



The Silver Knight

February 2018



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I am pleased to present our 1st Silver Knight Newsletter of 2018 and am grateful to our Worthy State Deputy, Chairmen and Directors for their input and participation.

We hope to issue the Silver Knight on a monthly basis and ask State Officers, District Deputies, Chairmen and Directors send any material they'd like to publish by the end of the month. Additionally, if there are any photos that you would like to showcase, please send them as well.

Thank you all in advance for your support in our State's efforts to keep everyone informed.

Vivat Jesus,

Al Cuccinelli

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

Message from the State Deputy

“Effectively sharing Christ love with our Brother Knights, their families and the Parishes we serve”

Dear Brother Knights,

As we head into February I am pleased to announce that out of the 75 jurisdictions in the Order that Nevada is currently 9th in the Order in Intake goal percentage at 52.53% and 5th in the Order in Net/Net membership goal achievement at 128%. This is thanks to all the Knights that are working to make sure that all Catholic men that are eligible are given the chance and are invited to join us. It is also due to developing the Nevada councils to represent their parishes by better reflecting the parishioners. We have had some suspensions this fraternal year (about 100) as councils are managing their membership and there shouldn't be any more drops this fraternal year if councils are following the procedures that we Nevada Knights are supposed to be following. The bills for per capita have gone out and at this point dropping any member does not save your council any money and may stop an active council from getting Star Council and receiving the \$4.50 per member refunded for their Supreme per capita. There have been 45 deaths of Brother Knights this fraternal year and I am asking all councils to make sure to send in all of the members that have passed for the necrology at the State convention along with any council, district or state positions held by those Brothers to give them proper recognition.

I want to thank all the councils that have started (or continue to) sent in the Family of the Month council winner to Supreme. We had 2 December winners chosen to receive Holy Family statues and 10 councils that participated.

We have a new newsletter Editor Al Cuccinelli at acuccinelli@me.com so please feel free to send him your articles/information for the newsletter. Please put “Newsletter Editor” in the subject line when sending items.

Please send your State Convention Delegate forms to Worthy State Secretary Brother Vic Edwards and any council resolutions to Worthy State Advocate Brother Thierry Barkley before the deadline.

There will be some changes to the July training sessions this year and they will be posted on the State Website as soon as they are finalized.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas J. Thorn
State Deputy
Nevada State Council

Nevada State Council Officers 2017 - 2018

State Deputy:	SK Thomas Thorn
State Chaplain:	SK Rev. Tom Fransiscus, C. Ss. R
Associate State Chaplain:	Rev. Gerald Grupeczynski
State Secretary:	SK Victor Edwards
State Treasurer:	SK Antonio Pascua
State Advocate:	SK Thierry Barkley
State Warden:	SK Joe Haun
Immediate Past State Deputy:	SK Gregory Sprigg
Administrative Assistant:	SK Michael Caster

Nevada State Council Directors 2017 - 2018

Ceremonials Director:	SK David Strait
Church Director:	SK Hilarion Cordero Jr.
Community Director:	SK Romeo Panon
Council Director:	SK Gerry Rockwell
Family Director:	SK Edgardo Infantado
Membership Director:	SK Raymond Troik
Program Director:	SK Joseph Cerame
Youth Director:	SK Michael Caudell
Hispanic Director:	SK Elvis Herrera
Filipino Director:	SK Meynard Infantado

Nevada State Council Chairs 2017 - 2018

Shining Armor Chair:	SK Dennis Murtaugh	Fr. McGivney Guild Chair:	PSD Ramiro Gardea
Soccer/Basketball Events Chair:	SK Robert Hartman	Legislative Liaison:	SK Mark Foxwell
Disaster Chair:	SK Charles Baker	Marian Hour Chair (Reno):	SK Mark Foxwell
Communications Chair:	SK Mark Foxwell	Membership Retention Chair:	SK Thomas Ball
Vocations Chair:	SK Hilarion Cordero Jr	Pro-Life Couple (Reno):	SK Mark Foxwell
Special Olympic Chair	SK John Suchewski	Pro-Life Couple (Las Vegas):	SK Gerald Holinski
Free Throw Contest Chair:	SK Michael Caudell	Insurance Promotion Chair:	SK Stephen Melancon
Youth Chairman:	SK Michael Caudell	Seminary Edu. Fund Chair:	IPSD Gregory Sprigg
Council Retention Chair:	SK Thomas Ball	New Council Development Chair:	SK Edmundo Verceles
Squires Chair:	SK George Minter	Public Relations Chair:	SK Frank Fuchs
Intellectual Disabilities Chair.:	SK John Suchewski	Awards/ Reports Forms Chair:	SK Joseph Cerame
365 Club:	PSD Ramiro Gardea	Round Table Chair:	DD Charles Reifsnyder
Athletic Events:	SK Robert Hartman	Health Services Chair:	Dr. John DiGrazia
Substance Abuse Poster:	Bro Jim Shurtliff	Catholic Citizen Essay Chair:	SK Jim Conner



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Promotional Material for Nevada for Supreme

I am reaching out to get items to give out at the Supreme convention as we are having a hospitality room this coming convention. I expected 1,000 to 1,500 visitors during the 3 hours event. In the 24 years I have been a Knight in Nevada this is the first time we will host a Supreme hospitality room that I am aware of. It is international and has representatives from every state as well.

I am looking for items from UNLV and UNR as well as the Reno/Sparks and Las Vegas convention and visitor's authorities. I hope that we get some Nevada wine, beer and spirits makers to donate Nevada made products and information on their companies to hand out as well.

Since this is our first adventure into hoisting a hospitality room we would like to make a great impression. I would like Supreme to consider a Nevada Supreme convention at Lake Tahoe but we need to show we can handle a hospitality room before hosting 2,500 people for a Supreme convention.

I have request that Worthy District Deputy George Minter be the Hospitality Room Chairman and I would appreciate any help and donations to this project.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



December Supreme Families of the Month

I would like to thank the councils that submitted Family of the Month to Supreme for consideration. The number of councils has more than doubled.

The councils that submitted families for consideration are:

- Battle Mountain 2380
- Ponderosa 4928 (Sparks)
- Christ the King 7322 (Reno)
- St. Jude 9102 (Las Vegas)
- Holy Apostles 12543 (Las Vegas)
- San Lorenzo Ruiz 13392 (Las Vegas)
- St. Francis of Assisi 13456 (Henderson)
- Mesquite 13754
- Christ the King 14144 (Las Vegas)
- Holy Spirit 14784 (Las Vegas)

I would like to congratulate the two families from Nevada selected by Supreme to receive a gift and recognition who are:

The **Tom Villardi** family from Our Lady of Las Vegas parish St. Jude council 9102 and

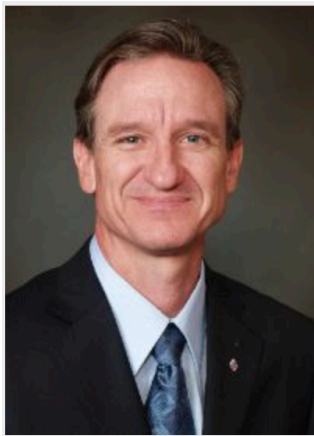
The **Tomas Trujillo** family from La Virgen de Guadalupe parish Mesquite council 13754 for their well desired recognition.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom



SK Stephen Melancon
General Agent



As Our Order Grows in Nevada

As our order grows in Nevada, so will our force of professional, licensed field agents.

The Knights of Columbus has more than 1,400 agents across North America. These men come from all walks of life, with differing levels of sales experience, of insurance experience, and of fraternal experiences. The differences don't matter. But the similarities do.

All of our successful agents share much in common. All of them are looking to make a good living *and* a difference. All of them want to be of service to others. All of them enjoy aligning their faith and their work, and all of them came to us in search of the right team and the right company. We're glad they found both.

Knights of Columbus field agents serve an exclusive territory of Knights of Columbus families. Working with their brother Knights, our agents present viable financial and insurance solutions and have regular contact with all of their members.

Agents also serve existing policy holders and their families, provide survivor assistance, and participate in fraternal functions.

Through their special relationship with their agent, Knights of Columbus members, their spouses, and their minor children get exclusive access to our product portfolio, which includes: permanent life insurance, term life insurance, retirement annuities, disability income insurance, and long-term care insurance. Agents also perform or provide access to valuable members services, like survivor assistance and financial needs analyses.

There's a lot more that we want to tell you about a career opportunity with the Knights of Columbus. For the right man, there's no better opportunity and no better vocation to serve.

Let us know how we can get in touch with you, and we'll reach out and schedule time to get together to give you more information on our system, our training, our process, and your path to success.

We are confident that with the Knights of Columbus, you will find a career unlike any you've ever experience. We're convinced that you can find your true calling.

For more information go to www.kofc.org and click on "Insure with us," then "Careers."

You'll be glad you did.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Melancon, PGK, FICF
General Agent



SK Ray Troik
Membership Director



Membership

The Lenten Season comes upon us shortly and I believe it is not a time of penitence but a time for perseverance. In days of old we usually did something negative during Lent: quit smoking, drinking, chocolate cake. After looking at the figures I believe we have to do something positive. WE HAVE TO! We have to Positively GET SOME MORE MEMBERS. You know it and I know it. The figures on the daily circle of honor show we are doing well; better than 75% of the Council worldwide. But if you look at the actual intake of members by district there are only a few districts succeeding. So, I propose. #1: Pray for new members. #2: Concerted effort on part of members to bring someone into our FRATERNITY. #3. Be a HAPPY KNIGHT! #4. Plan ahead for the Membership Drive and get FATHER on board. #5. DD's: Ask DD's that have met their quota or are close WHAT DID THEY DO? GK's: If you know of a council that has met their quota TALK WITH HIM. He must have done something to achieve his goal. What was it? Can WE do it? Ask ahead of time and share at the business meeting.

I guess the bottom line is that WE have to get on board with recruiting. We need to quit complaining that the same guys are doing everything. Get other men involved? New blood in the council. That means we have to recruit. We recruit with a SMILE and our name tag. When a member with a Smile and a name tag talks with someone HE MAKES AN IMPRESSION. Walking around glad handing everyone at a function without the Smile already gives a negative Impression. Be positive! Be active! Be alive! That says something, and I WANT TO BE A MEMBER of an organization that will make me Smile.

Lent is a time of Positive Personal Preparation to Adding Active Catholic Christian Men.



SK Adelberto R. Farmis
San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392
Grand Knight



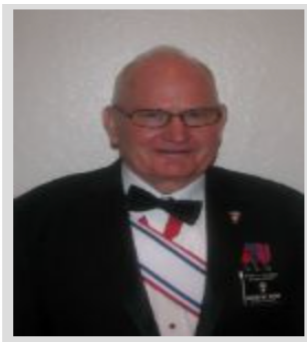
Coats for Kids Event



Coats for kids donations from San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392. Members in attendance SK Meynard Infantado, SK Albert Chia, SK Ed Infantado, SK Adel Farmis, SK Andre Chia and State Community Director SK Romeo Panon.



SK Dave Ryan
District Master



First Choice March for Life 2018!



First Choice Pregnancy Services is hosting its 13th annual "March for Life" FUNdraising event on Saturday, March 10, 2018! Marchers will have the pleasure of enjoying an early Spring, leisurely 2-mile, point to point, attractive scenic course, in the heart of downtown Las Vegas, for family and friends of all ages to appreciate. Our event includes family-oriented activities, games, an interactive warm up, music, snacks, raffles, tours of First Choice throughout the day, and exhibitors.

Contact Information:

For more information about this amazing event and your participation, please contact Toya Richardson, Event Manager at (702) 294-2273 or email me at toyahaskett@yahoo.com

Event Website:

Go to active.com and search for First Choice March for Life 2018

Donation Information:

To pledge or to make a donation go to www.firstchoicefriendslv.org



SK Raymond Foster
Faithful Scribe
Assembly 2820



Patriot Ride - March 15, 2018

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Joseph O'Callaghan Assembly 2820 will be hosting breakfast at the start of the ride.

The riders will arrive after 8:00AM at the motorcycle shop, Eagle Rider at 7660 Dean Martin Dr. The Assembly will host breakfast as well as have a few giveaways for the riders.

They will leave there and head for Valley of Fire for lunch about 1:00. Ciccio and Chucks will be serving lunch to the riders.

If you would like to help serve at either location, hand out goodies or just hang out with some great veterans, please contact:

SK Chuck McCloskey
cmacknight79@yahoo.com
702-628-4635

REGISTER TODAY!
Fourth Annual
LIMO PATRIOT RIDE
March 15, 2018
10:00 AM
Las Vegas, NV
www.limopatriotride.com



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy

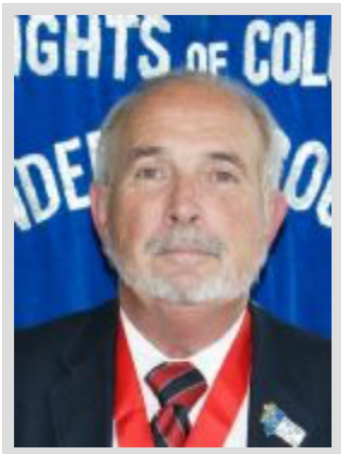


Nevada Jurisdiction Calendar Year Invoicing Guidelines and Council Per Capita

Annual Due's Invoice mailed to Member	Date	Per Capita Amortization @\$14/Member
Council FS Mails Annual Due's Invoice to Member	12/15/17	100% or \$14
2nd (Reminder) Notice mailed to Member	1/15/18	92% or \$12.88
<i>*Retention Committee Contacts those in Arrear between February through June to collect past due money's</i>		
Knight Alert or GK Personalized Letter Mailed	5/1/18	50% or \$7
Notice of Intent to Retain Member	5/15/18	50% or \$7
Suspension of Member occurs by filing a Form 100 with the Supreme Department of Fraternal Services	7/15/18	33% or \$4.62
Last day to file Form 100 with Supreme	9/30/18	17% or \$2.38



SK George Minter
District Deputy



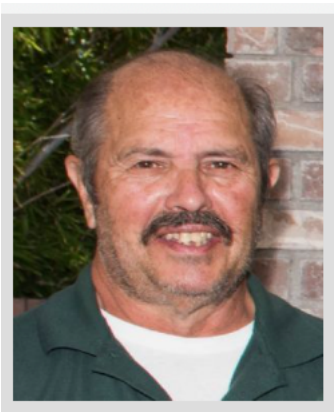
Walk for Life – West Coast



Grand Knight Chris Pennington of Our Lady of the Desert, Council 12877 with his wife, Sandra at the 2018 March for Life, in San Francisco.



SK Tom Villardi
Grand Knight



Community Outreach



Members of St. Jude, Council 9102 participating in the Give Back Mondays program. The event which feeds the valley's hungry was started by Father John McShane some 18 years ago. They prepare meals funded by donations to the council and from leftover food from church and council functions. The council participates on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Monday of each month.



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Annual Awards Nominations including the Service Program Awards Form

Just as we did in 2017, please submit only 1 (one) entry per category (service program) that you feel accomplished the most for your Council in that specific category. Some things to consider would be number of members involved, amount of money raised, uniqueness of the event, who the beneficiary was, etc.

Our Supreme Council and Board of Directors annually look at these specific areas to determine the recipients of the Service Program Awards selections at the Supreme Convention and it would be a great accomplishment for the Nevada Jurisdiction if one of our Councils were to be selected for one of these 6 categories in 2018!

To assist the State Council in the selection process (since we reside in both Reno & Las Vegas), we ask that you please consider e-mailing your files electronically, so they can easily be viewed by all State Officers from our computers and to minimize our cost in the selection process.

The Nevada State Council will be responsible for selecting the District Deputy of the Year in 2018.

If you have any questions after reviewing everything, please let me know.

The form SP1 follows on next page.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom

SERVICE PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

MEMORANDUM

Date: _____

TO: Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

FROM: State Deputy: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

(This reporting form must be completed by the state deputy and forwarded to the Supreme Council office immediately following the state convention. Individual award entries must be forwarded to the Supreme Council office by June 1.)

CHURCH ACTIVITY TITLE:

Council Number: _____ Location: _____

Grand Knight: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY TITLE:

Council Number: _____ Location: _____

Grand Knight: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

COUNCIL ACTIVITY TITLE:

Council Number: _____ Location: _____

Grand Knight: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

FAMILY ACTIVITY TITLE:

Council Number: _____ Location: _____

Grand Knight: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

YOUTH ACTIVITY TITLE:

Council Number: _____ Location: _____

Grand Knight: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITY TITLE:

Council Number: _____ Location: _____

Grand Knight: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Forward to: Knights of Columbus Supreme Council
Department of Fraternal Services
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326

Upcoming Degree Events

Date	Host Council	Location	Times	Contact
2/17/18	Prince of Peace Council 9899	Prince of Peace Catholic Church 5485 E. Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89142	2nd Degree – 8:00AM 3rd Degree – 9:30AM	GK Zach Vandongen zachvandongen@gmail.com FS Chris Abel chris.abel.nv@gmail.com
2/20/18	Our Lady of the Desert Council #12877	Immaculate Conception 2900 N McCarran Blvd Sparks, NV 89431	1st Degree – 7:00PM	GK Chris Pennington cpenn0722@gmail.com
3/17/18	Prince of Peace Council 9899	Prince of Peace Catholic Church 5485 E. Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89142	2nd Degree – 8:00AM 3rd Degree – 9:30AM	GK Zach Vandongen zachvandongen@gmail.com FS Chris Abel chris.abel.nv@gmail.com
3/20/18	Our Lady of the Desert Council #12877	Immaculate Conception 2900 N McCarran Blvd Sparks, NV 89431	1st Degree – 7:00PM	GK Chris Pennington cpenn0722@gmail.com
4/7/18	Ponderosa Council 4928	Holy Cross Catholic Church 5650 Vista Boulevard Sparks NV 89436	2nd Degree – 8:00AM 3rd Degree – 9:50AM	DD George A. Minter kocgaminter44@gmail.com

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Upcoming State Events

Dates	DD Training / Council Training	Mid-Year Organizational	State Convention
2018			
5/4 - 5/6			St. Joseph's- Elko
7/7-7/8	Our Lady of Las Vegas- Las Vegas		
July	District Deputies will schedule District training sessions for their councils in July		
12/1		TBD	
2019			
5/3 - 5/5			St. Patrick's- Fallon
7/6-7/7	Immaculate Conception- Sparks		
July	District Deputies will schedule District training sessions for their councils in July		
12/7		St. Patrick's- Tonopah	
2020			
5/1 - 5/3			Our Lady of Las Vegas
July	District Deputies will schedule District training sessions for their councils in July		
7/11-7/12	St. James the Apostle- Las Vegas		
12/5		Our Lady of Snows- Reno	
2021			
4/24 - 4/25			Harvey's Lake Tahoe- Stateline
July	District Deputies will schedule District training sessions for their councils in July		
7/10-7/11	St. Rose de Lima		
12/4		St. Peter the Apostle- Las Vegas	

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