



The Silver Knight

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Message from the Editor

As we come to a close of this Columbian Year we should all recognize how much we have accomplished for the good of our communities and beyond. The time volunteered and effort put forth has led to a very successful year for Nevada Knights. We have done very well with recruiting new members and have as always contributed much to our Parishes and communities. You should all know how much this is appreciated. Thanks to you and your families.

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,

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Message from the State Deputy

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

Our annual convention in Elko was a huge success. The Elko council and St. Joseph’s Parish were great hosts. We were truly blessed to have Bishop Calvo of the Diocese of Reno there Friday night, Bishop Joseph Thomas from India for the weekend and Fr. John McShane a longtime friend and the Pastor of Sacred Heart in Ely visit as well as Fr. Daniel Hussy, the Pastor at St. Joseph’s and our host. With the help of those attending the dinner banquet we were able to raise \$1,000 for Bishop Joseph Thomas to fund seminarians in India. Bishop Joseph Thomas has provided many Priests to the Diocese of Reno and is a big supporter of the Knights of Columbus.

I want to recognize all the hard work, faith in the Church and the Order and trust in the direction that the State is going from all of the State Officers, Chaplain and Associate Chaplains, Chairmen, Directors, District Deputies and Councils that have helped Nevada do great things this Fraternal Year. Thank you to all the Clergy throughout the State who have been great supporters of what the Knights are trying to do here and throughout the Order.

I hope that you are enjoying the monthly newsletters, State website, State Facebook page and the new “Knight to Remember” recognition for Brother Knights in each monthly newsletter.

With your help and work we will hit 6,000 this year and have great growth, diversity and a very dynamic Catholic faith in the Nevada Knights of Columbus going forward.

I want to share a thought by an outspoken atheist, Penn Jillette, brings to mind, why you should bring fellow Catholic men into the Knights and help all your Brothers in the spiritual growth and offer them support as well as being evangelist. He said the following:

“If you believe that there’s a heaven and a hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and you think that it’s not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward... how much do you have to hate somebody not to proselytize? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that? I mean, if I believed, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that a truck was coming at you, and that you didn’t believe that truck was bearing down on you, there is a certain point where I tackle you. And this is more important than that.”

Hopefully, you want to or are a part of the solution to some of the things that have held us back in the past and if you have ideas for the betterment of the District, State or Order I am always interested in hearing those.



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Message from the State Deputy (continued)

As I write this I see that on May 15, 2018 we are 45 men from the Supreme intake goal, 10 away from their net goal and 300% in their Net/Net goals for this year. However, we are still 60 away from the goal of 6,000 Nevada members that we as a State set. I am sure that it is possible and that we can achieve this, as I know that with God all things are possible.

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read '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



SK Meynard A Infantado
District Deputy



Message from the Director - Filipino Development

Worthy Grand Knights,

During our last convention in Elko, I promised that we will bring more Filipino Catholic men in our order here in Nevada. There are thousands of Filipino Catholic men that live here in Nevada who have not joined the Knights of Columbus. The last thing we would like to hear on why they are not joining was "nobody had asked them."

So, I would like to ask each one of you a favor to please submit me the name, email and phone number of your chosen Filipino Coordinator for your council. I will be making a list of names and they will be my point of contact. It will be great if I can have this by the end of this month of May.

For those councils/parishes that have no Filipino/ or American Filipino presence in the area, please reply as Not Applicable and I will mark it down.

Our goal is to recruit at least 2 Filipino men per council before this Columbian year ends.

Thank you all and may God bless you and your family for all your sacrifices for the success of the order.

Vivat Jesus,

Meynard A. Infantado
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SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Promotional Material for Nevada for Supreme

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

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



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Nevada State Council
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Annual State Deputy Report

This fraternal year our first meeting prior to the start of the fraternal year was a fraternal year planning session in May 2017 at the home of State Treasurer Toni Pascua in Las Vegas. The other State Officers, Membership Director, Program Director and our Supreme Membership & Programs Consultant, Ray Lopez met to establish our Strategic Goals & Objectives for the 2017-18 Fraternal Year.

Also prior to the start of the fraternal year was the State Deputy orientation in New Haven, CT. This was held in June 2017 where Julie and I attended, and I was installed in office and received much training and fraternity with the other Brother State Deputies from around the country and world.

After the year started the State Council held the District Deputy and Grand Knight Orientation Sessions in Las Vegas at St. Francis de Sales parish and in Reno at St. Michael's parish in Stead, both were held in July. The attendance for these organizational / training meetings was good and the respective council did a nice job of hosting. It was at these meeting that the District Deputies and State Officers were installed in officer for the fraternal year.

In August I attended the Supreme Convention in St. Louis. The 2017 State Deputy Class dinner was planned by the Nevada State First Lady Julie Thorn and was held at Lombardo's Trattoria. In our class of 32 State Deputies, most attended and with wives and family members attending we had 72 in attendance.

The convention was attended from Nevada by our State Chaplain Fr. Tom, State Deputy Tom Thorn and his wife Julie, State Secretary Vic Edwards, State Treasure Toni Pascua and his wife Ladies Auxiliary President Ditas Pascua, State Warden Joe Haun and Past State Deputy/ District Master David Ryan and his wife Tracy.

We had a chance to meet and talk to the Knight of the Year from Nevada for 2008-2009 Allan Stockinger who has moved to Indiana and get a picture with him and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

The Nevada delegation went to Al Smith's Feasting Fox for the Nevada Jurisdiction dinner for German food at the request of State Chaplain Fr. Tom who used to be in seminary in St. Louis.

On the ceremonial side I was able to participate in a couple of Patriotic Degree exemplifications, a couple of Initiation Degree exemplifications as a degree team member and observed a few Formation and Knighthood degree exemplifications.

In November, I attended the State Deputy Mid-Year meeting in Washington DC to review where the Order is at midyear and how our state was in relation to the other jurisdictions. There was hours of training and time to talk to other State Deputies and see what works for them and share what is working for us. Archbishop William Lori said Mass for us at the St. John Paul II Shrine.



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



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Annual State Deputy Report (continued)

In December our annual Mid-Year Meeting was held in Las Vegas council 2828 Markich Hall and council 13392 San Lorenzo Ruiz. Friday night registration and karaoke were great. The meeting was very informative covering Online Membership, Ethnic Development, Outreach to Middle Eastern Catholics and our State Associate Chaplain Fr. Gerry Grupczynski was able to join us as well as Brother Marty Yzaguirre the Hispanic Development Director from Supreme. The Past State Deputies banquet had attendance of over 90 people and included music and a fine time.

In February the State Officers met to review this current fraternal year progress, plan the remaining part of the fraternal year and discuss the upcoming State Convention. The retreat was held in Mesquite and the Mesquite council setup for us to participate in Mass with the parish. Our meeting was successful and allowed the State Officers to catch up on the open items and have some fraternal time together.

On March 31 the State audit and budget meetings were held at the Microsoft Offices in Reno and the Audit Committee came up with some suggestions and the Budget Committee review found that our per capita should stay at \$14 per billable member for the next fraternal year. As you will see from the Annual Audit report both the audit and budget review when well. We also spent some time working on plans to keep the administrative part of the system running smoothly going forward.

In April at the request of our Supreme MPC Ray Lopez we held planning sessions with the District Deputies and Council Officers to review items like vetting for council offices, staffing positions after their election, online membership, new ideas, ethnic development and many other topics. The meeting where held in Reno/Sparks and Las Vegas (at Our Lady of Las Vegas). The Las Vegas meeting also gave me an opportunity to attend the St. Jude Council car show. Out of the 11 District 9 District Deputies attended and 4 potential District Deputies attended. Of the councils a little less than half of the councils were represented but we hope that in the following year more will participate in planning meetings.



As April wraps up I am preparing for our 108th Annual Nevada State Convention in Elko, Nevada and looking forward to a productive and fun time in Elko.



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



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Annual State Deputy Report (continued)

This Fraternal Year we have been blessed with our State Website and emails distribution thanks to State WebMaster Mark Foxwell, adding our Nevada State Council Facebook page under State Administrative Assistant Michael Caster and State Public Relation Chairman Frank Fuchs and then making the Monthly Newsletter happen starting with Brother Andre Chia and now run by Newsletter Editor Al Cuccinelli.

Additionally, we added Hispanic Development Chairmen Elvis Herrera in the Diocese of Reno and Carlos Sandoval in the Diocese of Las Vegas as well as Filipino Development Chairman Meynard Infantado.

Thank you for your trust and support this fraternal year in our efforts to make Nevada shine in the Order of the Knights of Columbus and give all Catholic men an invitation to join us in seeking Christ, supporting our clergy and creating a fraternal bond among Catholic men.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Thorn
Nevada State Deputy



SK Antonio "Toni" Pascua
State Treasurer



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Annual State Treasurers Report

As this fraternal year is drawing close to an end, here are some highlights that I wish to impart as State Treasurer.

On July 8th, I attended this year's Northern Nevada Grand Knight and District Deputy Training in St. Michaels in Stead, Nevada and on July 15th for Southern Nevada at St Francis De Sales followed by the Installation of State Officers and new District Deputies.

This was the transitory period which allowed endorsements and a prelude of how to disburse, record, reconcile and balance the checks of State Council Representative / delegates per diem and mileage requirements.

August 1 to 3, I represented the Nevada State Council in the 135th Supreme Convention held in St Louis, Missouri (The Gateway City).

This event opened more fellowship to meet our Brother Knights, as well as some Worthy Dignitaries from Supreme and different jurisdictions. Was able to foster more ideas and reach out with other Delegates from other contingencies exchanging views and contacts to increase membership and apply it to our local Councils.

State Representatives of Nevada and Hawaii at Western Breakfast during the Supreme Convention in St Louis, Missouri

On September 30, along with District Master Past State Deputy David Ryan, I represented the Nevada State Council in the Junipero Serra Fourth Degree Provincial Meeting in Redondo Beach, California. Witnessed the Color Corps Competition. Together with California State Deputy Romy Quevedo, Vice Supreme Master Larry Campitello and Provincial District Masters, we knighted around 280 new Sir Knights.

Together with the State Board, we attended the Mid-Year meeting, which was hosted by San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392 at Markich Hall, Las Vegas last December 2 and 3rd, wherein State Officers, District Deputies and most of the Grand Knights were also in attendance.

On the weekend of February 10 and 11, we had our State officers retreat in Casablanca Resorts followed by a solemn mass celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mesquite, Nevada.

On the evening of February 24, I attended the Southern Nevada Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Check Awarding Ceremony / Pasta Dinner at St Francis De Sales and saw the checks distribution to the beneficiaries to our local Mentally Disabled facilities in Nevada.



SK Antonio "Toni" Pascua
State Treasurer



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Annual State Treasurers Report (continued)



Photos taken during the awarding ceremony of checks at St Francis de Sales Some Patriotic, fundraising, volunteer projects noted (Summer/ Fall/ Winter 2017)

I had the privilege to attend several Councils' Meeting, Membership Drives, Activities like Feed the Homeless in Downtown Las Vegas, helped in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Boulder City with some Brother Knights from St Francis of Assisi and St Viator, the Ladies Auxiliary members and Columbian Squires.

I also helped ran the fireworks booth of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 11029 in Summerlin, hauled non-perishable foods for a Food Drive in Henderson that benefitted both Catholic Charities and St. Therese Center in Southern Nevada. Went around several Councils who invited our presence in numerous Christmas Parties.

Spring 2018

Last March, helped the St Padre Pio Circle Columbian Squires at Nascar weekend, in Las Vegas Motor Speedway running a food service booth as one of their major fundraising projects, proceeds of which were donated to St. Francis of Assisi Building Fund and the St. Francis of Assisi Youth Group (for sponsorship for their travel to Spain).

As we are heading in a positive direction to promote and expand more Councils, with the aim of memberships' retention and growth, I sincerely wanted to extend my warmest gratitude for your utmost support to the Board, Councils, and your able leadership as well.



SK Antonio “Toni” Pascua
State Treasurer



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Annual State Treasurers Report (continued)

To endeavor its essence in a continuous journey of brotherhood, I truly enjoyed working with the State Board and for the valuable experience gained of being your State Treasurer!

Vivat Jesus!

Antonio “Toni” Pascua

State Treasurer Nevada State Council



SK Joe Alvin Haun
State Warden



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Annual State Warden Report

Upon election to Office I became responsible for all materials, equipment, and supplies from the State Convention. I transported and stored said items at my residence in Las Vegas, Nevada. Within a month also received the key and access code to the State Storage Unit at A-Able Self Storage Center located at 4424 San Mateo Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

Additional tasks included the following:

- Delivered State Name Tag to State Officers, Directors and Chairmen in the Las Vegas Diocese
- Delivered State Shirt to State Officers, Directors and Chairmen in the Las Vegas Diocese
- Represented the State of Nevada as a Delegate at the Supreme Convention in St Louis, MO.
- Delivered and set-up the State material, equipment and supplies at the Grand Knight / District Deputy Training in Reno and in Las Vegas. Retrieved and stored the State items at my residence in Las Vegas.
- Delivered and set-up the State material, equipment and supplies at the State Mid-Year meeting at Markich Hall in Las Vegas. Retrieved and stored the State items at my residence in Las Vegas.
- Delivered and set-up the State material, equipment and supplies at the State Convention in Elko, Nevada. And retrieved the State items and stored at my residence in Las Vegas.
- Attended several State Officers teleconference meetings, on-site State Officer meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada, and State Officer Retreat in Mesquite, Nevada.

Finally, per the request of the State Deputy, I closed out the State Storage Unit, shredded all documents except historical items prior to 2008, and returned the Council boxes and totes to their respectful Councils.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Alvin Haun
Nevada State Warden



SK David W Strait
PSD



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Annual Ceremonials Report

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, State Council members, and Brother Knights,

Since the launching of the new formation degree in late 2016 we have been retraining formation team members and reestablishing the Formation Degree teams. The souvenir Carolingian Crucifixes have been popular among our members. Although we have embraced this new format, we have been slow to properly report the degrees using the Form 450.

We continue to need improvement in planning major degrees in advance. We need to improve participation by all districts. And we need to communicate better about upcoming degrees.

The degree formats and media are improving. The Supreme Council has issued a new version of the audio-visual material for our Knighthood degree. I can't go into detail; however, I can say that technology continues to advance, and the latest releases are in a Power Point digital format that is both easier to navigate and easier to hear and see.

As always reporting is essential for every degree. More so for the "Formation Degree" because the Supreme Council is committed to replenishing the Carolingian Crucifixes that are given to the candidates as part of the passage through the degree. The "Formation" degree Staff Coordinator is the designated recipient of the replacement crucifixes, so if the degree is not reported properly, the crucifix inventory will be diminished.

We are still learning, but we have a treasure of dedicated Knights who truly love ceremonial work. None of us are getting younger however, so we must continuously seek new talent among our younger and newer members.

In this fraternal year we have Knighted a considerable number of priests and deacons. Their comments have indicated a high level of appreciation for the lessons delivered. I have been always impressed with the dedication and sacrifice of Brother Knights in performing degree work.

Vivat Jesus!

David W. Strait, PSD



SK Chuck Baker

Nevada State Disaster Chair



Nevada State Council

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Annual Disaster Chair Report

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, State Council members, and Brother Knights,

The past year has been a difficult one across the United States of America relative to natural disasters and violence against law enforcement, the public, places of worship and education. My message over the years, first as the State Community Director (2013-2015) and later as the State Disaster Coordinator (2016-2018), has been encouraging councils to become active in their local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We never know when the unexpected will happen. We always have to ask ourselves the question; What if?

On November 11, 2017, the day of the First Baptist Church shooting in Texas, and the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church shooting in Fresno, California, I sent an email to 57 leaders within the Nevada jurisdiction. Two attachments accompanied that email; the Safety and Security Guidelines for the Diocese of Boston and the Emergency Management Plan for the Church of the Brethren (non-Catholic denomination). Both documents outlined the need and potential benefits of a church safety program.

Tempus fugit, so about two years ago while responding to a call at my home parish, local law enforcement suggested that the parish consider starting a safety team to address issues within the parish and problems in the area that might affect our campus. Two non-Catholic officers volunteered their time to help with an assessment and made a presentation on the active assailant. Working within the guidelines of the Diocese of Reno and the Catholic Mutual Group (insurance) my home parish has instituted a safety ministry which works with the Pastor to help insure an enhanced safety environment for the Church. The ministry's goal is to increase parishioner awareness relative to safety issues such as earthquake, fire, winter storms, parking lot awareness and crime, etc. Over the past five months a second safety/hazard assessment has been done which resulted in repositioning security cameras, adding cameras, identifying and addressing parking issues (including overnight parking), and instituting a roving patrol of the parish campus before Mass and/or special events. Many other aspects of the Safety Ministry have been instituted. It should be said that the acceptance by the parishioners has been questionable to very positive.

Although the core leadership of our program includes mostly brother knights (5 of 6) however, ours is not a KofC program. We invite all parishioners who have an interest in safety to participate in this ministry. Recently, 24 parishioners signed up for first aid training through a local provider which was arranged and promoted by the Immaculate Conception Safety Ministry (ICSM).



SK Chuck Baker

Nevada State Disaster Chair



Nevada State Council

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Annual Disaster Chair Report (continued)

I did a short survey of parishes (10) in the Diocese of Reno recently addressing safety. I called the Parish Office and spoke to whoever answered. My question was simple. After introducing myself and my role with the Knights I wanted to know if that parish had a safety team which would address emergencies such as fire or earthquake.

The results were:

Yes: 3

No: 5

No Response 1 no response to phone or email messages

Other: 1 "I'm not sure but the Knights must be working on something."

All the "Yes" responses were parishes that have active programs in place. Some others had discussed the need for a safety program but decided it was not the time or they just didn't need one. I have not followed up with the "Other" response. Again, I wanted to know what the person answering the phone for each parish knew. I didn't contact all the parishes in the Diocese, but it was a mix of large metropolitan and small rural parishes. While attending a small training session in April one of the attendees shared with me that he had recently conducted an assessment for one of the rural parishes not on my list. This would bring the yes responses to 4/11. Overall, a 36% yes rate would indicate, to me, that continued emphasis on having a program and education as to why and how to begin a program exists.

I encourage every council to talk with their Pastor about a safety program. If a program is active I would like to know more about it. I am willing to share our specific ICSM information upon request. Again, I stress this does not need to be a Knights only program but rather a parish-wide activity. If you know someone who is interested in starting such a program (who is not a knight) please encourage them to follow-through with their thoughts. I know many members of the Order within Nevada are safety minded and are willing to help when needed. The importance of having a team is to insure people "respond" to events based on best practice techniques and not be "reacting" to situations with a "what do we do now" thought process.



SK Chuck Baker

Nevada State Disaster Chair



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Annual Disaster Chair Report (continued)

Below are some resources to help you along the journey should you decide to follow-up with your Pastor, council or district.

Vivat Jesus

Chuck Baker
Disaster Chairman 2017-2018
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Resources:

Respective Diocese - for background check requirements and Protecting God's Children requirement

Catholic Mutual Group – Each parish should have a green binder from CMG outlining their program, talk to your parish office on information to view CMG's video presentations (**CMG prohibits employees and volunteers from carrying firearms while in service to the church**)

Sheepdog Church Security – www.sheepdogchurchsecurity.net .Excellent tools to get started and maintain church safety programs. Covers weather, natural disasters and manmade events. Weekly or more often emails on topics and adverse events

The Watchman - <http://ministry-of-defense.com> Good video series

FEMA - <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives> importance of "until help arrives"

American Red Cross – www.redcross.org

REMSA Reno - www.remsahealth.com/education/classes-for-everyone
Excellent community education

GEMS Las Vegas - <http://lasvegasambulance.com/>

CERT – www.washoesherriff.com – Washoe County - Free Community Emergency Response Team training

CERT - www.nvcert.org Southern Nevada - Free Community Emergency Response Team training

Mary Queen of Peace – Pray for us



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



State Chaplain of the Year 2017/2018 Award Presentation



The presentation of the 2017-18 State Chaplain of the Year Award to Fr. Philip George. The State Council presented Bishop Joseph Thomas \$1,000 for his Seminarians in India. His Diocese has provided 8 Priests to the Diocese of Reno.



SK Christopher J Pennington
Council 12877
Grand Knight



Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 Casa De Vida Luncheon

Casa de Vida is a private, nonprofit corporation providing a home and support services for pregnant young women. While some teens facing a crisis pregnancy have the support of a loving family, many others are less fortunate.



Council 12877 attending the Casa De Vida Annual Luncheon.



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Nevada State Convention Photos



Photos with Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas - Diocese of Bathery, India, Rev Dan Hussey and Rev Varghese "Biju" Melancheruvell of St Joseph's Catholic Church in Elko, NV.



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Nevada State Convention Photos (continued)





SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Nevada State Convention Photos (continued)





SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Nevada State Convention Award Photos



Top row left – Grand Knight John Byrne 10577 (plaques - Community Award & Grand Knight of The Year), State Deputy Tom Thorn 4928, District 2 Deputy George Minter 4928 (plague-District Deputy of The Year), State Advocate Thierry Barkley 4928, Hector Legaretta 4928), Financial Secretary Chuck Goucher 4928 (Church Award)

Top row right - Grand Knight John Byrne and District 2 Deputy George Minter

Center row left – District 2 Deputy George Minter and Mrs. Minter

Center row right – State Advocate Thierry Barkley and Mrs. Barkley

Bottom row - Grand Knight John Byrne 10577 (plaques - Community Award & Grand Knight of The Year), State Advocate Thierry Barkley 4928, Trustee Ricky Harold 4928 (plaque - Council Award), State Deputy Tom Thorn 4928, District 2 Deputy George Minter 4928 (plague - District Deputy of The Year), Grand Knight Steve Schiwart 4928 (plaque- Family Of The Year: Hector Legaretta 4928), PGK & FDD Mike Caudell 12877 (plaque - Chaplain of The Year: FR. Philip George 12877), Financial Secretary Chuck Goucher 4928 (Church Award)



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Memorial Day 2018 Photos



At the Tomb of Rev. Theodore Van Skee.



SK Robert J. Hartman
 Council 8078
 Grand Knight



Memorial Day 2018 Photos (continued)



This was the scene Saturday Morning at the Southern Nevada Veteran's Cemetery. Some 28,940 small American flags were placed on the graves at the Cemetery.

I saw Sir Knights from the Guardian Angel, Lamb, McGivney and Van Skee Assemblies. The flag planting took just under an hour.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Robert J. Hartman GK
 Co. 8078 Boulder City
 Nevada's No.1 Council by a Dam Site



4th Degree Ceremony in Fallon, NV



May 26, 2018



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



2018 Nevada Knights of Columbus Necrology Mass Photos



The Nevada State Annual Convention raised \$1,000.00 for Bishop Joseph and his Diocese in India.



SK Christopher J Pennington
Council 12877
Grand Knight

Council 12877 Mother's Day Breakfast





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



SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Recommended Faith in Action Programs 2018/2019 Fraternal Year

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



SK Gregory A Sprigg
PSD



Seminarian Education Fund Raffle Winners

Drawn at the State Convention Banquet:

\$1,000.00	John H. / Diane R. Todd
\$300.00	A. Cordeo
\$200.00	Pablo Lawsin
\$100.00	Ken Ward
\$75.00	Matt Mareno

Nevada has raised a total of \$34,453.00 from Council sales this year.



SK Christopher R Heisler
Council 12543
Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus Council 12543 Wine Tasting - Friday, 8 June 2018



FOOD
FUN
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**WINE BASKET
DRAWINGS**
**WINE BOTTLE RING
TOSS**
And...Wine!

Only \$12

St. James Church, the Apostle Church

1920 MLK Blvd, Las Vegas 89106

For more info call GK Chris Heisler 208-957-4912



Trip to World Meetings of Families in 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.



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 Thorn
State Deputy



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winner



The winning picture for the Keep Christ in Christmas contest is from council 14144. Melina Rodriguez was our winner.

Once again, it was a wonderful event. Sister Carmen was thrilled to see the Squires and the estimate is about 1,500 pounds of food that was delivered.



SK George A. Minter
District Deputy



1. The group photo left to right: District Deputy 2-George Minter #4928, Sister Carmen Baca, SK Eric Malone #12877, Squire Sean Malone C5686, Sophie Malone, Maggie Malone, Squire Kevin Malone C5686, DGK Russ Bernhardt #4928, Squire Donovan DeRicco C5686 and State Advocate Thierry Barkley #4928. George, Thierry and Russ serve Father Art Herkowski Circle 5686 as Counselors and Eric will qualify after completing Supreme Program, "Protecting God's Children".

Sister Carmen's Food Drive 2018 (Food for Families)

2. Gathering at Pizza Plus, afterward and joining us there, are Squire Sam DeRicco C5686, Squire Evan Himes C5686, soon-to-be Squire Davis Himes and Brother (Dad) Russell Himes #4928.

3. Squire Kevin Malone is featured as one of our newest Squires and he's just full of enthusiasm.





SK Bob B Sotelo
Faithful Navigator
Assembly 2820



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 Kalua 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**





SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



Q&A

Star Council Incentive

Are you aware of the Star Council incentive from Supreme?

If a council reaches Star Council status, Supreme refunds their Supreme per capita. As an example, if they have 148 members x \$4.50, it would be \$667.

If they suspend 72 member they save 72 x \$18.50 or \$ 1,332 or they save \$665 vs getting Star Council.

If you suspend 10 and hit Star you save \$185 in per capita and are refunded \$667 with a cost of \$1,147 for the 62 remaining or \$480 cost for carrying them.

The amount over a few years turns into making money and the others may pay if you find out why they are not engaged in the Council.

Does Your Council Retention Chair Know Why We Are Losing Brothers to withdrawal?

Please find out why they wish not to pay the annual dues to be a Knight and wish to withdrawal. I am looking for answers so let's limit it to:

1. Not engaged with the council activities
2. No longer Catholic
3. Mad at another member(s)
4. Not engaged with the other council members
5. No value for your money
6. Don't have the money

Let's have the Council Retention Committee figure these questions out and send you the answers, so we can compile them and come up with a plan to address whatever the issue is.



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.

Upcoming Degree Events

Date	Host Council	Location	Times	Contact
6/19/18	Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877	Immaculate Conception Church 2900 N McCarren Blvd Sparks, NV 89431	1 st Degree	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	1 st Degree	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	2 nd Degree – 8:00AM 3 rd Degree – 9:30AM	DD John E. Debord (775) 813.6842 johnedebord@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
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		
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		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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A Knight to Remember – Eddie Infantado

Edgardo G. Infantado was born on May 8th, 1940 in the province of Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines. His mother was Angela Gonzales Infantado and his Father, Francisco Infantado, was the Governor of the 7th largest island of the Philippines called Mindoro.

Edgardo finished his Bachelor's Degree of Arts major in Political Science at Divine College of Calapan in Mindoro. He became Deputy (Vice) Mayor of his town in late 80s but his fate and destiny would lead him to migrate to Las Vegas from Philippines on July 23rd, 1993. He believes that things happen for a reason and that is why he did not waste any time and immediately began serving the community and church of Las Vegas. He also preached the bible in one of the detention centers in Las Vegas.

Eddie and Ester have been married for 54 years now. They are blessed with 7 children; two girls and 5 boys. All of his sons play basketball and there was one occasion in his province where his 5 sons were the starting 5 lineups for a basketball team in one of the tournament games. The 2nd youngest son is Meynard who is currently the Knight of Columbus District Deputy for region 7 in Las Vegas. The other 4 sons are also members of the Knights of Columbus.

Eddie became Grand Knight of Bishop Finnemann Council 4290 in 1988 in the Philippines. He would always remember when he took his 1st Degree on October 1st, 1967 at the same council. Since then, he became active with the Knights contributing to the council, church, family, community and youth.



Eddie Infantado on his 50th year with the Knights of Columbus.

Eddie was Nevada State Knight of the Year in 2010 under PSD Dave Ryan. In 2015, he also became Nevada State Family of the Year under PSD Ray Gardea. These are some of his greatest achievements as a Knight. Current State Deputy Tom Thorn witnessed his testament while attending the awards night at St. Bridget where Eddie had mentioned his secret in achieving his 50th year active with the Knights. He said, always attend your council meetings and always support your Grand Knight in doing council's charity work and church events.

Currently, he is serving as Nevada State Family Director and he is also a Lecturer for San Lorenzo Council 13392. He is active in Feed the Homeless program of Fr. John McShane. In the church and community, he leads the Prince of Peace Prayer Group and he is one of the organizers of the ongoing Council 13392 Bible Study. He's been active as Eucharistic Minister serving both St. Bridget and Prince of Peace.