

The Silver Knight

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Message from the Editor

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By all accounts, we have had a tremendous year and congrats are due to the State team, local Assemblies and Councils for a job well done. We've increased our membership numbers and have assisted our Parishes, neighbors and communities.

The implementation of the Online Membership Program has helped make it easier to join the Knights. Our Council (#9102) received our 1st new member through this program recently and the candidate attended their 1st Degree Ceremony on Saturday, June 30th.

With the beginning of the new Columbian Year, I wish to congratulate all State, Assembly and Council Officers and wish them well.

State Leadership has compiled a Major Degree Schedule for the 2018/2019 Columbian Year, which I believe you'll all find very helpful. It has been included in this newsletter.

Please also remember that we continue to seek newsworthy articles, photos or notices of upcoming events. The Knight to Remember section is very worthwhile and we would like to see more Brothers recognized. Your fellow Brothers do find this interesting.

Vivat Jesus,

Al Cuccinelli
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Message from the State Deputy



Dear Brothers,

Thank you – Thank you – Thank you

It was a wonderful year for the Knights in Nevada and we made headway in getting the communication, technology, membership and retention moving in a good direction and it is all because of the great leaders, volunteers and of course God's grace. I realize there has been some frustration in moving from how we did things to how we are doing them. The change in the 4th degree uniform, Ethnic Development, College Council Development, Military Council Development, how we communicate, online membership and changing from Surge with Service to Faith in Action are major changes. Understanding the reasons for how we manage membership, why we want all eligible Catholic men to become and stay Knights, how to work through the issues and find out the reasons for engagement or the lack of it are critical. I thank you for the participation and leadership in getting our State Face Book pages, State Website and Monthly Newsletters fine-tuned or up and running along with the "Knight to Remember" section of the newsletter. I ask for your continued participation in these items and encourage each council to have a member sign up as a Dynamic Catholic parish champion so that they receive 50 Catholic books or DVD/CDs to handout at their parish for free each month and to also have the council (if the Pastor permits) to place a Knights of Columbus book kiosk in the gathering space and keep it full of great Catholic information for the parishioners.

Congratulation to all the newly elected and appointed leaders in Nevada. Please schedule your council installations as soon as possible with your District Deputy. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

In early June this year Julie and I when to New Haven for the State Deputy Orientation and celebrated Mass in St. Mary's. We had the opportunity sit in the Nevada pew and to visit Fr. McGivney's tomb (in St. Mary's) and enjoy breakfast served by the council at St. Mary's in the basement of the church where the original meetings to form the Knights of Columbus were held. Part of the week there was going to the Knights of Columbus Museum for a reception. The Museum Archivist shared with Julie and I that Nevada is the only jurisdiction in the Order that doesn't have a display in the museum. We assured her that the State would start a search for an appropriate item and before the end of the 2018-2019 year, Nevada would have a submission to the Knights of Columbus Museum. The training sessions were very informative and the staff and directors at Supreme are very interested in the best practices and engaging more with the councils as far as support and revising programs and quotas to be more in line with the actual situations faced by our council rather than a one size fits all approach.



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The Supreme convention is coming up in early August and there are plans for a NATO (Nevada-Alaska- Tennessee-Oregon) hospitality room – To the best of my knowledge Nevada has never hosted a Supreme Hospitality room and we are planning the inaugural one for this coming convention. We have decided to share with some other states that do not normally have a hospitality room so that all of them can participate. This is one of the things Nevada would need to do to eventually host a Supreme Convention. The things that they have been asking for is 10,000 members, host hospitality rooms to show we can handle 1,000 to 1,500 guests for a couple hours and find a location that they will agree to. We are also in the process of drafting a proposal to present, after we accomplish some of the things they requested, to have a Supreme Convention.

The State Council is trying, with the Districts and Councils help, to get us functioning as a powerful group of Catholic men working in 40 (or more active councils) parishes around the state. This is the plan instead of 40 councils functioning as separate units with little coordinated effort to harness the power we would have as a united entity. In my 25 years as a Knight in Nevada I have watched many councils come apart over issues that would have been easily corrected if we had been working together.

We need the council retention teams (after they have tried to engage the men and retain them) to find out why members that are behind in their dues don't want to pay/stay-

Is it because:

They are not engaged with the council?

They do not feel there is value for their money?

They dislike or are in a fight with someone (or many) in the council? They actual are having financial difficulties.



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Message from the State Deputy (continued)

If it is the last one the council should cover their dues. If they owe 5 years, or something like that, the council should make an effort to get them to pay this year and waive the past due in appreciation of them telling the council why they felt that it wasn't worth it, so we can address the issue. It usually boils down to the 4 things listed above, of course if they give a different answer we would love to hear those as well. We cannot fix what we do not know. So, take at least enough time to find out what the issue is before letting a man get away from the Knights and possibly the Church. The chance of maintaining a Catholic man as Catholic goes up if they are an active Knight in a healthy council. The other issue could be they moved, died, deployed military or we just have a bad address and the man we kick out doesn't know that they are delinquent.

By way of example my Father In-law was suspended twice - once while in Korea and once while in Vietnam.

Thank you for your help with the issue of member retention and engagement and all your efforts to make the Knights, the Church and your parishes great.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas J. Thorn



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Message from the State Deputy Regarding 2017/2018 Membership Goals

Brothers,

July 2, 2018

It appears that Nevada hit its goals for Intake, Net and Net/Net membership. This means that you are evangelizing, revitalizing and retaining men into a more active Catholic life. That is great news for the Knights and even more importantly the Catholic Church.

Thank you for all of you efforts.

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T.J. Thorn'.

Thomas J. Thorn

Nevada State Council Officers 2018 - 2019

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

Nevada State Council Directors 2018 - 2019

To Be Determined

Nevada State Council Chairs 2018- 2019

To Be Determined



Nevada State Council
Ladies Auxiliary



Message from the Nevada State Council – Ladies Auxiliary

NEVADA STATE COUNCIL LADIES AUXILIARY

A Year of Rebuilding and Expanding Auxiliaries – One Auxiliary at a Time
(Pars Duorum)

June 10, 2018

Worthy State Deputy Thom Thorn,

We are proud to celebrate another year of achievement with a new perspective, as we are heading the epoch of the Columbian year 2017-2018, please accept our profound gratitude to you and your State Board especially on our recently concluded 14th Annual Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary Convention and the 18th Ladies' Business Meeting, and throughout the years couldn't have been possible without the support of the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council- we continue to value the tradition set forth of our organization since it was chartered January 11,2005.

Your worthy words of wisdom were inspirational towards making our goals more attainable.

On another note, our present slate is diverse with new faces on board, will further broaden committees to plan, offer more flexibility, innovative ideas thus enabling our Auxiliaries to spearhead in membership growth- as well as to assisting to rebuild and expand in numbers.

We are laser focused on reactivating and opening new Ladies Auxiliaries in conjunction with the rechanneling of Committee Chairpersons (Auxiliary Development) and creation of an onboarding task force committee of at least 4 more members from our various Auxiliaries.

14th Annual Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary Convention: (Our theme – Of Peace, Prayers and Gratitude) aptly in the year of Peace.

The Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary had their recent 14th Annual State Convention and 18th Annual Ladies Meeting last May 19, 2018, Saturday, 9-12 noon at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.



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Message from the Nevada State Council – Ladies Auxiliary (continued)

All Convention Delegates, Alternates, State Board/Officers, members from the various NV Auxiliaries were represented and enjoyed the day filled with friendship, fun and camaraderie.

Our special guests and Dignitaries, K of C State Officers, Past State Deputies, NSLA Charter State President, Past State Presidents were acknowledged and recognized.

Highlights of the meeting was the Election of the new set of Officers and Installation Ceremonies and awarding of Certificates of Appreciation for the NSLA Incumbent State Board Members, Ladies Auxiliary Presidents.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Year 2017-2018 Award- went to 10442-St. Joseph, Husband of Mary.

Congratulations to Madame President Mary Ann O'Reilly (for the second year in a row).



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Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2017-2018

State President	Ditas Pascua
State Vice President	Vilma Koss
State Secretary	Mikki Terrance
State Treasurer	Jolyn Pinzl
State Sergeant at Arms	Lynne Niebauer
State Three Year Trustee	Susanne Culver
State Two Year Trustee	Jackie Katrosits
State One Year Trustee	Kathy Strait
State Parliamentarian	Shelly Harmon

Nevada State Council Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2018-2019 (updated as of June, 2018 superseding the recently concluded Elections)

State President	Ditas Pascua
State Vice President	Jolyn Pinzl
State Secretary	Mikki Terrance
State Treasurer	Lynne Niebauer
State Sergeant at Arms	Donna Williams
State Three Year Trustee	TBA (to be advised)
State Two Year Trustee	Jackie Katrosits
State One Year Trustee	Vlima Koss
State Parliamentarian	Kathy Strait
Keep Christ in Christmas	
Chairperson	Jolyn Pinzl
KCIC Ambassadors	Digna Pena

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2017-2018

5693	Marilyn McPhun
10780	Carol Rettig
10442	Mary Ann O'Reilly
13456	Laura Williams
14144	Luanne Wagner
2511	Carol Morgan



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Message from the Nevada State Council – Ladies Auxiliary (continued)

2017-2018- A Year in Synergy, Retrospect and Moving On ...

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

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

Did the Installation of Officers for the various Auxiliaries and had had the chance to sit down in their meetings and answer some inquiries they had. Through the wonders of emails, we had the convenience of communicating with our auxiliary in the northern side of town, albeit the distance was in touch to whoever needs an answer or help.

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

We were able to thresh out some gap between the insurance liabilities in conjunction with the Auxiliary project/ funds arising from a K of C event.

Together with our Committees, it has been the goal of the NSLA this year to reactivate inactive auxiliaries as well as to organize new ones. As we continue to maintain our existing Auxiliaries, we encourage the growth in membership as well to be able to expand in numbers.

To date, each Auxiliary has a steadfast membership from the smallest group of 14 members to an outstanding of which was 46 plus members and counting. An average of 4 members minimum for each Auxiliary was recruited within the year. That means a 10 per cent increase in membership growth, system wide.

Deceased – only one member Statewide.

For the Fundraising projects, a humble amount of \$200.00 was raised to a generous amount of \$ 8150.00 to * \$11,000.00 was donated to their parish/favorite charities. (*figure was rounded off from a single fundraising project of one Auxiliary).



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Message from the Nevada State Council – Ladies Auxiliary (continued)

We would like to thank all the Ladies Auxiliaries for donating their time, talent and treasure, after all the total approximate volunteered hours rendered by the members combined for this year was roughly a total of 10,500 plus hours for all Auxiliaries.

An outstanding effort delivered by the Ladies' concerted efforts in serving the community, family, and parish and to those in need of assistance.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Sometime this year, I was given the privilege and honor to serve as the Chairperson of the Keep Christ in Christmas- a Program of the K of C, as appointed by our Worthy State Deputy, to continue the statewide program of KCIC Evangelization. Had the chance to promote the program Statewide to interested councils, proceeds go to the NSLA treasury/funds.

For the next fraternal year, I formed a new committee to head this prestigious endeavor, to include an Official Ambassadors, besides the Chairperson and her committee members for a full blast representation in most of the relevant functions at K of C and Auxiliaries, both council and State level.

Each Ladies Auxiliary Presidents are encouraged to write a column in their respective Knight's newsletter and to share a copy to all other Nevada Auxiliary Presidents.

Also, henceforth, a current listing of the Auxiliary Presidents as well as the NSLA State Board, and any newsletter will appear in the K of C Newsletter- c/o K of C New Editor Al Cuccinelli (email- address: acuccinelli@me.com)

In behalf of the NSLA, thank you to all the Knights of Columbus and the Nevada K of C State Board for the support and for the recognition to us ladies, that we are the reason behind the success (of our husbands) who are a part of the K of C!



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Message from the Nevada State Council – Ladies Auxiliary (continued)

In closing, Our Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council on the occasion of their 119th year Anniversary!

God bless us all!

Your Sister in Christ,

Ditas Pascua
State President
(2017-2019)
NSLA

Thank You!!!

Please be our Guest of Honor and See you at our Convention 2018-2019!

Deus Meus Et Omnia

Ditas M.C.Pascua
State President
(2017-2019)
Nevada State Ladies Auxiliary



SK Thomas Thorn
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108th Annual Nevada State Convention

May 4 - 6, 2018 St. Joseph's Parish Elko Council NV 2511

Friday, May 4, 2018

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. The detail schedule for the first day of the convention consisted of the following: Registration of Delegates, Pickup of Banquet/Lunch Ticket Pick-Up, Pick Up of Convention Shirts, Caps, State Ties, State Pin Sales, Seminary Education, 365 Club Check-In, and McGivney Guild. During this very pre- convention evening was surprised by Diocese of Reno Bishop Calvo, host Fr. Daniel Hussy and guest Bishop Thomas and Fr. John Mc Shane.

Meeting: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: PSD Association, Resolution Committee, Credentials Committee, welcome committee program will follow these meetings.

Saturday, May 5, 2018

6:00 AM – 7:20 AM Continental Breakfast – Mater Del Hall – St Joseph's Parish a nice breakfast was enjoyed by all attendees.

7:20 AM - Opening Prayer was given by the State Deputy Thomas Thorn and Rosary was led by the State Officers. The meeting was called to order by Nevada State Deputy Thomas Thorn.

8:00 AM- A request was made to the State Warden Joe Haun, to have the District Deputies verify that all attendee was in possession of a current membership card and reported the same back to the State Deputy.

8:12 AM The Pledge of Alliances was led by the State Warden. During a short audio problem, the attendee was shown a short video of our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson message to the State Deputies Mid-Year Meeting in Washington DC. The audio problem was solved, and the agenda was reestablished. At this time the Resolutions of Acclamation was read by our State Advocate Thierry Barkley.

8:25 AM – State Secretary Vic Edwards was requested by the State Deputy to call the official roll of the assigned State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Delegates. State Advocate Thierry Barkley spoke on and explained the latest IRS Mileage and Per Diem information; There has been some minor changes to the calculations of the business break due to changes internal revenue service cut, that essentially based on a 70% current mileage per mile, it comes out to .3815 The Per Diem allowance is \$50.00 per day for each actual business day.



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The State Deputy then as the State Advocate to continue by reading the Resolutions of Acclamation. There were five (5) as follows;

- Acknowledge the Pope and Clergy
- Acknowledge and thank our Wives and Families.
- Acknowledge the Supreme Knight and Supreme Staff
- Acknowledge Present and Pass Officers of the State.
- Acknowledge to our Military and their Families

8:20 AM – During this time our State Deputy gave his opening welcome to all here for the training and a recap of where we are this year remarks concerning the goals of the State Council and how much has been accomplished during this past six months. The State Deputy when over some talking points on: At the end of the State Deputy's opening remarks he received an ovation from the attendees.

At this time the State Deputy introduced the State Officers in attendance.

From the Las Vegas area our State Warden Joe Warden, from the Reno/Sparks area State Advocate Thierry Barkley, from Las Vegas State Treasurer Toni Pascua, from Henderson State Secretary Vic Edwards. Other dignitaries receiving introduction was;

General Insurance Agents Brother Stephen Melancon, Brother Todd Cabral. also, we have our Past State Deputy and current District Master Brother David Ryan. Our Special Olympics and Intellectually Disabled Campaign Chairman Brother John Suchewski, Brother Steve Schiwart Reno Co- Chairman of the Silver Rose Program. State Membership Director Ray Troik and State Program Director Joe Cerame. State Ceremonials Director PSD David Strait. The State Deputy gave a thank you to our communication staff Brother Mark Foxwell and our Silver Knight Editor Brother Andre Chia, Administrative Assistant Michael Caster.

At this time the State Deputy introduced the Supreme Representative Levi Leyba who brought greeting from our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson Brother Carl Anderson. Brother Leyba covered a wide area of extremely interesting and very important new and upcoming Supreme Programs. The new programs cover our direction to complete with the new changes of today's world and keep the younger membership engage as they complete as he went on to explain our new model on Surge in Service Program and which includes the E-Membership Program which will enhance visibility and growth with our Fraternally. Brother Leyba gave a very inspiring address covering many of the goals that the Knights have completed during our present Columbia Year.



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During this time our State Deputy gave his opening welcome to all here for the convention and a recap of where we are this year, remarks concerning goals of the State Council and how much has been accomplished during this past year, including our record-breaking chase of breaking the Six Thousand (6000) Membership Ceiling of the State. The State went over some talking points which includes many of them. See State Website.

7:53 AM – 8:13 AM State Membership Director Ray Troik gave the State Membership Review and thanked the District Deputies and Grand Knights and all attendees on the great turn around the State Membership Recruitment effort has taken over these past six-month period, always keeping in mind our goal of a total state membership total of six thousand (6000) knights, by the end of the Columbian Year 2017. Brother Troik talked about the plans of jurisdictions similar in size and plans that have worked in building memberships. a very sound pep talks to the District Deputies and Grand Knights. The State Deputy reentered that Supreme does know that areas such has is below 50,000 population can adjust required membership quotes.

State Deputy read the State Audit Report: With these recommendations; State Secretary will be billing for membership quarterly; Reduce amount of monies held in Accounts such as 365 Club. Change present by laws to prevent unsecure transport of funds between convention sites.

The State Deputy called on Brother Stephen Melancon General Insurance Agent to speak on the state of the insurance within the order. Brother Melancon gave a very moving speech titled, “Adapt or Die” and how it relates to insurance today and went on to explain how coming together as Knights in a Fraternal way to protect our Families.

At this point of the meeting we stopped to acknowledge Father John McShane drove up from Ely, Nevada just to visit and bring blessings to the attendees. Father Mc Shane spoke to the assembly in a very inspirational and always up lifting manner as always when he addresses any of our meetings.

Brother Steve Schiwart, Co-Chairman of the Silver Rose Program gave a very interesting talk on the programs that bring in membership. From his experience. Brother Tom Ball State Retention Chairman, gave his Report on Retention, explaining required forms for a successful council participation. DD George Minter gave a very inspiring add on for retention. DD Charles Reifsnyder stated the he sees the use of the Retention Requirement as unnecessary. State Advocate intervened with an explanation, State Deputy intervened with his explanation and reasoning. The Retention discussion extended long passed the allotted time at this point in the discussion a point of order was called, because convention employees entered the room and a motion was called and we adjourned to break and lunch.

Breaking for lunch with our Families and enjoying the Recognition Awards Program. The State Deputy welcomed all the Families and thank them for their support for the Knights of Columbus. During the break the 365 Club Chairman announced that 14 Councils had still not turned in their 365 donations.



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Returning to business after the lunch break the Ceremonials Director PSD David Strait gave, his report discussing the various areas of the degree exemplification and protocol as outlined in the Supreme Protocol Manual. As always PSD Strait reports and insights on Ceremonials is always in lighting. Director Strait further explained the new Admission Degree Program and many more essential for ever degree.

PSD and Master of the Fourth Degree David Ryan gave a report of the fourth degree which has really flourished under his leadership in Nevada. Approximately three new Assembly's has sprang up since our last State Convention. With the success of the Fourth Degree in Nevada, we are somewhat saddened because this will be District Master Ryan last convention as Master in Nevada his term will end in a very few weeks.

PSD Ray Gardea and Chairman of the 365 Club, gave a report on the 365 Club yearly payouts and requirements. Chairman Gardea further stated the success of the Club since available fund maximum has been raised to seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars a year per member in need of financial assistance. During this past year PSD Gardea has been filling in for IPSD Gregg Sprigg as the Seminarian Raffle Chairman role due to IPSD Sprigg unable to attend the various sessions. PSD Gardea should be applauded by his outstanding efforts of taking on the extra task and working fearless to make sure the programs he is involved in is properly administered.

2:45PM-3:30PM During this time the following reports were given: Round Table Chairman Charles Reifsnnyder gave the report stating that Nevada had met its goal for this Columbia Year, Brother Reifsnnyder included the Keep Christ in Christmas Button Program Report also.

Brother Frank Fuchs our newly appointed Public Relations gave a very positive report and topped off the report with a video of the first chose center in Las Vegas the video also featured Past State Deputy David Ryan who is a member of the Board of Directors.

State Advocate Thierry Barkley spoke on the Safe Environment Training and Certification Program and Knight as well as Church requirements. State Advocate Barkley went on to explain the proposed and approved Resolutions:

- Amendment to State by Laws to change the name of Administrative Assistant to Executive Secretary. Reviewed and Approved by 108th Nevada State Convention Delegates May 6, 2018.
- Amendment to State Council Standing Rule Observance of Columbus Day being held on October 12th as but rather up to the Governor of Nevada. Reviewed and approved by 108th Nevada State Convention Delegates May 6, 2018.



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- Amendment to Nevada State Standing Rule 10 Distribution of Seminary Education Fund Drive. Reviewed and Approved by 108th Nevada State Convention Delegates May 6, 2018.
- Amendment to Nevada State Bylaw Art. 5. Section 10 Citizenship Awards. That Bylaws Article 5, Section 10 is hereby deleted entirely, and each Council in the State is encouraged to adopt and implement the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Reviewed and Approved by 108th Nevada State Convention Delegates May 6, 2018.
- Amendment to Nevada State Council Standing Rule 9. Standing Rule 6 is deleted in its entirety and that the State Council encourages the Councils to adopt and implement their own scholarship and or tuition assistance program directed to their young men or young women registered in their local parishes.
- Amendment to Nevada Standing Rule 31 as amended as follows by the addition: There will be only 1 winning Contest Winner throughout the State of Nevada as designed in the past for buttons to be produced and passed out. Each Council participating will still turn in their winning design according to the instructions to determine the 1 winning State winning design for the year. Complete instructions will be sent to Councils by the Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman. Reviewed and Approved by 108th Nevada State Convention Delegates May 6, 2018.

Special Olympics' and Intellectual Disabilities Chairman FD John Suchewski gave a report on these two areas of concern to the Knights of Columbus. These are very important to our fund-raising efforts. And although there were not one hundred participations from all the councils we were still successful due to the extra effort of some of the Brother Councils. We must come together and welcome ideals and schooling.

Chairman Gerry Holinski gave a brief report on Pro-Life, which ended in a song.

4:00 PM - the State Deputy Thomas Thorn adjourn the meeting to allow preparation for Mass.

Sunday May 6th, 2018

6:00AM – 7:30AM Continental Breakfast at St Joseph's Parrish. The Business Meeting began at 7:30AM with Prayer and the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

7:50AM The State Secretary called the roll and made a final count on voting members. 8:15 AM Resolutions was re-read by The State Advocate and voted on by the attendees.



108th Annual Nevada State Convention (continued)

8:15AM – 8:45AM Commence Election of State Officers:

- State Deputy Thomas Thorn Re-elected to second year.
- State Secretary Victor M. Edwards Re-elected to second year.
- State Treasurer Antonio Pascua Re-elected to second year.
- State Advocate Thierry Barkley Re-elected to second year.
- State Warden Joe A. Haun Re-elected to second year.

8:45AM – 9:15AM Supreme Convention Delegate Selection:

1. George Minter
2. Antonio Pascua
3. Elvis Herrera

136th Supreme Convention Announcements.

Closing Remarks by Supreme Representative Levi Leyba

Closing Remarks by State Deputy Thomas Thorn.

Good of the Order

Benediction and Adjournment Father Daniel Hussy



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St. Michael's
Council 10577



St. Michael's Council on the Move



St. Michael's Council in Stead, NV helped move Fr. Tom Babu from Stead to Carson City for his new assignment. Picture is of Fr. Babu and Brother Knights that were helping with the move.

Congratulations to Fr. Babu on his new assignment.



SK Robert J. Hartman
 Council 8078
 Grand Knight



Independence Day Celebration 2018

Once again, we will celebrate our Independence on July 4. So please come join us on Wednesday in Boulder City.

Meet at the Hartman's home at 617 Northridge Drive, Boulder City.

7:45 AM show up time

8:00 AM we will leave for the parade route to decorate the float.

9:00 AM parade starts

After the parade we will return to the Hartman's for a light social.

All Brother Knights and their Families are invited to participate.

Dress code: shorts, K of C shirts, ballcaps, badges & SP-40.

Bottled water will be provided.

Come join in the fun and celebrate America's Birthday.



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Nevada Jurisdiction Calendar Year Invoicing Guidelines and Council Per Capita Amortization

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



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State Deputy



Recommended Faith in Action Programs 2018/2019 Fraternal Year

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Marian Icon Prayer Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Spiritual Reflection Program New Holy Hour New Sacramental Gifts New	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer Challenge Helping Hands New
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Keep Christ in Christmas (Posada, Poster Contest, etc.) Family Fully Alive Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Family Prayer Night New Good Friday Family Promotion New	Marches for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs New Pregnancy Center Support New Novena for Life New



SK Kenneth J Sawyer, PGK, PFN
 Assembly #2820
 Council #10442



Ceremony for 35 Unclaimed Veterans

For those who didn't attend today, FYI about two weeks ago I received a notice that there was going to be a service for 35 veterans whose remains were unclaimed and had been virtually forgotten. In some cases, their remains have been sitting on a shelf for as much as 40 years. One even dating back to WWI, they were never claimed by their families.

While I was advised this was not a request for the Knights or our Color Corps, it was suggested it would be nice if we could get some members to turn out for the service that was scheduled for today. When I sent out the notice, I must admit I was hoping for about 20 brothers to show up. Well my worthy Brothers, I know like all those who attended, we have a lot to be proud of, with the true representation of our 4th degree patriotic purpose, we had a showing of over 60 Knights with wives who turned out. THANK YOU!

I am attaching some of the general pictures that I took with my cell phone. I have others with member who turned out but the email limits size of attachments, and I'll send more to those in attendance. I hope this helps all to see what a great job they did.

I want to mention what a first-class service this was, quite moving and very respectful. Clearly, each of these men were not forgotten. The hearse was escorted from the Bunkers downtown to the Veterans cemetery by at least 40 Vets on motorcycles with large US Flags. When it pulled up the military on hand acted as pallbearers removing a flag draped casket and placing it alongside on the side walk. After removing and folding the flag, 35 members of the military honor guard representing the respective branch of service stepped up removed the urn from the casket and placed it on one of two long tables in the front of the viewing area that was set up under a large tent. After the service, gun salute, and taps, each urn was removed from the table by the honor guard and taken over to one 35 open niches and placed inside with the name of each announced.

I wanted to pass on a little more information of what some may have missed today as it appears Nevada has something like another 140 more unclaimed veterans yet to be laid to rest this year. So, stay tuned for other requests to attend such a service for the unclaimed Veterans.



SK Kenneth J Sawyer, PGK, PFN
Assembly #2820
Council #10442



Ceremony for 35 Unclaimed Veterans (continued)



Please feel free to pass this on or use any photos in Council or Assembly newsletters,

Respectfully,

Ken



SK Robert J. Hartman
Council 8078
Grand Knight



State Youth Program Awards

Shown are three of the State Contest winners with Boulder City Mayor Rod Woodbury and Saint Andrew Council GK Robert Hartman and the Boulder City Council Members held on June 12, 2018.

Right to left:

Substance Abuse Poster Contest
(Alcohol Abuse 12 – 14 year-olds) - Tara Higley

Basketball Free Throw Contest
11 yr. old boy - Roman Rose

Soccer Challenge
11 yr. old girl - Phoebe McClaren

Not shown Jai Manteris & Jada Wilkerson





Father Daniel Rolland, O.P. 25th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, September 14, 2018

at

St. Viator Catholic Church
2461 E. Flamingo Church
Las Vegas, NV 89121



Fr. Daniel will celebrate Mass at 6:00 PM. There will be a fundraising dinner afterward from 7:00 to 9:00.

Buy your tickets online or make a donation at: 25thpriesthood.auction-bid.org

All proceeds go to the building of the Newman Center Church!!!

Call with questions: 702-736-0887



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Q&A

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. I don't have time to join another organization; why should I join the Knights of Columbus?

eMembership was designed to allow eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus online, through a streamlined, optimized process. eMembership provides you with a digital membership experience, which will help you to grow as a Catholic man and a Knight.

As a Knight, you can choose the projects to be involved in within your own community. You will receive regular updates from your state council regarding news and events in your area and be presented with frequent opportunities to work alongside brother Knights in local councils.

2. What are the requirements to join the Knights of Columbus ?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

3. What is a practical Catholic?

A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

4. If I join online, am I joining a local Knights of Columbus council?

No you are not. When you join online you will not belong to a local council at first. Instead, you will become a member of the Knights of Columbus **state division** in your state of residence.

5. Can I join a local council?

Yes! Council-based membership is the best way to experience the Knights of Columbus. Prospective members can join local councils just as they always have. eMembers can transition to local council

membership, just as members from other local councils may transfer today. Transferring involves completing a membership form (Form #100) and going through the council admissions process. This includes meeting with council leaders and taking the First Degree ceremonial.

6. How does eMembership differ from membership in a local council?

Members who join online ("eMembers") are members of the Knights of Columbus who have not yet taken a First Degree or been admitted to a local council.

As a member, like all members of the Knights of Columbus, you will have the right to purchase insurance on yourself, your spouse and any dependent children. You will receive *Columbia* magazine, the free accidental death benefit (age restrictions apply), and are eligible for participation in the family fraternal benefit. You may also attend select local and state council events which are promoted by your state division.

7. What are the membership dues/fees for members who join online?

eMembership dues are currently \$30.00 per year across all jurisdictions. Dues are paid online to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and they cover both the member's state and supreme membership fees. If a member transfers to a local council, the dues are pro-rated to that council. Debit cards and credit cards are accepted as forms of payment by the Supreme Council.

8. Why eMembership?

This pilot program for joining the Knights of Columbus is the result of several years of research and reflection by the Supreme Council, which engaged state and local council leaders, as well as prospective members, through surveys and focus groups. This process identified several membership goals, including developing a new way to introduce men to the activities of our Order that would strengthen and benefit all councils and members.

[Join](#) | [Contact Us](#)



SK Michael J O'Connor
Supreme Secretary



Withdrawal Procedure

The Supreme Council values the membership of every Brother Knight. It is through their involvement that we are able to provide the tremendous amount of charitable services that we provide annually to the Church and our communities. That is why every council should work to conserve any brother Knight who is considering withdrawing his membership by making personal contact with them to see how we can help them remain a Knight.

Realizing that at certain times in a person's life, membership in various organizations may not be a proper fit for them, we need to look at how we attempt to retain members seeking a withdrawal, while leaving the door open for them to want to return in the future when their circumstances change.

Effective July 1, 2018, instead of holding each withdrawal request received for a 60-day period, the Supreme Council will instead send the individual an acknowledgment letter from the Supreme Knight, letting them know that their withdrawal request has been processed. This letter will detail how the individual can rejoin the Order in the future should they wish to do so in either a local council or as an E-Member online. The State Retention Chairman will be copied in each of these letters so that the state is both aware of the withdrawal and so that reinstatement efforts can be pursued locally.

It should be noted that the above-mentioned change to the Membership Withdrawal Procedure in no way effects the Supreme Council's Proper Billing Procedure to retain members in arrears.

It is our sincere hope that this withdrawal acknowledgment letter will let these men know that the Order will miss their contributions to our good works and more importantly, that we look forward to the day when they once again join our ranks either locally or as an E-Member.



2018 – 2019 Districts and District Deputies Diocese of Las Vegas

District	District Deputy	Member #	Council #	Council name	
7	Charles Reifsnnyder	04307620			District # 7
			1340	Sacred Heart	Charles Reifsnnyder (Suzanne)
			11179	Overton (Suspended)	PO Box 175
			13754	Mesquite	Pioche, NV 89043-0175
					Tel: (775) 962-5668
					Cell: (775) 962-1384
					Email: yoetsman@lsturbonet.com
8	Joe Williams	03996345			District # 8
			2828	Las Vegas	Joe Williams
			9102	St. Jude	
			13392	San Lorenzo Ruiz	
			pending	St. John Neumann	
					Email: joewilliams24680@hotmail.com
9	Vince Gorski	04611391			District # 9
			10442	St. Joseph HOM	Vince Gorski (Vickie)
			10780	Our Lady of the Valley	7618 Good Fortune Court
			14144	Christ the King (LV)	Las Vegas, NV 89139
			14784	Holy Spirit	Tel: (702) 837-5457 Cell: (702) 569-8192
					Email: THEGMAN0520@yahoo.com
10	Daniel St. Pierre	04692449			District # 10
			3741	Rosary	Daniel St. Pierre (Nicole)
			13456	St. Francis of Assisi	481 Mountain Heights Ct.
			14820	St. Sharbel (Suspended)	Henderson, NV 89052
			15061	UNLV	(702) 280-1009
			15790	Council of the Archangel (Suspended)	stpierre88@yahoo.com
11	Robert Bass	3069484			District # 11
			7708	Holy Family	Robert Bass
			8078	St. Andrew	4549 El Carnal Way
			8282	St. Viator	Las Vegas, NV 89121
			12690	St. John the Baptist Mission	
					bbtbrain@yahoo.com
12	Dennis Murtaugh	04414120			District # 12
			5693	Fr. Francisco Garces	Dennis Murtaugh (Deborah)
			11029	Mother Seton	9414 Quiet Valley Ave.
			12543	Holy Apostles	Las Vegas, NV 89149-0155
			14544	St. Anthony of Padua	Tel: (702) 396-7406; Cell (702) 371-4222
					e3jarhead@gmail.com
13	Jesus Sanchez	4961343			District # 13
			5448	St. Pope John XXIII	Jesus Sanchez
			9437	St. Anne	2239 Webster St.
			9899	Prince of Peace	North Las Vegas, NV 89030
			13691	St. Theresa deCalcutta (Suspended)	Tel: 702-755-0474
					chuy sanz81@gmail.com



2018 – 2019 Districts and District Deputies Diocese of Reno

District	District Deputy	Member #	Council #	Council name	
1	John Long	04027833	4997	Msgr. Patrick J. Connors	District # 1 John D. Long (Rose) 2941 Sace Ridge Dr. Reno, NV 89509 (775) 827-8707 Cell (775) 232-9877 renopatents@aol.com
			7322	Christ the King	
			16207	University of Nevada	
2	George Minter	03783955	978	Nevada	District # 2 George Minter (Joyce) 5151 Komatite Ct. Sparks, NV 89436 (775) 626-5474 kocgainter44@gmail.com
			4928	Ponderosa	
			10577	St. Michaels the Archangel	
			12877	Our Lady of the Desert	
3	Gary Butori	04371221	4828	Fallon	District #3 Gary Butori (Rita) 2200 Harrigan Road Fallon, NV 89406 (775) 217-0307 garvbutori@gmail.com
			6688	St. Pope John Paul the Great	
			11174	St. John the Baptist (Lovelock - Suspended)	
			13897	St. Robert Bellarmine	
			13924	St. Ann of the Comstock	
4	John DeBord	02700651	4781	Sierras Madre	District # 4 John E. DeBord (Patty) 13305 S. Hills Dr. Reno, NV 89511 (775) 813-6842 johndeboard@gmail.com
			12845	Immaculate Heart of Mary (Gardnerville)	
			13842	St. John Vianney	
			13944	Our Lady Queen of Peace	
5	Ty Whitman	04665133	2511	Elko	District # 5 Ty S. Whitman 3825 Flintlock Dr. Winnemucca, NV 89445 Tel: (775) 304-8799 ty_whitman@yahoo.com
			2666	Winnemucca	
			11512	St. Thomas Aquinas (Wells)	
			Pending	Spring Creek	
6	Herbert Melendez	4131659	2380	Battle Mountain	District # 6 Herbert Melendez 2327 Dodge Dr. Sparks, NV 89436 Tel: (775) herbertmelendez@aol.com
			14588	St. Theres of the Little Flower	
			Pending	St. Teresa of Avila	
			Pending	St. Peter Canisius	

Upcoming Degree Events

Knights of Columbus

Major Degree Schedule
July 2018-June 2019

Nevada State Council
6/24/18

Date	Event	Location	Comment	Host District	2nd Degree Team	Teams		Honorees	
						3rd Degree C.O.	Other Degree Honoree	3rd Degree Honoree	
August 25, 2018	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Reno	Saturday			Labuda			
August 31, 2018	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Las Vegas	Saturday			Strait			
September 15, 2018	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Las Vegas	Saturday		LV Northwest	West			
September 22, 2018	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Reno	Saturday			Labuda			
October 13, 2018	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Las Vegas	Saturday			Dube			
October 20, 2018	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Sparks	Saturday			Labuda			
November 8, 2018	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Elko	Saturday		Composite	Strait			
November 9, 2018	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Ely	Sunday		Composite	West			
January 1, 2019	New year		Tuesday						
January 19, 2019	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Las Vegas	Saturday			Dube			
January 26, 2019	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Fallon	Saturday			Labuda			
February 3, 2019	Superbowl		Sunday						
February 9, 2019	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Mesquite	Saturday		Composite	West			
March 6, 2019	Ash Wednesday		Wednesday						
March 9, 2019	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Gardnerville	Saturday		Reno	Labuda			
April 8, 2019	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Henderson	Saturday			Strait			
April 21, 2019	Easter		Sunday						
May 11, 2019	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Las Vegas	Saturday			Dube			
May 18, 2019	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Sparks	Saturday			Labuda			
June 25, 2019	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Las Vegas				West			
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Upcoming State Events

NEVADA STATE COUNCIL - FUTURE MEETING VENUES

Dates	District Deputy Orientation	District Grand Knight training	Mid-Year Organizational	State Convention
2018				
5/4 - 5/6/18				St. Josephs- Elko
7/7/18- 7/8/18	Our Lady of Las Vegas- Las Vegas	District 6 training Ely District 7 training Las Vegas District 8 training Las Vegas District 9 training Henderson District 10 training Las Vegas District 11 training Boulder City		
		District 1 training Reno District 2 training Sparks District 3 training Fallon District 4 training Reno or Incline District 5 training Winnemucca or Elko		
12/08/18			Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Sparks, NV	
2019				
5/3 - 5/5/19				St. Patrick's- Fallon
7/6/19-7/7/19	Immaculate Conception- Sparks	District 6 training Ely District 7 training Las Vegas District 8 training Las Vegas District 9 training Henderson District 10 training Las Vegas District 11 training Boulder City		
		District 1 training Reno District 2 training Sparks District 3 training Fallon District 4 training Reno or Incline District 5 training Winnemucca or Elko		
12/07/19			St. Patrick's- Tonopah	
2020				
5/1 - 5/3/20				Our Lady of Las Vegas
7/11/20 - 7/12/20	St. James the Apostle- Las Vegas			
12/05/20			Our Lady of Snows- Reno	
2021				
4/24 - 4/25/21				Harvey's Lake Tahoe- Stateline
7/10/21 - 7/11/2021	St. Rose of Lima- Reno			
12/04/21			St. Peter the Apostle- Las Vegas	
2022				
4/30 - 5/1/22				Las Vegas
7/9/2022 - 7/10/22	Las Vegas			
12/03/22			Reno	

Dates and Venues subject to change

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