese
(February 10, 2019)

Report of the State Warden Annual Convention

SK Joe Alvin Haun



State Warden

The State Warden has fulfilled his responsibilities for storing all State materials, equipment, and supplies received from the 2018 State Convention and transporting, setting up and retrieving all State material and equipment at the State Meeting throughout the State of Nevada. When not in use at State meetings, these items have been stored at my residence at 2721 Ironside Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Additional tasks include the following:

- Represented the State of Nevada as a Delegate at the Supreme Convention on Baltimore, Maryland.
- Delivered and set up the State material, equipment and supplies at the District Deputy Training in Sparks and Las Vegas, Nevada. Retrieved and stored the State items at my residence in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Delivered and set up the State material, equipment and supplies at the State Mid-Year meeting at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sparks, Nevada. Retrieved and stored the State items at my residence in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Delivered and set up the State material, equipment and supplies at the State Convention in Fallon, Nevada. Retrieved and stored the State items at my residence in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Attended several State Officers teleconference meetings, on-site State Officer meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada and State Officer Retreat in Mesquite, Nevada.

Finally, accepted the position of Acting State Treasurer and assisted the Acting State Secretary from January 2019 to the end of the Fraternal Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Report of the State Executive Secretary Annual Convention

SK Meynard Infantado



State Executive Secretary

It has been a pleasure to serve as State Executive Secretary under State Deputy Tom Thorn. I am deeply honored to experience what is going on the State level of activities, confidential information, transactions and events. It is truly rewarding. The trust that our State Deputy has given me is great! I thank him as my term gets closer to an end. We have been successful in completing our administrative tasks such as state directory completion, staffing, event planning and coordination, necrology listing, badge and calling card orders. As we continue our journey to knighthood, the knowledge and training that we get or being offered to us are very important. It is imperative that we take advantage of those whether it is online webinar training or actual. The knowledge that we learned about the Knights of Columbus becomes a transfiguration that would eventually makes us a better knight in performing duties. Always remember to ask for the guidance of Holy Spirit in what you do and whatever decisions you make. During the course of the years, we have been successful in setting our goals and objectives in reactivating councils. In my term as Council Reactivation Chairman under PSD Gregg and current State Deputy Tom, we were able to reactivate four councils namely St. Anne, Prince of Peace, St. Christopher and St. Sharbel. Basing it through my experience, it was not an easy task. I am reminding council officers and members to take care of your council's health status, and make sure that it is in good standing all the time. It is important to setup red flags and identify the problems whether it is retention, personnel, financials or something else.

We have seen an increase in Filipino membership here in Nevada. We have a lot of work to do and we've got to do a better job especially in Reno Diocese. Couple months ago, our State Treasurer Toni Pascua and I had a chance to travel to Reno to do Church Membership drive together with State Deputy Tom and other officers and Directors. We have also selected Brother GeorgeMichael Alvenida to lead in recruitment of Filipinos in the Reno Diocese. We are asking that each council with large number of Filipino Catholics in the council/parish to assign one Filipino Coordinator to manage all events that will lead to recruitment for the council.

Thank you and I wish you all more blessings from God!

Sincerely,

Report of the State Advocate Annual Convention

SK Thierry V. Barkley

Upon election to Office and within the required 30 days after the close of the convention The Nevada State Council Bylaws 2018 revisions were reviewed by the Supreme Advocate's Office and same have been posted on the Nevada Council State Website.



Nevada State Advocate

No new issues were presented for review by the State Advocate.

However, there remain several councils that are not complying with the required filings of their respective 990ns. In one case a council was revoked for a second time.

A significant second concern deals with the relatively low participation with Supreme's child abuse protection program Praesidium [Armitus 2.0] which is mandatory for all Grand Knights, Chief Squires Counselors; Program Directors; Community Directors and Family Directors. Supreme has implemented a policy for the protection of both our Order and for the children placed in our care. With the current crisis in the Catholic Church both American and abroad there is simply no valid excuse for this failure. We as a State are averaging less than 46% compliance.

Finally, it is with deep regret that I have made a firm decision not to seek reelection and move into one of the State Officer chairs. It has been my pleasure to serve the State Council and work with this fine group of men that serve both our State and their local councils.

Vivat Jesus,

Letter from the State Chaplain for 2019 Convention

Rev. Thomas J. Fransiscus,
C.S.S.R.

Worthy State Deputy,

It has been an honor, joy and privilege to serve as Nevada State Chaplain. I thank you for choosing me. You have facilitated a wonderful journey for me with good Catholic gentlemen and their families. I am richer in my spiritual life and very happy with our fraternity.

As is pretty much public knowledge, I have been encountering some health issues. The most recent is an upcoming hip replacement. Unfortunately, this operation will keep me from my duty as State Chaplain for our State Convention.

I will be with you and all the Brothers in spirit and prayer. I am confident that the Holy Spirit will be with in this important event in the life of our brotherhood.

We continue to pray for each other.

Vivat Jesus,



State Chaplain

2019 Annual Report of Nevada State Membership Director

SK Raymond Troik



State Membership Director

1. NSMD Raymond Troik wrote monthly articles for the Nevada Silver Knight with the exception of 1 Month. I forgot! The articles are written to be timely and an incentive to produce more members for the councils.
2. Emails to DD's. Often as much as weekly; usually biweekly. Purpose of the email is to encourage the DD's to promote membership programs as emissaries of the State Deputy who has Membership as a Goal of his tenure in office. I usually encourage the DD's to contact their Councils GK's and Membership Directors to implement more membership programs and encourage members to "talk up membership".
3. Emails to GK's as frequently as to DD's. Encourage them to have membership drives at least twice a year. Encourage them to have a POSITIVE relationship with their pastors. Encouraging the pastors to PUSH the K of C within their parish. If the pastor is positive; Knights will grow. Encouraged GK's to utilize K of C DVD's as part of their presentation at all events to promote interest in Membership. Contact GK's of signups on eMembership. Asking them to contact the new eMembers inviting them to a meeting and possibly answering any questions they may have. Inform GK's that I'm available to answer their questions and work with them in Membership.
4. Presentations given at State Convention and Mid-year meetings. Encouraged Membership Growth. Received positive feedback from GK's that they would get new members.
5. Advise State Deputy on Membership Areas. Try to implement his programs in a timely manner. Stay abreast of his needs.
6. Presentation at DD and GK training. Encourage the need and importance of NEW Membership in their mind, importance and programs.
7. Conclusion. New Membership could be better. Membership participation seems to be increasing. Perhaps next year will see a bumper crop of New Knights.

Nevada State Training Coordinator Annual Report

SK Richard L. Senninger



State Training Coordinator

Synopsis of Years Activity:

The appointment of the State Training Coordinators position occurred at the Mid- year meeting by State Deputy Tom Thorn appointing Richard Senninger to the position. The emphasis, by direction of State Deputy Thorn was to reach out to all District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers to become certified in their positions by use of the Supreme Training Website. The following action to date has occurred.

1. District Deputies: Any Knight expressing an interest to be considered for a District Deputy position or any State Officer putting forth the name of a Knight for the position of DD was forwarded to the State Training Coordinator to facilitate the candidates training as a prerequisite for consideration of the appointment.
2. Grand Knights: The State Training Director attended two (2) District meetings whereby he introduced the Training Webinars to the Grand Knights present. This facilitated three (3) Grand Knights to complete the Grand Knight Training.
3. The State Training Coordinator attended the mid-year Officers Meeting to go over the campaign to reach Officers at Council level to complete the Supreme Webinar Training. At that meeting the 80% Officer Completion in 18 months was put forward.
4. Attendance at Council Meetings: While this is a tertiary approach do to the amount of time required for the least amount of reach, the State Training Coordinator did attend and address three (3) councils at Council Meetings. The result was two (2) officers have taken the online training course.
5. Email campaign to Council Officers: With the Fraternal year entering the forth-quarter and Council Officer slates being created an email was sent to Grand Knights requesting their assistance in encouraging incoming officers to go online and begin Officer Training. Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers were sent separate emails with links referencing the Supreme Webinar Series for Officer Certification and Training. The emphasis of the email was to encourage those who would be looking to advance to new Officer positions to become certified for those positions. Further emphasis was placed upon recommendation of Training for replacements for those who may be concluding their terms in Office.
6. New Fraternal year activities: The State Training Coordinator has already been placed on the agenda to address the incoming District Deputies Training meeting in July of 2019. At that meeting a detailed plan to reach all GK's DGK's and FS's via the District Deputies for Certification will be outlined and implemented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Disaster Response Chairman Report Annual Convention May 2019

SK Chuck Baker



Disaster Response
Chairman

Worthy State Deputy,

During the past year as Nevada's Disaster Response Chairman I am happy to say the membership has been very responsive in understanding the need for preparing for the unexpected. Most acceptance centers around the violence we see in the media almost daily. Unfortunately, that understanding has not turned into action to the best of my knowledge. I hope the Columbian Award submissions for this Columbian Year will give the State Council a better appreciation of how our councils have implemented disaster preparedness into their Faith in Action community programs.

The following is a brief list of work done by the Chair this Columbian Year:

- Report sent to the State Deputy for distribution to the District Deputies at the DD Training 7/18
- Letter to DDs and GKs with updated tri-fold – 7/18
- GK Training for District 2 7/18
- Letter of support for St. Thomas More Church and Council 7773 in Paradise, CA 11/18
- Email Scam alert to DDs regarding the use of pastors' name and asking for items 11/18
- Presentation at the Mid-Year Convention 12/18
- Presentation at the KofC Workshop hosted by Council 12877 2/19
- Invitation email sent to DDs and GKs in the Reno-Sparks area of a presentation by Washoe County on Community Emergency Response Team training available at no cost 2/19
- Invitation of above CERT presentation hand delivered to parishes in the Reno-Sparks area 2/19
- CERT presentation at Immaculate Conception 3/19

As this fraternal year comes to a close I am grateful for having been involved with the State Council as the first working chair of this important activity. I have been blessed to have met some great people along the way and to have learned so much about local, state, and parish safety issues. In keeping with my mid-year presentation comments please accept this report as my formal resignation letter effective June 30, 2019. Going forward I will be happy to meet with the new Disaster Response Chairman to provide a history and current status of disaster preparedness within the Nevada jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Chairman's Report

SK Jim Shurtliff

Worthy State Deputy,

As the Nevada State Council's chairman for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council's annual Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest, I am pleased to present the following report to you, although I am extremely disappointed in the contest's overall results.



Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Chairman

I kicked the contest off in early November through an EMAIL notice that was forwarded to all of the individuals who are on the "KnightsInfo" mailing list, with emphasis to all Program and Youth Directors, Grand Knights, and District Deputies. The EMAIL provided a full description of the contest, the rules and judging criteria, a list of recommended deadlines, information on how to get the contest kits, etc. I forwarded additional reminders via EMAIL in late December, late January, early March, and mid-March. I also responded to several inquiries that I received from various councils.

As you know, there are actually two different categories in the contest, Drug Awareness and Alcohol Awareness, and each category has two age brackets, 8-11 and 12-14. Unfortunately, only two councils submitted any entries for the contest: (1) Fallon Council 4828 (District 3) submitted a single entry for the Drug Awareness - Age 8-11 contest, and (2) St. Andrew's Council 8078 (District 11) submitted four entries, one for each of the four overall categories and age brackets.

I forwarded scanned copies of the five entries to you, via EMAIL on April 5th and mailed the original artwork to you on April 6th. I also forwarded you a list of the five contestants' names and associated council numbers. You subsequently forwarded the scanned copies of the artwork to the State Officers and requested that they provide their votes for selecting the overall winner between the two Drug Awareness - Age 8-11 entries. At this point, I assume that the four overall winning entries have since been forwarded to the Supreme Council for continued judging at the international level. If they have not been forward, I would like to remind you that they must be received by Supreme no later than the April 30th.

I would also like to commend Council 8078 for their exceptional participation in the contest. They worked closely with their local junior high art teacher to conduct the competition, which I thought was a great idea. As a result, they and ended up receiving 44 total entries for the competition, with at least one in each of the four categories. If I am asked to be the contest chairman again this coming year, I am planning to include their idea and associated results as part of my kick-off correspondence withal of the Program and Youth Directors, Grand Knights, and District Deputies.

In closing, I am honored that you asked me to be the chairman of this contest, once again, and I thank you for the opportunity. I will be prepared to provide a quick synopsis of the contest at the upcoming State Convention. If you have any questions or need any further information, please let me know.

Vivat Jesus!

Youth Chairman's Report Annual Convention May 2019

SK Michael Caudell



State Youth Chairman

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers and District Deputies, Worthy Delegates and Brother Knights.

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray that you are all well. I apologize that I am not present to present my report. My illness has prevented me for much of this year in being as active as I would wish. But that is in the past and soon I will be back to work. Thank the Lord!

My Brothers, I wish I could say that things have changed over the last year for the State Youth Programs. However, I cannot. The bulk of our councils chose not to run the Basketball Free Throw Competition or the Soccer Challenge. Similarly, most councils chose not to put on the Substance Abuse Essay Contest. I say things have not changed because this is how it was last year and the year before. I want to salute those councils who have been faithfully putting on these programs. You have shown your continued dedication to the proposition that Youth are important and that they are the Future!

So we have this problem. I know many will probably disagree with me though. We have these programs but most of us choose not to implement them. Why? It is because of our lack of interest, manpower, money, children in our parishes, time or because the world has changed and children no longer are interested in competition or physical activity. I don't subscribe to any of these. The truth I believe is the perception that the programs are too demanding of you and that we don't have brothers willing to put the effort to chair these programs. Let's look at the facts. Our churches are not all filled with children. Without children, we cannot do a good program, so we don't. Right? I have thought this way myself. I have done many Basketball Free-Throws when I would get 3 or less children. This was after advertising in the church bulletin and having the event announced in church for weeks. Frankly, I got demoralized. I had to change my thinking. I am using my imagination more now. If I can't get children from my parish to participate then I need to go where they are – our schools, community centers, and even traveling clubs. Yes. We can do this. It may take more work in the current climate but it can be done. Ever think about partnering up with a local school? Why not? Are we only interested in helping our own? Of course not! But it does take someone who is not afraid to try. That's our problem. Too many of us are afraid to try something new. I will leave you now with that thought. And this, if not you – who will be the face of Catholicism to our Youth? The choice as always my brothers is yours.

VIVAT JESUS

District 2 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK George A Minter

As, you can clearly see, the result of these Councils membership recruiting efforts and insurance is way down from last year. Membership and insurance gains have been negated by losses, which has a significant impact on each Council and the District as a whole.



District Deputy

District 2 Membership:		589					
The Nevada Council #978		190		Ponderosa Council #4928		204	
Saint Michael Council #10577		56		Our Lady of the Desert Council #12877		139	
Council #		Quota	YTD:	Gain	Loss	Net	%
978	Member	13		4	1	3	23%
	Insurance	5		3	-3	0	0%
4928	Member	14		3	-5	-2	0%
	Insurance	5		2	-5	-3	0%
10577	Member	4		2	0	2	50%
	Insurance	3		0	-1	-1	0%
12877	Member	9		9	-4	5	56%
	Insurance	3		5	-4	1	33%

The Nevada Council #978: This is the oldest Chartered Council (1905) in the State of Nevada! They remain extremely active to present day. Their outside fundraising efforts included the Reno Balloon Races, UNR Football Concession (Beer Port) sales and The Reno National Air Races. This income has allowed this Council to continue their financial charitable support to/for: Marvin Piccolo School (Severe Mental & Physical Disabled), Necrology Masses for recently departed Brother Knights, Seminarian Support, March for Life (Chartered Bus) & participation, Bishop’s Youth Rally, etc. This year, they have come out in support of the Supreme initiative, Special Olympics, having worked the Bowling Event in October and planning on volunteering at both the Regional and State Summer Games. In addition to their work at The Cathedral, they assist Father Jorge at Little Flower Parish with annual donations of approximately \$2,000.00, Provide Pancake Breakfasts and run the large Parish Fundraising event, Turkey Bingo, to name a few. Their Council defers from having a designated Officers’ meeting, instead they hold two Council meetings, where pizza, sandwiches,

beverages, etc., are provided and a lot of great fellowship is fostered. There are always 20+ Knights in attendance, not always the same faces, they have a core group of 30, I'd guess. This group includes many Knights, who have been Grand Knights, so there is a lot of great experience and knowledge. This core group is the main part of the volunteer work, which their Council participates in. Last year they earned the Father McGivney Award for achieving their Membership Quota. They've expressed that they'd like to have more participation by the new Knights, but their efforts to achieve this is a disappointment to them. This year the Grand Knight has restarted honoring The Knight of The Month and the Supreme (State) Initiative, The Family of The Month. They've reminded me, that with age, they are better looking and a lot smarter; Mmm...I guess that I've bought into that. They are a Great Dedicated Group and Council of Catholic Gentlemen.

Ponderosa Council #4928: This Council was chartered in 1960 and began at the old Immaculate Conception Church in downtown Sparks. Some years later, the Council moved to Holy Cross Parish with the Knights serving both Parishes, until by request, a new Council was formed at the new Immaculate Conception. Ponderosa Council continues their multiple outside fundraising efforts. Beginning with The Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off (smashing Income projections), then onto the Reno National Air Race Championship (matched any previous year's high income), then continued with staffing beer stations at the UNR Football home games. Most of this income has supported in Charitable Donations: 1. Supreme's RSVP (\$3,000.), 2. Tootsie Roll Drive (State Games, Marvin Piccollo School, Challenger Little League-20 years, 3. College Scholarships (\$3,000.00), 4. Bishop Manogue Student Financial Aid (\$2,500.00), 4. Supreme's Initiative (Persecuted Christians In The Middle East (\$500.00), 5. Supreme Initiative (Coats For Kids, additionally, scarves, gloves, hats, and toddler coats, (\$2,700.00+), 5. Supreme Pro-Life of: a. State Ultrasound Initiative, b. Casa De Vida, c. March For Life, d. Pro Life Banquet, d. Crisis Pregnancy Banquet. On-going donations to Holy Cross Parish and full support to the Parish's Major Annual Fundraiser "Wine Tasting and Auction" providing volunteers before, during and after the event, to include the Auctioneer-GK Steve Schiwart. For the Parish, they held Columbus Day, Christmas and Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Parties. Ponderosa Council has continued their long rich tradition of service to their Church and Community; The Bishop Calvo's Reno Diocesan Conference and Bishop Calvo's Youth Rally, both annual events. In October, Knights and Wives showed up and volunteered at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament, all promised to assist at the upcoming events and all would be back next year for this one; over the two-day event Ponderosa Council provided approx. 230 Service hours, qualifying for the Supreme requirement for just this one event! Starting some 6 to 7 years back ago, Knights and Knight's Families were recognized and honored on a monthly basis, another Supreme Initiative. The Council's Mentoring Program is getting a new fresh start, right now, so this should begin to solve some of the issues of getting newer Knights involved. This Council is a Great Group of Dedicated Catholic Knights and Ladies. Besides they are my home Council!

Saint Michaels, The Archangel Council #10577: This Council was chartered in 1992 and is located in Stead, Nevada at Saint Michael's Parish. Geographically this Parish is perhaps the largest found in the Reno-Sparks area, as it extends from Golden Valley to Cold Springs, at the California border. With housing springing up everywhere, the Parish needs a much larger Church, as the Parish Church is a converted Air Force Military hall/theater, built around 1945. After some years of membership volatility affecting the Council, last year Saint Mike's was one of only 2 or 3 Councils in Nevada to achieve Triple Star Status. The year began with several Knights participating in multiple

outside fundraising activities: the Nugget Rib Cook-Off and The Reno Air Races. But the Council leadership of Officers was already beginning to crack and break apart as there were several resignations and several transferred out of the Council. This was a really difficult situation, as all of these defectors had taken their Oath of Office, when I performed their Installation of Officers Ceremony. A thumb in the dyke was not going to fix this. By late October, the need for their replacements was spearheaded by Brother Anthony (Tony) Albee, who I swore in and appointed as the Grand Knight. One step at a time, Knights filled at least six more Council Officer Roles, sometimes it was a domino effect. Today, there seems to be a good core of dedicated Knights in each of these positions. GK Tony Albee has worked very hard to get the Council moving in the right direction and the Officers have supported him, all of the way. They have focused on Parish activities; one was restarting the Pancake Breakfast, after several years abandoning it. It has been a huge Parish success, the Council has actually had a profit of \$100.00 each for the several that they've undertaken and has now recruited two (2) new Knights for the Council. They have also made a major donation to Casa De Vida, Council donation for Bishop's Youth Rally, Supreme Initiatives of financial aid for the Persecuted Christians in the Middle East and the Nevada State Ultrasound Program. Financially, the Council is stronger now, than they have been in years. Grand Knight Tony is going to continue to work on membership and get the couple of more new Knights to achieve Star Council. Additionally, the Council, starting with GK Tony looks forward to working the Regional and State Special Olympics. Next I'll work on them to start the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. The combination of new committed Knights (Officers) and the old Guard working together has solved most of the past issues. I'm very proud of these Great Dedicated Catholic Gentlemen, who stood together in Unity and worked through these challenges.

Our Lady of The Desert Council #12877: This Council was newly Chartered at Immaculate Conception Parish, under the request of Fr. Norman King about 2002. Many of the transferring Knights had been at Ponderosa Council. With the completion of the new Church, their Council began their strong support of the Parish and the ministries of the Parish. Giving, credit where credit is due, some five plus years ago, Michael Caudell became Grand Knight and began the process of unifying the Council, achieving the Columbian award his 1st term and Star Council status his 2nd term, GK Mike was instrumental in establishing the groundwork for an improved Council Culture. Sir Knight Chris Pennington developed and flourished with his prime initiative of becoming Father Philip's strong right arm, as I observed Chris's gentlemanly style of kindness to his Knights. GK Chris achieved the Columbian Award in his 1st term and with the Council becoming ever stronger, they actively recruited and earned Double Star (20 new Knights) in his second term. The Culture was becoming ever more apparent, as improved activities and new activities were taking place. Capitalizing on this four (4) year run of success comes **Roger Pechacek**, a Knight who had close to 30 years of US Army leadership experience, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer. This most **charismatic Grand Knight** has continued to develop and add onto this new and ever expanding tradition, having the full support of the current Pastor and Council Chaplain Father Philip. The Council has taken on major outside fundraisers, Hot August Nights, Nugget Rib Cook-Off, and Reno Air Races, which come to mind. They hosted the District Two Training seminar in July '18 for Grand Knights and Council Officers. They then hosted the Nevada State Council Mid-Year Convention, setting up the hotel reservation block at the Nugget Casino, the Hospitality Room at the Nugget Casino, did the set-up and tear-down for the Convention Hall, providing breakfast, lunch and the dinner (the best that I've ever had) for this two day Convention. Weeks later, the compliments

continued to flow in, they truly did an outstanding job. They have held the Christmas Party, St. Valentine's Dinner/Dance/Party and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Party for the Parish. They were instrumental, once again, in the Parish Fall Festival 2018. While not identified as the Knights, many Knights served on the Parish Safety committee developing with the other ministries a complete disaster plan for the Parish. GK Roger has conducted the honoring of a Knight Of The Month and the Supreme Initiative honoring The Family Of The Month. His first submission was for PGK Chris & his wife Sandra Pennington, and became the Supreme July 2018 award selection for the "Holy Family" portrait. That just shows, you must have a thoroughbred in the race to win! Knights and one wife showed up to work the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in October, promising to volunteer in the future. In March '19, Council 12877 sponsored a Knights of Columbus symposium, open to all Parish Ministries (according to Fr. Philip, they ALL attended). A Continental Breakfast was prepared and the lunch was scrumptious for all attendees. Knights of Columbus programs were described and how the Knights wished to integrate the Parish Ministries, with a collaborative focus and achievable goals. Knights of Columbus membership, from the recruiting phase and on to Knighthood was explained and how we value our Ladies (wives) and our families, as they assist us, Knights. In my 17 years as a Knight, I have never participated in or even heard of an event such as this. All feedback that I have received is that the Parish is much richer for having this as an activity; Father Philip was beside himself with joy. As a direct result, two more men joined the Knights and several more are on the back burners. This was the brainstorm of Grand Knight Roger Pechacek, oh where was Sharon, his wife, she is their Council Den Mother and she was there all day, beside Roger, well not literally, she was in the kitchen, then on the food line, you get the picture. Right now, Council 12877 has begun assigning Mentors to their new Knights; they took Ponderosa Council's playbook, tweaked it for their Council and are running with it. Like most things over these last five+ years, they will succeed! Under our last program service structure, "Surge with Service" Our Lady of The Desert Council 12877 would have easily been my choice for Council of the Year, as there is a Dynamic occurring with them. I see it in most everything which they do. I salute another great group of Brother Knights, as true Catholic Gentlemen!!!

Author James Michener wrote the book "Chesapeake", with the opening, telling the tale of a displaced American Indian (in the 1st person narrative) finding and settling in this area, along the coastline. He arrives in early Autumn, gets through the Winter and then Spring arrives. He has found plentiful game: deer, wild turkeys, geese, duck and the sea life: clams, oysters and Maryland CRAB. He prayerfully thanks the GREAT SPIRIT for providing him this Paradise. Then comes Summer and the damn MOSQUITOS! So, all is not perfect even in this earthly paradise. Councils are not perfect and Districts are not perfect, we all experience the damn mosquitos. These are the hiccups and little inconveniences, which we have to deal with. Our Worthy State Deputy Thomas Thorn provided me with a card, now I'm embellishing it a little, but it goes like this, "We are born a Man", we are Baptized Catholic and then "We become a KNIGHT".

It has been my great honor and pleasure to serve as District Deputy for The Cathedral Council #978, Ponderosa Council #4928, Saint Michael, The Archangel Council #10577 and Our Lady Of The Desert Council #12877, this Fraternal Year 2018-19!.....I remain your Brother in Christ!

VIVAT JESUS!

District 4 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK John E DeBord



District Deputy



District Deputy #4 Report 2019

Sierra Madres Council 4781

Winn Teeter was elected Grand Knight for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year. The council officers are performing as expected, but sometimes we do not have enough Brothers to facilitate a quorum. The Pastor, Father James Setelik, supports the Council unreservedly and has done a great job as Chaplain. Five new candidates will be conducting their 1st Degrees later in this fraternal year. Dick Moore has been the FS for several years and has done nothing less than an outstanding job for the Council. He has also served as Coordinator for the 2nd Degree Team. Field Agents have been assigned and reassigned within my District. We do have a field agent pop into council meetings every once in awhile. The Brothers work hard and have two important events yearly, the Nevada Day Breakfast in October and the St. Patrick's Day dinner in March, and this helps the Council fund various charities and other worthwhile causes that the Council supports.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 12845

Michael Houdyshell carried on as the Grand Knight for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year. The Council officers are performing as expected, and do an excellent job in serving their pastor, the parish, and the church. The Council is very active, and the Pastor Father Dan Hussey and Associate Pastor Fr. Chris Kanowitz have been outstanding in their support for their Knights. The Field Agents come about every three months to a council meeting. It would help greatly if the Field Agent and the Grand Knight would coordinate recruiting efforts. This would greatly help the cause I think. Council 12845 has bingo twice a month and participates in the Minden Air Races that supports the annual Coat Drive as well as other charities and worthy causes in the Community. We want to conduct a

membership drive in late Spring and the Fall of next year in our recruiting efforts. This Council is in the smaller city of Minden/Gardneville, so there are challenges in recruiting/retaining Brothers.

St. John Vianney Council 13842

The elected Grand Knight was John Robins for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year. Our Pastor is Father Joseph Abraham, who replaced Fr. Larry Morrison, and Fr. Abraham has been very supportive of the Knights at St. Rose of Lima. Father Joseph wanted the Knights to shift their focus from supporting the community, to supporting St. Rose of Lima and the people of the Parish. The Council officers are performing in a satisfactory manner, except two of the Trustees. One of the Trustees has been traveling most of the year, and the other Trustee has health issues. This is unacceptable and replacements might have to be made because the Council needs Trustees who are monitoring and advising the Grand Knight in performance of duties and responsibilities. One of the Council Officers though, Jim Holmes, has done an outstanding job as Treasurer since the inception of the Council. There has been a general lack of communication between some officers that has effected the overall performance of the Council. i.e. Manatory forms not being sent in to Supreme and Brothers not being notified of upcoming degrees. Council 13842 has been very generous in their donations to various charities, Bishop Manogue Catholic High School, and to the parish of St. Rose of Lima itself. The Council erected a beautiful statue of The Madona della Strada honoring the Unborn at St. Rose of Lima, the first of its kind statue in Northern Nevada that the Council contributed \$7000.00 to. Overall, the Brothers of Council 13842 work very hard and hold the monthly pancake breakfast, the annual golf tournament, and other functions that help raise money. We will try to coordinate recruiting efforts with the field agent/Grand Knight to booster new Brothers coming into the Council.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 13944

The Grand Knight for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year was Robert Dahl. Our Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi is Father Bill Nadeau. Father Bill has always been very supportive with his Knights and is always willing to help out with

a helping hand in any capacity. There is a lot of challenges associated with this Council. The North Shore of Lake Tahoe is very transient and this is very true of this Council itself. Some Knights hold "dual positions" within the Council because of such a small turnout to Council meetings. Our annual "Crab Feed" this year was cancelled because we simply didn't have the manpower to put it on. Council 13944 has donated to several charities and worthwhile causes in the Community. Our field agent comes sporadically in the year. We will focus much more on recruiting this upcoming Fraternal Year to booster membership and attendance. Mike Archer has done great job keeping the Council together. There are several Brothers who work hard for the Council and donate their time and efforts to keep the Council afloat.

In summation, all four of my Councils are very good Councils who work hard for their Pastor, Church, and Communities. There are some big challenges for this upcoming Fraternal Year, and with the help of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will continue to drive on and do our best.

John E. DeBord District Deputy #4 Nevada

District 7 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Charles P Reifsnyder



District Deputy

District Deputy 7

The Councils in District 7 are active and successful with the exception of Council 11179. Councils 1340 and 13754 are both on track for meeting their recruitment quotas with a strong possibility of obtaining membership numbers for Double Star Council. Unfortunately there has been no upward movement in the Insurance numbers. I have attempted to contact both of our Field Agents. Field Agent for 13754, Brian Kong, states that he has plans and feels confident that he will meet the quota for Council 13754. I have had no results is discussing what plans are in place by the Field Agent for Council 1340 to attempt to gain enough upward movement in the insurance numbers to allow for the possibility of the hard working brothers in the council earning the rewards that they deserve based upon their hard work in programs and recruitment.

We have made attempts to contact the members on the roster for Council 11179 in Overton, which does not exist in an attempt to determine if they would like to transfer to another Council where they are attending Mass. In those attempts we were able to locate members who were transferred to Ely and Mesquite Councils. Identified a deceased member and two who are no longer practicing Catholics. The remainder we have had no response from. Council 11179 should be disbanded and the members remaining on the list transferred or dropped. Councils 1340 and 13754 are both financially sound and operating under the appropriate By-Laws and guidelines. The new programming format has made little change to the operations of the programs within the councils it will just take some effort to be sure to place the long term and ongoing programs that the councils participate in. Council 1340 has participated in the Into The Breech program through the Holy Child Council in Caliente.

Round Table Chairman

At the beginning of the Fraternal Year we had in excess of our Round Table quota. Recent reports indicate that we are only getting credit for 2 Round Tables in the State. This is most probably the result of the proper annual Round Table Coordinator forms not being submitted to Supreme by the Grand Knights of the parent Council. I have sent a request to Supreme to get the list of current Round Tables they have listed in order to contact the Grand Knights and obtain the proper forms to document our Round Tables.

Keep Christ in Christmas

We had a very poor participation in the Keep Christ in Christmas programs in the State. I received only one poster for consideration at the State level. I received only two entries in the State Button Contest. These will be on display and voted on at the convention to determine a State winner. I was advised by brother knights as well as the button vendor that no less than four councils in the Las Vegas area held their own button contests and provided their own artwork for the buttons this past

year, even after the changes to the State By-Laws changes to streamline the State Keep Christ In Christmas Button contest.

Vivat Jesus,

District 9 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Michael Rinaldi Jr

I have been the District Deputy for the second half of our fraternal year and therefore I will report on that period only.

Council 10442 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary:

St. Joseph has been a very active council this year, lead by Grand Knight SK Raymond A Foster. They hold a 1st degree exemplification the fourth Saturday of every month and these have been well attended. During January St. Joseph also held many church events including a Mardi Grass Dinner, Pancake Breakfast and religious goods sale.

February brought a Valentines Dinner, and of course the normal 1st degree exemplification fourth Saturday. This month also included a blood drive.

March included pancake breakfast and religious goods sale. Also, the monthly 1st degree exemplification. St. Joseph has a very good relationship with Fr. Marc and the church staff. They work with the Parish to organize and fund many other church projects. St. Joseph's is also having a Hawaiian Luau on Saturday June 15, 2019 in the Catholic Center, at 5:30pm.

Council 10780 – Our Lady of the Valley:

Our Lady of the Valley is an extremely active council. Since they are in Pahrump, they are 50 miles from Las Vegas. Their Grand Knight SK Martin Hatley runs an excellent meeting and I have enjoyed getting to know Martin and the Brothers of Our Lady of the Valley. This council has a fish fry every Friday night during lent. Not only do they serve excellent fish but also home-made clam chowder. They are very active in their Parish. Many of the member's do extensive repairs to the Parish buildings and grounds. These include fixing doors, the parking lot and much more. Member's bring their own tools to accomplish the work which include personal tractors. They are a very welcoming and friendly council if you are ever in Pahrump look them up.

Council 14144 – Christ The King:

Christ The King is lead by Grand Knight Kenneth L. Chipman. Ken is serving his third year as GK and does a great job. Council 14144 has a very good relationship with Fr. Ray and the church staff. As a result, they have sponsored many successful events this past year. Their fish fry's have gone over the top this year with more people attending than ever before. Christ The King is sponsoring an Authentic Hawaiian Luau, Saturday May 18, 2019. They are advertising this event on radio and expect it to be a very large event.

Council 14784 – Holy Spirit:

Holy Spirit is lead by Grand Knight SK Patrick A. Jordan. Patrick is new to the Knights and younger than most Grand Knights. As a result, HS has welcomed many new "young" members. I even know of one new member who came in through our new online membership program. Holy Spirit has large turnout's at both the planning meeting, and regular council meeting. HS council feed the staff a free full breakfast in the Family Life Center, it was a great success. They have partnered with the



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youth to put on fish fry's which have been extremely successful. The council's relationship with the staff, and Fr. Bill is at an all-time high. At the church bunco nights, the Knights donate and serve ice cream. Fr. Bill commented at the last bunco night that the HS council was the best there is. As a young council HS is proud of the relationship, they have built with Fr. Bill and the staff.

All four Council's in District 9 work hard to get new members and reach our state goal of 6000 members. All the councils held membership drives, that were successful. The net numbers for District 9 councils were affected by retention, even though each council had a retention committee that worked hard to keep members.

This concludes my report and I want to thank you for letting me serve as DD of District #9.

VIVAT JESUS....

District 10 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Daniel C St. Pierre



District Deputy

Worthy Delegates,

Here is District 10's year in review:

I was unable to attend the District Deputy training at Our Lady of Las Vegas in July due to a summer vacation planned prior to being selected as a DD. District Warden, Karl Bruno went in my place and provided me the pertinent details and materials.

I feel that District 10 started off in a challenging position. Two of the five Councils were suspended, one council never elected officers the previous year and another Council's GK and FS encountered significant injuries, so fill-ins were required to get that Council through the Fall season. As I had effectively only one GK to work with, him being from my home Council, I did not hold GK training in the Fall. I did hold GK training in March where my main focus was outlining the requirements for the Convention and setting a good foundation for the next year.

In December, I represented my District (and Council) at the Midyear meeting. There was a notable exchange where I defended the Order's Safe Environment policy. In January, I supported the UNLV Newman Center by attending the St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Festival, and in March I participated in the Nevada State Council planning meeting in Mesquite. In May, I intend to attend and represent the District again at the State Convention.

Several times I visited council meetings, filed District reports, advised council leadership and responded to State and Supreme requests and reporting requirements. A notable focus of mine is emphasizing evangelization and each month offering a tidbit of information on defending the Catholic Faith.

Council observations follow, but please refer to the specific report filed by that Council for more detail.

3741: Rosary Council had a rough start to the Fraternal Year as this was the aforementioned Council whose GK and FS were hospitalized and unable to participate. PGK Francisco Diaz filled in as GK through approximately October and "maintained the ship". I also felt compelled to declared the FS position vacant and appointed Brother Dennis Siler as interim FS (later formally approved by Supreme). Dennis did a great job getting up to speed quickly in this important position. When GK Anthony Sperduti returned in the Fall, he brought with him a tremendous amount of energy and new ideas. They have since held an Admissions Degree and multiple activities around the Church.

13456: St. Francis of Assisi Council is the largest Council in the District with over 350 members and has a well proven model for sustained service and integration with the parish. They have held

several Admissions Degrees and even hosted a Formation/Knighthood Degree this past March. GK Ken Stephens' fifth child was born this past December, yet he still finds time to be the strong leader and active face of the Council.

14820: St. Sharbel Council reactivated in January thanks to the efforts of Brothers Karl Bruno, Meynard Infantado and especially GK Ed Verceles. Also, thanks to many Brothers from neighboring Councils who transferred to St. Sharbel to fill officer ranks. The Council will be challenged to quickly rebuild its membership and establish a pattern of active programs within the Parish.

15061: UNLV College Council did not elect officers at the end of last year and still has not elected any officers or selected program directors for the current year. The membership is struggling with its interest in the Knights. For several months, the Business meetings consisted of me, FS Rian Coloma and Fr. Daniel plus maybe one or two others. However, Rian is motivated and has brought the meeting attendance up to ~8 students at last count. These 8 are pretty motivated to be a part of a brotherhood and want Catholic Faith-based activities as well as leisure. With Rian's leadership, this should be a viable Council in the near future.

15790: St. Gabriel Council effectively operates as a Round Table under Holy Family Council and will so for the foreseeable future per PGK Richard Hawkins (Parishioner at St. Gabriel, but PGK of Holy Family). I recommend moving this council to the same District as Holy Family in the next year.

This concludes my report.

Vivat Jesus,

Council #3741 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Anthony J. Sperduti

St. Peter the Apostle
Council 3741

Grand Knight

Introduction

During our 2018-2019 Fraternal Year, Rosary Council #3741 out of St.

Peter the Apostle in Henderson, Nevada has focused on bringing in new member- ships of younger men from the late 20s to 30s along with bridging the older permanent members of our council to a charitable and volunteerism that we have not had in a decade. By promoting better numbers of Knights to volunteer at our parish and around the community we can grow as an organization and fulfill the needs of our parish and that of the the priest, Fr. Samuel Martinez. We also spent this Fraternal Year trying to get back focused on becoming a Star Council in the 2019-2020 year by creating a retention committee to rid the council of uncommitted members and “deadweight”. Now that, this is accomplishing we are getting fresh members transferring into our council and we have brought in six new members that date back to June 2018 until March of 2019. With the installation of a new Financial Secretary, Sir, Br. Dennis Siler, who is also my Knight of the Year nominee, we have gotten our records in order, Necrology books in order, membership cards updated, and again, we have started several committees including the Retention Committee to fix our memberships.

This Fraternal Year we have continued leading the way in our Pro-Life Prayer Mission led by Br. Roger LeBel, who leads weekly prayers on Tuesdays in our St. Peter’s Chapel following Daily Mass along with praying at abortion clinics in hopes of bringing knowledge and wisdom to the women confused by societal lies on the idea of women’s rights and health without any concern for the wellbeing of life inside her womb. Plus, trying to make the employees aware of the death/ holocaust that they are taking part in by performing abortions/ murder.

We raised double the amount of money in the Tootsie Roll Fundraiser in just one weekend of donations/sales for three worthy organizations that help children and young adults with mental disabilities, Totaling \$2000. We plan in 2019-2020, to do the Tootsie Roll Drive for three- weekends in the upcoming Fraternal Year.

Lastly, this Fraternal Year, we have supported the pastor of St. Peter the Apostle more than we have been able to ver the past six-years, as the cooperation from both sides has been greatly advanced since Fr. Samuel Martinez was installed. We help monthly with cleaning up the grounds of the parish, cleanup after the First Saturday Morning Mass breakfast, providing food and other services at the International Food Festivals, and providing services as Sacristans at several weekday and weekend Masses, welcomers/Ushers at Saturday and Sunday Masses, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers which a majority are brother Knights active in the church life.

Church Activities

1. Eucharistic Adoration: Held every Friday at St. Peter’s, the Rosary Council has members contribute throughout the day from 8:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

2. Ash Wednesday Fish Fry which benefitted both the Knights of Columbus and the Faith Formation Complex as we prepared, cooked and served fish and chips for the St. Peter's congregation from 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. With the help of teenagers from the Confirmation programs and the wives of Brother Knights we served over 175 dinners to parish members.
3. St. Patrick's Day (Sunday, March 17) Luncheon Corned Beef & Cabbage or Hotdog and Fries which benefitted the Rosary Council and Faith Formation Youth Group. With the help of teenagers from Faith Formation and the wives of the Knights we raised over \$660 from 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
4. Rosary Council helped keep children safe at the October Fest International Food Festival at St. Peter's church. In the back parking lot games and jumpers were set up and the Knights ran the games at certain times and provided protection and safety for the children playing. Other entertainment for families had the Knights patrolling across all the grounds. The area was kept clean and safe. The Knights also manned a food booth where we served spaghetti to the hungry congregation. The Knights booth ended up making over \$300 for the day. A total of 12 Knights were involved in the patrolling the grounds, watching the games, and manning of the booth.
5. The Knights of Columbus and many of the wives (Ladies Auxiliary) are actively participating in the Mass throughout the week. At Daily Mass, we have two Sacristans, and on weekends the Masses are helped and manned by Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers/Welcomers, who are brother Knights and wives. We mean to serve the congregation at all the Masses.
6. Health/Welfare Checkins. Through the Knights, I have begun a Welfare Check Program where I or someone in the group check in with Brother Knights we know are suffering from illnesses, depression, loss, and other social problems to make sure they and any family members are well. We will make calls for emergency services, social programs, or help in any needs the family has to preserve their human dignity in the community and parish lifestyle. In this program, we also help in bereavement for families who have lost loved ones, homes, jobs, and any other losses that people have by making simple phone calls to them, visiting, and being attentive to their needs.

Council Activities

1. The Installation of Officers Ceremony was held at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in July 2018. (I, Grand Knight, missed it because I was injured and waiting for an artificial hip replacement).
2. Knight of the Month & Family of the Quarter was started in January 2019: Every quarter we announce the Brother Knights who are given a certificate for Knight of the Month, at the 1/4 Business Meeting, along with a Family of the Quarter announced for the service, sacrifice, participation, and volunteerism made in the parish community.

3. Knights Socials are held monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month to help promote the brotherhood of the order and to welcome the families into the unity of the Knights, in our Rosary Council.
4. January 2019, we held a Membership Drive after each Mass during the second weekend of the month, to raise awareness of the Knights o Columbus and to promote why men, who are active and in good stand- ing with the Church, should become a Brother Knight. We will now hold a membership drive yearly per the permission of the pastor. We were able to get one new member(s) and had four transfers to our council through the membership drive.
5. The Rosary Council held one First Degree Exemplification Ceremony in the Fraternal Year. We plan to hold a second ceremony on June 13th, 2019. We have a 2nd/3rd Degree Ceremony scheduled for June 15th, 2019.
6. We raised \$2,000 during our October Tootsie Roll Drive and gave to three non-profit organizations that work with mentally disabled children & young adults, Salvation Army, NewVista Ranch, and Opportunity Village, where we gave just under \$1,500 in donations, after the state took their share and sent out checks.
7. Seminarian Education Fund Raffle tickets are sold during Lent following Masses for two weeks in April. We sold over two dozen to date of the first weekend of raffle sales and our goal is to sell \$800 worth of tickets for the Fund.
8. Recycling Efforts. The Knights at St. Peter's are leaders in recycling in the community. Led by Br. Roland LeClerc, who collects plastic water & soda bottles, aluminum cans and because of a contact he has with a recycling company, we have a monthly pickup. This helps keep the church grounds clean, as well as the community and the environment cleaner from pollution. This is a mandate by our leader, Pope Francis, who has made it clear the environment needs to be made safer, so we try and do a simple but necessary step in cleaning and making the environment safer for the next generation. The Knights have recycled with the help of the parish and city community for over five years by recycling an estimated 200 pounds per year.

Youth Activities

1. The Rosary Council is trying to get essays turned in for the Supreme's Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. We have made a last ditch plea to middle school and high school students in early March before Confirmation in hopes to get a few essays from teenagers. Work in progress.
2. We donated over \$800 to Faith Formation & Youth Group and Confirmation classes for events, retreats, and for the food consumed at the Diocesan Youth Rally in 2019 through three fundraisers.

NOTE We will begin doing the Sports Programs of Free-throw Shooting Contest and Soccer Penalty-Kick Shootout in 2019-2020. This was lost this past Fraternal Year because the Grand Knight (Anthony Sperduti), being injured and hospitalized and missing three-months of activities. I blame myself.

Community Activities

1. Recycling to Save the Earth: The Rosary Council cares about Life first and foremost and through the recycling efforts we help clean up the community and the church grounds while helping the planet as Pope Francis implores us to do.
2. Health Checkins. Through the Knights I have begun a Welfare Check Program where we check in with Knights we know are suffering from illnesses, depression, and other social problems to make sure they and any family members are well. We actually helped one Brother Knight save his wife from serious injury and desperation, by going to their home while he was in a rehab center and his wife was home alone for a couple days, she suffers from dementia and diabetes and had not eaten nor been able to help herself. We called for emergency services and got her the treatment needed. In this program, we also help in bereavement ministry for families who have lost loved ones, homes, jobs, and other counseling needs with simple phone calls, and attentive behaviors needed by our Brothers and their families.

NOTE The Rosary Council will begin a Community Growing Effort in July 2019 where we will be helping at the St. Therese Center, Catholic Charities, Living Grace Homes, and other community organizations. Our program has lacked in this area for several years because of my missing time we lacked again this year. I am planning a revival!

Family Activities

1. Family of the Month announcements every quarter and a Family of the Year program has been started for the January 2019 year and will continue as long as I am the Grand Knight: We recognize those Knights and their families who give so much of their time and energy in charity, volunteerism, and ministry work.
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Pro-Life Activities

1. Rosary Council holds a Rosary every Tuesday morning in the St. Peter's Chapel for an hour and following the Rosary, a group Prayer Service is held at one of the abortion clinics. This program has been led and continues to be led by Br. Roger LeBel and Susan Aceto (Ladies Auxiliary) to raise awareness and show love for the children that will not be allowed to be born in a confused and destained society. Also, for the conversion of minds and hearts of those getting the abortion and the employees that work in this killing field.

Conclusion

As you can see this Fraternal Year of July 2018 - June 2019 is one of building back unity and solidarity among the Knights of the Rosary Council. We had a rough four years where things did not work out but we are on the rebound and will make the July 2019-2020 Fraternal Year a great one. It is a pleasure to be serving at St. Peter the Apostle, and I have always helped in ministries that have needed it, and by being elected the Grand Knight at the Rosary Council, I plan along with the men that I am surrounded with, to bring this council to a Gold Star status in 2019-2020 and beyond. I have learned a lot of what is lacking at my council from the term of October 2018-present, since I was injured and not part of the council from my election day until mid-October, I blame myself for not having the Rosary Council to where it should be. We have many plans though for the new 2019 Fiscal Year along with the short term of this year remaining, in which to make the Rosary Council one which God will be proud of.

Council #8078 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Robert J. Hartman

Saint Andrew Council 8078

Grand Knight

Worthy State Deputy

We began Columbian Year 2018-2019 by entering a float in the Annual Independence Day Parade in Boulder City's annual Damboree Parade. The float was titled "One Nation Under God" and was preceded by the Fourth Degree Color Corps.

We focused our efforts this year in two different directions. The first being Youth. We hosted the local and Southern Regional Soccer Challenge contests. We also held the local Substance Abuse Poster contest, judging the local entries at our Social during a regular Business Meeting. We also held our annual Basketball Free Throw contest with 276 contestants. We later hosted both the District and Southern Regional contests. Finally, we are now taking applications for the Charlie Kopp Memorial Scholarship.

The second direction our council took was support for our Military Veterans. As a member organization of the Nevada Veterans Assistance League, aka NVAL, we participated in hosting the November 11 Veteran's Day Celebration at the Nevada Veteran's Home in Boulder City. On Saturday May 26, we participated in placing 27,400 flags at the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Boulder City. We also conduct a Communion, Prayer Service at the Veterans Home each Saturday. In October we also helped to host the annual Veteran's Olympics at the home. This is a three event that includes games such as bowling a poker tournament, field games and a fishing derby at a local pond. Also included are the Fathers Day, Mothers Day, Superbowl and Christmas Parties. We also Have Committal Ministers who provide graveside Committal Services for indigent and other Veterans at the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Boulder City.

Council #12877 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Roger Pechacek

Our Lady of the Desert.
Council 12877

Grand Knight

Below is a summary of Council 12877 has done for the Columbian Year 2018 - 2019.

In July we started the year off with the Officer Meeting on Tuesday. On Wednesday we participated in a Day at the Ballpark at Aces Stadium. July 7 we had a party for Our newest Ordained Priest Father Joe. We had a Business Meeting. On July 15 we had our Officers Installation / BBQ at ICC Presided by Father Philip and our District Deputy George Mintor. On the 17 we do our Monthly 1st Degree / Social. My FS William Sousa and I attended the GK / FS Training event help at ICC Faith Formation Building. July 24 the Silver Rose came through our Church for 36 hours.

In August we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. We did our first Council Audit. We sold over 1000 Turnovers at the church on the 4th and 5th and brought in \$1200. The 6th - 12th we manned the Hot August Nights Trailer Parking lot and earned our Council over \$4500. On the 11 we did the CCD Welcome back BBQ for our Teachers. Our Council participated in the planning of our Fall Festival. Aug 30 - Sept 3 we participated in the Nugget Rib Cook-off Concessions Earning our Council \$1600.

September we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. on the 8th we participated in the WARC Extreme Abilities Challenge. September 22 and 23 we did Turnovers. On the 28 and 29 we strongly assisted our Church with the Fall Festival.

October we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. on Oct 13 - 14 we held our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive at Safeway and in front of the Church for all masses and made over \$2,064.98. Oct 26 we introduced our First Annual Knights of Columbus Information Night. It was a huge success in the Parish. The last 2 weekends we sold tickets to our parish for our Annual Turkey Bingo event.

November we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. Nov 3 we did our Annual Turkey Bingo Event and raised \$4,778.10. We participated in the Veterans Day Parade on the 11th. The 17 - 18 we made turnovers for the parish and brought in \$1200.

December we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. December 7 we hosted a hospitality room at the Nugget for the State Mid Year Meeting. On the 8th we hosted the State Mid Year Meeting and Banquet in the ICC Hall. The event was a huge success. We participated with the Our Lady of the Guadalupe cup Procession and the Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On the 14th we hosted our Annual Christmas Dinner / Party with Ponderosa Council at Baldini's. The 21st we Cooked for 16 Priests for the Reconciliation Dinner. Many of our Brothers assisted Father Phillip with all the Christmas Masses we had over the weekend.

January we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. Jan 4 -5 we participated in the Diocesan Conference Held at the Nugget. On Jan 15 we hosted the Basketball Free-throw Contest at Excel Academy. The 26 our Council hosted a Bus for the Annual walk for life in San Francisco we had over 50 on the bus for the March for Life.

February we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. The 9 - 10 we sold tickets to our Annual St Valentines Day Dinner and Dance. On the 15th we hosted our Annual St Valentines Day Dinner and Dance we raised \$3,439.00. The 16 - 17 we Cooked 1000 Turnovers and made over \$1200. On 21 our Brothers cooked a St Patricks meal for a parishioners Wake and made \$500. We bought a table at the Pro Life League of Nevada Dinner and sent 10 of our members.

March we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. Mar 2 we participated in the Bishops Youth Rally and Donated \$200 for the food. Mar 9 we did an Officers Workshop. Mar 16 we Hosted our Annual St Patricks Day Dinner and Raffle. Our Council repaired 160 chairs for the Parish.

April we did our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social. April 6 our Roger and Sharon Pechacek kept score and William Sousa ran the scoreboard for the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament. April 12 we hosted a private Dinner for 15 Priests at the Easter Reconciliation Dinner in our Parish. We cooked them a Mahi-Mahi Dinner and made Father Phillip happy and Proud. On Good Friday Our Knights are holding up the Cross and Ushering. Brother Cesar Calix is arranging a Family Prayer Group on Good Friday. We are providing Support and Safety During the Easter Celebration. On 27th We are hosting a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification we are hoping to get at least 30 Brothers to upgrade. We are assisting our Parish with the Divine Mercy Mass on April 28th and helping the Color Corp.

May we have our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social Scheduled. We are nomination Officers. Our Grand Knight and our Financial Secretary are attending the State Convention as Delegates. We are assisting our Parish with the Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration we are serving Corn and manning the bar. May 9 Our Council bought a table at the Casa De Vida Mothers Day Luncheon. On Mothers Day we are serving the 3 morning masses Breakfast for the Parish and giving out roses for the Ladies. May 18 we are assisting Special Olympics of Nevada with their Track and Field event and Reno High School we also game \$200 for the food. We bought a table at the Crisis Pregnancy Center Banquet for ten. May 31 we are assisting the 4th Degree Color Corp with the Opening Ceremony for the Special Olympics Summer Games.

June we have our Officers, Business and 1st Degree / Social Scheduled. At the business meeting we are initiating a Business Meeting / Social every last month of the quarter. We are inviting all the Past Grand Knights, it will be an open discussion regarding the last quarter and the upcoming quarter. On the first we are assisting Special Olympics of Nevada with their Summer Games event and Reno High School. On the 8-9 we are doing Turnovers for the Parish. June 9 we are hosting the Blood Drive at the Parish. Also on June 9 we are preparing and serving a plated dinner for the Bishop and Confirmation teachers in our Parish. On June 29 our Council is hosting the Starting spot for the 2nd Annual Knight Riders for Life Poker Run which is leaving from our Parking lot on their Journey. We also agreed to purchase Coffee and Donuts for the event.

The Following is the amounts that we donated through out the year to our other Charities and Organizations.

\$ 600	Casa Vida Mother's Day Luncheon (Peppermill-table for 10).
\$. 600	Crisis Pregnancy Pro Life dinner. (Nugget Casino-table for 10).
\$. 600	Pro Life League of Nevada Banquet (Reno Ball Room Table for 10)
\$. 500	RSVP Monico Esquival
\$6,000	Donation to ICC at \$500 per month.
\$ 400	Officer Training for year 2019.
\$1,245	Washoe Ability Resource Center (W.A.R.C) Intellectually Impaired.
\$. 450	Fraternal Benefit Knights Dinner and Prospective Members, Spouses and Families. \$200 for Mid-Year Hospitality room.
\$. 150	Ladies Guild Lottery Christmas Tree.
\$. 200	Bishop Youth Rally.
\$. 100	Alter Servers Appreciation BBQ and games.
\$2,000	Scholarship Program for Katelyn Schakal.
\$. 836	Seminar Raffle. (100% income goes to Raffle Fund)
\$. 250	Parish Safety Ministry (ICSM).
\$. 360	Alcohol Awareness Training.
\$. 350	Debbie Havey Pro Life Training.
\$. 200	Ludivina Canon Law Training.
\$. 50	Bishop Student Pro-Life Poster Contest.
\$. 600	KIOSK Pamphlets. (We refill the Kiosk every 3 to 4 months). .
\$. 250	National Alliance on Mental Illness. (NAMI)
\$. 200	Special Olympics. (Track and Field).
\$. 100	Mass Cards for Fallen Knights and Family \$.
\$. 150	Website
\$. 250	Archdiocese for Military Services Annual Donation
\$. 100	Reno Sierra Nevada Health Care Annual Volunteers Awards Luncheon Raffle.
\$. 100	Turnover Donation to the Ladies Guild Bake Sale

Council #13456 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Kenneth L Stephens

Saint Francis of Assisi
Council 13456

Grand Knight

Introduction

During the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year, Council 13456's focus was on building upon the successes of the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year where we made great strides cementing our relationship with the Parish. By most accounts we are well on our way to a tight Council/Parish relationship which is really the only way to be successful. This past year, we continued all of our major programs and continuing; the 2nd Annual Andy Pohl Memorial Pro-Life Youth Fun Run and Turkey Trot. We raised over \$4,000 at this event, but most importantly, we established the groundwork for making this a greater success next year.

We continue to encourage the support of families and friends whenever possible. The following is our report describing the activities undertaken during the past year and the results of the volunteer efforts of our Brother Knights.

Faith Activities

1. Monthly Eucharistic Adoration: Every 1st Friday of the Month from 10:00 am to 10:30 am.
2. Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper: Each Friday during this Lenten Season, Knights participated in the Stations of the Cross. Specifically, on Friday April 5, 2019 we served Fish & Chips provided by the Church and provided simple soups, salads & and side dishes for supper. All donations were donated to the St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary were also lectors for the Stations.
3. RCIA & RCIC Gifts: Donated Rosaries to the Class members in February 2018.
4. We participated in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) this year giving one \$500 gift to one seminarian and Christmas gift cards to 5 others totaling \$900.
5. Will donate at least \$3000.00 in cash to St Francis of Assisi Parish Church for the "God's Miracle in the Desert" Building Fund to build the church and school at St. Francis of Assisi in Henderson.
6. Helped and manned Booths at St Francis of Assisi Parish Festival held last October 5-7, 2018. Sponsored the "American Booth" which served Pancakes and Sausages & Prime Rib Sandwich's, Hamburger's, etc. We had Knights in charge of the Italian booth, Drink Booth and the Hispanic Booth. All proceeds went to the Parish Building Fund. Donated \$2,064.00 directly from our operating funds which includes purchasing food/supplies for the booth and sponsoring our Chaplain Fr. Vicente Panaligan in the clergy competition. Raised over \$4,000

for the Parish from sales during the Festival. 35 Knights volunteered over 300 hours during this 3-day event.

7. Monthly Weekend Parish Socials: We have had two Sunday Socials per month (excluding Lent) where we serve Pancakes and Sausages on every 1st and 3rd Sunday promoting fellowship among the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi.
8. Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and their families continuously assist the Parish: Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans and RCIA Educators.

Council Activities

1. The Installation of Officers Ceremony was held Tuesday July 17, 2018.
2. Nearly 70 Knights participated in our NASCAR Fundraiser which funds the Council's numerous programs and projects. We spent approximately 200 hours for preparation and coordination and over 1200 hours for set up and execution race weekend. This is our largest moneymaker for the Council.
3. Knight of the Month & Knight Family of the Month: We recognized Knight of the Month & Knight Family of the Month based on participation and volunteerism to the Parish, Community and the Council Projects. Certificates are given to those who earned the title during the Monthly Business Meetings.
4. Christmas Party: We had another successful Christmas Party chaired by our Christmas Committee led by Brother DGK Mike Gerardi held at Legacy Golf Club in Henderson on December 8, 2018. The Ladies Auxiliary provided some gift baskets for raffles. This event was filled with fun, enjoyment, entertainment, dinner, dancing and raffle prizes galore. The Knights, Ladies and their families had an enjoyable evening fostering the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie among brothers and sisters in Christ.
5. Ladies Auxiliary: We support and assist the Ladies Auxiliary in their Parish activities, projects and undertakings in collaboration with their husband's Knights of Columbus affairs.
6. Socials were held last Friday of every month to promote camaraderie among the Brother Knights.
7. Held two (2) Membership drives at the Parish; one in the fall, one in the spring.
8. Held eight (6) First Degree Exemplifications to date, which has brought in eleven (11) new Brother Knights to the Council. We have enough candidates lined up to reach our membership goal this year.
9. Continued our Council Rosary Program where we proceed through the Mysteries in chronological order covering one each month. By the end of the year we will have covered

each Mystery three times. To increase participation, we have moved the Rosary to timing to occur prior to our meetings.

10. We raised \$2,842 during our Fall Tootsie Roll Drive this past year.
11. St. Francis of Assisi Council 13456 strongly supports the 365 Club of Nevada State Council.
12. We have sold over \$1,250 dollars in tickets for the Seminarian Education Fund Raffle for the K of C State Council's Annual Fund; more to follow in early May.
13. We aided and assisted in getting donations for the American Wheelchair Mission weekend in September, 2018.
14. Continued monthly event called "Knights' Night Out." This is a social event held every last Friday of the month (except in Lent) at a different location each month. Knights can nominate the location. This event promotes fraternity as well as giving Knights an opportunity to experience different dining opportunities in Las Vegas/Henderson area. The Council averages ~20 Knights per event.
15. The Council 13456 continues to support our Legacy Quasi-Endowment Fund using the mutual funds and services of the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, LLC (KOCAA), with an initial investment of \$10,000. Current balance; \$ 12,739.83

Community/Faith Activities

1. Made our second attempt at Supremes' Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. While essays turned in were low, it provided a great opportunity for Knights to discuss the issue of "How does your family practice your faith" with dozens of youngsters in the CCD and Confirmation classes at the church. It also provides a bridge to working with the Parish Youth Ministry and has generated other opportunities to collaborate on events.
2. We participated in the State's Keep Christ in Christmas Button contest. We had great turnout in the younger grade school categories with nearly 40 submissions.
3. Continued sponsorship of a Columbian Squires Circle, which was invested in October 2005. Now finishing its thirteenth full Fraternal Year. Squires activities this past Fraternal Year include:
 - Assisted the Council in the Tootsie Roll Drive
 - Served Thanksgiving Lunch at the Henderson Senior Center on November 21, 2018 - Wreath Laying Ceremony on December 2018
 - Assists the Council with the monthly Food Dive
4. Additionally, we typically encourage and have children of Council members assisting us in visible activities like the Tootsie Roll Drive and Seminarian Raffle Ticket Sales, and handing out bags for our Food Drive (Young children are very effective Tootsie Roll "drivers")

5. We donated \$2,018.50 each to our Parish Youth Missionary program, and Pro Life Initiative proceeds came from the 2nd Annual Andy Pohl Memorial Fun Run and Turkey Trot.

Community Activities

1. Knights participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Veteran's Cemetery in Boulder City.
2. We were sponsors of two Blood Drives so far this Fraternal Year with United Blood Services. A third was attempted, but couldn't close on a date where rooms at the parish were available the same time as UBS.
3. Monthly "Feed the Hungry Campaign" (Food Drives) are held at St Francis of Assisi every 3rd weekend of the month. These events continue to be the cornerstone of our Council's visibility and involvement in the parish. All non-perishable food items collected are donated to Catholic Charities of Nevada and St. Therese Center. Last year's contributions were approximately 89,000 lbs. and we have set our goal to exceed that total this calendar year.
4. Monthly Catholic Charities volunteer days.
5. We helped the Henderson Senior Center provide Thanksgiving Dinner (luncheon) on November 21, 2018 to their seniors. Approximately 15 Knights participated. There was approximately 600 plus attendees to the dinner per the center's staff.
6. We helped the Henderson Senior Center provide a Christmas Lunch to over 600 seniors on December 21, 2018.
7. We resumed our Habitat for Humanity efforts March 17, 2018

Family Activities

1. Family of the Month and Family of the Year: We recognize those Knights and their families who gave their time and effort beyond the call of volunteerism.
2. Children of Knights participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive
3. Children of Knights participated in the Seminarian Raffle ticket sales
4. Many families enjoy the fellowship and pancakes breakfasts we host after Masses the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.
5. We hold our annual Christmas Party for families to attend.
6. We plan to hold a Council picnic the afternoon of our spring membership drive on May 12th 2019.

Life Activities

1. Silver Rose Ceremonies on Aug 7, 2018
2. We donated \$2,018.50 to the Ultrasound Initiative. Funds were raised from our First Annual Andy Pohl Memorial Fun Run and Turkey Trot.
3. Women's Resource Medical Center fund raiser, Apr 27, 2018
4. 40 days for life Fall Oct to Nov, 2018
5. 40 days for Life Spring Feb – Mar, 2019
6. Quarterly Diocesan Pro-Life Meetings
7. Racheal's Vineyard Retreat Nov 10-12, 2018
8. Las Vegas Light for Life Jan 22, 2018
9. Angel Tree during Christmas
10. First Choice Pregnancy Service March for Life. March 10, 2018
11. Baby Bottle Campaign Feb/March 2019 Lent
12. Living Grace Gala March 15, 2018
13. Nevada for Common Good. Advance Directive ref: NV Center for Ethics & Health Policy

Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to review this report. Hopefully, through sharing these topics, we can generate additional interest in these and similar activities further improving our Order's contributions to the Church and Community.

In Christ,

Council #13754 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Joel P Sodano

Mesquite Council 13754

Grand Knight

Monthly -

- First Friday Rosary for the Unborn. Each First Friday the council leads a rosary for the unborn. We pray this rosary at the monument to the unborn that the Knights designed and built in 2012.

July 2018

- Fifth Sunday Rosary for an increase in vocations. We lead a rosary before the 8:00 Mass on the fifth Sunday of the month. There are 3 months in the year where there are 5 Sundays in a month. July 29th was the fifth Sunday of the month of July.
- Silver Rose Relay – We held a Silver Rose program on July 31st. We offered a service in English after the 9:00 Mass and in Spanish at 6:00PM. This is the 3rd year we hosted the relay. We improved our program by including a history of the Silver Rose Relay in the Spanish presentation.

August 2018

- Silver Rose Relay @ St. John's in Logandale. Our Council brings the rose to Logandale and presents the program after the Wednesday 5:30 Mass.

September 2018

- September 9/11 ecumenical program honoring Fire Fighters, local and state police. This was the 4th year that our council has led this program. This is the first year we honored the Nevada Highway patrol
- Fifth Sunday Rosary for an increase in vocations. We lead a rosary before the 8:00 Mass on the fifth Sunday of the month. There are 3 months in the year where there are 5 Sundays in a month. September 30th was the fifth Sunday of the month for this month.

October 2018

- Held a first-Degree Exemplification on October 9th
- Held the Tootsie Roll Drive on October 13th and 14th. We collected over \$2,900 for the Special Olympics.
- Held our first Corporate Communion on October 14th. Approximately 40 people attended.
- Held our Soccer Challenge on October 20th. We had 35 23rd, children participate.
- Held a recruiting drive on October 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st.
- Held a recruiting open house on October 23rd.

November 2018

- Turkey Food Drive. We distributed over \$3,500 and gave out 76 turkeys and 36 hams.
- Held our Annual Golf Outing on November 17th. We had always had our Golf Outing in May. This year we moved it to September. We had a complete sell out and this event was our best fund raiser on record.

- The Council officers served Thanksgiving at the Senior Center on November 21st.

December 2018

- Our council helped serve the Salvation Army by manning the kettles every Wednesday from Thanksgiving until Christmas. We provided 64 man-hours of help. Many Knights volunteered additional hours to help support the program.
- We hosted a Christmas card signing for 2 seminarians that we adopted, Mauricio Espino and AJ Sales. Proceeds of the event went to help fund a \$500 gift to both seminarians.
- Fifth Sunday Rosary for an increase in vocations. We lead a rosary before the 8:00 Mass on the fifth Sunday of the month. There are 3 months in the year where there are 5 Sundays in a month. December 30th was the fifth Sunday of the month for this month.

January 2019

- We held our Basketball Free Throw contest on January 12th. We had 14 students participate. .
- We added a new activity to our Pro Life program. We made up bi-lingual prayer cards for all of our parishioners and handed them out to our parishioners on the weekend of January 19th and 20th commemorating the Rowe vs Wade ruling by the Supreme Court.
- We help a Right to Life rosary at our monument to the unborn on January 22nd , the anniversary date of the Rowe vs Wade decision.

Prayer to *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

2010 Respect Life Liturgy Guide,
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

February 2019

- Hosted a 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification at our church. Six of our brothers got their 2nd and 3rd degrees on February 9th.

- We hosted a dinner on February 15th for our State Officers who were having a meeting in Mesquite. Our council joined the state officers for a Mass on February 16th.
- We helped a handicapped parishioner with some spring cleaning yard-work on February 23rd.



March 2019

- Hosted 3 Fish Frys during lent. We served approximately 600 people over these 3 events. Proceeds of this event went to the church's building fund.
- We launched a "baby bottle" program for our parish during Lent. The results are still being tabulated but it looks like we will raise over \$10,000 to support pro-life organizations in Mesquite and in Clark County. This was the first year we did this program.
- We led a Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 3:00PM.

April 2019

- We sponsored a Little League baseball team. Our council attended our team's games and supported them with cheers as well as cash.
- We also worked the Little League concession stand. We are planning to provide 84 hours of work on this project.
- We hosted our first men's retreat in our parish. Fr. Albert, past State Chaplain of the K of C. We had over 25 men attend.

Council #13924 Report to the 2019 Nevada State Convention

SK Michael P. O'Brien

St. Ann of the Comstock
Council 13924

Grand Knight

Church Activities:

1. Served as parish ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.
2. Participated in parish fundraisers, ministry functions and the annual rummage sale.
3. Maintained church facilities and grounds.
4. Removed snow from parking and walkways during winter storms.
5. Graded primary road approach to the church.

Council Activities:

1. Maintained a Roundtable at St. Mary in the Mountains.
2. Supported The Special Olympics of Nevada through the Tootsie Roll Drive
3. Conducted a First Degree Exemplification.
4. Assisted brothers with moving and repair projects.

Family Activities:

1. Hosted the annual parish picnic.
2. Hosted the third annual parish fish fry during Lent.
3. Supplied Thanksgiving baskets to needy parish families.
4. Selected and presented Knights of Columbus Family of the Month Awards.

Community Activities:

1. Provided Easter baskets for the clients of Eagle Valley Children's Home.
2. Supplied monthly Bingo prizes for Carson Rehab Center.
3. Sponsored two Blood Drives involving the parish and community at St. Ann's.
4. Created and delivered individualized Christmas packages for over 60 residents at Carson Rehab Center.
5. Supported the Life Choice Center in Carson City.

Youth Activities:

1. Supplied rosaries to all First Communion and Confirmation candidates.
2. Created service hour opportunities for Confirmation candidates.

Culture of Life Activities:

1. Assisted the Religious Education Director in various ways.
2. Provided faith based films to the parish with "dinner and a movie" nights.

Vivat Jesus,