



# THE SILVER KNIGHT

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## A Message from the State Deputy

SK Toni Pascua

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My Dear Brother Knights, Greetings!

With Summer being almost over.. hope that the blazing heat for recruitment is still aflame in our hearts. The Knights of Columbus is the forearm of the church and its our responsibility to bring in Catholic Men to our Order to have stronger faith in our Parishes.

Thank you to the Brother Knights and their families who attended and represented our State Jurisdiction to the 137th Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota from August 5 to 8, 2019. Our State Chaplain Father Manny Guico celebrated his birthday during the convention period. Once again, Happy Birthday Worthy State Chaplain!



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State Deputy

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Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson gave his report that last fraternal year the Knights of Columbus donated \$185.6 million dollars in charities and more than 76 million hours in Service volunteer equivalent to \$ 1.9 billion worth of time.

I encourage our Brother Knights to join us this succeeding year to experience the forthcoming 2020 Annual Supreme Convention to be held in Washington D.C.

August 16,2019 marked the recently concluded -Sending Forth Seminarian Mass held at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, and the check amounting to \$13,909.09 (these were the proceeds from the Seminary Education Raffle Fund) presented to Bishop George Leo Thomas of The Las Vegas Diocese. His Excellency, as well as the 10 Seminarians and Priests in attendance were so grateful to the Nevada State Council Knights of Columbus for our continued support.

In terms of Membership, Our Jurisdiction did better on July's Intake Gain at 4th place but now ended at 19th spot. As for the Jurisdiction Net Gain we were from top 5 to 3rd to the last spot (73th place out of the 75 Jurisdictions.)

My dear Brother Knights, let us put Nevada on Top of the Order, this can only be realized with your help by recruiting new members or resurrecting back former/inactive knight into our Order. Should a Brother Knight not show up in your regular meetings or events, please reach out to them – give them a call or a visit. Show some encouragement to them that we care.

When recruiting a new candidate, please use the online membership : [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus). It only takes at least 5-6 minutes to register. Please use the code: knights2020 and save \$5.00 on initial annual dues.

Knights in Unity- one family, One God, one baptism!

Thank you and God bless us all!

Vivat Jesus!

## Nevada State Council Officers 2019 - 2020

State Deputy:	Antonio Pascua
State Chaplain:	Rev. Manuel Guico
Associate State Chaplain:	Rev. Arlon Vergara
State Secretary:	Joe Haun
State Treasurer:	Meynard Infantado
State Advocate:	John Long
State Warden:	Tom Villardi
Immediate Past State Deputy:	Thomas Thorn
State Exec. Secretary:	Rick Senninger
State Historian	J Michael Brady

## Nevada State Council Directors 2019 - 2020

Program Director	Zach Vandongen
Faith Director	Hilarion G Cordero, Jr
Community Director	Raymond Brewer
Life Director	Mark B Foxwell
Family Director	Edgardo G Infantado
Youth Director	Michael Caudell
Awards/ Report Forms Chair	Daniel Mathews
Membership Director	Tom Villardi
Membership Retention Chair	Raymond Troik Jr
Council Retention Chair	Gerry A Rockwell
Council Reactivation Chair	William Harmon
New Council Devel. Chair	Edmundo C Verceles
Online Membership Chair	Dennis Miguez-Norona
Hispanic Council Growth Coord.	Elvis G. Herrera
Ceremonials Director	David W Strait - PSD
Insurance Promotion Chair	Stephen F Melancon
Young Adult Outreach Chair	Lance Pascua
Round Table Chairman	Charles P Reifsnyder
Vocations Chairman	Michael Rinaldi
Public Relations Chairman	Thomas Bush
Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Chair	John E Suchewski
Special Olympic Chair	John E Suchewski
Athletic Events Chair	Daniel Barry
Free Throw Contest Chairman	Robert Hartman
Soccer Challenge Chair	Robert Hartman
State Squires Chairman	George A Minter
Marian Hour Chair	Mark B Foxwell
Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	Milton Ham

## Nevada State Council Chairs 2019 - 2020

Silver Rose Chair  
Health Services Chairman  
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Disaster Response Coord.  
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Contest Chair

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Albert Cuccinelli  
Charles E Baker  
  
Jim Shurtliff

# Nevada District Deputies 2019 - 2020

Jurisdiction of		NEVADA		July 1 2019		to June 30 2020	
District Number	Name, Address (Street and Number), Zip Code Business & Residence Telephone Number	District Deputy's Council Number	District Deputy's Membership Number	Councils in Each District			
				Number	Location		
1	Name <b>Matthew Mareno</b> Address <b>2848 Laguna Way</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Sparks, NV 89434</b>  Res. Phone <b>(775)843-2279</b> Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:MARENO@LIVE.COM">MARENO@LIVE.COM</a>	7322	4477362	978	Reno, NV		
				4997	Reno, NV		
				7322	Reno, NV		
				16207	Reno, NV		
2	Name <b>Herbert Melendez</b> Address <b>2327 Dodge Drive</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Sparks, NV 89436</b>  Res. Phone <b>(775) 354-2323</b> Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:herbertmelendez@aol.com">herbertmelendez@aol.com</a>	4928	4131659	2380	Battle Mountain, NV		
				4928	Sparks, NV		
				10577	Stead, NV		
				12877	Sparks, NV		
				14588	Reno, NV		
3	Name <b>Peter Comerford</b> Address <b>1149 Cheatgrass Drive</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Dayton, NV 89403</b>  Res. Phone <b>(775)241-2751</b> Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:peteskofc@zoho.vcom">peteskofc@zoho.vcom</a>	13924	3090690	4828	Fallon, NV		
				6688	Yerrington, NV		
				11174	Lovelock, NV (Suspended)		
				13897	Fernley, NV		
				13924	Dayton, NV		
4	Name <b>John DeBord Sr</b> Address <b>13305 S. Hills Drive,</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Reno, NV 89511</b>  Res. Phone <b>(775) 813-6842</b> Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:johndebord@gmail.com">johndebord@gmail.com</a>	13842	2700651	4781	Carson City, NV		
				12845	Gardnerville, NV		
				13842	Reno, NV		
				13944	Incline Village, NV		
5	Name <b>Ty S. Whitman</b> Address <b>3825 Flintlock Drive</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Winnemucca, NV 89445</b>  Res. Phone _____ Bus. Phone <b>(775)304-8749</b> E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:ty.whitman@yahoo.com">ty.whitman@yahoo.com</a>	2666	4665133	2511	Eiko, NV		
				2666	Winnemucca, NV		
				11512	Wells, NV		
6	Name <b>Jesus Sanchez</b> Address <b>2339 Webster Street</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>North Las Vegas, NV</b>  Res. Phone <b>(702) 755-0474</b> Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:chuyusan81@gmail.com">chuyusan81@gmail.com</a>	9437	4903285	5448	North Las Vegas, NV		
				9437	Las Vegas, NV		
				9899	Las Vegas, NV		
				13691	Las Vegas, NV		
7	Name <b>Charles Reifsnnyder</b> Address <b>P.O.Box 175</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Pioche, NV 89043-1384</b>  Res. Phone <b>(775)962-1384</b> Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:yoteman@icturbonet.com">yoteman@icturbonet.com</a>	1340	4307620	1340	Ely, NV		
				11179	Overton, NV (Suspended)		
				13754	Mesquite, NV		
8	Name <b>Joseph Williams</b> Address <b>5617 Cory Pl</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Las Vegas, Nv 89107</b>  Res. Phone <b>(702)371-9944</b> Bus. Phone _____ E-Mail Address <a href="mailto:joewilliams24680@hotmail.com">joewilliams24680@hotmail.com</a>	9102	3648067	2828	Las Vegas, NV		
				9102	Las Vegas, NV		
				13392	Las Vegas, NV		

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Jurisdiction of NEVADA July 1 2019 to June 30 2020

District Number	Name, Address (Street and Number), Zip Code Business & Residence Telephone Number	District Deputy's Council Number	District Deputy's Membership Number	Councils in Each District	
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9	Name <b>Raymond Foster</b> Address <b>4736 Anchorage Street</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Las Vegas, Nv 89147</b>  Res. Phone <b>(702)287-6275</b> Bus. Phone E-Mail Address <b>rayfosterkofc@yahoo.com</b>	10442	3741503	10442	Las Vegas, Nv
				10780	Pahrump, NV
				14144	Las Vegas, NV
				14784	Las Vegas, NV
10	Name <b>Daniel St. Pierre</b> Address <b>481 Mountain Heights Parkway</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Henderson, NV 89052</b>  Res. Phone <b>(702) 280-1009</b> Bus. Phone E-Mail Address <b>stpierre88@yahoo.com</b>	13456	4378721	3741	Henderson, NV
				13456	Henderson, NV
				14820	Las Vegas, NV
				15061	Las Vegas, NV
				15790	Las Vegas, NV
11	Name <b>Richard Menard</b> Address <b>3265 Dayflower Street Unit A,</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Las Vegas, NV 89121-3500</b>  Res. Phone <b>(603)856-3633</b> Bus. Phone E-Mail Address <b>rechardc.menard@cox.net</b>	8282	2976217	7708	Las Vegas, NV
				8078	Boulder City, NV
				8282	Las Vegas, NV
				12690	Laughlin, NV
12	Name <b>Dennis Murtaugh</b> Address <b>9414 Quiet Valley Ave.</b> City, State, Zip Code <b>Las Vegas, NV 89149-0155</b> Res. Phone Tel: <b>(702) 396-7406; Cell (702)371-4222</b> Bus. Phone E-Mail Address <b>e3jarhead@gmail.com</b>	14544	4414120	5693	Las Vegas, NV
				11029	Las Vegas, NV
				12543	Las Vegas, NV
				14544	Las Vegas, NV

Dated June 10, 2019

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State Deputy

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## State Chaplain's Message

Father Manny R. Guico

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Nevada State Chaplain

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Dear Brother Knights:

We attended and just returned from the 137th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention (August 6 - 8, 2019) held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Our State of Nevada was well represented with 18 Delegates/participants & 3 Priest Chaplains, Father Manny Guico, State Chaplain; Father Arlon Vergara, Associate SC & Father Gerry Grupczynski, 4th Degree Chaplain.

Supreme Convention's Theme was "Knights of Columbus: Knights of Unity". With our 4 K of C values of "Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism", we are reminded & challenged to implement & practice these with special focus on Unity. The main areas are Unity in the Family (Domestic Church); Unity in the local Councils, i.e. Parish level; Unity in Dioceses/Communities/Countries.

During the meeting of Priest Chaplains, we were reminded to "think outside the box" and make "paradigm shift" in three areas: 1) How we conduct our monthly fraternal meetings (shortening business meetings @ 30 minutes)?; 2) How can we recruit younger members, ages 20's, 30's & 40's (using social media & online membership registration, etc)?; 3) Emphasis on Spiritual Reflections before, during & after meetings with focus on "Faith in Action". Schedule periodic days of recollection and/or spiritual retreat. We need to enrich & deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ - "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism".

Your State Officers, District Deputies & Grand Knights look forward to implementing these concerns & suggestions in the coming months.

REMINDER: Kindly RSVP if you plan to attend the ANNUAL CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER on October 10th, 6:00PM Thursday at Markich Hall. Contact & call Stephen Melancon at (702) 672-1425. Invite & bring your Priest Chaplains.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Manny Ramirez Guico

## SD's August, 2019 Summer Events & Highlights

SK Toni Pascua



State Deputy



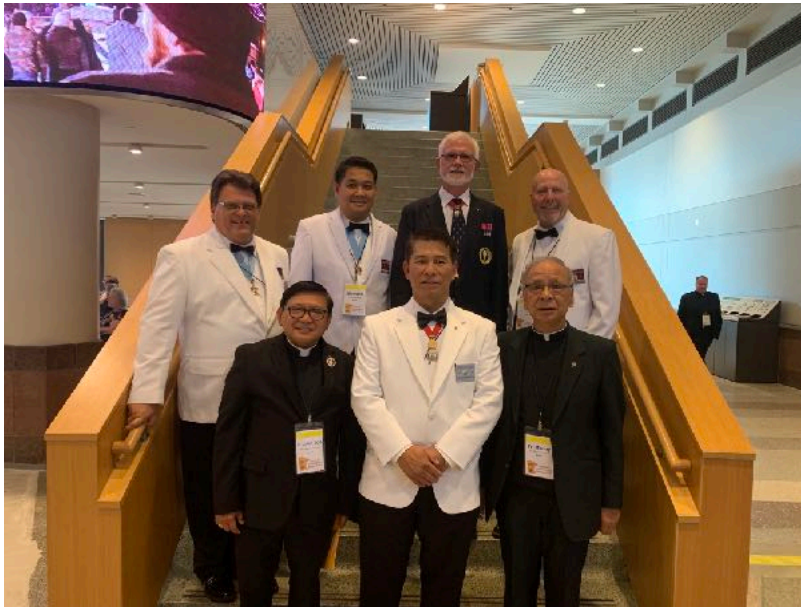
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Nevada's Youngest Man to Join Award for 2018-2019

Photo taken at 137th Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lance Pascua (2nd from Right) received the award for Nevada's Youngest Man to join the Knights of Columbus





**137th Supreme Convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota**

State Deputy Toni Pascua (center -1st row) with State Chaplain Father Manny Guico (right -1st row) and Associate Chaplain Father Arlon Vergara (left -1st row) and the Nevada State Council State Delegates (2nd row left to right) State Secretary Joe Haun, State treasurer Meynard Infantado, District Master Rick Sherman and Executive Secretary Rick Senninger.

**137th Supreme Convention Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Photo shows Nevada State Council Delegates, attendees and families during the State Dinner



(left photo) State Secretary Joe Haun, Maria Haun, District Deputy # 4 John DeBord, GK Michael Houdyshell, Tracy Ryan, Vice Supreme Master Dave Ryan, District Master Rick Sherman, State Treasurer Meynard Infantado, Dolly and Romy Calotes

(right photo left to right) Lance Pascua, Young Adult Outreach Chairman, State Executive Secretary Richard Senninger. State Warden Tom Villardi, Gigi Villardi, Fourth Degree Chaplain Father Gerry Grupzinski, Immediate Past State Deputy Tom Thorn, Julie Thorn (not in photo), Associate State Chaplain Father Arlon Vergara, State Chaplain Father Manny Guico, Ditas Pascua and State Deputy Toni Pascua (not in photo – taking the picture)

**Nevada State Council Delegates before the Supreme State Dinner**



**137th Supreme Convention State Dinner  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**



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**137th Supreme Convention  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**



State Chaplain Father Manny Guico and Associate State Chaplain Father Arlon Vergara with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



State Young Adult Outreach Chairman Lance Pascua with Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

# A Message from the State Retention Director

SK Raymond Troik



State Retention Director

## Retention Program

Gentlemen, this may look like a repeat. IT IS! I've been gone all month but I wanted to make sure this program would get IMPLEMENTED. I know of ONE Council who has implemented the program. WHAT ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL? As far as finding LOST KNIGHTS. I will have the info in September and be able to help you! Give me a couple days since I know nothing about the program. So, let's GET STARTED!

Gentlemen we need to take action. We need to renew. We need to renew our councils and our REASON for being a Knight. GOAL: a strong council involved with growing a parish and individually growing in their Christianity. We are a Catholic Christian Fraternity of men who want a strong parish thru a strong bond. Many councils meet these standards; we all should.

## PROGRAM

The program involves the whole council. The FS identifies those who have not paid., The Council knows who is not attending meetings or activities. So everyone WANTS the inactive knights to be Active.

The FS knows who's not paying dues etc. FS makes a list of non paying/ inactive knights. Lists are shared with the officers of the Council at the officers' meeting. We have inactive knights. 1. Known by proposer, 2. known by a council member, 3. known by FS as non paying. We want to SHARE our FRATERNITY with him. WE WANT TO LIVE OUR FRATERNITY!

**1. Known by proposer:** The proposer must reinsert himself into the life of that inactive knight. The proposer has to be the ONE to contact these inactive knights. Why, because HE endorsed and sponsored them.

**2. Known by an active Council member:** Time to reactivate the relationship. Reach out as a friend; eventually as a Knight. Bring him back to ACTIVITY; most Knights can do something. He will enhance his life and see a value in HELPING OTHERS.

**3. Known as inactive/non paying brother knight:** Trustees to the rescue. Trustees take a list and tract down the inactive member and get to know him. Bring him back! If you need help; ask a brother knight to help.

OLD KNIGHTS. These may be the former breakfast cooks, tootsie roll passer outers, former Officers of the Council. Now they have medical/ physical problems. They may need a friend. A fraternal

buddy. A member of our council activity: phone calls, sedentary council jobs. They're still knights. They are OUR BROTHERS IN CHRIST.

LAST RESORT. We still want to retain our brothers and members of Knights of Columbus But..... if a Knight doesn't want to be an active Knight. Easy: Piece of paper. "I no longer wish to be a Knight of Columbus. Member #. Signed & Dated! Give to FS who will fax/send to Supreme. MEMBERS WHO RESIGN **DO NOT COUNT AGAINST US**. If we cannot find a Knight or we MUST eliminate a knight then this is done ONLY from July - October by the FS.

The above is the LAST RESORT. WE WANT TO **RETAIN OUR MEMBERS!**

**In some instances we need to reestablish the Knights as a caring, loving, involved group of Catholic Christian Men.**

## State Historian Report and September 2019 Knight in the Light

SK J Michael Brady



State Historian

Brother Knights; now that the Columbian year is well underway, **please send me your completed Form 185**, Council Officers information, so I can establish strategic contact for our Columbian Year 2019-2020. **Remember to include the name and contact information of your appointed Council 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 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 story!
2. In concert with our new Worthy State Deputy Toni F. Pascua and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each Council's records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/updated over the continuing "Columbian Year" by the Council Historian.
3. To accomplish the infill of Past State Deputy's Biographical information, from 2000 to the current Columbian year; I will continue to work with resources from Supreme and PSD Ray Gardea to collect and archive this information. As mentioned before, we have received Biographical information for a few PSD's.

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

### A Nevada Knights of Columbus History Fact:

*"One Nation Under God..."*

The original pledge of allegiance took root in the late 19th century. In 1891, Francis Bellamy, the son of a Baptist minister and a former preacher himself, accepted a job with the family magazine Youth's Companion. Put to work in the magazine's promotions department, Bellamy was tasked with creating patriotic programs for schoolchildren ahead of the dedication of the Columbian Exposition

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in October 1892, the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World, according to Smithsonian Magazine.

Bellamy knew he would need a salute to the flag. He felt strongly that a pledge should invoke allegiance, especially so soon after the Civil War. His original pledge read:

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands — one Nation indivisible — with liberty and justice for all."

Tweaks came later. In one instance, the words were changed to "the flag of the United States" out of fear that immigrant children would not understand clearly which flag they were meant to be saluting, Smithsonian Magazine wrote.

It was not long before calls to insert "under God" gained momentum. Enter the Rev. George Docherty. The Rev. George M. Docherty, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1911, Docherty was brought to the United States in 1950 to become pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, a historic house of worship in downtown Washington that Abraham Lincoln attended. When Lincoln was president, the church held a special service on the Sunday closest to his birthday that he liked to attend, Matt Schudel wrote in The Post's 2008 obituary of Docherty. Docherty himself had not heard the Pledge of Allegiance until he heard his young son recite it.

"I came from Scotland, where we said 'God save our gracious queen,' 'God save our gracious king,' " Docherty told the Associated Press in 2004. "Here was the pledge of allegiance, and God wasn't in it at all."

Docherty had previously sermonized about the need to insert "under God" into the pledge, but he found his prime audience in February 1954, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower attended Docherty's service in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

"To omit the words 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance is to omit the definitive factor in the American way of life," Docherty said from the pulpit. He felt that "under God" was broad enough to include Jews and Muslims, although he discounted atheists.

"An atheistic American is a contradiction in terms," Docherty said in his sermon. "If you deny the Christian ethic, you fall short of the American ideal of life."

Calls to add "under God" to the pledge had been promoted by groups including the Knights of Columbus and a Veterans organization. But Eisenhower proved to be the audience the movement was missing.

The week of Docherty's sermon, bills were introduced in Congress to add the phrase, and Eisenhower signed the act into law on Flag Day — June 14, 1954.

*J. Michael Brady*, State Historian

Nevada State Council

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## “Knight in the Light”

Truly a cradle-to-grave Catholic Christian

### **PFN Sir Knight Thomas Francis Peacock, born April 23, 1950, of Reno, Nevada.**

Tom was surrounded by family and raised in Fremont, Calif. Tom’s parents were active at St. Joseph’s Church, and with Holy Family Convent, both of Mission San Jose, Fremont, Cal. Tom and his siblings received their first sacraments at St. Joseph’s.

He was an altar server; weddings and funerals calling for a matched set requested the four oldest Peacock boys.

Tom’s parents regularly took their children to visit family members who had been called to religious life. His father’s cousin is Sr. Mary Herbert Rafael (aka Sr Herbie) of the Holy Names Order, Campbell, Calif. His maternal grandmother’s family contained several priests and nuns. One of Tom’s brothers was a Trappist for about a decade. One of Tom’s sons was a seminarian for several years.



Tom’s uncle was Fr. Frank Peacock, Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona. Some of the earliest photos of Tom show him in the arms of his uncle, who was a Franciscan seminarian in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The Peacock family was in Northern California for a century. His grandfather told his grandchildren all about the 1906 earthquake, which hit when he was 11 years old and living in San Francisco.

#### Schooling

Tom commuted to Bellarmine College Preparatory, Santa Clara, Calif. For high school. He ran track, played the flute in the school band, and performed in Charley’s Aunt and The Music Man. He sat behind Dante Pastorini in Spanish class and raced against Lynn Swann, who was in an adjacent lane at one track meet.

Next came San Jose State. He ran track with Tommy Smith, John Carlos, and Lee Evans of 1968 Olympics history. (Years later Tom’s children would attend high school with Dr. Harry Edwards’ children. Dr. Edwards provided the idea for the black-gloved fists.) Tom wrote a column for the university newspaper.

(JIM: Interesting sidebar: He met his future wife, Deb, the summer of 1971 at the same time and place as Joe and Leslie Patti met.)

Tom received his Bachelors in Natural Science. Six months later he quit his job as a manager trainee for a pharmacy chain to enlist in the US Army.



### Military career spanning 30 years

Tom's grandfather was a WWI veteran. His father and several uncles were WWII veterans, but Tom was the only one since then to spend more than 2 years in any branch of the military.

Tom spent his first year in the US Army in basic training at Fort Ord, Ca., followed by advanced training at Brooks Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Tx., which became his first permanent station. Well, that ended quickly—the powers that be decided that he was officer material. They didn't like his degree from San Jose State, so they sent him to East Tennessee State University for another. He breezed through that in one year, receiving a BS in Environmental Health. After two years of army service as an enlisted man, they gave him direct commission and sent him back to Fort Ord to command a medical detachment.

After six years of active duty, Tom was ready to return home. During these years he had moved from Fremont to Fort Ord to San Antonio to Johnson City, Tenn., to San Antonio, to Fort Ord to Fort Dix, NJ. His children were born in Oakland, Ca. at the naval hospital, Fort Ord's army hospital, and in Freehold, NJ. His oldest was ready to start school. It was time to settle for a while.

He bought a house within 10 miles of his parents and all his extended family and stayed put for the next 25 years.

But his military career did not end. He moved from the active army to the Army Reserve. He continued to travel for the military, with short-term assignments to Okinawa, Reno, NV, Mountain View, CA, San Francisco, San Antonio, Fort Bragg, NC, Glynco, GA, Fort Ord, Fort Hunter Liggett, and Hawaii. (He even got to train at the US Marines' Mountain Warfare Training Center in the Sierra Mountains.) He was part of the Army Medical Department and was also Civil Affairs qualified. He was on active duty in Mt. View, CA on 9/11. When he retired, he had 30 good years, with retirement benefits and had attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Tom's civilian career was with the Alameda County Health Department. He started as a restaurant inspector and blueprint reviewer. He quickly became a supervisor in the emerging field of hazardous materials remediation and oversight. During this time, he wrote a book: "Is it Safe to Eat Out?" (Yes, but only in Nevada and Florida.) He also earned his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Cal State Hayward. (All while raising 4 children and helping his wife at every step to earn her degree in engineering from UC Berkeley.)

Tom was still an active Roman Catholic Christian. During his active duty years, he served as an usher, a lector, and a lay Eucharistic minister at various duty stations. Once settled in Northern California again, in his home less than a mile from church, he was active in these roles once more. He joined the St. Edward's Men's Club, eventually serving as president of this service organization. He taught CCD to 6th graders. And his children attended the parish school, so there were service hours required of parents on top of everything else.

And he returned to his love of track and field. For 25 years he was a coach, more often than not, head coach of his parish team. He served 4 years as president of Mission Valley CYO

Track and Field. Tom and the head coaches made major changes to the way Sunday afternoon meets were run. Parents received such good training in officiating that they would be seen in later seasons officiating at the high school meets. Computers were added to “track” the runners and their times and distances. Children started wearing number bibs, which are standard equipment at all levels today.

The local high school coaches attended the Sunday meets to watch the children compete. Several told Tom that they appreciated getting freshmen on their teams who already had the basics with no bad habits; they arrived coachable. (And several coaches invited and accepted 8th graders practicing with their high school teams, to give them advanced training.)

Tom, with a friend, assembled teams from multiple parishes to compete in the Northern California Hershey Meets, held in San Jose, CA. where their relay teams were feared, because they were so good. He was the first track coach to about a half dozen children who became high school champions at the state and national level and received athletic scholarships for college. Several thanked him personally in later years.

Tom’s volunteer work extended to science fairs, too. He and his wife were judges for the Newark Unified School District. They also judged the regional fair for Santa Clara County, with Tom serving as part of the US Army team of judges. After retiring from the health department and the US Army, Tom moved to Reno, NV. He stayed active with his civil affairs unit for a couple of years as a member of the Family Readiness Group. (He liked being part of the phone tree, calling stateside family members across the country to assure that they were coping with the deployments and had the local help they needed.) He discovered Facebook. He became a Eucharistic minister and sacristan at Our Lady of the Snows and a member of the Msgr. Patrick J. Connors KofC Council 4997. For several years, he was active in prison ministry, holding regular communion services at FCI Herlong and encouraging priests to come hear confessions. He also was a PFN at Bishop Manogue Assembly 612.

And Jim Kelly convinced Tom to join the Knights of Columbus.

JIM: Here’s one you may not know about. Tom’s mother, Marie was blind for the final 15 years of her life. She had retinitis pigmentosa. She had heard that there were these 10 commandment monuments at some churches, and she decided that she wanted to have one put in at a Catholic church. She found out that the church she was attending, St John the Baptist, Folsom, CA had a priest who would not allow this, because it was too controversial. She didn’t agree – the streets around the church were not major arteries, but she didn’t fight it as he was the priest. Her husband John told her “You are an old blind Portuguese lady; what can you do?” She called Tom. Tom knew all about Project Moses. He contacted the Northern California Chapter President and the General Agent. When the dust settled, Marie’s check had not only paid for one monument, but jumpstarted fund-raising that ended up covering the costs for 4 monuments and their installation. Along the way, the Northern California Chapter gave her a plaque giving her all the credit for the first 2 monuments. The Peacock family was notified of and invited to

the dedications for all 4 monuments, then sent photos of the Bishop of Sacramento blessing them, with Knights in full regalia in attendance.

Afternote:

Tom's mother, Marie, died Sept 2012 and was buried at Veterans Lawn, Mt Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Citrus Hts, Ca. Tom died June 2017 and was buried in the next row. Tom's father, John, died June 2019 and was buried with his wife, near his son Tom.

Article presented by: WPSD Jim Kelly.

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## July Supreme Families of the Month and Nevada Submissions

SK Thomas Thorn

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Immediate Past State Deputy

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Congratulations to the July 2019 Nevada Families of the Month selected by Supreme.

Nevada 10442 Don Thompson  
Nevada 14144 Catalino Cabe  
Nevada 14784 Jim Pistolesi

Thank you to the 7 councils that submitted their Family of the Month for consideration:

Nevada 2380  
Nevada 4928  
**Nevada 10442**  
Nevada 12877  
Nevada 13924  
**Nevada 14144**  
**Nevada 14784**

Vivat Jesus,

## Clergy Dinner (South) Save the Date

Stephen Melancon  
FICF, PGK

The 72nd annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner for the Diocese of Las Vegas will be held Thursday, October 10, 2019. Our beloved Priests are our guests.

Councils are encouraged to make reservations and to invite their deacons and deacons' wives.

Tables of 8 will be available. Seating will be limited.



General Agent

SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus  
Las Vegas Council  
2828

will be hosting the

72nd annual  
Clergy Appreciation  
Dinner

**October 10, 2019**

Markich Hall  
Downtown Las Vegas  
chairman: stephen Melancon 702.672.1425

# Color Corps at LV Ball Park August 16, 2019

SK Rick Sherman



NV District Master



# Assembly #2820 helps Vets

SK Kenneth J Sawyer

## Assembly helps Vets "Forgotten Not Gone"

Our Assembly contributed funds to build one of these hi-tech bikes for Vets "Forgotten Not Gone".

This group goes and gets home bound Vets to get out and go for a bike ride with others. The bikes are adapted for just about any disability. They can be pedaled or use an electric motor, driven from either side with various controls.

PFN Bob Sotelo and FN John Boland went out and tested this one. It is the one with the donated by the KofC on it.



Faithful Comptroller



Past FN Bob and FN John meet with FNG Team to check out the bike donated by the Assembly.



Past FN Bob checks out the bike as group looks on.



WFn John takes the bike that the Assembly donated for a ride in the street along with others riding various bikes.

# Camp Joshua Letter for KofC Councils

Melissa Clement



President



August 27, 2019

Sir Knights:

As always, I must begin by thanking you for your courage, compassion and witness standing for innocent human life – most particularly the unborn. Today, more than ever, these helpless little ones need us to speak for them.

In 2013, Nevada Right to Life sponsored the inaugural Camp Joshua Nevada, Life and Leadership Institute. This three-day long camp, held at the 4H Camp at Lake Tahoe, trained 25 high school students (from seven high schools) and 15 college/young adults. By all metrics, it was a huge success. Each camp has grown. In October, we will sponsor our sixth such camp.

As you can well imagine, the cost of this camp is high, yet the benefit to our community is also high. Graduates of our camp have taken their places in the pro-life movement across Nevada and beyond. Their impact will be felt for the next several decades.

The young people we train are on the front lines of the battle to protect life. Each day, in their classrooms, life is challenged and minimized. Within their peer groups, their fellow students make choices that will impact their lives forever. Currently, the prevailing voice in the high schools comes from Planned Parenthood and their allies, and now our own Washoe County School District mandated sex-ed program that educates our students on how to get an abortion without a parent knowing. Camp Joshua alumni are the counter-voice youth so desperately need.

I am writing today to ask your council to consider a donation of \$500 to \$1000 to help us continue this important outreach to our youth. If this is not within your means, any donation is greatly appreciated, and your prayers are always coveted.

I have included some promotional materials for the camp in hopes that you can aid us in spreading the word. Please take a moment to nominate teenagers from your parish.

Please contact me at 775-813-4319 with any questions you may have. If your council would like a presentation, I would be more than happy to arrange for alumni and/or staff to present a glimpse into this powerful program to your group.

God bless you and keep you.

For their lives,

Melissa Clement, Executive Director, Pro-Life League of Nevada

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Donations are tax-deductible.



## KCIC Christmas Cards

Digna A. Pena

Grand Knight, Officers, and Council Members:

My name is Digna Pena. KCIC coordinator for the state of Nevada, I am pleased to write you today with information about this year's 2019 Keep Christ in Christmas program.

The annual Keep Christ in Christmas program has a two fold benefit to your council and parish community. It promotes the focus of Christmas on the birth of Christ and enables your council to support a charity of your choice with the profits raised. In addition to the beautiful assortment of Christmas cards (including a variety of ethnic selections), there are several other seasonal items available. These items include three lapel pins, two ornaments, three Christmas seals, advent wreaths and pamphlets as well as bumper stickers. One item that has proven to be a favorite fund raising item is the oval car magnet (see design above).



KCIC Coordinator

The best card value is the CIC-2019 Sales Assortment Case of 32 assorted boxes (regular price \$185.75) which can be purchased for a discounted price of \$145.00. A Spanish assortment of 23 assorted boxes (regular price \$81.25) is also offered at a discount of \$74.00. The boxes in which the cards are packed have the added benefit of being designed to be used as a special sales display.

**The discounts on the Regular and Spanish Sales Assortments are only available until Wednesday, September 25, so I must receive your order NO LATER THAN Saturday, SEPTEMBER 21st.**

In this packet you will receive the following items to assist you in making your selections and placing orders:

- Council Order Form
- Public Brochure
- NV 1st Assortment Flyer
- NV Spanish Display Flyer

My contact information is printed on your order form. On the second page of the order form there are several "Sales Aids" listed that are available and a full list of "Shipping Charges" for items. These costs must be carried forward to the front total and a check made out to the "Knights of Columbus" must be received with the order forms. Call for any additional information about items offered on the order forms. Payment must be received with your order. Orders can be faxed if you first call to notify me that you will be faxing and we arrange for payment to be made.

The **Keep Christ in Christmas** program enables the Knights of Columbus to be front runners in promoting our Catholic Christian values in our communities. Help our families preserve the true message of Christmas in visible and practical displays for the celebration of the incarnation of Christ to the world.

Your Sister in Christ,

Digna A. Pena  
Nevada State KCIC Coordinator

***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS— EVANGELIZATION PROGRAM  
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS~SEND RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS***

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM! Check out the COLUMBIA Spotlight Feature Dec. '10 issue, pages 22 & 23.

Start a "Keep Christ In Christmas ~ Send Religious Christmas Cards" (KCIC~SRCC) program in your council.  
Be a leader in your community, participate in the New Evangelization, raise monies to support your parish or community needs,  
& increase your membership at the same time.

Assortment Case (CIC 2019) includes the following—

5 Boxes <i>Christmas Traditions</i>	\$22.50 value
5 Boxes <i>Holy Family</i>	25.00 value
5 Boxes <i>Shepherds Adore</i>	26.25 value
2 Boxes <i>Joy to the World</i>	11.00 value
4 Boxes <i>Jesus, God's Greatest Gift</i>	23.00 value
3 Boxes <i>Old Masters</i>	18.75 value
3 Boxes <i>St. Francis' Prayer for Peace</i>	19.50 value
3 Boxes <i>Peace on Earth</i>	20.25 value
2 Boxes <i>Mary Gentle Mother</i>	13.50 value
0 Boxes <i>Madonna of The Chair</i> (available upon request)	
0 Boxes <i>St Nicholas' Gifts</i> (available upon request)	
"Holy Family" Car Magnet (2)	3.50 value
Color Brochures (25)	2.50 value



**\$ 145.00**  
**SPECIAL PRICE**  
**1 CIC-2019 Assortment Case**  
Before  
**Sept. 25, 2019**

\$185.75 -----Regular Price after initial 1 case ordered

Only **one (1)** case per **council** at the Special Price for this introduction to the 2019 KCIC~SRCC evangelization program.  
Sell the CIC-2019 Assortment Case to the **public for \$337.50.**

**Additional cards** may be ordered to refill your CIC-2019 assortment case.

Purchase only the boxes of cards your community needs with your reorders. You need not purchase another CIC-2019 assortment case.

**To order your 1st CIC-2019 case**, fill out an order form and mark **1 case** on the line for CIC-2019 Special Price.  
Then mail it along with your check for **\$145.00** plus shipping (see back of order form for shipping cost) to—

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# September 21, 2019 FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

SK Rick Sherman



NV District Master

**SCHEDULE:**

10:00 AM -12:00 PM	Registration of Candidates – Room 1
1:00-3:00 PM	Exemplification – Christ the King Catholic Community
4:00-5:00 PM	Mass at Christ the King Catholic Community
5:30 – 6:00 PM	No-Host Cocktails – Christ the King Parish Center
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Exemplification Banquet - Christ the King Parish Center

**LOCATION:**

Exemplification:	Christ the King Catholic Community 4925 S. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89118
Mass:	Christ the King Catholic Community 4925 S. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89118

**HONOREE: Former Vice Supreme Master Lawrence Campitiello**

Candidates must be in proper attire: Tuxedo, Black, Dark Blue or Dark Grey Suit with white dress shirt, and tie. No button-down collars or French cuffs. No sports coats or colored shirts.

Sir Knights accompanying candidates may wear tuxedo or dark suit, with social baldric. Fourth Degree Uniform may be worn without beret or sword unless participating in Color Guard/Honor Guard. **ANY CANDIDATE OR SIR KNIGHTS NOT IN PROPER ATTIRE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE EXEMPLIFICATION.**

All Form 4's along with a \$70.00 check made out to the Assembly for the exemplification fee (which includes the cost of the candidate's dinner) should be completed and received by the appropriate Assembly Comptroller no later than Friday September 13, 2019. **Comptrollers: Turn in all Form 4's with an Assembly check for the total of candidates for your Assembly made out to "Master of the Fourth Degree" at the 11:30AM meeting. Assemblies are responsible for payment of Exemplification Fee's for their candidates to the Master.**

Guest of candidates attending the Banquet need to fill out the dinner reservation form. Checks for the cost of guest and others attending the dinner need to be made out to "**Knights of Columbus Assembly 3772**" and be mailed to the address here. Contact SK James H Breeden, Exemplification Committee Chairman 10584 ABISSO DR., Las Vegas, NV 89135,: jamesbreeden@cox.net or 702-301-7160. with any questions.

# Upcoming State Events

Dates	District Deputy Orientation	District Grand Knight Training	Mid-Year Organizational	State Convention
<b>2018</b>				
5/4/18 - 5/6/18				St. Joseph's - Elko
7/7/18 - 7/8/18	Our Lady of Las Vegas - Las Vegas			
12/8/18			Immaculate Conception - Sparks	
<b>2019</b>				
5/3/19 - 5/5/19				St. Patrick's - Fallon Fallon Council 4828
7/6/19 - 7/7/19	Immaculate Conception - Sparks			
12/7/19			St. Patricks - Tonopah	
<b>2020</b>				
5/1/20 - 5/3/20				Our Lady of Las Vegas St. Jude Council 9102
7/11/20 - 7/12/20	St. James the Apostle - Las Vegas			
12/5/20			Our Lady of Snows - Reno	
<b>2021</b>				
4/24/21 - 4/25/21				Harvey's Lake Tahoe - Stateline Our Lady of Tahoe
7/10/21 - 7/11/21	St. Rose of Lima - Reno			
12/4/21			St. Peter the Apostle - Las Vegas	
<b>2022</b>				
4/30/22 - 5/1/22				La Virgen de Guadalupe Mesquite Council 13754
7/9/22 - 7/10/22				
12/3/22			Diocese of Reno	
<b>2023</b>				
5/6/23 - 5/7/23				Immaculate Conception - Sparks Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877
7/8/23 - 7/9/23				
12/9/23			Diocese of Las Vegas	

Dates and venues subject to change.