



# The Silver Knight

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## Message from the Editor

This month you'll notice that we've included several Council Activity Reports. These are essentially a list of things that the Council has done during the past year. While not mandatory, these are an excellent way to showcase your Council and for other Councils to pick up on ideas for their upcoming year. Since we'll soon be in the event planning phase and selecting Committee Chairs for the Council, the timing is perfect.

The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director should be able to provide input. It will take a little time but it's well worth the effort.

On another note, please keep in mind that we need your articles and photos, either of an event in the past or something that is coming up.

Vivat Jesus,

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## Message from the State Deputy

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

This month our annual convention will take place in Elko and it appears they have really setup a great convention for us. Our State and Supreme goals for membership growth / retention and program participation are well on the way to accomplishment – Thank you.

I have received some input in discussions with a few Priest and we discussed among other things that they want the Knights to go out of the safe space and put into the deep practicing their evangelization skills. Many groups are uncomfortable, or do not know how to practice their faith and charity outside of the parish. They would like us to reach out to the community and not only ask the same people for participation over and over but ask non-Catholic and the community at large to participate in our charitable efforts. By limiting our outreach to the parish, we don't encourage others (that may not be Catholic or may be lukewarm Catholics) to consider joining the church or participating more fully or becoming Knights. I am sharing this with you because it seems it would increase our charitable efforts and outreach and possibly get people to come into the Catholic Church. This, I am sure would please God and our Clergy (win-win in my books). Why can we not sell seminarian tickets at other events / venues? Why can't public school children be in the Free-throw or Soccer contest? Our Priest are not against us because they ask us to do some of our events outside of the parish, they are your Brother Knights and are just asking us to go outside our comfort zone. Remember that this is a very Christian thing to do and helps us to become the best version of ourselves.

In a review of the last 35 years the most new members brought in were 443 in 2008, the most net members (after suspensions and withdrawals was 326 also in 2008. The most Net/Net which is Net less deaths and transfers was in 1995 at 243. We can and should hit these numbers if not this year in the next as the potential exist with 286,000 Catholic men in Nevada. That means there are 280,000 Catholic men that are not Knights.

Were you able to ask you members attending the April meeting the following questions:

1. What did you want from the Knights of Columbus when you joined (or now)?
2. What are your hopes for the future of the Knights of Columbus?
3. What could we do to make the Knights more engaging for you?
4. What can the Councils do to make meetings, events or both better attended and engaging?
5. What can we do to better prepare and help the councils to succeed and be vibrant?



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## Message from the State Deputy (continued)

Did you send your answers to your Retention Chairman, the State Retention Chairman by the end of April 2018? I hope so because we are trying to get the communication flowing between the State, Councils and Members.

Hopefully, you attended the April training session? There was much discussion and information on the outlook for next year and beyond. It seemed that the District Deputies and Council leaders that attended got a lot out of it and will be in a better position to handle the upcoming fraternal year with the information we discussed.

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T.J. Thorn".

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 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
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 Reifsnnyder
Athletic Events:	SK Robert Hartman	Health Services Chair:	Dr. John DiGrazia
Substance Abuse Poster:	Bro Jim Shurtliff	Catholic Citizen Essay Chair:	SK Jim Conner





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State Deputy

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## 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. We have received some Nevada products and I look forward to gathering more for our hospitality room.

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

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

Thank you.



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SK William Harmon  
Council 5693  
Grand Knight

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## Sisters Appreciation Dinner

On Sunday, May 20, 2018 the Monsignor John Lambe Assembly will be hosting its annual Sisters Appreciation Dinner at Saint Francis de Sales Church. These women devote their entire lives to the service of God's people, and we believe that we should do something to show how much we appreciate the sacrifices they make. In addition to giving them a nice meal, we would also like to present them with some sort of monetary gift.

This is where you brothers come in. In order to give the sisters as generous a gift as possible, we are asking for contributions of at least \$100.0 from each council and assembly. This money will be used to show the sisters that we are very thankful for the many things they do for the people in our diocese. So please talk to the knights in your councils and assemblies and persuade them to be generous to these wonderful women.

In addition, we are asking that if possible, your council or assembly would send a representative to our dinner. This would allow the sisters to meet the brothers who are being so generous. Of course, all of the brothers in your council and their families are invited to attend. If you are able to be of assistance, please email me at [wiharmon1447@gmail.com](mailto:wiharmon1447@gmail.com) or call me at 702-646-3190.

For additional information, you may also contact Joe Haun, Faithful Navigator of the Monsignor John Lambe Assembly. His email address is [jhaun@haunteceng.com](mailto:jhaun@haunteceng.com). Thank you very much.




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SK William Harmon  
Council 5693  
Grand Knight

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## Fr. Francisco Garces Council 5693 Activity Report

In accordance with your request, Fr. Francisco Garces Council 5693 is providing a report of our activities since the 2016 State Convention.

Below, you will find brief descriptions of all our past and future activities in the six areas on which we focus. I apologize for not using the standard form. My disability requires me to use a program that is not compatible with the forms on our website. For this reason, I have to create my report using this format.

### Church:

1. In August, the council helped sell tickets to our parish's Taco Fiesta.
2. The council sold tickets for our parish's International Festival in September and October. Sales took place after all Saturday and Sunday English Masses.
3. We ran two booths during the Festival which occurred on October 22. Members prepared and sold hamburgers, hot dogs, and tacos durados and split the proceeds with the parish. Preparations for this event began on October 19.
4. In November, we gave away 14 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the Parish.
5. On Christmas Eve, a member dressed up as Santa Claus and led the children into the 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass.
6. In addition, a number of our council members serve as sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers at Mass on a weekly basis.

### Youth:

1. In June of 2017, our council assisted with an awards banquet for our students in Special Olympics. The students did all of the actual work, but our members stood by in case help was needed.
2. Every month, the council hosts a pancake breakfast in the parish hall. The proceeds of this breakfast go to support our Religious Education program.
3. This year, we also provided funds to assist a young man who is suffering from cancer in his heart.
4. In March, several council members accompanied our Religious Education students to their annual conference in Anaheim, California. They provided lunch and served as chaperons.

### Council:

On the third Monday of every month, our council hosts a potluck social for members. We did not have a social in September because of our business meeting or in December because of Christmas activities, but we are continuing this tradition for the rest of the Fraternal Year.




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SK William Harmon  
Council 5693  
Grand Knight

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## Fr. Francisco Garces Council 5693 Activity Report (continued)

1. In January, we served lunch to our ladies during their annual retreat. In February and March, we sold Seminary Fund raffle tickets and hosted a Membership Drive.
3. On March 26, 2 new members joined the order and 2 others were reinstated. Community.
  1. In November, members of the council and assembly participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Las Vegas. Council members wore their council T-shirts and walked or rode on a float.
  2. In December, the council hosted its annual Breakfast with Santa and crafts sale. Over 70 toys were given out to children. There was also a magic show. In addition, a number of people sold crafts from tables.
  3. In August and October, we participated in a blood drive with United Blood Services.

### Culture of Life:

1. On March 10, a number of our members attended the March for Life in Downtown Las Vegas.
2. Our most important event is our Baby Bottle Drive. On the first weekend of May, we will pass out empty baby bottles to members of the parish. Over the next month, these bottles will be returned to us with money in them. These funds will be donated to the First Choice Pregnancy Center, an agency that provides girls and young women with alternatives to abortion. We hosted this event in April and May of 2017 with tremendous success. This year's drive will take place on May 12 and 13 in honor of Mother's Day.

### Family:

1. Our monthly socials are also family events because they bring us together with our wives and children for an event in which we socialize and discuss up-coming council activities that involve everybody including family members. After each membership drive, we also use our socials as an open house.

Council 5693 is busy working to serve our church, our order, and our community, and we will continue to do whatever we can do to be an active part of the Knights of Columbus.



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SK Michael Nuti  
Council 6688  
Grand Knight

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## John Paul II the Great Council 6688 Activity Report

1. Church Activity: Stations of the Cross led by the Knights at Holy Family and St. Johns
2. Community Activity: Pancake breakfast with the religious education classes at Holy Family
3. Council Activity: 7th Annual Yard Sale held in the parking lot of St. John the Baptist Mission
4. Family Activity: Christmas party held at St. John the Baptist Mission
5. Youth Activity: Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest
6. Culture of Life Activity: donations to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Carson City




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SK Robert J. Hartman

Council 8078

Grand Knight

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## Saint Andrew Council 8078 Activity Report

We started this year by participating in the July 4 Independence Day Parade in Boulder City. Our Float was entitled “One Nation Under God” and consisted of a Stake Bed Truck decorated with banners, bunting and flags. Riding on the float were Brother Knights, wives and children & grandchildren of the Knights. Tootsie Rolls were handed out along the parade route. The entry was marshalled by our Faithful District Marshall SK Rick Sherman.

This year we have focused on two service areas for most of our efforts. As the youth of our Parish are the future of the Parish. Our first area has been to increase Youth oriented activities. We already have the funding available for the Carlie Kopp Memorial Scholarship {named for our Charter Grand Knight} In November and December we held the Soccer Challenge with 50 kids participating in Boulder City. We went all out this year by having 152 children participate in our annual Basketball Free Throw Contest in January. On February we also Hosted the District and Southern Regional Soccer Challenge and Basketball Free Throw Contests here in Boulder City. We also held the Substance Abuse Poster Contest and awarded local winners with a \$25. pre-paid Visa Card.

Our second area of Prime Focus has been the Nevada State Veteran’s Home, located in Boulder City. Each Saturday, members of our Council conduct a Holy Communion service for the Catholic Residents. Members of our Council also visit with the residents on a regular basis. We have also joined with other groups to put on a Father’s Day Party, Super Bowl Party, Christmas Party and the annual “Veteran’s Olympics” and Veteran’s Day Celebration. Finally, several members of our Council are “Committal Ministers” commissioned to provide Graveside Internment Rites for the Veterans and Spouses, who come from other Parishes outside the area or from the Veteran’s Home. This is our way of saying Thank You to those who sacrificed so much to protect and preserve this “One Nation Under God”.

Whenever a Brother Knight from our council is ill or hospitalized. We have a group that each Friday will go and visit them. This has grown this year to where currently we have two Brother Knights and one’s wife in the Nevada State Veteran’s Home. Another Brother Knight is in the Long-Term Care Facility at Boulder City Hospital. members of our council also put on a Saint Patrick's Day Party for the Residents of the B.C. Hospital Long Term Care Facility. We also visit the Mountain View nursing home. Our visitation group is well received by those in need and their families. This is how our council has answered the call to “Lift High the Cross”

This year we were able to raise \$950.00 on our Tootsie Roll Drive. The Council's portion of the Proceeds went to C.A.S.T. for Kids. our annual Fishing derby for Disabled and Disadvantaged Children. This year we had 46 children participate. We also had three Blood Drives that netted a total of 49 units. And last but not least, We have members who serve as Usher-Greeters, Lectors, Choir Singers, Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans. Each Sunday we Pick up donuts from Albertsons for an Extended Liturgy. The Knights take turns with other groups to serve coffee & donuts after the Sunday AM Masses.






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SK Douglas Taylor  
Council 13897  
Grand Knight

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## St. Robert Bellarmine Council 13897 Activity Report

- 1) Church Activity: Stations of the Cross was led by Knights on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri of Lent, followed by soup and sandwiches. At our annual St Robert Bellarmine Festival in Sept, the Knights set-up, barbequed hot dogs and hamburgers and cleaned up after the event. Our council members are involved in numerous ministries in our church, to include Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Music, RCIA and Religious Education.
- 2) Community Activity: Rummage sale at church for building fund in July. Community Blood drive on Oct and Dec 2017. Feb 2018.
- 3) Council Activity: We had a new member join the order Aug 2017. Membership drive in Nov resulting in three new members joining the order, one signed up in Apr 2018 planning his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree exemplification in May and we had one transfer in and one transfer out. We had two 1<sup>st</sup> Degree brothers achieve their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Apr 7, 2018. Our council meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month, our average meeting attendance is 15 – 20 brothers. The Council Chaplain Fr. Joseph and I get together monthly to discuss council and parish plans.
- 4) Family Activity: Mar 11, 2018, the Knights hosted our annual St. Patrick Dinner with raffle prizes for the adults and kids. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sun the Knights hosts the pancake breakfast. Each quarter the Knights presents the St Robert Bellarmine Volunteer of the Quarter Award. Awarded to a family or an individual who give their time and talents to make our church a better place to love and serve the Lord. The award is presented to the awardee at Mass. At the church Christmas party in Dec, one of the Knights dressed up as Santa Claus for the kids.
- 5) Youth Activity: Oct had our annual Tootsie Roll Drive, for the Nevada State Special Olympics and the Fernley Special Olympics. The Knights gave a donation to our parish Angel Tree in Dec, so the children in Fernley area could have a better Christmas.
- 6) Culture of Life Activity: Helped with the cost for the bus for the Walk for Life in March in San Francisco CA.




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SK Michael J. Rinaldi Jr.  
 Council 14784  
 Grand Knight

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## Holy Spirit Council 14784 Activity Report

It has been a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight for Holy Spirit. Our council is enthusiastic and has grown this year. We have accomplished many activities and I will list as many as I can.

Brother Jerry Gonzalez, and his wife Bernie, work hard serving in many Culture of Life Activities, including but not limited to 40 days for Life, prayer vigils, and the annual Baby Bottle campaign. The Baby Bottle campaign raises thousands of dollars for First Choice Pregnancy Services.

Brother Jim Wichert coordinates our Food for Families program. A team of Brother Knights pick up food from grocery stores and deliver it to local food banks. They use their own vehicles and gas to accomplish this. The amount of food delivered this year was in excess of 25,000 pounds.

Brother Johnnie Jemison heads up the coordinating of the Ushers and Greeters program. Jonnie used teenagers to help with this effort, which has been received very well.

Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive went great this year. Many Brother Knights worked hard to make this a success.

As Grand Knight I also serve as Volunteer Coordinator for all the Eucharistic Ministers at Holy Spirit. We have many Knights who serve as Eucharistic ministers, ushers, band members, lectures, RCIA teachers, ministers of care, hospice, sandwich program, renewal of vows, youth activities, and outreach. I am grateful for the service the Knights perform with a joyful heart.




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Council 14784  
Grand Knight

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## Saint Francis of Assisi Council 13456 Activity Report

### Introduction

During the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year, Council 13456's focus was on building upon the successes of the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year where we made great strides cementing our relationship with the Parish. By most accounts we are well on our way to a tight Council/Parish relationship which is really the only way to be successful. This past year, we continued all of our major programs and added a new one; the First Annual Andy Pohl Memorial Pro-Life Youth Fun Run and Turkey Trot. We raised over \$4,600 at this event, but most importantly, we established the groundwork for making this a greater success next year.

We continue to encourage the support of families and friends whenever possible. The following is our report describing the activities undertaken during the past year and the results of the volunteer efforts of our Brother Knights.

### Church Activities

1. Monthly Eucharistic Adoration: Every 1st Friday of the Month from 10:00 am to 10:30 am.
2. Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper: Each Friday during this Lenten Season, Knights participated in the Stations of the Cross. Specifically, on Friday March 16, 2018 we served Fish & Chips provided by the Church and provided simple soups, salads & and side dishes for supper. All donations were donated to the St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary were also be lectors for the Stations.
3. RCIA & RCIC Gifts: Donated Rosaries to the Class members in November 2017.
4. We participated in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) this year giving one \$500 gift to one seminarian and Christmas gift cards to 5 others totaling \$900.
5. Will donate at least \$3000.00 in cash to St Francis of Assisi Parish Church for the "God's Miracle in the Desert" Building Fund to build the church and school at St. Francis of Assisi in Henderson.
6. Helped and manned Booths at St Francis of Assisi Parish Festival held last October 6-8, 2017. Sponsored the "American Booth" which served Pancakes and Sausages & Prime Rib Sandwich's, Hamburger's, etc. We had Knights in charge of the Italian booth, Drink Booth and the Hispanic Booth. All proceeds went to the Parish Building Fund. Donated \$2,219.00 directly from our operating funds which includes purchasing food/supplies for the booth and sponsoring our Chaplain Fr. Vicente Panaligan in the clergy competition. Raised over \$6,000 for the Parish from sales during the Festival. 40 Knights volunteered over 300 hours during this 3-day event.
7. Monthly Weekend Parish Socials: We have had two Sunday Socials per month (excluding Lent) where we serve Pancakes and Sausages on every 1st and 3rd Sunday promoting fellowship among the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi.
8. Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and their families continuously assist the Parish: Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans and Educators.




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SK Michael J. Rinaldi Jr.  
Council 14784  
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## Saint Francis of Assisi Council 13456 Activity Report (continued)

### Council Activities

1. The Installation of Officers Ceremony was held Tuesday July 18, 2017.
2. Nearly 70 Knights participated in our NASCAR Fundraiser which funds the Council's numerous programs and projects. We spent approximately 215 hours for preparation and coordination and over 1170 hours for set up and execution race weekend. This is our largest moneymaker for the Council.
3. Knight of the Month & Knight Family of the Month: We recognized Knight of the Month & Knight Family of the Month based on participation and volunteerism to the Parish, Community and the Council Projects. Certificates are given to those who earned the title during the Monthly Business Meetings.
4. Christmas Party: We had another successful Christmas Party chaired by our Christmas Committee led by Brothers Ken Stephens and Pat Hanley held at Black Mountain Golf Club in Henderson on December 1, 2017. The Ladies Auxiliary provided some gift baskets for raffles. This event was filled with fun, enjoyment, entertainment, dinner, dancing and raffle prizes galore. The Knights, Ladies and their families had an enjoyable evening fostering the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie among brothers and sisters in Christ.
5. Ladies Auxiliary: We support and assist the Ladies Auxiliary in their Parish activities, projects and undertakings in collaboration with their husband's Knights of Columbus affairs.
6. Socials were held every month before the start of the Business Meeting to promote camaraderie among the Brother Knights.
7. Held two (2) Membership drives at the Parish; one in the fall, one in the spring.
8. Held eight (8) First Degree Exemplifications to date, which has brought in nineteen (20) new Brother Knights to the Council. We have enough candidates lined up to reach our membership goal this year.
9. Continued our Council Rosary Program where we proceed through the Mysteries in chronological order covering one each month. By the end of the year we will have covered each Mystery three times. To increase participation, we have moved the Rosary to timing to occur prior to our meetings.
10. We raised \$2,273 during our Fall Tootsie Roll Drive this past year.
11. St. Francis of Assisi Council 13456 strongly supports the 365 Club of Nevada State Council.
12. We should have sold over \$2,600 dollars in tickets for the Seminarian Education Fund Raffle for the K of C State Council's Annual Fund.




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SK Michael J. Rinaldi Jr.

Council 14784

Grand Knight

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## Saint Francis of Assisi Council 13456 Activity Report (continued)

13. We aided and assisted in getting donations for the American Wheelchair Mission weekend in September, 2017.
14. Continued monthly event called "Knights' Night Out." This is a social event held every last Friday of the month (except in Lent) at a different restraint each month. Knights can nominate the location. This event promotes fraternity as well as giving Knights an opportunity to experience different dining opportunities in Las Vegas. The Council averages ~20 Knights per event.
15. This year in February, we established The Council 13456 Legacy Quasi-Endowment Fund using the mutual funds and services of the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, LLC (KOCAA), with an initial investment of \$10,000.

### Youth Activities

1. Made our second attempt at Supreme's Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. While essays turned in were low, it provided a great opportunity for Knights to discuss the issue of "Going to the Peripheries" with dozens and dozens of youngsters in the CCD and Confirmation classes at the church. It also provides a bridge to working with the Parish Youth Ministry and has generated other opportunities to collaborate on events.
2. We participated in the State's Keep Christ in Christmas Button contest. We had massive turnout in the younger grade school categories with nearly 100 submissions.
3. Continued sponsorship of a Columbian Squires Circle, which was invested in October 2005. Now finishing its twelfth full Fraternal Year. Squires activities this past Fraternal Year include:
  - Assisted the Council in the Tootsie Roll Drive
  - Served Thanksgiving Lunch at the Henderson Senior Center on November 22, 2017 - Wreath Laying Ceremony on December 2017
  - Assists the Council with the monthly Food Dive
4. Additionally, we typically encourage and have children of Council members assisting us in visible activities like the Tootsie Roll Drive and Seminarian Raffle Ticket Sales, and handing out bags for our Food Drive (Young children are very effective Tootsie Roll "drivers")
5. We donated \$2,315 to our Parish Youth Missionary program for their trip to Spain. Proceeds came from the First Annual Andy Pohl Memorial Fun Run and Turkey Trot.






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Council 14784  
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## Saint Francis of Assisi Council 13456 Activity Report (continued)

### Community Activities

1. Knights worked all day on July 30th moving donated furniture for Living Grace Homes.
2. Knights participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Veteran's Cemetery in Boulder City.
3. We were sponsors of two Blood Drives so far, this Fraternal Year with United Blood Services. A third was attempted but couldn't close on a date where rooms at the parish were available the same time as UBS. We typically collect over 30 pints of blood each drive, however as our first drive was on October 8, 2017 (days after the Vegas shooting), we collected over 70 pints.
4. Monthly "Feed the Hungry Campaign" (Food Drives) are held at St Francis of Assisi every 3rd weekend of the month. These events continue to be the cornerstone of our Council's visibility and involvement in the parish. All non-perishable food items collected are donated to Catholic Charities of Nevada and St. Therese Center. Last year's contributions were approximately 110,000 lbs. and we have set our goal to exceed that total this calendar year.
5. Monthly Catholic Charities volunteer days.
6. We helped the Henderson Senior Center provide Thanksgiving Dinner (luncheon) on November 22, 2017 to their seniors. Approximately 20 Knights participated. There was approximately 650 plus attendees to the dinner per the center's staff.
7. We helped the Henderson Senior Center provide a Christmas Lunch to over 650 seniors on December 21, 2017.
8. We resumed our Habitat for Humanity efforts March 16, 2018

### Family Activities

1. Family of the Month and Family of the Year: We recognize those Knights and their families who gave their time and effort beyond the call of volunteerism.
2. Children of Knights participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive
3. Children of Knights participated in the Seminarian Raffle ticket sales
4. Many families enjoy the fellowship and pancakes breakfasts we host after Masses the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.
5. We hold our annual Christmas Party for families to attend.
6. We plan to hold a Council picnic the afternoon of our spring membership drive on April 29th, 2018.






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## Saint Francis of Assisi Council 13456 Activity Report (continued)

### Pro-Life Activities

1. Silver Rose Ceremonies on Aug 1, 2017
2. We donated \$2,315 to the Ultrasound Initiative. Funds were raised from our First Annual Andy Pohl Memorial Fun Run and Turkey Trot.
3. Women's Resource Medical Center fund raiser, Apr 27, 2018
4. 40 days for life Fall Oct to Nov, 2017
5. 40 days for Life Spring Feb 18 – Mar 28, 2018
6. Quarterly Diocesan Pro-Life Meetings
7. Racheal's Vineyard Retreat Nov 10-12, 2017
8. Las Vegas Light for Life Jan 22, 2018
9. Angel Tree during Christmas
10. First Choice Pregnancy Service March for Life. March 10, 2018
11. Baby Bottle Campaign Feb/March 2018 Lent
12. Living Grace Gala March 15, 2018
13. Nevada for Common Good. Advance Directive ref: Nevada Center for Ethics & Health Policy

### Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to review this report. Hopefully, through sharing these topics, we can generate additional interest in these and similar activities further improving our Order's contributions to the Church and Community. Every little bit helps.



SK Thomas Thorn  
State Deputy



## Nevada Jurisdiction Calendar Year Invoicing Guidelines and Council Per Capita Amortization

<b>Annual Due's Invoice mailed to Member</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Per Capita Amortization @\$14/Member</b>
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 Thomas Thorn  
State Deputy



Nevada 6,000 !!!

**6,000 Members**



- Nevada has 5,910 Members as of 4-23-2018
- With 2 months and 1 week to go we need 90 Net/Net to be at 6,000
- Supreme and the Nevada State Council want to recognize the 6,000th member in Nevada so please report all first degrees in a timely manner

Nevada is now in a position that we should easily pass 6,000 members this fraternal year thanks to the hard work and new mind set of many in the Nevada Knights.

**Send all First Degree Evaluations to State Membership Director Ray Troik and State Deputy Tom Thorn**





SK Thomas Thorn  
State Deputy



## District Deputy – Council Officer Training Update

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



The District Deputy training was held in my office on April 14<sup>th</sup> and of the 5 District Deputies in the Diocese of Reno invited all 5 were present. The meeting ran from 10 that morning until 3 in the afternoon. Our Supreme Membership and Program consultant Ray Lopez gave a couple of presentations on “Training the Trainer” and Council Officers Duties”. We discuss the new mind set of the Knights of Columbus, Faith in Action replacement of Surge with Service, Online Membership and much more.

Then on Sunday from 10 am until 3 pm we had a Council Officer training session for the upcoming fraternal year which covered many of the same topics and youth recruiting and some additional information. Those attend were by council:

State Deputy Thomas Thorn  
Supreme MPC Ray Lopez  
District Deputy George Minter  
State Hispanic Chairman Elvis Herrera

Council # 4928 – FS Chuck Goucher  
Council # 4997 – GK David Turner  
Council # 7322 – GK Matt Mareno and FS Jim Demetrio and Chancellor Michael Chaump  
Council # 10577 – GK John Byrne and FS Rafael Arevalo  
Council # 12877 – GK Chris Pennington, FS William Sousa, Warden Leo Carew  
Council # 13842 – GK Byron Parks & John Robins  
Council # 14588 - GK Jose Lopez

Not present were Council # 978, Council # 2511, Council # 2666, Council # 4781, Council # 4828, Council # 6688, Council # 11512, Council # 12845, Council # 13987, Council # 13924, Council # 13944, Council # 16207

The meeting was very informative about the upcoming fraternal year and the changes in the Knights of Columbus. Grand Knights who missed the training should seek guidance from their District Deputy so they are on the right page for the coming year.

Sincerely,  
Vivat Jesus,

Thomas J. Thorn  
State Deputy  
Nevada State Council



Supreme website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>  
State website: <http://kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/index.asp?CN=US&ST=NV>



SK Raymond Foster  
Council 10442  
Grand Knight



## Father Joseph O'Callahan Assembly #2820

### Hawaiian Luau



**Knights of Columbus Father Joseph O'Callahan Assembly 2820**

Cordially invites you to our

### Annual Hawaiian Luau



- taking place on **Saturday June 16, 2018** in the Catholic Center  
at St Joseph Husband of Mary Church  
7260 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas NV 89117

**530 pm Cash Bar Dinner served at 6pm**



**Cost is only \$20 per person -**



*Includes Hawaiian Food and Hawaiian dancers and music for entertainment*

*Menu includes Kaluah pig, chicken long rice, Teriyaki Chicken, Macaroni salad, and steamed rice.*

**Reservations for tables will be for groups of 8 paid tickets – so don't delay – put together your group now!!!! Aloha!**

**For reservations or more info Contact:**



**Steve Luedkte**

**702-275-1102**

**slueds@cox.net**







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St. Therese of the Little Flower  
Council 14588

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## Council 14588 Recruiting Drive on the Feast of San Pedro Calungsod







## Trip to World Meetings of Families in Ireland



Dublin, Ireland



Every time you recruit a new member into the Order from 12/01/2017 through 6/30/2018, your name will go into a drawing. On July 1, 2018, a total of 10 names will be drawn at random.

You will be notified immediately so you and your wife can plan this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world. When you return, you can become a beacon of light for other families in your council, community, and state.

*For more information on the World Meeting of Families 2018, please visit [www.worldmeeting.ie](http://www.worldmeeting.ie).*



In response to the Holy Father's exhortation to strengthen the domestic church and in accordance with the Order's strong commitment to families, the Supreme Knight announced at the Midyear Meeting of State Deputies a lottery incentive for 10 couples to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland with all expenses paid.

Here's how it works: beginning Dec. 1, 2017, every time a Knight recruits a new member into the Order through June 30, 2018, his name will go into a drawing. On July 1, 2018, a total of 10 names will be drawn at random.

If you are a winner, we will notify you and your wife immediately, so you can plan this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world. When you return, you can become a beacon of light for other families in your council, community, and state.



SK Thomas Villardi  
 Council 9102  
 Grand Knight



## Council 9102 – Spring Car Show



St. Jude, Council 9102 held their Spring Car Show on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. It was the largest to date with 87 cars in attendance. It was a perfect Spring day in Las Vegas with clear skies, 85° F with a slight breeze. The show ran from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and with food and refreshments available. The event benefited the Council’s Community Outreach Program and raised nearly \$3,000.00. We were also able to sell 600 Seminarian Raffle tickets at the event. The winners were:

Best of Show: Eric Goodman 1937 Ford Truck  
 People’s Choice: David Kessler 1937 Ford 2 dr. Coupe

Modern category  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Pete Anderson 2014 Ford Mustang  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chuck DeLosSantos 2015 Ford Mustang

Classic category  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tom Wejtaszek 1940 Ford Delux Convertible  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Michael Bennett Cobra Replica



SK Thomas Thorn  
State Deputy



## Membership Numbers Over the Past 35 Years

NEVADA							
MBRSHIP	NEW MBR/	SUSP/	R&R	DEATHS/	NET	MBRSHIP	
JULY 1	READDs	WITHDR.	GAIN	TRANS.	GAIN/	JUNE 30	
			LOSS	INACT.	LOSS		
				NET			March 30, 2018
2017	5,790	274	181	-68	113	5,903	
2016	5,747	308	159	-106	43	5,790	2016
2015	5,684	322	184	-75	63	5,747	2016
2014	5,679	319	251	-63	5	5,684	2015
2013	5,485	393	135	-64	194	5,679	2014
2012	5,482	281	213	-65	3	5,485	2013
2011	5,462	366	228	-118	20	5,482	2012
2010	5,498	319	253	-102	-36	5,462	2011
2009	5,521	411	348	-86	-23	5,498	2010
2008	5,312	443	117	326	-117	209	5,521
2007	5,185	367	122	245	-118	127	5,312
2006	4,974	397	-88	309	-98	211	5,185
2005	4,809	408	-217	191	-26	165	4,974
2004	4,661	381	-185	196	-48	148	4,809
2003	4,472	368	-137	231	-42	189	4,661
2002	4,413	306	-211	95	-36	59	4,472
2001	4,308	323	-182	141	-36	105	4,413
2000	4,136	352	-132	220	-48	172	4,308
1999	3,969	388	-220	168	-1	167	4,136
1998	3,966	279	-237	42	-39	3	3,969
1997	3,828	302	-161	141	-3	138	3,966
1996	3,638	330	-142	188	2	190	3,828
1995	3,395	399	-152	247	-4	243	3,638
1994	3,291	316	-170	146	-42	104	3,395
1993	2,989	354	-72	282	20	302	3,291
1992	2,780	333	-153	180	29	209	2,989
1991	2,538	333	-119	214	28	242	2,780
1990	2,406	227	-88	139	-7	132	2,538
1989	2,286	200	-76	124	-4	120	2,406
1988	2,295	196	-198	-2	-7	-9	2,286
1987	2,268	143	-100	43	-16	27	2,295
1986	2,173	207	-72	135	-40	95	2,268
1985	2,033	224	-66	158	-18	140	2,173
1984	1,990	152	-115	37	6	43	2,033
1983	1,914	156	-88	88	-12	76	1,990
1982	1,818	164	-59	105	-9	96	1,914






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SK George A. Minter  
District Deputy

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## A Knight's Tale

A dozen or so years ago, a request came from the Diocese of Reno asking local Knights of Columbus Councils for financial and manpower assistance for the annual Bishops Youth Rally. The Youth Rally is put on, Diocesan wide, for Confirmation students from all the Parishes within our Diocese. The Youth Rally has continued to grow every year and the 2018 Rally was attended by over five hundred of our teenagers. Adding diocesan staff, clergy, instructors, chaperones and guest speakers, the event totaled around 550 people, who lined-up for lunch. The Bishop's Youth Rally was held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Bishop Manogue High School.

The cost of food and supplies is substantial, which one Council would have a lot of trouble with this. Therefore, spreading the cost, between the local Councils provides the solution, as every one of these Councils has youth from their Parish in attendance.

The Councils providing funding for the Youth Rally are:

#978 - The Nevada Council; #4928 - Ponderosa Council; #4997 - Msgr. O'Connor Council #7322 - Christ The King Council; #12877 - Our Lady of The Desert Council; #13842 - St. John Vianney Council; #10577 - The Archangel Council.

From the beginning (12 years ago), Msgr. O'Connor Council #4997 arrives at Our Lady of The Snows Parish at 7:00 AM, hooks up and tows their charcoal grill to Bishop Manogue High School. On their arrival, they fire up the charcoal grill and begin cooking. These five Knights cooked 650 hamburgers and hot dogs for the Youth Rally, finishing around 11:00AM with twenty (20+) volunteer service hours. It's noteworthy that these Knights are recognized and respected as leaders within their Council and area-wide, with one Past State Deputy, two Past Grand Knights, the current Grand Knight and the current Deputy Grand Knight and the District Deputy.

Ponderosa Council #4928 begins to arrive around 9:00AM. Swinging into action these Knights and Ladies, begin the unpack-aging of the buns, potato chips, cookies and condiments. Stocking the chips and cookies on the shelving units, allows the lunch attendees to grab and go. On the serving line, plates are separated, and the buns are racked. Everyone has agreed among themselves, who will work where. After a dozen years, this is almost automatic.

Ms. Christina Davis, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry announces that lunch will start at 12:00Noon. Right on time, the kids come, and the line begins. Five Hundred and Fifty (550) pass though the serving line in a record-breaking time of twenty-two (22) minutes! The kitchen remains open and with an announcement, many kids come back for seconds. Christina came up to me, almost in disbelief of what she just witnessed and all she could say was "YOU, KNIGHTS ROCK!"



SK George A. Minter  
District Deputy



## A Knight's Tale (continued)



Fourteen Knights and five of our wives (Ladies of The Knights) showed up and provided about 72 volunteer service hours. Among the Council volunteers were our current State Deputy, State Advocate, District Deputy, Grand Knight, District Marshall. The other Knights have or are serving Ponderosa Council as Officers.

As a wrap-up of this KNIGHTS TALE it is worth noting: the wonderful support of our Ladies and where would we be without them and how seven Knights of Columbus Councils come together each year in UNITY and FELLOWSHIP in support of our first principal of CHARITY!



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SK Michael J. O’Connor  
Supreme Secretary

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## 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.





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SK Ray Troik  
State Membership Director

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## May Membership

2 Months and counting. WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR GOALS! Sorry I haven't had an article for a couple months; forgot the due date for publication. But WE have been doing VERY GOOD!

Membership is very important to Any Organization. I'm in 2 other groups and both of them are searching for NEW Members. So, even though we feel uncomfortable, stressed and bored by always stressing membership. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT! As we have seen we have lost 60 some members this year due to death. We live to live with Jesus forever. But the Knights go on because of NEW MEMBERS. They are we 30 years from now. So, yes, we do ALWAYS need New Members. We need them to eventually replace us. So, recruiting new members is constantly important. Besides, some of them might have some new ideas to make our councils the best ever.

Our WSD shared a pamphlet from Supreme recently. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION MANUAL. I believe the # to order the pamphlet is #10227; printed on 6-15. The pamphlet is available ONLINE under Membership Growth. 27 pages in length but everything a council needs to deal with membership. Wish I had this pamphlet when I was GK. It is definitely a ONE STOP tool. Get it! Use It! Make you Council FIT!

One Council recently discovered an important tool which we ALL should be using: Admission Committee Questionnaire; SF-391 form. I've seen it and used it but not all the time. Maybe if we used it not only for NEW members but for the whole council we would have a better feel for the interests of our Council. If they see an area to share their expertise then they'll sign up.

2 Months and Counting. WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR GOALS!




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SK George A. Minter  
District Deputy

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## March 2018 Family of The Month: Minter's & Gonzalez's



Three Ponderosa Council 4928 Knights attended the April 8th Divine Mercy Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish. Our Lady of The Desert Council 12877 invited our attendance for this very special day of prayer in The Church. Following Mass, the Minter's and Gonzalez's are photographed with their March 2018 Family of The Month Certificates.

In the photo are (L to R) George & Joyce Minter, Rose & Agustin Gonzalez and State Deputy Thomas Thorn.

The Minter's and Gonzalez's shared the March Family of The Month for their hard work assisting PGK Mark Foxwell, Chairman for the Council's Saint Patrick's Day dinner party. They assisted with set-up and decorating Saint Joseph's Hall and stayed until the end for clean-up and re-setting everything. Joyce and Rose conducted a raffle of donated prizes and raised \$270.00 for the KofC Nevada State Seminarian Education Raffle Fund. This event was one of the best Saint Patrick's parties in recent memory. Brother Mark Foxwell deserves a lot of the credit, as he loves this annual event.



SK Thomas Thorn  
State Deputy



## 2018 Knights of Columbus Nevada State Convention Elko, NV

Dates: May 4 - 6, 2018

Host Council: #2511

Convention Chairmen: Jim Conner, Raymond Langer

Jim Conner: 775-934-4742  
Raymond Langer: 775-340-0073

Convention Location: St. Joseph's Parish  
986 Highland Drive

Activities & Meals Location: St. Joseph's Parish

Saturday's Meetings & Lunch: Elko Convention Center  
700 Moren Way

### Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM                      Registration/Welcome Party  
St, Josephs Parish  
Columbus Hall  
986 Highland Drive

### Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

6:00 AM – 7:20 AM                      Breakfast  
St. Josephs Parish  
Mater Dei Hall  
986 Highland Drive

7:30 AM – 7:50 AM                      Holy Rosary

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM                      Meetings  
Elko Convention Center  
700 Moren Way



SK Thomas Thorn  
State Deputy



## 2018 Knights of Columbus Nevada State Convention Elko, NV

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 (continued)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Elko Convention Center 700 Moren Way
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Meetings Elko Convention Center 700 Moren Way
4:45 PM	Arrive for Mass St. Josephs Parish 986 Highland Drive
5:00 PM	Mass
6:30 PM	Banquet St. Josephs Parish Mater Dei Hall 986 Highland Drive

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

6:00 AM – 7:30 AM	Breakfast St. Josephs Parish 986 Highland Drive
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Meetings St. Josephs Parish 986 Highland Drive
12:00 PM	Meeting Adjourns

Things to see while you are in Elko: check out:

[www.exploreelko.com](http://www.exploreelko.com)

[www.elkonevada.com](http://www.elkonevada.com)



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SK Chuck Baker

NV State Disaster Chair

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## Wildfire and Defensible Space

I see the "Red Flag Warnings" are cropping up for the Las Vegas area. We all know that time flies, so it won't be long before Northern Nevada will begin experiencing wildfires. Now is the time to prepare for the fire season by addressing any defensible space issues you may have.

Attached is an article from UNR on defensible space. I've also added a link to Nevada's "Living with Fire" website. Browse the website. There is a lot of information on the site that is practical for all.

As always please share this information with your GKs and encourage them to share this with their council members.

***Remember - have a kit and to have a plan.***

<http://www.livingwithfire.info/>





SK Chuck Baker  
NV State Disaster Chair



## Ten Frequently Asked Questions About Defensible Space

By Ed Smith, Natural Resource Management Specialist

As northern Nevada communities grow, the likelihood of homes being threatened by a wildfire also grows. A critical factor in determining whether or not a home will survive a wildfire is the type, amount, and maintenance of vegetation surrounding the house. In the 1980's, the term "defensible space" was coined to describe vegetation management practices aimed at reducing the wildfire threat to homes. This fact sheet addresses some of the frequently asked questions regarding defensible space.

### QUESTION ONE: WHAT IS DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

Defensible space refers to that area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat and which provides an opportunity for fire fighters to effectively defend the house. Oftentimes, a defensible space is simply a homeowner's backyard.

### QUESTION TWO: WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VEGETATION AND WILDFIRE THREAT?

Many people do not view the plants growing on their property as a threat. But in terms of wildfire, what is growing adjacent to their homes can have considerable influence upon the survivability of their houses. All vegetation, including naturally occurring native plants and ornamental plants in the residential landscape, is potential wildfire fuel. If the vegetation is properly modified and maintained, a wildfire can be slowed down, the length of flames shortened, and the amount of heat reduced, all of which contribute to a house surviving a wildfire.

### QUESTION THREE: WHY IS DEFENSIBLE SPACE NECESSARY? WON'T THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECT MY HOUSE?

Some individuals incorrectly assume that a fire truck will be parked in their driveway and fire fighters will be actively defending their homes if a wildfire approaches. During a major wildfire, it is unlikely that there will be firefighting resources available to defend every home. Even with adequate resources, some wildfires may be so intense that there may be little that fire fighters can do to prevent a house from burning. The key is to reduce fire intensity as a wildfire nears the house. This can be accomplished by reducing the amount of flammable vegetation surrounding a home.

### QUESTION FOUR: DOES DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIRE A LOT OF BARE GROUND AROUND A HOUSE?

No. While bare ground would certainly provide an effective defensible space, it is not necessary and looks bad. Bare ground may also cause soil to erode. Many homes have yards that are both effective defensible spaces and attractive landscapes with little or no bare ground.



SK Chuck Baker  
NV State Disaster Chair



## Ten Frequently Asked Questions About Defensible Space (continued)

### QUESTION FIVE: DOES CREATING A DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS OR EQUIPMENT?

No. For the most part, creating a defensible space employs routine gardening and landscape maintenance practices such as pruning, mowing, weeding, plant removal, appropriate plant selection, and irrigation. The necessary equipment consists of common tools like a chain saw, pruning saw, pruning shears, loppers, weed-eater, shovel, and a rake. A chipper, compost bin, or a large rented trash dumpster may be useful in disposing unwanted plant material. Annual maintenance will likely be required to retain an effective defensible space.

### QUESTION SIX: HOW BIG IS AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

Defensible space size is usually expressed as the distance from the house in which vegetation is managed to reduce the wildfire threat. The necessary distance for an effective defensible is not the same for everyone but varies by slope and type of native vegetation growing near the house. An example of defensible space distances is presented on the back page of this publication. Contact your local fire marshal for suggested defensible space distances specific to your area. If your recommended distance exceeds your property boundaries, contact the adjacent property owner and try to work cooperatively on creating a defensible space. The effectiveness of defensible space increases when multiple property owners work together.

### QUESTION SEVEN: WHAT SHOULD I DO TO MAKE MY PROPERTY DEFENSIBLE?

Within the recommended defensible space distance, conduct the following activities:

- Remove dead vegetation (i.e., dead trees and shrubs, dried grass and flowers, dead branches, fallen leaves, etc.).
- Remove lower branches from mature trees to a height of eight feet from ground level. Also, remove small trees and shrubs growing under mature trees.
- Remove tree branches within 15 feet of a chimney or stove pipe. Keep vegetation clear of power lines and decks.
- Remove the majority of native shrubs and trees within 30 feet of the house. Retaining a few well maintained native shrubs and trees within the 30 feet is acceptable. Avoid leaving native trees in front of large windows and adjacent to decks.
- Beyond 30 feet, remove native shrubs to provide a separation between shrubs of approximately three times the shrub height (i.e., if shrub height is 2 feet, then 3 x 2 feet = 6 feet separation). Thin mature native trees to provide a separation of at least 10 feet between tree crowns.
- Selectively thin and maintain remaining native vegetation at a shorter height through pruning. Selecting ornamental plants for use in the defensible space should emphasize:
  - herbaceous plants (i.e., non-woody plants such as turfgrass, perennial and annual flowers, etc.) over shrubs and trees.
  - shorter growing plants over taller plants.
  - deciduous plants over evergreens



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SK Chuck Baker  
NV State Disaster Chair

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## Ten Frequently Asked Questions About Defensible Space (continued)

### QUESTION EIGHT: DOES HAVING AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSIBLE SPACE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Yes. Investigations of homes threatened by wildfire indicate that houses with an effective defensible space are much more likely to survive a wildfire. Furthermore, homes with both an effective defensible space and a nonflammable roof (e.g., composition shingles, tile, metal, etc.) are many more times likely to survive a wildfire than those without a defensible space and flammable roofs (i.e., wood shakes or shingles).

### QUESTION NINE: DOES HAVING A DEFENSIBLE SPACE GUARANTEE MY HOUSE WILL SURVIVE A WILDFIRE?

No. Under extreme conditions, almost any house can burn. But having a defensible space will significantly improve the odds of your home surviving a wildfire.

### QUESTION TEN: WHY DOESN'T EVERYONE LIVING IN A HIGH WILDFIRE HAZARD AREA CREATE A DEFENSIBLE SPACE?

The specific reasons for not creating a defensible space are varied. Some individuals believe that "it won't happen to me". Others think the costs (i.e., time, money, effort, etc.) outweigh the benefits (i.e., improved protection for property). But some have failed to implement defensible space practices because of lack of knowledge or misconceptions. For those individuals wanting to learn more about defensible space, contact your local Cooperative Extension office or fire marshal.

## Upcoming Degree Events

Date	Host Council	Location	Times	Contact
5/15/18	Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877	Immaculate Conception Church 2900 N McCarren Blvd Sparks, NV 89431	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	SK Christopher J Pennington (775) 313-5524
6/19/18	Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877	Immaculate Conception Church 2900 N McCarren Blvd Sparks, NV 89431	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	SK Christopher J Pennington (775) 313-5524
7/17/18	Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877	Immaculate Conception Church 2900 N McCarren Blvd Sparks, NV 89431	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	SK Christopher J Pennington (775) 313-5524
7/28/18	Sierras Madre Council 4781 & District 4	Corpus Christi Catholic Church 3597 N. Sunridge Dr., Carson City, Nevada 89705	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Degree – 8:00AM</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – 9:30AM</b>	DD John E. Debord (775) 813.6842 johndebord@gmail.com

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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
<b>2018</b>				
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	
<b>2019</b>				
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. Patricks- Tonopah	
<b>2020</b>				
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	
<b>2021</b>				
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	
<b>2022</b>				
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

#### MAY 2018

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#### JUNE 2018

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#### JULY 2018

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#### AUGUST 2018

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## A Knight to Remember – Mike Pinjuv

Florenz “Mike” Pinjuv, was born on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1924 in Las Vegas. For a little trivia, Calvin Coolidge was President at that time.

Mike’s father, who was a Knight worked with the railroad like many men at that time when they first settled in the area. Later on, Mike’s father owned a mercantile store and filling station downtown, the Pinjuv Cash Grocery. The store went out of business during the depression as they took IOU’s from people who could not afford food. Mike and his brothers worked at the store, which the family lived behind. Mike learned how to count change at a very early age, which helped him later on in life. He graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1942.

During WWII, Mike was stationed in Europe from 1943 to 1945 and attached to the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force. He made it home in time to see the Flamingo Hotel completed a year later and saw firsthand, the transition of Las Vegas. The Pinjuv’s were in Las Vegas when the Nevada state legislature legalized gambling at the local level in 1931. They witnessed Las Vegas’ postwar boom, the atomic testing in the 50’s (ground-shaking and all), the explosive growth during the 70’s and 80’s and the mega-resorts of today. Mike’s family has been in the Las Vegas valley for over 100 years. For Las Vegas, that’s “Mayflower Society” status.

Mike joined the Knights in March of 1946. That makes it 72 consecutive years as a Knight. Mike and his 4 brothers, all did their 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees at the same time at Las Vegas Council #2828 at Markish

Hall. At the time, Council #2828 was the only council in Las Vegas. Markish Hall is located at 911 E Ogden Avenue and to give you an idea of the size of the community back then, Mike’s family was living at 714 E Ogden Ave. Mike’s brother Eddie went on to become the State Deputy from 1956 to 1958.



Mike and his wife Beverly have been married for 65 years and were blessed with 9 children (8 girls and 1 boy). They have 12 grandchildren. He ran a State Farm Insurance office for 60+ years. The agency offered auto, home, life and health insurance. His daughter Patty was an adjustor at the agency as well.

Mike transferred to St. Jude, Council #9102 and is also a member of Assembly 611. Our Council was fortunate to have

## A Knight to Remember – Mike Pinjuv (continued)

him as our Treasurer for 20+ years, in addition to his many other contributions. Even at 93, he finds the time to help out at our Pancake Breakfast events and can often be seen serving up eggs and bacon to the Parishioners. Mike also generously donates to our Council's Community Outreach Program.

Mike was born into, what's called the "Greatest Generation"; those born between 1901 – 1924. They are those who experienced the Great Depression and World War II in their adulthood. Their remarkable actions, during times of war and peace, ultimately made the United States a better place in which to live.



JFK, pictured here, was from the "Greatest Generation" and also a Knight.

faith." This generation is responsible for much of the freedom and affluence that Americans enjoy today.

Mike Pinjuv is a shining example of this generation – the "Greatest Generation". Mike has done so many things for our community, our Parish, Council & Assembly.

Take a look around at your council & assembly; I'm sure you'll find others who are part of this generation who have made this country what it is. Reach out to them and thank them for all their contributions.

Born and raised in a tumultuous era marked by war and economic depression, men and women of this generation developed values of "personal responsibility, duty, honor and