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## “IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS”

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### STATE DEPUTY: JOHN LAYMAN

My Brother Knights,

It is a great honor and a great privilege to be your State Deputy for this Fraternal Year, and I want to thank all my State Officers and Past State Deputies for all they do and for their help. This year we are celebrating the “Year of Faith,” as declared by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Emeritus of Rome; he called for a “renewal of the Church, through the witness offered by the lives of believers.” With more than 1.8 million Catholic men in nearly 15,000 local councils, Knights of Columbus have a responsibility to take a leadership role in the Year of Faith.

The Year of Faith began on October 11, 2012, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The close of the Year of Faith will take place on November 24, 2013 the Feast of Christ the King. The months between are privileged time for councils to engage in faith formation activities and charitable programs that provide immediate and practical aid to those in need.

In proclaiming the Year of Faith, the Holy Father emphasized the importance of charity, our first principle. The Pope writes, “Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would be a sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt. Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that each allows the other to set out along its respective path.” In the words of Jesus, which should serve as our guide for the Year of Faith and beyond; “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40).

The Year of Faith is celebrating the New Evangelization; so as faithful Catholics we have been called to be agents of the New Evangelization by increasing our works of charity, education and discipleship so as to demonstrate the power of Christ’s Church and the importance of leading a life guided by faith. Therefore as Knights of Columbus we will continue our tradition of lay Catholic leadership and thereby serve as true agents of the New Evangelization; and we will exemplify our principle of charity by promoting good works through which our love of God and neighbor will be evident; and through our principle of unity we will join together to develop programs for our councils and communities so that they serve as beacons of light for the Universal Church; and our spirit of fraternity will form the cornerstone of the New Evangelization in the communities where we are active and thereby aid our bishops and priests in this great work.

The New Evangelization ... what a great reason to be a Knight of Columbus.

Membership in the Knights provides its members and their families with the support and opportunities to serve as true agents of the New Evangelization. So a good way to get new members is by telling them that membership in the Knights can help increase their faith, that the Knights of Columbus is a way to reach out to help people in the church and (continued on page 2)

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community. Membership is the lifeblood of the order and as Knights we need to continue to recruit new members to our order. Supreme has a new featured program this year to help councils stay focused to recruit new members ... **THE POWER OF ONE.**

This year's featured program is geared to help councils strengthen their rosters with active new members and develop local leaders for the Order. The Power of One looks at a successful council and its efforts to work with other local councils in UNITY; to make a difference in the local parish and community. The Power of One starts with the principles of recruiting, **ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH.** We all know the difference that one new member can make in our council. So if your council recruits **ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH;** then in one year your council will have recruited **TWELVE NEW MEMBERS;** which is **TWELVE NEW MEMBERS** volunteering their service to the council programs, making for the betterment of the Parish and the Community. What a Great Way to inject new energy, new ideas, and new activities into the council. All it takes is **ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH.** This should help you get the new members to fill your quota to become Star Council this year.

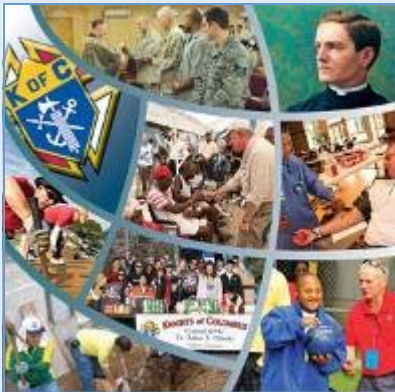
Membership Retention is as another area we need to stay focused on. These past eight months we have lost a lot of members to drops because nobody called them to invite them to meetings or ask them to help at a function. New members and Retained members are necessary to keep the councils going, to help on council activities and give new life and bring in new ideas to the council. I would like to see more Star Councils this year then we had in the past years.

Without new members the council will stay the same, with the same people running the council and doing the same things over and over again. The problem with some councils is that they are afraid to do anything new and some of the older members don't make the new members feel welcome and that is why some new members don't come back, and also another problem is that council retention committees have not been contacting a brother knight that the council has not seen for two or three months to see if he is okay or if he or a family member is in distress. That's why councils have so many drops. This is why the retention committee is important to the council. They're the ones that are supposed to help keep members and not drop them, where the council keeps growing and not decreasing. I would like to see that we change our ways from a negative to a positive and keep the State of Nevada on an up swing.

Vivat Jesus

John P. Layman  
State Deputy

### Why Join the Knights of Columbus?



#### Why you should become a Knight

*If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.*

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight.

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight.

From Supreme Website:  
Membership



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**S T A T E   C H A P L A I N :  
F R .   A L B E R T   F E L I C E - P A C E ,   O . P .**

Greetings from the State Chaplain.

Last November the State Deputy John Layman and I went to Dallas, TX for the annual meeting for State Deputies and State Chaplains. We had separate and joint meetings. The Supreme Knight Carl Anderson addressed the gathering. He shared his experience at the Syond of Bishops which discusses marriage. The chaplains had their own meeting. Archbishop Lori, the Supreme Chaplain addressed the chaplains. He emphasized the need to fight for religious liberty. Fr. Grace followed him. He encouraged the chaplains to give a solid spiritual foundation to all the members of the councils.



I am sorry that I cannot be with you most of the time at this convention because of my full commitment to my pastoral work at the Catholic Newman Center serving the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. I do my best to be present when I can.

Last year we had our first chaplains' meeting in Reno the day before the state convention. 15 chaplains attended. It was a great experience for all the attendees. After the Mass celebrated by Bishop Randolph Calvo of the Diocese of Reno, Fr. Grace from Supreme was able to come and address the chaplains. He spoke about the 10 keys for a successful chaplain. After lunch we had a wonderful sharing. The Chaplains helped each other in their discussions about their role as chaplains to the councils. So this year we are having a similar session for the chaplains and other priests who are interested in the KofC. The [Friday](#) before the state convention at St. Francis de Sales, the chaplains had their meeting. I will give you a brief report at the convention

Most of you know that my primary ministry is director/pastor for the Catholic community at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The community is trying to raise funds to build a Chapel and a center on campus. Last year I asked for your help. Few responded. I believe very strongly in the presence of the church on state colleges and universities. These young men and women are the future of the church. I am very proud of our KofC council at UNLV. I am proud of these young men who are great witnesses to their faith on campus. I ask for your help. Last year I told you that if every knight will give just \$5 we will raise close to \$20,000. I challenge you to do so, so that one day we will see the Cross raised high on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Together we can do it. Please mail your donation to Fr. Albert, Catholic Newman Center, 4765 Brussels St., Las Vegas, NV 89119.

May God continue to bless our work and together let us continue to bring the values of the Gospel to our parishes and to our families.

Love and peace,  
Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P.  
State Chaplain



**STATE SECRETARY: RAMIRO "RAY" GARDEA**

Brother Knights,

As State Secretary it has been an enlightening experience this past eight months with a lot happening throughout the State. The State provided training for all District Deputies and Grand Knights July 13-15, 2012 at St Francis De Sales La Voy Hall, Las Vegas, NV. Our Mid-Year Training was accomplished on December 1-2, 2012 in Reno, Nevada. And now we are fast approaching time for our 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nevada State Convention to be held on May 3-5, 2013 at St Francis De Sales Parish in Las Vegas, Nevada and everyone involved are in a fast pace to complete all final preparations to ensure we have a successful Convention.

As always Membership and Retention throughout the State is of prime importance to every Brother Knight from the State level to every Council in Nevada. The motto of "One Member....Per Council....Per Month" will continue to be emphasized at all Council meetings and functions and where ever Brother Knights congregate.

I would like to share with you a Council Prayer that was given to me by a Brother Knight from a California Council; this prayer card is given out to all their members. Food for thought.



*"I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my Council to be."*

**My Council Prayer**

*My Council is composed of Knights like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
It will be Holy, if I am.  
Our meetings will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will be prayerful, if I pray.  
It will generously serve those in need,  
If I generously serve.  
It will bring others into the Knights of Columbus,  
If I invite and bring them in.  
It will be a Council of Loyalty, Love, Fearlessness, Faith, Compassion, Charity and Mercy,  
if I who make it what it is and I am filled with these same things.  
Therefore with the help of God and through the intercession of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney,  
I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my Council to be.*

*Vivat Jesus,  
Ramiro "Ray" Gardea*



**103rd State Convention**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Nevada State Council**



**Hosted By**  
**Fr. Francisco Garces Council # 5693**  
**May 3rd thru 5th, 2013**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**



**STATE ADVOCATE: GREGG SPRIGG**

*I am submitting an excerpt from the writings of St. Peter Chrysologus, who was Early Church Father on the subject of Prayer, Fasting & Mercy. I believe this is entirely appropriate in preparation for Holy week beginning with Palm Sunday.*

Prayer, Fasting and Mercy  
by St. Peter Chrysologus, Early Church Father



There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery. Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defence, a threefold united prayer in our favor. Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart. Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving. To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

*Greg Sprigg, State Advocate*

**STATE WARDEN: THOMAS J. THORN**

Dear Brother Knights,

Fraternal year 2012-13 has been full of opportunities to show our Catholic Christian faith in action. It may have been feeding the homeless with the Catholic Worker community, handing out coats, praying the Rosary to end abortion, placing ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers, participating in community activities, defending our right to practice our religion, the 365 club, Boy & Girl Scouts, Squires or any of a number of other activities the Knights are involved in. After celebrating 103 years of Knighthood in the state of Nevada we still have a lot of room for growth in membership and opportunities to work for God's glory. Please remember to support our Priest, Sisters and Seminarians as it is they that dedicate their lives to help us in our journey towards our Heavenly Father. This year as many of our brother knights are suffering from economic hardships and stress let reach out to our brother knights to let them know we are there for them and their families.



Remember that when life gives you challenges try to see the opportunity to do God's will in them and no matter what happens keep in our hearts and minds the words of St. Faustyna Kowalska "Jesus I trust in you".

Vivat Jesus ~ Thomas Thorn, State Warden



# Knights of Columbus

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# CHARITIES

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*United in Charity.*

**STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:  
PATRICK SULLIVAN**

Brother Knights and Ladies,

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve our State Deputy John P. Layman and you my Brother Knights... the membership of the Knights of Columbus, Nevada Jurisdiction as State Administrative Assistant. And as well, it has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I am proud to be a Knight of Columbus. I am most proud of the Good-works of the order. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families and young people. Together, we belong to the Greatest Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization with more than 5,400 members in Nevada and with our wives, children and grandchildren... that adds up to greater than 12,000 Catholics in solidarity with our Parish Priests and Bishops, Building a Culture of Catholic Family Life.

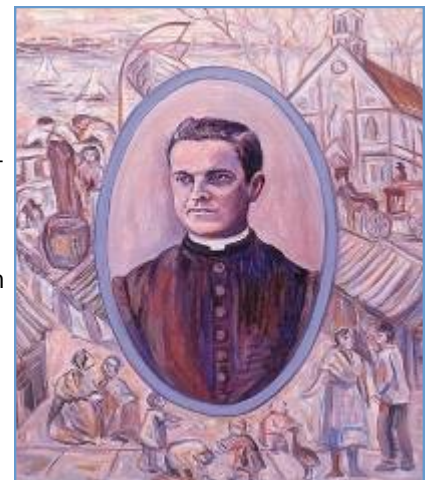


Knights of Columbus are catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. The Order was founded in 1882 by a 29 year old parish priest, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. His aim was to set up a parish-based lay organization to help Catholic men remain steadfast to their faith, and offer protection for Catholic families, particularly the widows and orphans of deceased members.

The Agency Department of the Knights of Columbus provides each council and their members with a General Agent and a Field Agent. Your Field Agent is a Brother Knight and a trained professional that can help Catholic families with products that provide for their financial security and protection. Members should visit with their Field Agent once a year. Don't wait... Give him a call!

The Good-works of the Knights "Surge with Service," the Knights of Columbus service program is a program of action to perform the duties of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, and Pro-Life. The Order is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family.

Foremost, it is the membership of the Knights of Columbus that do these Good-works of the Order. Membership is the life-blood of the Knights' and we must continue to recruit new members. The best way I know to recruit is "One on One Recruiting" at mass. Here is one way to do it... 1st, Get out of the habit of sitting in the same pew at mass each Sunday, choose a different pew... you will meet more catholic men. 2nd, Introduce yourself to the men around you and state your a Knight of Columbus. 3rd, Ask them; Are you a Knight of Columbus? Their answers will vary, so if the answer is yes, ask what council he belongs too. He may be the next transfer to your council. Then if he answers no, let him know the Knights are a parish-based Catholic men organization founded in 1882 by a parish priest, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney... and I would like to invite you to Join Us. As a Catholic gentleman, you share the same beliefs as the Knights of Columbus. You share the same duty to God, to family and to folks down the block and across the sea. If you are looking for an organization that can enrich your life in every way, your search is over... the Knights of Columbus is that organization.



Vivat Jesus!  
Patrick Sullivan  
State Administrative Assistant

*Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus extend cordial best wishes and prayers to our newly elected pope. The election of Pope Francis - the first pope from the American hemisphere - highlights the fact that America is the continent of baptized Christians, and a place of central importance to the faith today. Pope Francis is well known also for his emphasis on charity - the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Both in our efforts for evangelization and in our charitable work, we will strive with him to bring the light of Christ to the people of our continent during his historic pontificate.*



**POPE FRANCIS COULD RENEW CATHOLICISM IN AMERICAS, SAYS KNIGHTS' CHIEF**

Just as Pope John Paul II influenced many in Poland, the rise of an Argentinian to the papacy is set to dramatically change the lives of many Christians, according to head of the Knights of Columbus.

"I think it offers the same kind of a potential for a great renewal of Catholicism and Christianity all throughout the Western Hemisphere," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said March 15.

Just two days ago, the 76-year-old head of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was elected Pope. A humble man by all accounts, the Jesuit priest took the name Francis after the famous 13th-century saint of Assisi.

Anderson compared the recent election to Bl. John Paul II's election in 1978 that brought hope to Eastern Europeans in the midst of the Cold War.

"35 years later now," he told EWTN News, "we have a Pope coming from Latin America, from the Americas, and I'm sure in the United States so many millions of Hispanic Catholics are looking now to Pope Francis as someone who will really change their lives for the better, too."

Since 1881, Anderson's Knights have made it their mission to offer assistance to people throughout the Americas and abroad according to their founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Their presence is felt throughout the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean and even overseas through their 1.8 million members. They have also been prominent in promoting Bl. John Paul II's idea of uniting North and South as "a single entity with a Christian heritage and a Christian future," as Anderson put it.

The Knights are enthused that this concept is well engrained in the experience of the Buenos Aires-born Pope.

"Pope Francis speaks directly to that, is a product of that," said Anderson. "His entire ministry has been that and so we're going to be strongly united with him in moving this forward."

Their work of better uniting members of the Catholic Church in the Americas has been given a major boost with the election of a Latin American pope.

"I think the next step will be to bring this reflection more closely into North America and into the entire Western Hemisphere, that we can begin to do the work, not just speak about the potential but begin the actualization of the potential."

For the Knights, said the Supreme Knight, "it's going to be a very important pontificate."

As for their specific work at this point, he concluded, "we need to take our part and cooperate with so many others in the Church's reality, build the Church like the Lord said to Francis and I think we're going to see Him say the same thing to Pope Francis."

Read more: <http://www.ewtnnews.com/catholic-news/Americas.php?id=7256#ixzz2Ne9i1SBH>



IPSD: DAVID RYAN  
RELICS OF THE PASSION



Helena  
In attendance were Supreme Director John Wainscott and his wife Linda, PSD Al Millhouse and Cliff Brady from Assembly 0187 in Idaho Falls, ID. Also in attendance were Color Corps Commander Steve Gross and 7 Sir Knights from Bishop Scanlan Assembly 2393 in St George.

A special thanks to the Knights who made this possible: Rev. Marc Howes Pastor of St Joseph Husband of Mary, and Rev Albert Felice-Pace, OP for hosting the Relices in their Parishes.

The State Council in conjunction with the Apostolate of the Holy Relics, sponsored the Relics of the Passion of our Lord at St Joseph Husband of Mary Parish March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Newman Center on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2013. What a moving and enlightening experience. Each individual who attended was given a prayer cloth with which they could touch each of the 8 Relics making the cloth a third class relic to be put into their bible, framed or placed in a place of honor in their home. At the end of each day the Knights in attendance and their families were given a special blessing. Each day the blessing was different while we held the Holy Relics against our heart or had the Holy Nail pushed into the palm of our hands. The Relics present were:

- † Mensae Coenae D.N.J.C. This relic is from the table or the ROOM (upper) where the Last Supper took place.
- † Relic of the Holy Column of Flagellation.
- † Relic of the Crown of Thorns
- † The effigy of the Veil of Veronica
- † Relic of the Holy Nails
- † Relic, bone of St. Longinus, the centurion who pierced the side of Christ
- † Sindonis D.N.J.C (from the burial shroud of Our Lord)
- † A piece of the **True Cross** discovered by Saint

Members of the committee to bring the Relics to Nevada, State Deputy John Layman, State Secretary Ray Gardea, Master Lee Sandoval, District Marshall Joseph Quaglino, Faithful Navigator Fr. Joseph O'Callahan Assembly #2820 Joe Tinio, Color Commander Zach Vandongen, Grand Knight Council 10442 Chuck McCloskey, and State Program Director Frank Davis. I appreciate all the work and long hours put in by all the Knights to make this such a wonderful experience for all who attended.





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There are many reasons why you should meet with your Knights of Columbus field agent, but love of your family and their safety should be at the top of the list. Do you know the benefits life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and annuities can provide for your family?



All of the Order's products can be custom tailored to meet your needs and fit into your budget. The primary mission of the Knights of Columbus is protecting Catholic families like yours.

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Working to serve the mission established by our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, we Knights of Columbus field agents care for Catholic families, especially in times of death. A recent experience in the field demonstrated firsthand the importance of both our founder’s vision as well as the extended network of the organization that carries it out today.

I recently opened a letter from the worthy financial secretary from one of my councils. It contained a form 100 informing me of the death of one of our members along with a copy of this brother’s obituary. This FS takes the time to read the obituaries each day and is

often the first to inform me of a member’s death. This brother happened to be an insurance member and I contacted his widow immediately.

When I called, the relief in her voice was palpable. She knew her husband had a policy, but had not been sure who to contact or what to do next. I was able to meet with her the very next day and assist her, not only with her claim with the Knights of Columbus, but with other claims and information as well. Noting that the diligence and assistance of my brother knight enhanced my ability to swiftly and effectively fulfill my fraternal obligation to this beneficiary; I was struck by how special an organization the Knights of Columbus is.

As I spoke with this woman about her husband’s last days, the extended reach of the Knights of Columbus’ mission was further made manifest. She shared her gratitude for the work of a holy priest who supported her husband while in hospice, provided the last

rites, and presided over his funeral. It happens that this same council is a financial supporter of this priest’s critical ministry to the dying. I was proud to realize that long before I stepped forward on behalf of the Knights to care for this widow, the organization had been working quietly behind the scenes, caring also for our brother in the final chapter of his life.

At the front door as I was leaving, I shared with our brother’s widow that I had offered up my Eucharist for her husband at daily mass and would include him in my rosary that night. Even more, I let her know that brother knights throughout the state were praying for her husband and for her as well. Though she had maintained her composure throughout our visit, she broke into tears at my words and graciously thanked me for everything the organization had done to support her. I walked away with deepened appreciation for the Knights of Columbus – an organization like no other.

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District #5

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DISTRICT DEPUTY # 1 : T H O M A S P E A C O C K

**2013 "Walk for Life" in San Francisco on January 26**

Deb and I were scheduled to take the St. Albert's bus at 6:00 am. I guess I forgot to push the "on" button as Deb woke me in a panic at 5:55. We rushed to get out of the house, hoping the bus would not leave. At 6:10 Greg Sprigg called, "Where are you?" I pleaded that we would be there in 15 minutes. When we arrived the bus was full but nobody complained of our tardiness. This was especially good with over half the bus under 30!

We had an uneventful 4 hour ride through the Sierras, across the Valley, and into the Bay Area. Many

slept, passed around donuts, prayed, and I found myself engaging an evangelical Christian next to me. It seems that there were about 5 who joined us. Mostly I asked questions and clarified his understanding of all the Catholics on the bus. His biggest amazement seemed to be when I told him that every single Catholic priest can trace his ordination lineage back to Peter. This seemed very opposite to the stand-alone church he attended. There was discussion among his fellow travelers about what they would do if the pastor left.

Upon arriving at the SF Civic Center we found that it was mostly empty, as we arrived very early. Slowly the number grew, and grew, and grew to over-

flowing. The estimate was 50,000: the most ever. Speakers told their stories, led prayer, got us enthused, and warned not to engage any protestors. When we began the walk down Market St. it was slow, with our vast number. I looked and looked but for the most part every person standing on the sidewalk with a sign was on our side, probably resting from the 2 mile walk. Even the warned of jumbotron with its graphic images was Pro-Life! The loud sounds of chanting prayers, in Spanish and other languages, and our sheer numbers, drowned out any of the anticipated opposition.

When we got to Justin Herman Plaza it was so dense and we were so late that it was time to return to the

bus, and this time we were not last. Deb had a fall off a curb in front of AT & T Park, and hurt nothing, as if a guardian angel had caught her instead of the asphalt. It was very quiet on our return as everyone was so tired of the long journey and the invigorating day. Thank God for all good Christians standing up for Life. The motto this year could have been: Exodus 20:13 (Thou shall not kill).



**D I S T R I C T D E P U T Y # 3 : B O B G R E E R**

Hello all of my Brother Knights!

As my term as District Deputy #3 comes to an end I cannot say it is without a feeling of sorrow. I have just about completed my four year obligation and all I can think is where has the time gone? I have tried to achieve every goal placed before me. Some I have managed to reach with the help of my councils and my Brothers, others I have proven more challenging and difficult. The greatest joy I have experienced as a District Deputy is meeting new brothers, both within my District and throughout the State of Nevada. I have watched my councils grow both in number of members and spiritually, both

are extremely rewarding. Last year District #3 was the only Star District in our State. This is an achievement I take great pride in and once again would like to thank all three of the councils within District #3, without their dedication to our membership goals this would have never been made possible.

I have tried to attend all 1<sup>st</sup> degrees within my District and made all second and third degree exemptions held within a reasonable distance in the North.

The most rewarding and gratifying ceremony that I have conducted is officer installation. If the

words of the ceremony are taking to heart by each council officer and he is dedicated throughout the year, surely his council will excel in each of its endeavors.

I must say I will probably miss our bi-annual meetings the most and renewing the many friendships I have within our State!

Vivat Jesus,  
District Deputy #3  
Bob Greer



**D I S T R I C T D E P U T Y # 8 : J O H N E . S U C H E W S K I**

If it's Las Vegas Council #2828 celebrating the annual "Southern Nevada Clergy Night" with great food, cocktails and live rock'n roll music. When St. Jude Council #9102 organized and implemented a wonderful fundraiser at the "Christmas Party Dinner and Dance" at Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church to support people in New York and New Jersey from the devastation caused by hurricane Sandy. What about San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #13392? They assisted coordinating nine nights of Holy Masses during the Simbang Gabi Christmas celebration at St. Bridget Catholic Church. Any activities these councils are involved in, they are *doing it with style!*

Knights of Columbus councils, not just the councils in District #8,

make it look easy by *doing it with style!* The only caution I would remind officers in any position is not to take any council for granted when they are doing anything and everything with style. In reality it takes time away from family which I believe is one of the greatest sacrifice any Knight has to make. It takes painstaking detail planning, coordinating, dedication and some good old fashioned hard work to make any family, community, youth and church activity successful.

The State of Nevada Knights of Columbus State Convention this year, just like all other State Conventions in the past, will be giving out awards to various councils and individuals for great accomplishments they achieved during the 2012-2013 Columbian Year and

they rightly earn it. Not every council will win an award. I wish they could. Winning or not winning, a debt of appreciation and gratitude is due to all individual councils for accomplishing everything and anything that needed to be done.

So, for all local councils in the State of Nevada, especially for me the councils I work with personally in District #8, in a small humble way, in this article, please let me express my gratitude, my thanks, and my appreciation for *doing it with style!*

John E. Suchewski  
District Deputy #8



## CEREMONIALS DIRECTOR: DAVID STRAIT PSD

There are many words that we hear or read that are common in our experience at church, yet unlikely to hear or speak in our secular life. Many of us have heard and said these words weekly, or more often, and yet have only the sketchiest idea of what they really mean. What is the true definition of "liturgy"? What does "Paschal" mean? What's the difference between an "Order" and an "Organization"? What is meant by the "Pastoral" nature of our leaders? How is it that we consider ourselves "Fraternal"?

Brother Knights who become active in degree work, experience an increase in their understanding of these words. Our ceremonials are designed and crafted to teach and reinforce the basic principals that the Knights of Columbus have embraced since our founding in 1882. Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are the declared principles of our order. "Catholicity", and "Support for the Priesthood" are inseparably bonded to these principles, and these are the essential qualities that Knights must embrace in order to be "True Knights."

Men sign up to join our order with only the vaguest idea of what to expect. The K of C presence in the parish may be very obvious, and yet very obscure. Some men join so they can help cook breakfast once a month. Some join because their father or grandfather was a Knight. Most men sign up with a "Let's See" attitude, giving Knighthood a "Try" to see how it works out.

If we don't teach these new members the lessons of what makes us who we are, they will not truly enter our brotherhood, and

they will leave us. Our degrees and other ceremonials teach these essential lessons.

No one learns these lessons better or experiences them more deeply than the dedicated brother Knights who deliver the messages as ceremonial team members. Any teacher will tell you that there is nothing that strengthens your grasp of a subject more than teaching it to someone else. Similarly, some of the most prominent and dedicated Knights became that way because they were active in ceremonials. Also, the most successful and dynamic councils all have extensive involvement in both public and private ceremonials and protocol.

That's why it is so important that we keep building, expanding, and improving our degree teams. We also need to reinforce the observance of protocol as we go about our council business and conduct our fraternal programs.

As we have heard before, there is a misconception that Knights of Columbus ceremonies are all secret. In fact many of our ceremonial traditions are very public. When our Council Officers are sworn in, it is done by a public ceremony that is much more impressive when family and friends witness it. When a Knight attains Honorary Life membership, there's a ceremony for that. When we celebrate a banquet, the protocol is governed by ceremonial traditions. When we say goodbye to a departed brother at a wake or a memorial Mass, our respect for his memory in the presence of his loved ones is dignified and magnified by ceremony. First, before anything else, we are Catholic men who celebrate our faith by rite and

ritual and "Liturgy", so it is only natural that our fraternal Order relies on ceremony to guide us, to teach us, and to inspire us.

Nevada has a treasure of dedicated Knights who truly love ceremonial work. In my experience, I have been continually impressed with the dedication and sacrifice of Brother Knights in performing degree work. Why do they do it? Why do we do it? Here's why. It is very rewarding. Performing degrees, and doing it well, is gift from one brother knight to another, and it is deeply appreciated, immediately and for years after.

Brothers, if you are interested or if you have a brother Knight in mind who may be interested in ceremonial work, contact your District Deputy or his ceremonial coordinator, bring your friend, and join the team. You will love it, and the Knights of Columbus will be better because of it.

In regards to definitions for all those words, Paschal, Liturgy, Order, Chivalry, Fraternal, ... you will be very much enlightened if you look them up like I did.

Vivat Jesus!



**STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR: FRANK DAVIS**

First - Congratulations to St. John the Baptist Mission Council 12690 in Laughlin, NV and Grand Knight Ronald L. Survillas and his Council for submitting their Food For Families Report. The Council will be receiving a Supreme Council refund for their efforts.

Sorry to say but to date Council 12690 is the only Council to submit a Supreme Council Featured Program Report. I know other Councils are participating in these featured programs, but if there is no written report, the program DID NOT HAPPEN for your Council at the District, State Council or Supreme Council level.

As presented at the Grand Knights' Training Course in Las Vegas in August 2012 and the Nevada State Council Mid-Year Meeting on December 1, 2012 in Reno, there are eight Supreme Council Featured Programs this year in six major areas.

The Supreme Council Featured Programs are:

1. Church Activity – Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). A \$100 rebate is received for each \$500 provided to each Seminarian per year.
2. Community Activities – Habitat For Humanity. This program seeks to eliminate homeless one family at a time by providing quality, affordable housing for needy families. Volunteer at the local Habitat for Humanity.
3. Community Activities – Global Wheelchair Mission. New wheelchairs purchased in bulk (\$150 each) are delivered at no cost to the recipients.
4. Council Activity – Special Olympics. This year-round program provides financial, spiritual and emotional support to the physically and mentally challenged. Volunteer at the local, regional and state events.
5. Family Activity – Food For Families. This program's volunteers collect, prepare and serve food to needy people, such as Feed The Homeless; re-stocks food banks; and conducts or participates food drives, such as Church, Council and other food drives.
6. Culture of Life Activities – March For Life. Volunteers who participate and/or donate in national, regional and/or local Marches For Life shows your Council's respect for life and its stand in solidarity with our Bishops, Priests and Church. Volunteer to march and/or donate to Pro-Life.

7. Culture of Life Activities – Ultrasound Initiative. This program provides Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers with ultrasound machines to monitor a baby's health in the womb, and allows the mother and father to visually experience their development and hear their heartbeat. Most parents decide against aborting the baby after this experience; thus saving a life.
8. Youth Activity – Coats For Kids. This program purchases new and/or collects "gently used coats" and distributes the coats to needy children.

The Council's Service Programs provide an opportunity for direct involvement with the Priest, Parish and Community. They stimulate personal commitment and create family participation as well as strengthen and spread charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The programs provide service to the Church, vocations, community, council, family, culture of life and youth. The Service Programs, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, presents the Council as an influential and important force to the Parish and community. The programs elevate the prestige of the Program Chairman and committee within the Council and Parish. The programs help develop the Council's plans of action for the Columbian year. They establish direct areas of responsibility under the Program Chairman and his dedicated committee members. The Service Programs help build leadership qualities in the Program leaders. And lastly and as importantly, the Service Programs provide an excellent recruitment opportunity for new, renewed or transfer members of the Knight of Columbus into your Council.

It is the responsibility of the Grand Knight to implement, direct and manage the implementation of the Council's Service Programs.

Always remember the Knights of Columbus changes lives and saves lives.

For more information or when I may be of assistance, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

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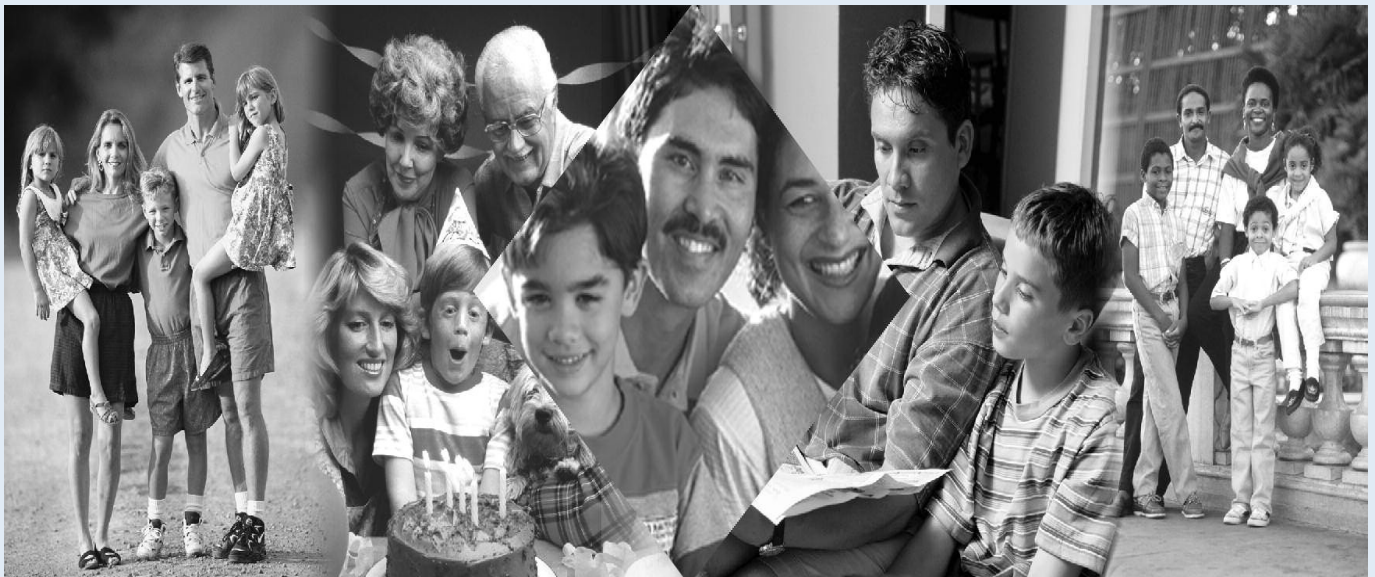
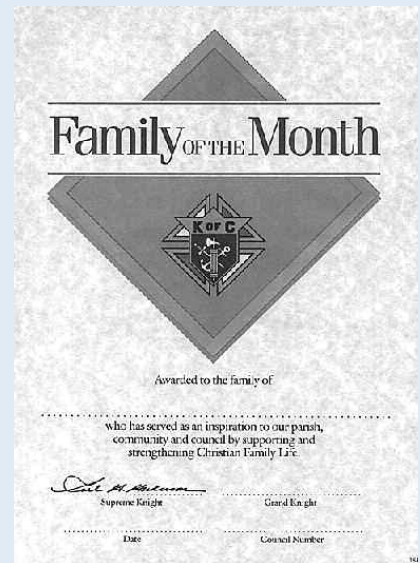
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
COLLEGE KNIGHTS: LEADERS FOR LIFE.

STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR: ANTHONY DONOFRIO

As this Columbian year comes rapidly to a close I can look back and see the efforts made by many councils to make the Knights of Columbus a truly Family oriented organization. Thanks to those dedicated individuals who made a success of the Free Throw competition, the Soccer Challenge, the Keep Christ In Christmas program and the many councils who sponsor Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Thanks to those councils who give scholarships to deserving young students, to those who have family picnics and to those who regularly schedule Communion Breakfasts. These activities and others are what keeps our families strong.

I must comment on the Family of the Month program. In spite of all of the deserving men and women who make the above programs a success very few councils give them the recognition they deserve. Out of all of the councils in the state only 7 councils ( 7322, 8078, 10442, 13456, 13924, 14544 and 13392) regularly reported to supreme their selection for Family Of The Month. I wish to thank those councils for honoring the families whose hard work make this a family organization. I would encourage the rest of the councils in the state to honor their families by following the simple instructions on the Family Of The Month form that can be found on-line

and submitted to Supreme. It only takes 10 minutes every month and could be the best 10 minutes for recruitment and retention that you ever spend. Please honor those women and men who keep our families an integral part of THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.





STATE YOUTH DIRECTOR: ZACH A. VANDONGEN

" CELEBRATE THE GROWTH OF FAITH WITH THE YOUTH IN 2013 "

Poster Contests, Soccer Challenges, Basket Ball—Free Throw Challenges - You choose the event. These events are where our future Knights, Ladies Auxiliary Members and Clergy come from. God knows we need them. By making a difference in their experience, they will make a difference in our future.

Vivat Jesus !!!  
Zach Vandongen,  
State Youth Director  
2012-2013



# SOCCER CHALLENGE



# FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

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**HIS LEGACY: THE FOUNDER OF  
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*Worthy Brother Knights:* Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Ct., in 1882 as a Catholic fraternal benefit society. The beginning process of his canonization started in 1998 and has been non-stop. Our Founder could become the FIRST United States priest to become a saint and YOU will have played an important part in that effort. Both Fr. Gabriel B. O'Donnell, O.P., United States Vice-Postulator and Dr. Andrea Ambrosi postulator in Rome are working diligently to review ALL reported miracles in hopes of putting them before the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

**CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION OF Fr. McGIVNEY UPDATE:**  
The first reported miracle through the intercession of our Founder has been rejected by the Holy See. HOWEVER, our postulator in Rome announces encouraging news. Another miracle has been reported and is quite venerable. There are several Vatican sainthood lawyers who fully devote their time to investigate each miracle. Supplemental investigations, numerous medical and theological experts are all involved. To date, there are a number of candidates being considered for sainthood and it is our hope that Fr. McGivney is one of them in the very near future. If these reported miracles do not receive positive judgment from the Church, several other miracles can be highly considered. Therefore, if you have any favors that were attributed to the intercession of Fr. McGivney, please report them to the Supreme Office in New Haven, CT. Continue honoring Our Founder as your patron and intercessor. I will keep you updated as the investigation progresses.

**IMPORTANT ROLE OF GUILD MEMBERS:**  
The work of Guild members is to assist in the beatification and canonization of our Founder. The Guild is NOT for Knights of Columbus members only. I can't emphasize enough how critical that the support system include not only Knights, but also our Catholic families. That includes your ladies, your brothers, your sisters, your parishioners, etc. If they were all enrolled into the Fr. McGivney Guild - Wow!!...now, that would be a "following" to support the canonization of our Venerable Fr. McGivney. If you are NOT a Guild member, a membership application

form can be found in the monthly Columbia magazine. You can also enroll on-line on the Fr. McGivney Home Page. Each applicant must personally complete a Guild membership application form. There is no fee to join, but a donation would be appreciated. Members of the Guild will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of the cause for canonization. Thank you again for all your efforts in helping beatify Fr. McGivney. The story about his life is well-defined in the book: *Parish Priest: Fr. Michael McGivney and American Catholicism (Harper Collins) 2006.*

Fr. McGivney is an extraordinary example for all priests and seminarians. His canonization would most definitely encourage vocations to the priesthood. Pray daily that the beatification of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney will become a reality soon.

**INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL GUILD MEMBERSHIP:**

January 1, 2012 145,000  
January 1, 2013 149,648

**NEVADA ANNUAL GUILD MEMBERSHIP:**

January 1, 2012 1,040  
January 1, 2013 1,080

Our Order was founded on: *Charity:* to provide assistance to those in need. *Unity:* to band together to accomplish deeds not obtainable individually. *Fraternity:* to assist our brother, to aid and show concern for him and to provide insurance protection for him and his family. *Patriotism:* to serve and honor our country in the church and communities.

Irene and I look forward to seeing all of you at the 103rd Nevada State Convention in Las Vegas.



**NEVADA STATE COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR:  
THOMAS MORAN**

The Nevada State Council Communications Chair provides a communications link for Knights of Columbus official communications to State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and other subscribers to [knightsinfo@earthlink.net](mailto:knightsinfo@earthlink.net). Approximately 10% of the Knights in Nevada receive communications directly from knight's info. Communications are flagged with [NORTH] if they apply only to the Reno Area and North East Nevada or [SOUTH] if the applies only to Southern Nevada (Las Vegas, Pahrump, Henderson, and points south). From July 1, 2012 through **February 26, 2013**, 504 messages received were duplicated 4, 5 or 7 times, producing 3,098 copies sent out to subscriber groups (296 copies north, 520 copies south, and **2,282** copies to everyone).



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Earthlink.net allows 100MB of storage on [knightinfo@earthlink.net](mailto:knightinfo@earthlink.net); consequently large attachments on emails quickly use up storage. I have asked that everyone submitting emails reduce the size of photographs, newsletters, and other attachments to total less than 1MB, if possible. It is crucial for the original sender to make such adjustments—if I have to make changes; it takes several times longer because I have to make them to each copy being sent. It is important to provide meaningful subject lines. For example, a request for prayers should indicate in the subject line for which the prayers are requested. Similarly, an event announcement should indicate in the subject line the date, time, location, and subject of the event. The text of the announcement message should give the street address of the event, since some may not know where a certain church or park is located.

**NEVADA STATE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS  
CHAIR: PAULA DONOFRIO**

The Nevada State Council has supported this national evangelical program for many years with the efforts of many Council volunteers committed to getting the message out into our parishes and communities through out the state. The major products offered by this promotion, of course, are the beautiful Christmas cards but there are also a wide variety of other items available as well. The full color car magnet has proven to be one of the best selling items.

The following Councils, individual Knights and Ladies Auxiliaries utilized these materials in 2012:

- ◇ State Warden Thom Thorn of Council #14544
- ◇ Ladies Auxiliary for Council 13456—chair Dr. Patricia Brown
- ◇ Council #14784 –chair Michael J. Kacvinsky III
- ◇ Ladies Auxiliary for Council 11029—chair Irene O’Rourke
- ◇ Council #13924—chair Patrick Neylan
- ◇ Council #8078 –chair Dave Chubb
- ◇ Council 12690 –chair Ronald Survillas



The Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary wish to thank all the Chairmen and participating Ladies Auxiliaries for their efforts to support this State wide fundraising and evangelizing program.

For more information or to request KCIC 2013 materials contact Paula Donofrio, Nevada State KCIC Coordinator, at (702) 362-6133 or email:

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NEVADA STATE LADIES AUXILIARY:  
PRESIDENT JACKIE KATROSITS

Dear Ladies and Families,

It has been a pleasure to serve as the President of the Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary this year. I want to thank the State Officers and Auxiliary Presidents for your support during this fraternal year. The auxiliaries in the state are accomplishing many great things for their community, their council, and themselves. I am looking forward to hearing about their activities at our 9th Ladies Convention on May 3, 2013 at St Francis de Sales.

It has been the goal of the Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary this year to help councils reactivate inactive auxiliaries and organize new ones. Toward that goal, we have given presentations at Council # 2828 and Council #9102. We would also like to present for vote a minor by-laws change at our convention, designed to expand auxiliary membership.

As this is the Year of Faith, I would like to reprint the following prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

A FAMILY PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family.*

*Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.*

*In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*Let our love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live.*

*May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.*

*Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witness to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, You Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

To all Ladies (and men), I would recommend being familiar with your family finances. In too many families, only one partner takes care of the finances. I learned from experience that this means that the other partner does not know what needs to be done if she/he needs to take over unexpectedly.

To all men, I would also like to remind all councils to remember the widows of your past members. Continue to offer assistance on the passing of a Brother Knight. Personally continue to invite them to council



NEVADA STATE COUNCIL

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7322	Inactive	3/17/1999	Billie Youngman
9102	Inactive	4/27/1999	Sandy Nasse
2666	Inactive	6/12/2000	Mary Klemish
9899	Inactive	8/03/2000	Ana McCabe
12690	Inactive	5/21/2001	Ann Hernandez
10442	Alicia Brasuell	10/12/2002	Paula Donofrio
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4997	Inactive	6/07/2005	Christina Brokaw
2511	Jodie Micheletti-Murach	11/11/2006	Rosemarie Conner

activities. Remember that in many cases, The Knights was their social life, and without their husband, that social life has evaporated.

Jackie Katrosits, President

*What is a Ladies Auxiliary? A Ladies Auxiliary will promote sociability among the women whose husbands are members of the Knights of Columbus. It will assist in promoting the welfare of the Council to which it is associated and it will promote a charitable activity each year. Membership is open to wives and single daughters under 18 years of age or older of Knights in good standing and to widows of departed Knights.*

NEVADA STATE LADIES  
AUXILIARY  
9TH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
**"Sisters United In Faith"**

**Friday, May 3rd  
St. Francis de Sales  
1111 Michael Way  
Las Vegas, NV 89108**

***In addition to the official Convention delegates, all Auxiliary Members are invited to attend as well as any interested guests. This evening will include sharing Council Auxiliary experiences, the State Officer elections and much more.***

***Come and connect with your sister Auxiliaries and enjoy an evening of special friendships that can grow into the future.***

***The 103rd Nevada State Council Convention meetings will be held May 4th & 5th at St. Francis de Sales***

***The Memorial Mass will be 5:00 p.m., Saturday May 4th at St. Francis de Sales***

***The Annual State Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, May 4th. Social hour (no host bar) will follow immediately after Mass. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Open to all Knights, family and friends.***

***For information and to request future official reservations/order form contact:  
Convention Chairman Thomas Rura  
(702) 469-4430  
or email: [ben28@cox.net](mailto:ben28@cox.net)***

## A People of Life and For Life



The Knights of Columbus remains firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being, from the moment of conception to natural death. Countless councils and individual Knights conduct projects aimed to build a culture of life in their individual communities. One of the most successful of the Order's initiatives in this area is the Ultrasound Initiative through which councils (both state and local) partner with the Supreme Council in provide sharing the cost of purchasing ultrasound machines for pregnancy resource centers.

What we choose to do, or not do, about abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and embryonic research impacts lives for generations to come. Take action now and support a culture that values human life at all stages.

- 1. Volunteer** Your valuable time can save precious lives. Contact a local pro-life pregnancy center to find out how you can help women choose life and turn away from abortion. You can also support programs that work with women who have been physically and emotionally wounded by abortion.
- 2. Educate** Share your knowledge with others who may not fully understand the value of all human life, or take it upon yourself to find out more, so you can be a more effective witness for life.
- 3. Advocate** Work to change laws and touch hearts. Support your council's pro-life committee, and start a pro-life group in your parish if there isn't one already. Consult your diocese's pro-life office to find out issues of concern, and write or meet with your local and national elected officials to discuss legislation.
- 4. Donate** Your personal donation, and funds from your council, could make a big difference in the shoestring budgets of local pro-life organizations. Locate the pregnancy center in your area and arrange a regular donation schedule that will help these groups provide pregnant women with counseling services, medical referrals and basic items for newborns.
- 5. Pray** Prayer is the power that should support all of your pro-life activities. Pray for life personally and with your family. Each Knights of Columbus council should include prayers for life at its regular meetings

COUNCIL # 8078 ST. ANDREWS



*“This is our way of saying “Thank You” to those who have sacrificed so much to protect and preserve This “One Nation Under God.”*

Saint Andrew Co. 8078 in Boulder City has been very busy this year.

Among our more outstanding programs are the C.A.S.T. for Kids and the ongoing Support for our Veterans who reside at the Nevada State Veteran's Home in Boulder City. First is the Catch A Special Thrill or C.A.S.T. for Kids. Held on **October 6th** of 2012. The event consists of a one day fishing derby held at the Hemmingway Boat Harbor on Lake Mead. The children, who are Physically and/or Mentally Handicapped are treated to a morning of fishing for catfish, carp and striped bass from pontoon boats moored in the harbor. Following this they are fed lunch and an awards ceremony at which each child receives a trophy, a plaque with their picture with their boat captain. They also receive a goodie bag of treats and toys and get to keep their rod & reel and tackle box loaded with

gear. Saint Andrew Co. 8078 is joined by Rosary Co. 3741 and the Rev. VanSkee Assembly No, 2164 in this annual project. This year we had 43 young anglers & their families participate.

Another of our projects is our support for the Residents of the Nevada State Veteran's Home, which is a nursing home for "America's Hero's" We have put on two Pizza Party's, a Veteran's Day Celebration and on Memorial Day weekend we joined with other Veteran and Youth Groups to plant 30,000 small American Flags at the Nevada Veteran's Cemetery in Boulder City. We also helped put on the Veteran's Olympics at the Veteran's Home. Council Members also bring the Eucharist to home each **Saturday** and take any resident, who needs a ride to Mass on Sundays to St. Andrew's. Several of our members are also Committal Ministers,

who provide Graveside Committal Services for Veteran's from outside our Parish or those without Families in the area. This is our way of saying "Thank You" to those who have sacrificed so much to protect and preserve this "One Nation Under God."

Fraternally:  
Robert J. Hartman GK Co. 8078  
The No. 1 Council by a Dam Site



**A Veteran's Prayer**

**Taps**

Day is done, gone the sun  
From the lake, from the hill  
From the sky.  
All is well, safely rest.  
God is nigh.  
Thanks and praise, for our days,  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars,  
'Neath the sky.  
As we go, this we know,  
God is nigh.



Dear Lord,  
We honor our veterans,  
worthy men and women  
who gave their best  
when they were called upon  
to serve and protect their country.  
We pray that you will bless them, Lord,  
for their unselfish service  
in the continual struggle  
to preserve our freedoms, our safety,  
and our country's heritage, for all of us.  
Bless them abundantly  
for the hardships they faced,  
for the sacrifices they made  
for their many different contributions  
to America's victories  
over tyranny and oppression.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

COUNCIL # 12543 HOLY APOSTLE

On Saturday March 2, 2013 eight members of the Knights of Columbus, Holy Apostle Council 12543 and their family members spent a good portion of the day, working as volunteers at a Habitat for Humanity construction site, preparing a one-storey individual residence for habitation. Shown are some group and individual photos taken at the site. The Council is planning additional volunteer activities for the future. This is one of several ways of "Making a Difference," a motto of the Knights of Columbus. The owner of this new home, as well as the Construction Superintendent were at hand to "salute" the spirit of volunteerism, the camaradery, and the enthusiasm of the Brother Knights. The day's activity was shared with a group of young volunteers from a local Health Science College, most of whom were made aware of the activities of the Knights of Columbus. It was a great day. Vivat Jesus!



SILVERKNIGHT article from Holy Apostles 12543. It was written by DGK Steve Okosis

COUNCIL # 12690 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Brothers Paul Martin, Orville Robinett and G.K. Ron Survillas of St. John the Baptist, Council 12690, Laughlin, NV spent several hours building a handy cap ramp for Brother Knight Ron Barnes wife in FT. Mohave, AZ. Dian Barnes was able to get back to Mass due to Ron's back problems.

Ron Survillas G.K.  
St. John the Baptist  
Council 12690  
Laughlin, NV.



## COUNCIL # 14544 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

### Why did I join the Knights of Columbus?

Was it to be part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference? Knights are Catholic men who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie—it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by donating time feeding and clothing our local homeless, by volunteering at Special Olympics and supporting the intellectually challenged, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Our youth with fun programs of agility and the Squires that our

young men become confident grown men. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. ***Why did you join the Knights of Columbus?***

None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. As a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community. ***Is this why you became a Knight of Columbus?***

Individual Knights, last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another. Maybe this is why you joined the Knights of Columbus. ***Is this why you became a Knight of Columbus?***

Members of the Knights of Columbus, we are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or

private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens. ***Is this why you became a Knight of Columbus?***

For me, a Knight of 40 years, I often think why I joined. I know without the Knights, my life would be much more self centered, and unmeaning. As a Knight of Columbus I have developed friendships as close as any family member could be. Being actively involved in the knights has been a true joy and fulfilling adventure that I would never trade for anything. Oh, I know, too busy to get more involved. I was too busy too, so I picked a project and started small. That's all we are asking. Many hands move mountains, we need your hands. ***All the above is why I joined the Knights of Columbus.***

*Vivat Jesus,  
Raymond J. McCollum, Grand Knight  
St. Anthony of Padua Council  
14544*

### WHY DID YOU JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

***Charity - Unity - Fraternity – Patriotism***

***We need everyone's help, think about it ~ role up your sleeves and pitch in.***



C O U N C I L # 1 3 3 9 3 : S A N L O R E N Z O L U I Z

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392 was founded in 2003 while Father James Swenson was pastor. The council is located within St. Bridget's Social Hall in Las Vegas, Nevada. Father Jesse Cortes is our Parish Pastor and Chaplain of our council, Father loves his parish. The council continues to grow and work closely with St. Bridget parish helping to provide, support funds and manpower for various projects, functions and committees. Council members are active participants of the parish. In the Columbian Year of 2012, this council earned the status of "Double Star Council". Our Members continue to recruit to try to remain "Double Star Council" for 2013. Even after dropping 15 non-interested members, we still were able to gain status of "Star Council 2012".



This Columbian year, our council members conducted 3 membership drives, and advanced our existing members from their 1<sup>st</sup> degrees to their 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. Our Worthy Financial Secretary Edmundo Verceles is doing an *outstanding* job of ensuring all of our brother's advancement to their next degree of membership as soon as possible. Brother Edmundo has even directed and supported many of our brothers to advance as Sir Knights this year!

Council members were very busy this past year with Selling Hamburgers & Hot Dogs at the St. Bridget's Spring Festival. Members cooked and sold product for two days (See attached Photo). Also our council conducted a Dinner Dance for its anniversary. The brother's families all cooked and it was "OUTSTANDING!" Everyone had FUN!

Brothers work in the parish as Ushers, Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, and many Choir members. On every First Saturday, Knights of Columbus state council and Council 13392 sponsor mass for "Our Holy Mother & Pro-Life". This mass was started by the State Council around 2001, some 12 years ago and supported by Council 13392 since 2004. At times the council even has a performance of its choir (La La La !). After mass Brother John Galvin conducts a rosary for "World Peace".

Members continue the Philippine tradition "*Simbang Gabi*" during the Christmas Season. This is 9 day Novena celebrating the coming of baby Jesus. There is a mass followed by a Pot Luck for all to snack. The Brother Knights help usher, lector, set up, serve, and clean up for all 9 nights. This is a well supported event by the Philippine Community. There are some times up to 5 priests conducting the mass.

Council 13392 celebrated Father Jesse Cortes 49<sup>th</sup> year as a priest, and now we are working on his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. Members also supported the visit of Father Victor Warkulwiz M.S.S for his workshop on "Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration". It was a great re-treat and we are looking forward to the next one. Our members supported the Tootsie Roll drive and donated to the mentally challenged. For the Lenten Season our project is the Fish Fry. This event has been a True Lenten ministry. If it can go wrong it did. The Lord does work in strange ways, but it is the Lenten season.

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392 is a Small Council of 53 members. But a very Large Council of devoted & loving members who care about each other, their families, their parish, and more importantly our God, our Lord and Savior. God Bless Council 13392 and all the Knights of Columbus !

Vivat Jesus!  
Robert McNamara



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POPE BENEDICT XVI**

**A Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Supreme Pastor of Your Church, we thank you for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI and the selfless care with which he has led us as Successor of Peter, and Your Vicar on earth. Good Shepherd, who founded Your Church on the rock of Peter's faith and have never left Your flock untended, look with love upon us now, and sustain Your Church in faith, hope, and charity. Grant, Lord Jesus, in Your boundless love for us, a new Pope for Your Church who will please You by his holiness and lead us faithfully to You, who are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.



On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict announced that he would be resigning from the papacy on February 28, 2013 stating:

*"After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry."*

The Most Reverend William Edward Lori  
*Archbishop of Baltimore*