
THE SILVER KNIGHT



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

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A Message from the Desk of the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Warmest Greetings and Happy May Days!

This month, we celebrate our dearest mothers, and our Blessed Mother Mary, who is Immaculate and full of Grace, we honor and praise You!

Upcoming Events this May 2021:

- May 05- Cinco de Mayo
- May 03- Pre Final week Coordination Planning for State Convention sub Committee (TBA)
- May 09- Happy Mothers' Day!
- May 10- Second Monday of the month- SD Meeting with State Officers (6 pm)
- May 13- Ascension of Our Lord
- May 14-16- 111th Annual Nevada State Convention, Harveys Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV
- May 23 -Pentecost Sunday
- May 24- SD Monthly Meeting with District Deputies
- May 31- Memorial Day!

Our charity work spells evangelization when Knights helping brother Knights, and their families live in this commitment to do the great works of benevolence, is the strength to move with the growth of the Order.

On May 14th -16th, 2021 will be our 111th State Convention in South Lake Tahoe. Hope to see you soon.

Thank you for your steadfast support as we look to the future, with faith and hope in Christ!



State Deputy Toni and Lady Ditas (file photo) taken with our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his First Lady, Vanessa Kelly.

Vivat Jesus!

Leadership Positions

Nevada State Officers 2020 - 2021

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

District Deputies / Councils

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

Other Nevada State Officers 2020 - 2021

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

State “Faith in Action” Program Chair

State Faith in Action Program Chairman Dan St. Pierre

State FAITH “Faith in Action” Programs

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

State FAMILY “Faith in Action” Programs

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

State COMMUNITY “Faith in Action” Programs

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

State LIFE “Faith in Action” Programs

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

State Membership Directors / Chairs

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

Supreme Council Announcements

Council Operations and Relaxation of Pandemic Restrictions

SK Patrick E Kelly



Supreme Knight

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fraternal Leaders

FROM: Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight *Patrick E. Kelly*

DATE: April 21, 2021

RE: Council Operations and Relaxation of Pandemic Restrictions

The coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to present a risk, especially to persons who are unvaccinated or vulnerable due to age or medical condition. Because the health and safety of our members and guests is of paramount concern, council officers and members are advised to proceed cautiously as pandemic restrictions on events, gatherings and activities are lifted.

The Order's policy for fraternal activity during the current pandemic has been updated as follows:

1. Members, and especially council officers, should exercise prudential judgment when planning or participating in travel, meetings, activities and events. They must research and obey all parish, diocesan and civil regulations.
2. All members should be given the opportunity to participate remotely in meetings and events. The kofc.org website includes numerous resources highlighting virtual practices and procedures.

This policy is subject to change in response to new developments in the pandemic.

cc. Board of Directors

State Officers Announcements

State Deputy April 2021 Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy

500th Years Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines Mass at OLLV



Photo with State Chaplain Father Manny Guico and Rev. Binoy Akkalayil-Lucka, OSS.T – at Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church, Las Vegas



In Photo (left to right) District Deputy # 8 Gerry Rockwell, State Secretary Joe Haun, State Treasurer Meynard Infantado, Father Vic Panaligan, Father Ding Salditos, Father Frank Yncierto, Toni Pascua and Father Joel Aquino

\$ 1,500.00 Donation for First Choice Pregnancy Center of Las Vegas



Photo shows (left to right) Meynard Infantado – State Treasurer, Joe Haun – State Secretary, Tom Villardi – State Warden , Pam Caylor – Executive Director of First Choice Pregnancy Center, Las Vegas and Toni Pascua – State Deputy.

\$ 2,500.00 Donation for Special Olympics Nevada



Photo shows (left to right) Terence Thornton of Special Olympics Nevada receiving the \$2,500 check donation from Toni Pascua – State Deputy. Also in photo David Solo (right) – President and CEO of Special Olympics of Northern California – Nevada

Council 978 Membership Drive at St Thomas Aquinas Cathedral, Reno



Degree Exemplification hosted by Christ the King Council 7322 in Reno



Photo with Father Honesto Agustin (center) of St Albert the Great Catholic Church, Reno and Christ the King Council Degree Team with the new Knights.

State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico

Dear Brothers Knights:



Greetings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's rejoice and be glad!

We are still in the Season of Easter. We are slowly opening up Churches, Schools & Parish facilities both in the Diocese of Las Vegas (Southern Nevada) and in the Diocese of Reno (Northern Nevada). I encourage Grand Knights, DGK & Council Officers to meet with your Chaplains and Pastors - dialogue with them and establish future Knights & Council's activities. Hopefully we will soon resume our Council's Pastoral & Faith in Action Programs.

Nevada State Chaplain

I look forward to being with you at our Nevada State Convention at Harveys Lake Tahoe on May 13 - 16, 2021. We will select and elect our new set of Nevada State Officers for the next two Columbian Years (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023). Let's pray, reflect, discern and affirm our new Leaders of the Knights of Columbus in Nevada.

Our State Convention will include "Spiritual Recollection/Reflections" composed of THREE TALKS on this Major Topic "Whom and What are you looking for?" with Father Gerry Grupzinski. Familiarize yourselves with our Theme Song: "But I still haven't found what I'm looking for" (by Bono & U2 Band). We will celebrate Mass to pray and remember our recent deceased Knight members; offer time for Penance & Confessions ; pray daily Rosary led by the Ladies Auxiliary and recite Divine Mercy Chaplet. It will surely be pack-filled schedule BUT our gathering will be fun & memorable because we've NOT seen each other in-person over a year.

God bless! Stay safe and be healthy! Vivat Jesus!

A Message from the State Warden & Online Membership Coordinator

SK Tom Villardi



**State Warden
State Online Membership
Coordinator**

Hello Brother Knights,

As the State Warden and Online Membership Coordinator for our State, I'm very pleased to announce that Nevada stands #1 out of all 75 Jurisdictions of the Knights of Columbus worldwide. I can't tell you how proud all of the State Officers are of the recruiting efforts of all the WDDs and WGKs and all of the Council Members.

In previous years at this point in the fraternal year, we were rated in the top five but in order to keep the #1 position we need to keep our recruiting efforts going strong through the end of this fraternal year, which is June 30, 2021. As of today, we are at 186% of Goal. To continue our #1 position through to the end, we need to recruit at least 60 more new members in the next 60 days: one per day.

To be clear, recruitment is key to helping the Order and the local Councils survive. We will always need to bring in new members to replace those no longer with us and not become extinct. This past year I spoke to some who wanted to close their Council. The Knight of Columbus are almost 140 years old. We are the gatekeepers, and it is our responsibility to keep the Order alive and recruitment is the only way that can happen; please keep up the good work.

Let's make our WSD Toni Pascua proud of all of us. I'm honored to be part of the State Team and without his tireless leadership, we would not be in the position that we're in now.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Convention in Lake Tahoe, May 14 through the 16th and also looking forward to shaking all of your hands for the great work that's been done.

Thank you and have a wonderful time at the Convention.

State Directors/Chairs Announcements

111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention Update

Lady Ditas Pascua



2021 Nevada State Council
Convention Chairperson

The Making of The 111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention

Dear Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

A pleasant day with God's blessings to everyone!

Our forthcoming-111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention, aptly themed as, "Finding Christ in Charity, Unity and Fraternity," is just but merely a couple of weeks away.

This power theme of our State Convention exemplifies the continuous quest for answers in life (amid his pandemic) trending with the Knights' principles of Brotherhood- What victories we can't celebrate as to the struggles that we can't overcome with strength and empowerment to do things as we navigate through uncharted territories- The Knights are the Super Heroes of all times!

Our heartfelt gratitude to our Committee Leads, State Officers and the State Directors, who are dedicated from the planning to the backstage scenes of this endeavor. Thank you for your cooperation and teamwork!

The making of this Convention, now almost in its final phase required putting together logistics, and ideas in barely 3.5 months of prep at the hilt of the liturgical year - Lent and Easter, amid pandemic and navigating through mandates/ protocols ,definitely was a back to back conquest.

Thank you for the favorable responses on the registration/credentials, rooms and meals activities, RSVP's.

Our faith in action will include a Recollection/prayer, Holy Rosary, and a Necrology Mass. For more event details, please visit the Uknight interactive website.

This Convention will be an unconventional one with more friendship, fellowship, socials and activities. Ladies and families will have their day strolling/cruising Lake Tahoe, whereas, we will also have several Hospitality Suites available for socials. We are up to having more fun, camaraderie and surprises!

Our main event will be the Saturday Dinner Gala Night (honoring the Past State Deputies) and Awards Night.

Sunday's finale will be the Election for the new set of State Officers. Good luck to all Brother Knights running for Office!

For more details, please go to the Uknight interactive website for more information and details of events.

Thank you to all those who submitted their Sponsorship for Ads for the State Convention Yearbook. Your generosity will benefit, "Bahay Pari," an ecclesiastical home for retired priests, and to defray printing costs and convention related output.

On behalf of the Nevada State Convention Committee, it is certainly our pleasure to see you soon in Harveys Lake Tahoe!

Yours truly,

A Message from the State Family Program Director

SK Al Pena



State Family
Program Director

FINDING CHRIST IN CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY

How do we find Christ in Charity, Unity and Fraternity? Those of us who spent time to read the **Bible** during this holy week season, followed Jesus journey into Jerusalem, felt His pain, suffering, grief and anguish on the way to **His** crucifixion and death on the cross; and then rejoiced and felt renewed by **His** glorious resurrection, knows **He is alive and with us. The Lord is** with us when we perform acts of charity; when we give food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, clothing to the needy, visited senior care centers and hospitals to comfort the sick **He is there. He is there when we** visited prisoners especially those who are there because of their religious convictions; when we help the handicap and disabled; when we help our Christian brothers who have fallen victims of religious persecution **He is there.** Countless members of the Knights of Columbus are doing many of these things by participating in our Church ministries and more as members of the Knights that is pictured below. I strongly believe **He is there** because **we are doing God's work - Matthew 25:35-40**

In one of Jesus' act of Charity, He not only restored the man's sight, but sent a clear message to those who had deemed him unworthy of the Lords charity. Jesus told the man that it was his faith that healed him. When times are tough and you have nowhere else to go, have faith in Him for **He is there with you.** His love for us is unquestionably deep and unfathomable. **"No one has greater love than to give one's life for a friend."** He gave up his life for us so we can have eternal life.

All the good work that we do are inspired and driven by one of our core principles of Charity. Our Catholic faith teaches us to **"love thy neighbor as thyself"**. Members of the Knights of Columbus show love of neighbor by conducting food drives, feeding the homeless, donating food to local food pantries, doing tootsie roll drives for the benefit of the mentally and physically challenged children of our State, by volunteering at special Olympics and by supporting causes both spiritually and materially, **we find Christ.** We helped the victims of the hurricane in Louisiana, fires in California and where we are needed, we are there to do God's bidding.

"Footprints," also known as **"Footprints in the Sand,"** is a popular allegorical religious poem. It describes a person who sees two pairs of **footprints in the sand**, one of which belonged to God and another to him or herself. At some points the two pairs of **footprints** dwindle to one; it is explained that this is where God carried the protagonist.

When we ourselves or members of our families are suffering from any kind of illness, sickness or disease; when we find ourselves facing a serious problem affecting our health, our family, our jobs, and our finances, **He is there** to help carry our cross described in the allegorical poem **"Footprints in the Sand."**

I. Images for Photos of The Knights of Columbus Charitable Work



Participation in the Special Olympics

[More images for Photos of The Knights of Columbus Charitable Work](#)

— WE FIND GOD WHEN WE ARE DOING THESE CHARITABLE WORKS —

II. How do we find Christ in Unity?

Knights of Columbus members are bound by all of what is listed below. We are a community joined together by a common bond of faith, unity and fraternity that propels us into action. When we see things that is within our power to fix, like helping the needy and the outcast, we put our faith into action. When we do this things with all the good intentions, we see God. We are bound by God's commandments and the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide our actions. We draw our strength from our faith which unites us and our success comes from our Fraternity that binds us, **When we do all these we find God !!!**

- Unity in Faith
- Unity as Christians
- Unity with Others
- Unity with the Church
- Unity with Distinction

Unity: A World Religion | Unity

Unity is a church universal and a world religion that **bind us not with vows and creeds but in a silent soul communion in a community of hearts**. Perhaps it is in its name that the true meaning and purpose of Unity in the world is best revealed: Unity. James Dillet Freeman (1912–2003) was a well-known poet loved by millions.

How can church unity be achieved? - CompellingTruth.org

For the church to achieve true, biblical unity, **there must shared beliefs and shared actions**. Only when every member is actively involved will true unity be achieved. As mentioned, this unity must also be based upon truth. In the church, the Bible is the basis for our shared beliefs about Jesus and other matters of faith.

III.How do we find Jesus in our Fraternity?

When a fraternal organization such as the Knights of Columbus that institutionalized God's work of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and made it the pillars of its foundation, we are doing God's work. This Organization was founded by Blessed Fr. Micheal J. McGivney whose guidance and inspiration continues to guide and inspire us for generations to continue to pursue this sacred obligation.

A Message from the State Recruitment Chairman

SK Raymond Troik



State Recruitment Chairman

Vivat Jesus! From what I have seen: THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR! We have met our goals. We have replaced those who have died. We will miss them; they were the “Light of Christ”. Now we have many new members; some of them are youngish. Yeah! Now WE need to get them involved.

I don’t have a foolproof answer. Insight, WE need to reach out to them. Every new knight in our council needs ACCEPTANCE. 1. If he comes to a meeting insure that Grand Knight, Deputy or one of the Trustees intros him to everyone. 2. Much better than asking the question “Are there any new Knights here? Please stand and tell us about yourself.” 3. Not as good as Experienced Knight saying; “May I introduce one of our newest Knights. is originally from He is working at Let’s share with him what HE CAN DO for our Council and our Parish.” Granted this type of intro means you know the NEW KNIGHT. Talk with him; make him feel SPECIAL. Gentlemen, too often we take one another for granted. Everything in our meetings are Brand New to him. We need to make him feel SPECIAL. He Is! Sit next to him if you’re a Trustee; let him see you authorize bills. Make sure YOU follow the correct procedures etc. Hopefully this will make him feel at home. Then he will make the council his home. He will want to volunteer and share his talents; if YOU SHOW HIM THE WAY. 1 or 3 is what I think may be the best way to go. The question is: HAVE WE DONE IT? I’ve been a Knight for 50 years and I’ve only seen 1 or 3 a couple times. Gentlemen, let’s do it! Recruitment doesn’t stop at the church door. Recruitment goes on for years. Let’s make him part of the family: WANTED to be a member; WANTING to help others through the Knights of Columbus.

VIVAT JESUS!

A Message from the Nevada General Agent

Kevin Tuuri, FICF



General Agent

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

Now when you get outside to get that work done, please, please be careful! I'm reminded of two acquaintances who were up on ladders in the spring. In both cases, the ladder slipped, and each gentleman sustained two broken arms! Out of commission for quite a while. But there are many hazards that can put you out of commission...and that brings me to the important part of my message this month. Protecting your greatest asset!

Your greatest asset is your ability to work and earn an income! Take your annual income (probably fresh in your mind with tax filing day extended into May) and multiply it times your remaining years of working. A 35 year old making \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million in the next 30 years....if he never gets another raise! So you have lots to protect. But what if you're sick or hurt and can't work. Maybe it's something simple like the gents above...a set of broken arms. But one of my members laid his motorcycle down on his leg...off from work for two years! That's a lot of house payments to miss. Luckily, his disability income policy came to the rescue. It can happen to any one of us.

And disability does not discriminate; man or woman; Black, white, Hispanic or Asian; young or old. A 2014 CDA Long-Term Disability Claims Review had a number of notes: More than 1 in 4 of today's 20 year-olds will become disabled before they retire, 76% of us live paycheck to paycheck; less than 5% of all disabling accidents and illnesses are work related. That means 95% of those are not covered by Worker's Compensation. You're on your own 95% of the time. Turn to Social Security; but Social Security's report on SSDI says that only about 40% of applicants are awarded benefits. Couple that with 69% of the private sector workforce having no long-term disability income insurance and it's no wonder disabilities are the #1 cause of mortgage foreclosures.

So what to do? Let's get together and find out. Do you need disability income insurance? If so, how much? Maybe you have some at work...is it enough? Is it taxable? Is it the right kind? Let me suggest you put your mind and your family's mind at ease. Life is unpredictable, pandemic or not. Let's plan for the worst...but expect the best. We can't see what the future will bring, I'm here to help you plan for the unexpected. Let's make sure that if you or your spouse are sick or hurt and

can't work, that your family can stay in the home you've provided, pay the utilities, buy groceries... make sure the basics are covered.

Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

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

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Brother Knights

Looking forward to seeing you at our 111th Annual Nevada State Convention at Lake Tahoe

Updates are as follows:

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

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

Knights of Columbus History Fact:

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

Our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly took office on March 1, 2021. He has made the following comments in recent addresses:

"For nearly 140 years, we have been inviting men to become the disciples of Christ and men of virtue whose witness can change our communities. As Supreme Knight, my goal is to help us deepen and widen the Order's impact - to empower you to do more good, for more people, in more places. I will strive to get our councils back in action and to help our pastors get their people back in the pews. The stronger the parish, the stronger the Council - and we will strengthen both. Blessed Michael McGivney himself tasked us with protecting families and you advance this mission every day. The Order was made for the moment we are in - as a Church, in our families and as men."

Visit the website: www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org

“Knight in the Light”

SK Anthony (Tony) Martinez, USAF Colonel (Ret.)

USAF Colonel Anthony (Tony) Martinez, Retired, passed away of natural causes March 15, 2021 at home in Sparks, Nevada, at the age of 99. Tony was blessed to have visited or spoken with each of his children just prior to passing and was in the care of loved ones in his serene final days. Although trained as a warrior, Tony Martinez died a man of peace.

Tony was born November 11, 1921 in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, to parents Frank and Andreita Martinez. When just a boy the family moved to Reno, Nevada, where Tony attended Orvis Ring Elementary, Northside Junior High, Reno High, and the University of Nevada.

On 8 December 1941 Tony enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. He was notified to report for duty September 1942 and retired from the United States Air Force 1 March 1974 after 32 ½ years continuous service to his country. His final active-duty command was Deputy Director of Operations, 15th Air Force at March AFB, CA.

During his military career Tony literally lived world history. Tony flew or commanded aircraft during WWII, the Berlin Airlift, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, recon over Russia and China, and the Vietnam War. He piloted or commanded a wide variety of aircraft, most notably the U-2, as well as the B47 nuclear bomber as a Combat Crew Commander. Tony was a member of the elite “1000 hour flying club” fraternities in both the U-2 and B-47 airframes. Tony served 1970-71 as Wing Commander of the Strategic Air Command’s 55th Strategic Recon Wing. Among many decorations, Tony was awarded the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with one OLC, and Bronze Star with one OLC.

Following retirement from the military, Tony partnered in an insurance agency for ten years in Reno. Upon retiring from the insurance field, he relocated to Clio, California and served on the Board of Directors of the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Co-op. In 2013 he returned to the Reno Area.

Tony was an active participant in the Retired Officers Assoc., Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Ancient Order of Quiet Birdmen, Ca./Nv. Civil Air Patrol, Knights of Columbus, and the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He was a devout and lifelong Catholic. Tony Martinez loved God, his family, and his country.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Jeannine Martinez; his children Michelle Holm, Anthony Martinez, II, Melinda Rosser, Steve Martinez, and Rene Weech; his stepchildren Laura Briggs, Kelly Colby, and Ben Briggs; sister Stella See; 15 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and mother of his children, Vernelle Martinez, and sister Helen Luehmann.

Sir knight Tony Martinez started his journey with the Knights of Columbus on May 1, 1940 and took his second and third degree on June 1, 1940. He was a member of the Cathedral Council 978 and was a member and past Grand Knight of council 4997 until he transferred to Ponderosa Council 4928. Sir Knight Tony took his 4th degree on June 1, 1961 was a member of Bishop Manogue Assembly 612. He had 80 years of continuous service in the Knights and 59 years in the 4th degree.

Submitted by: J. Michael Brady, Nevada State Historian

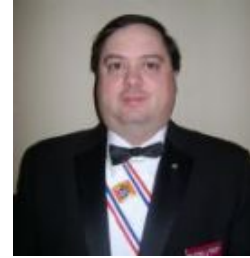
Vivat Jesus!

J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Nevada State Council

Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities “2021 Tootsie Roll Drive”

SK John Suchewski



Special Olympics &
Intellectual Disabilities State
Chairman

- WHAT:** The State of Nevada Knights of Columbus’ Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities “2021 Tootsie Roll Drive”.
- WHERE:** Stores and Churches within the State of Nevada.
- WHEN:** During the month of April and May 2021.

Please also see the State Website for this important information.

<http://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/links.asp?CN=US&ST=NV>

*Councils with scheduling conflicts may reschedule their drive, as authorized by the state by-laws & standing rules but please keep those dates close to the designated weekend. You must notify the State Chairman of your revised dates in writing.

- WHO:** All Brother Knights, Friends and Families of the Knights of Columbus. All Councils shall coordinate their Tootsie Roll Drives with the State Chairman.
- WHY:** To join with our Brother Knights, nationwide, to support those in our communities who are most in need of assistance.

All Tootsie Roll orders, both North and South, will be placed with me.

John Suchewski, Special Olympics & Intellectual Disabilities State Chairman
5375 Awbury Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89110-3759
(702) 816-9904

A Message from the State Young Adult Chairman

SK Lance Pascua



Nevada Young Adult
Chairman

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

The month of May is here, and the first thing that comes into mind is it'll be Mother's Day soon.

The love of a mother to a child is unconditional and beyond compare- as God loves us so much that He gave His only son to die on the cross to redeem us from our sins. So, when was the last time you hugged and said, "I love you" to your Mother?

It is not too late to remember and celebrate her most especially time like life is too short. Advanced Happy Mother's Day to my Mommy and to all the wonderful mothers in the whole wide world!

Do everything with kindness and let your compassionate heart be a testament to Christ's love.

In just a few weeks from now, we will have our 111th Annual Nevada State Council Convention, on May 14-16, 2021, up in Lake Tahoe, where we will have the opportunity to meet and renew bonds of brotherhood and friendship.

Despite this pandemic, our show must go on and pretty soon, we will have a new set of State Officers for 2021-2022 at the election in our Convention.

I pray and wish us good luck to the incoming Leadership and for the remainder of my term as your State Young Adult Outreach Chairman and Online Membership Chairman for The Knights of Columbus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keeping you in my prayers,

Assembly/Council Announcements

Council #14784 - Blessed Father McGivney Mass

SK Raymond A Foster



District Deputy

Brothers,

See photos below from the Blessed Father McGivney Mass held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Las Vegas.

Vivat Jesus,



Council #12845 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Drive

SK Ron Sanchez



Grand Knight.
Council #12845

Brothers,

We held our monthly community food drive recently. Carson Valley residents donated 750 pounds of food along with \$540.00 in cash donations to the Carson Valley Community Food Closet. The event lasted 2 hours and was very worthwhile.



Vivat Jesus,

Council #12877 - Divine Mercy Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

SK Leo V Carew



Grand Knight

Knights in Action for the Divine Mercy Mass on April 11, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Church. The Celebrant was Father Philip with Father Beda and Deacon Ron assisting.

Color Corp Members:

- SK J Michael Brady, CCC
- SK Ricky Harold, FN
- SK William E Sousa, PFN
- SK Gary Helsing, PFN
- SK Leo V Carew III
- SK Mike North
- SK Tom Ball



Council Knight & Family of the Month Announcements

Council #4928 Recognitions

SK Charles B Goucher



Grand Knight

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2021

McCLAIN FAMILY

The McClain's are a truly remarkable family. Bro. Ron and Lady Marcia are members of Holy Cross Catholic Community and both are Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Their oldest son Connor is a Lector and an altar server. Their younger son Cameron is an altar server. Both boys have been part of the Fr. Art Herkowski Columbian Squires Circle 5686. Having an entire family step up as a team to assist at Mass is uncommon, and for which they are recognized as the Ponderosa Council 4928 Family of the Month for April. Being part of the Holy Cross Catholic Community is a blessing for all.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2021**RUSSELL J. BERNHARDT**

In 2015, SK Russ developed the Ponderosa Council 4928 Scholastic Financial Support Evaluation Guidelines. Since 2016, he has been the program's Committee Chair. Like so many other Council programs, State-mandated pandemic restrictions provided its challenges. This year almost all program promotion, application distribution and committee evaluations were done remotely over the internet. Four parish students were awarded scholastic financial aid. For his years of service to the Scholarship program, and for making it successfully happen once again in 2021, SK Russ is recognized as the Ponderosa Council 4928 Knight of the Month for April.



Resolution of Support

State Deputy - Haun



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francisco Garces Council 5693
Las Vegas, Nevada

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS: Father Francisco Garces Council #5693, held a General Council Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021, and

WHEREAS: Brother Joe Alvin Haun has served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council as State Membership for the Columbian years 2015 – 2017, and as the State Warden for the Columbian Year 2017 – 2019, and as the Acting District Deputy for District 5 for the Columbian Year 2021, and as the State Secretary for the Columbian Year 2019 – 2021, and

WHEREAS: Brother Joe Alvin Haun has served his council, his assembly, and the State of Nevada in the following offices:

Advocate, Council #5693	2010 – 2011
Chancellor, Council #5693	2011 – 2013
Grand Knight, Council #5693	2013 – 2015
Trustee, Council #5693	2015 – 2017
Faithful Inner Sentinel, Assembly #0611	2011 – 2012
Faithful Outer Sentinel, Assembly #0611	2012 – 2014
Faithful Capitan, Assembly #0611	2014 – 2015
Faithful Navigator, Assembly #0611	2015 – 2018
Faithful Admiral, Assembly #0611	2018 – 2021

WHEREAS: He received the Star Council Award, Columbian Award, and Father McGivney Award when serving as Grand Knight, and Star Assembly Award and two Patriotic Service Awards serving as Faithful Navigator, and

WHEREAS: Father Francisco Garces Council #5693 earned six State Service Program Awards when he served as Grand Knight, including a Pro-Life program that he instituted and has served as ongoing chairman. In addition, he was a certified member of the Council's First Degree Team as Deputy Grand Knight. He was a certified member of the District 12 Second Degree Team as Sound Man. He was a certified member of the Nevada State Council Third Degree Team as Sound and Video man. In addition, he is a certified member of the Sierra Juniper District Fourth Degree Team as Sound and Audio Man. Furthermore, he




Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francisco Garces Council 5693
Las Vegas, Nevada

regularly serves the church in many capacities at St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church Parish as Usher and Eucharist Minister for the Parish's Sunday Masses and the previously with the El Jen Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

WHEREAS: He has performed his duties faithfully and in a competent manner. He has won the regard, respect, and favor of members of the clergy, many brother knights and their families. Moreover, he exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
Father Francisco Garces Council #5693 presents Brother Knight, Joe Alvin Haun as a candidate for the office of State Deputy of the Nevada State Council for the Columbian Year, 2021 – 2021.

Submitted by:



Daniel Macias
Grand Knight
Council 5693

cc. District Deputies
State Deputy
State Secretary
State Advocate

State Deputy - Villardi



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE, COUNCIL NO. 9102
3050 ALTA DRIVE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89107

Resolution of Support

- Whereas:** Our Lady of Las Vegas Saint Jude Council 9102 officers held a meeting on March 28, 2021 and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi has served the Knights of Columbus since November 10, 2014 and achieved his Fourth Degree on April 9, 2016 and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi has previously served as Grand Knight (2016 – 2018), Deputy Grand Knight (2015-2016), Trustee (2014-2015) and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi received the Grand Knight of the Year for the State of Nevada for 2016 – 2017, Nevada Knight of the Year 2017 – 2018, Nevada Family of Year 2019 – 2020 and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi led his council to a Star Council in 2016 – 2017 and a Double Star Council in 2017 – 2018 and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi initiated the afterschool food handout at Doris Reed Elementary School with Three-Square and a weekly feed the homeless downtown with Father McShane and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi became an Honor Guard serving at the Supreme Convention in Baltimore in 2018 and the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis in 2019 and has marched along with his brother Knights in many local parades and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi has worked closely with Our Lady of Las Vegas Parrish and Father Gerry, the Parish Priest, as Head Usher for all masses. Additionally, Tom Villardi has led the Council to serve the parish as gardeners, tree trimmers, pew cleaners, solar panel cleaners and all-around handymen and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi, as Membership Director, coaches other councils to gain the respect and admiration of their priest as he has done with Father Gerry and supplies the tools to help them with their recruiting of new members and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi is currently serving as Nevada State Warden and State Membership Director since 2019 winning the Award of Inner Circle 2019 – 2020 for the State of Nevada and
- Whereas:** Brother Tom Villardi has performed his duties faithfully in a competent manner and earned the regard, respect and favor of many brother Knight and their families and exemplifies the principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Our Lady of Las Vegas Saint Jude Council 9102 present **Brother Tom Villardi** as a candidate of the Office of State Deputy for the Nevada State Council for Columbian year 2021-2022.

SK Joe M Suarez Jr.
Grand Knight

Council Seal

Kirk A Niemand
Recorder

State Treasurer - Infantado



Knights of Columbus
San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392
Las Vegas Nevada

Resolution of Support

WHEREAS: **San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392, held a council meeting on Sunday, Feb. 28th of 2021.**

WHEREAS: **Brother Meynard Infantado is currently serving the State of Nevada as Treasurer.**

WHEREAS: **Brother Meynard Infantado served the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council as Executive Secretary for the Columbian Year 2018-2019. He served as District Deputy from 2015 to 2018**

WHEREAS: **Brother Meynard Infantado has also served his council, his assembly, and the State of Nevada in the following offices:**

Inside Guard, Council #13392	2005 - 2006
Chancellor, Council #13392	2006 - 2008
Grand Knight, Council #13392	2008 - 2010
Trustee, Council #13392	2010 - 2014
Trustee, Assembly #3556	2014 - 2020
State Reactivation Chairman	2017 - 2018
State Filipino Membership Coordinator	2017 - 2018
State Online Membership Board	2018 - 2019

WHEREAS: **He received the District Deputy of the Year Award for Columbian Year 2016-2017**

WHEREAS: **His district received the Star District Awards for (3) consecutive years for the 3-year term that he served as District Deputy under WPSD Greg Sprigg and WIPSD Tom Thorn.**

WHEREAS: **As State Reactivation Chairman, his team was responsible for reactivating St. Anne, Prince of Peace and St. Sharbel councils. Monsignor Greg Gordon and Brother Meynard has a good relationship that started during those challenging reactivation days at St. Anne's Catholic Church. At Prince of Peace, Fr. Rolando Rivera and Deacon Dave gave him the tools necessary to reactivate Prince of Peace council.**



Resolution of Support Continued

WHEREAS: **Brother Meynard is also the current Budget Chairman for the State of Nevada**

WHEREAS: **As the current State Treasurer, he works closely with WSD Toni Pascua and State Officers in handling financial transactions. He reconciles bank statements against Quickbooks every month end. He also assists in state administrative duties, programs, personnel and meeting planning.**

WHEREAS: **In 2008, he assisted council growth in Membership and Insurance Programs when he became the Grand Knight for two years. He worked closely with Fr. Jesse Cortes and Fr. Frank Yncierto as his spiritual guide during those difficult days.**

WHEREAS: **He continues to serve at St. Bridget and Prince of Peace Catholic churches as lay minister and usher; while serving also at Prince of Peace as a choir member. He supports Fr. John McShane in his Feed the Homeless project and Pro-Life events. He participates in Holy Family group activities. He has won the regard, respect, and favor of members of the clergy, many brother knights and their families. He exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #13392 presents Brother Knight, Meynard Infantado as a candidate for the office of State Treasurer (also a potential candidate for State Secretary) of the Nevada State Council for the Columbian Year, 2021-2022.

Signed

SK Mariano Santana
Grand Knight
Council 13392

CC. District Deputies

State Warden - St. Pierre



Knights of Columbus

St Francis of Assisi Council 13456
Henderson, Nevada

Resolution of Support:

- WHEREAS:** St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 held a meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother Daniel C. St Pierre joined the Knights of Columbus on January 28, 2010, achieving his 2nd Degree on March 30, 2010, 3rd Degree on June 12, 2010 and 4th Degree on October 23, 2010 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre held the offices of Recorder, Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight for Fr. Ryder Council 9407 in Alexandria, Virginia for Columbian Years 2010-2013 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre held the offices of Recorder from 2014-2016, Grand Knight from 2016-2018, and Trustee from 2020-Present for St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre received the Star Council Award for Columbian Year 2017-2018 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre served the State of Nevada as the District Deputy #10 for Columbian Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre was awarded Star District for Columbian Year 2019-2020 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre was named as State of Nevada District Deputy of the Year for Columbian Year 2019-2020 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre is currently serving as the Nevada State Council Faith in Action Coordinator since July 01, 2020 and,
 - WHEREAS:** Brother St Pierre has performed his duties faithfully in a competent manner and has earned the regard, respect and favor of many brother Knights and their families and exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism,
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** St Francis of Assisi Council 13456 presents Brother **Daniel C. St Pierre** as a candidate for the Office of State Warden for the Nevada State Council for Columbian Year 2021-2022.


SK Timothy Cronin
Grand Knight

Council Seal


SK Matthew J. Garnes
Recorder

State Advocate - Long



*Knights of Columbus
Christ the King Council 7322
St. Albert the Great Parish
Reno, Nevada*

March 9, 2021

Resolution of Support Submitted by and Approved by Council 7322

WHEREAS: Christ the King Council 7322 held a regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 and sets forth that:

Brother and Nevada Worthy State Advocate *John D. Long, Esq.* has served in the Knights of Columbus since 2005; and,

Brother John D. Long, Esq. is currently serving his second year as the Nevada State Council's State Advocate; and,

Brother and Nevada State Advocate John D. Long, Esq. has previously served as District Deputy of Nevada District One and as Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight for Msg Patrick J Connors, Council 4997; and,

Brother and Nevada Worthy State Advocate John D. Long, Esq. is currently an attorney licensed to practice in the States of Nevada, California, Illinois, Massachusetts and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, is currently in good standing with the aforementioned Bars and Office and is very qualified for the position of State Advocate for the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council; and

Brother John D. Long, Esq. has performed his duties faithfully and in a competent manner and has earned the regard, respect and favor of many brother Knights and his parish, family and exemplifies the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Christ the King Council 7322 presents Brother *JOHN D. LONG, Esq.* as a Candidate for the Office of *STATE ADVOCATE* for the Nevada State Council Columbian Year 2021-2022.

Knight of Columbus Council 7322

GRAND KNIGHT

Michael Chaump
Michael Chaump

RECORDER

Robert Lacebal
Robert Lacebal



Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for Us