



The Knights of Columbus...A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization

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Important Dates

- Sep - Oct - Begin Essay Contest³
- Oct 14 - 2nd/3rd degree Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877
- Oct 19 - 70th annual Clergy Appreciation dinner
- Oct 21 - 4th Degree North
- Nov 10 - Military Appreciation Dinner
- Dec 1-3, 2017 - State Mid Year Meeting
- Dec 15, 2017 - Soccer Challenge packet due
- Jan 31, 2018 - Free-throw contest due





SK Thomas Thorn
State Deputy



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Nevada State Deputy
2017-2018 Fraternal Year

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

Dear Brother Knights,

Membership recruiting and retention is at the heart of our organization. I have attended many meetings of Councils, Districts and Supreme and almost always hear the request for guys to step up because we need more volunteers. If we spend some time planning and effectively implementing recruitment drives and then retain them we will have the volunteers. One thought was to do what some councils do and have a fund raiser that pays all the members dues for the fraternal year (so the only drops are people that asked to quit or do something to get removed from the Order) that way the council doesn't have to chase members for dues and can focus on activities and fraternity. Another thing we can do is reduce the annual membership fees. If we expand our membership then the per member cost to run the State council drops. I would like to shoot for 10,000 members = \$10 state per capita per member. Since currently Supreme charges \$4.50 and the State \$14 per capita, if you add the council Financial Secretary fee of 10% (or whatever your council's bylaws state) and charge the members \$25/year the council costs are \$21. In other words \$4 per member goes to overhead. A council with 150 members has \$600 for over head and can have a fund raiser to cover any extra overhead costs. Please let me know if you have any ideas that would help to attract or retain members as it is a shame to lose men and then run short of volunteers.

Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries - Are you aware of and did you take the fraternal training for Grand Knights or Financial Secretaries? All District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries are supposed to take and be certified in their respective areas. I get calls and emails asking about things that are covered in the training. This concerns me that things are done incorrectly due to lack of training because of a failure to take the training provided for your respective positions. The fraternal training site will let you print out a certificate after completion and, if you are in one of these positions and complete your course with a passing score, you will receive a medallion for your position. To take the training simply login to your account on the Supreme website and go to fraternal training and create an account. If you have an issue signing onto your account or finding the training please discuss with your District Deputy who can help you.

I want to share some words from Bishop Thomas Olmstead from the Diocese of Phoenix. In his Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men "Into the Breach", which all Catholic men should read, near the end he states "As I write this exhortation, videos are being released documenting the barbaric practice of selling baby body parts by Planned Parenthood. Since this infamous agency receives around half a billion dollars each year from the U.S. Government, funds to carry on their slaughter of innocents, no American citizen, and certainly no man, can remain silent about this travesty of our times. We need to get off the sidelines and stand up for life on the front lines. We need faith like that of our fathers who defended the children of previous generation and who gave up their own lives rather than abandon their faith in Christ. My sons and brothers, men if the Diocese of Phoenix, we need you to step into the breach!"

My point in sharing this is that many of us, especially me, sometimes (or often) take our spiritual life for granted and I was reminded recently that the last thing I want for myself or you is to realize this when it is God's final judgment and having to tell our Lord that I meant to get around to it.

Wishing you and all Brother Knights and their families the best and God's Blessings.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas J. Thorn
State Deputy
Nevada State Council



NEVADA STATE COUNCIL

Listings/ Columbian Year

2017-2018

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:	SK Ramiro Gardea
Soccer Challenge/ Basketball Free Throw 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
Council Retention Chair:	SK Thomas Ball	Seminary Edu. Fund Chair:	SK Gregory Sprigg
Squires Chair:	SK George Minter	New Council Development Chair:	SK Edmundo Verceles
Intellectual Disabilities:	SK John Suchewski	Public Relations Chair:	SK Michael Caster
365 Club:	SK Ramiro Gardea	Awards/ Reports Forms Chair:	SK Joseph Cerame
Past State Deputy:	SK Richard Cianno	Round Table Chair:	SK Charles Reifsnyder
Athletic Events:	SK Robert Martman	Health Services Chair:	Dr. John DiGrazia
Citizens Essay/ Substance abuse Poster:	Bro Jim Shurtliff	Catholic Citizen Essay Chair:	SK Jim Conner
		Newsletter (Sliver Knight) Chair:	SK Andre Chia

Upcoming Degrees



(South)

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council
13392 will host a 1st
degree on Sunday
November 5, 2017
Sign up at 2:30pm
1311 E Ogden Ave. Las
Vegas, NV 89101
for more info please
contact Bro Robert
McNamara 702.505.5052

(North)

Our Lady of the Desert
Council 12877 will host a
1st degree/ social on
Tuesday October 17, 2017

sign up 7pm
2900 N McCarren Blvd.
Sparks, NV 89431

(South)

No Upcoming Degree
Scheduled

(North)

Our Lady of the Desert
Council 12877 will host a
2nd degree on Saturday
October 14, 2017

Candidates should arrive
at 8:00 am for registration
Dress Business Casual

(South)

No Upcoming Degree
Scheduled

(North)

Our Lady of the Desert
Council 12877 will host
a 3rd degree on Saturday
October 14, 2017

3rd. Degree will begin at
10:00 A.M.
Dress Business Casual
luncheon to follow
degree \$10 per guest



Upcoming Degrees



(South)

No Upcoming Scheduled Degree

(North)

There will be a 4th degree on Saturday October 21, 2017 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. 1138 Wright St Reno, NV 89509

(For Both degree's)

Candidates are asked to arrive at 10:30am the degree will begin at 11:30am respectively. Candidates must be in proper attire: Black, Dark Blue or Charcoal Gray Suit with white shirt and tie. black socks and black shoes. Only a name badge may be worn for the exemplification. A lapel and pin will be provided to each candidate during the exemplification. Sir Knights attending are required to be in the proper attire, including social baldric if wearing 4th degree attire or in the same attire as above for candidates.

ANY CANDIDATES OR SIR KNIGHTS NOT IN PROPER ATTIRE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE EXEMPLIFICATION!

Come Join us in Las Vegas



SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus Las Vegas Council 2828

will be hosting the

70th annual
Clergy Appreciation
Dinner

OCTOBER 19, 2017

MARKICH HALL

DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS

CHAIRMAN: STEPHEN MELANCON 702.672.1425





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SK Stephen Melancon
General Agent

Melancon Agency

Stephen Melancon
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Please come and join us as we honor our hard working, dedicated and respected priests.

On October 19, 2017

Social hour begins at 6:00 pm and the dinner is at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$25. Children 12 and under are free.

Please contact Stephen if you are able to provide transportation for a priest.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.
Stephen can be contacted at 702-672-1425
or email stephen.melancon@kofc.org

**Knights of Columbus
Bishop Manogue Assembly 612**



Military Appreciation Dinner

Honoring

(to be announced at a later date)

Friday November 10, 2017

**Pi nocchio's
4820 Vista Blvd
Sparks, NV 89436**

6:00 pm Social * 6:30 pm Dinner

\$30.00 per person

Contact: Sir Knight [Inward Itichner Ki5 IsZashau Place Sparks. N 89434

Tel: 775-626-9521. Email: nvgrandsOicharternet

Tuxedo with Social Baldric or Suit and Tie



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Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. His primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. He'll answer your questions because he wants your decisions to be informed ones. He wants to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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Rev. Ray Sarkees
St. Barbara Chaldean
Catholic Church

On October 6, 2017 we received a call that left us shocked and heart broken. Our beloved church was broken into and set on fire. The church was broken into through the side door which leads into the office where everything was destroyed. Copies of Marriage certificates , Baptism & Holy communion certificates we are rummaged through and destroyed. Other important documents and files were also torn up and thrown everywhere. The damage continued into the church library area where shelves and counters were knocked down and broken, leaving pieces of glass everywhere. Holy pictures, spiritual books and bibles all thrown on the floor. Not a single donation box was left untouched. Every single one of the donation boxes were broken into. The most heart breaking of all was to see that person who do this try to set the altar on fire. A large part of the carpet in-front of the altar was burned. Ashes everywhere. Choir robes, priests vestments, eucharist cups, trays, and more bibles were all thrown on the floor. The sound system used during mass was also stolen. Due to the fire being set, the sprinkler system went off leaving water damage from the front doors all the way into the church. Carpet, tile, and church pews were all wet and damaged from the water and fire ashes. It took our church community years of hard work patience, faith in addition to donations until we were finally able to purchase a building and reconstruct it to make it our church. It saddens our entire community to see such a thing happen. No one deserves this. No church should have to endure the pain of seeing a place of worship be destroyed. It's horrible to see a place where we turn to for help and guidance through prayer from the Lord be targeted in such ways as vandalism and theft. We are doing our best to stand together as a church community to keep our faith and pick up the pieces of this mess. We ask for any help in any way that can be received.

Here is the link to donate:

<https://www.gofundme.com/st-barbara-chaldean-church>

Fr. Ray Sarkees
St. Barbara Chaldean Catholic Church
(702) 986-1679



SK Jim Shurtliff PGK
State Substance Abuse
Awareness Poster Contest
Chairman

Nevada State Council
2017-2018 Fraternal Year

Program and Youth Directors, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries,

I have been asked by our Worthy State Deputy, Tom Thorn, to serve as the State Council's chairman for the Supreme Council's annual Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest, which is now going into its 15th year. As such, I am writing this Email to remind you all that it is time for your individual councils to order your contest kits and to start planning for this year's contest.

For those of you who are not aware of this contest, it is an international contest that is open to all children between the ages of 8 and 14. The contest begins at the council level, with council-level winners (up to four) being forwarded up to District/Regional, State, and International levels of competition. The contest is actually a two-category competition with two age groups in each category, as follows:

Alcohol Awareness and Abuse – Ages 8-11
Alcohol Awareness and Abuse – Ages 12-14
Drug Awareness and Abuse – Ages 8-11
Drug Awareness and Abuse – Ages 12-14

Last year, the participation level across the entire state was very low, with only five total posters being submitted in all four contests, combined. Our Worthy State Deputy and I are hoping that we can have a much greater level of participation this year.

The suggested time table is as follows:

1. Councils should order their kits, ASAP, but no later than December
2. Councils should work with local public, private and parochial schools (including parish CCD classes) to get the contest up and running at the start of the school year, but no later than early January.
3. Council-level judging should take place in late January (note that if you start now, youngsters will have the entire fall term to work on their entries)
4. District/Regional-level judging will take place in February.
5. State judging will take place in March, with state winning entries (1 from each category and age group) submitted to the Supreme Council Office by April 30.
6. International winners will be announced on June 1.

Kits can be ordered from the Order's web site www.kofc.org or by using the coupon on page 5 of the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436). You may also email fraternalforms@kofc.org or fraternalmission@kofc.org. Each kit contains: 1 –Official Guide Book, 75 Entry Forms, 10 - 1st Place Certificates, 75 - Participation Certificates, 10 Past Winner Advertising Posters (5 each Version A and Version B).

Additional information can be found on the Supreme Council's website and in the contest's Official Guidebook. I will also be sending out additional information and reminders over the next several weeks and months. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the address, phone number, or EMAIL, listed below.

Fraternally: Jim Shurtliff, PGK
Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Chairman
[4712 Benson Lane](mailto:shurtfam@cccomm.net)
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Bro George Minter
State Squires Chairman

Nevada State Council
2017-2018 Fraternal Year

All My Worthy Brother Knights,

First to the Chief Counselors, Counselors, Chief Squires,

Congratulations to you and your Circles. I know how much effort and time that you put forth in providing. What great recognition for the Nevada Squires Circles! Great job Columbian Squires & Knights, who support this program and these boys.

Circle # 4992---St. Padre Pio; Brother Barnabus Award; Project: Pasta To Live; 2016-17

and
Corp D'elite Award; 2016-17

Circle # 5271---Mother Seton; Brother Barnabus Award; Project: Fireworks Booth YNIA Summer 2016; 2016-17

Circle # 5686---Fr. Art Herkowski; Brother Barnabus Award; Project: Operation Toy Box; 2016-17

I'm at a loss of what to do next. Better photographs really should be taken of these Awards, before putting in the State Newsletter and on State Website. The KOC State Council should weigh-in on the presentation of these Awards. Your ideas are welcome. Some ideas: 1. Present to Circle leadership at the Dec.17 Mid-Year, which is two months off;
2. Have presentation at the respective Parishes of the Circles.
OR ????

As SA Thierry Barkley has already pointed out: Of 6,000 Squires Circles, now internationally, and have THREE of Nevada's Circles receive Brother Barnabus Awards, when only TWENTY-FIVE Awards are selected... that's 12% !!! WOW, this is huge.

VIVAT JESUS! & ESTO DIGNUS!

George A. Minter
State Squires Chairman
775-626-5474



SK Thierry Barkley
State Advocate

Nevada State Council
2017-2018 Fraternal Year

FYI Worthy State Deputy and State Officers.

Of the 25 Brother Barnabas awards issued to Squires annually [some 6000 circles worldwide] 3 Circles were awarded same in Nevada including our Ponderosa circle Ft. Art Herkowski for its Operation Toy Box project. We may need to pull these awards and take some more pictures for future publication. This is an Outstanding result. Your State Squires Chair WDD George is working on a write up and I recommended it be placed on the next Silver Knight and on our State Website. Overall Nevada garnered 12% of the awards nationally and internationally.

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State Council Reactivation
Chairman

Nevada State Council
2017-2018 Fraternal Year

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Brother Knights,

I am excited to take on this new role as Filipino Director - Cultural Affairs, Church Events and Membership for the State. It is an honor and privilege to be tapped by our Worthy State Deputy Tom Thorn. At this early stage, my goal is to facilitate and develop this position into a more defined and cohesive role designed to coordinate Filipino events and church activities with the Knights of Columbus; furthermore, to encourage more Filipinos or Filipino American Catholics to join our Order.

Over the past years, there has been a significant increase amongst Filipino Catholic men migrating here in Nevada, whether it is in Reno or Las Vegas area. It is time to seize this moment and take this opportunity to recruit these Catholic men. We would also like to acknowledge their contributions to our communities.

Filipino cultural events and traditions such as: **Simbang Gabi** (9-Day Night Mass Novena before Christmas), **Filipino Independence Day** held in June, **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** (honoring our Blessed Mother every Wednesdays), **Fiesta de Sto. Nino** (in honor of young Jesus), **Our Lady of Penafrancia** (initiated by Bicolnons) and **Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz** are only some of the active events that are widely participated by the Filipino community. I would like to have the Knights' presence in every Filipino events and I would appreciate any feedbacks or reports; more importantly, we want to see some prospects or recruits.

As I continue my other duties as District Deputy and Chair for Council Reactivation, I would like to thank the State, District, Council officers and members for your continuous support. I know I cannot do this alone and the success of our organization always depends on the participation and hard work of its MEMBERS. I am here to support you and do not hesitate to call me.

Brother Knights, good luck on your endeavor, and continue to strive hard in achieving your goals! There are times that you would feel alone in performing your duties, and during difficult times in life, don't let your heart be troubled. Always pray, ask for guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of our Blessed Mother. May God bless you all!

SK Meynard A. Infantado
District Deputy #7
Filipino Director
Council Reactivation Chairman

Nevada State Council
2017-2018 Fraternal Year
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEVADA STATE COUNCIL
Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities
“2017 Tootsie Roll Drive”**

**2017 Council Plan of Action
COUNCIL REPORT FORM**

The State By-Laws require you to complete and mail this form within fifteen days of completion of your drive. Please fill in all of the required information. Mail your check in the amount of Gross Revenue ((a), below) to the State Secretary, Vic Edwards (see address below). Make your check payable to “KofC Nevada State Council”. You will receive checks made out to the charities you designate on the council charity form. You are responsible for distribution of those checks. Many Councils donate the cost of the Tootsie Rolls, just add that amount to the gross revenue (a) and place a zero in the cost of the Tootsie Rolls (b).

*** THIS FORM AND THE COUNCIL’S CHECK ARE DUE SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

Gross Revenue All money collected	\$
Cost of Tootsie Rolls (_____ cases @ \$ 19.50 per case)	\$
Net Revenue (a) minus	\$
State Council Share divide Net Revenue (c) by 5	\$
Funds Available for Charity subtract (d) from	\$

Grand Knight _____ Council # _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Financial Secretary _____ E-mail Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

** Remember that 20% of your man-hours expended on the Tootsie Roll Drive can be added to the hours you report as in support of Special Olympics (Form 4584)**

RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECK BY MAIL TO:
Vic Edwards, Knights of Columbus State Secretary Campaign
for People with Intellectual Disabilities “Tootsie Roll Drive”
518 Grimsby Ave.
Henderson, Nevada 89014



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEVADA STATE COUNCIL
Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities
“2017 Tootsie Roll Drive”

MONTH	ACTION
July	Announce the Tootsie Roll Drive. Get Council concurrence. Designate a Chairman. Identify locations and get permissions (preferably written) to do the drive. Announce the locations. Ask for volunteers or appoint location captains. Prepare sign-up sheets for each location. Get Council concurrence to buy vests (if you need them). Order form is on the State website.
August	Start filling in sign-up sheets (be sure to get phone numbers). Start publicizing the event. Identify your charities. Submit Tootsie Roll orders to the State Chairman. (Must be received by FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017)
September	Continue with publicity. Continue filling in sign-up sheets.
October	Pick up Tootsie Rolls (when contacted to do so). Captains call all participants to remind them of their assignments. Conduct the Tootsie Roll Drive. (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 2017) Prepare and transmit reports to State Secretary.
November	Mail reports and a check to the State Secretary. (Must be received by SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017)



COUNCIL CHARITY FORM

To State Secretary:

Our council participated in the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities with a Tootsie Roll Drive. Attached is a check for the total money collected from the drive. We understand that checks for the selected charities will be forwarded from the Nevada State Council to the Council's Grand Knight at the address supplied below. The Grand Knight will present checks to each of the Council's selected charities.

*** THIS FORM AND THE COUNCIL'S CHECK ARE DUE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

The address supplied below is where the checks to the charities will be mailed to.

COUNCIL NAME _____

GRAND KNIGHT _____

FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Please issue checks made payable to the following charities: I have provide the complete address.

CHARITY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ AMOUNT OF CHECK _____

CHARITY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ AMOUNT OF CHECK _____

CHARITY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ AMOUNT OF CHECK _____



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Deputies, State Officers, State Membership Directors and State Program Directors

FROM: Al Cala *AAC*
Director of Membership Development

DATE: September 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Reasons to Grow

Most of you have heard us always talk about the growth of the Order, primarily in membership, and why it's perhaps the most important and vital part of the Order's health. While charitable programs, protecting our families and support for the Church is the reason for our mission, we cannot do it effectively if we do not grow in membership.

This is why it is so important to define success and what it means to have a successful council, a successful jurisdiction and a successful Order.

The measure of success for a council is to attain one of the levels of Star Council. Why? Star Council focuses on growth of the membership, growth of its charitable outreach and growth of its protection of families by means of our fraternal benefits. Growth in membership means that more men and their families will be mentored and grow closer to their Church and faith, especially now that so many are leaving the church. More charitable programs means more people will be helped and transformed by our giving of talent, time and treasure. And more protection of our families means less worries and a healthier financial future.

The measure of success for our jurisdictions is to attain one of the levels of the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Award. Why? Circle of Honor focuses on the three areas above for councils, but also focuses on providing a Knights of Columbus presence in parish communities that may not have them. Our goal is for every parish, mission and parish community to have a Knights of Columbus presence in the way of a council or a round table.

The measure of success for the Order is the collective efforts of local council and state councils that make it possible for the Order to fund scholarships, the Vicarius Christi fund for the Holy Father, the Ultrasound Program, RSVP, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, the Global Wheelchair Mission, Special Olympics, and so on.

These reasons set us apart from other organizations that are philanthropic in nature but do not have the advantage of a common faith, common shepherd, and a common goal. Let's make October the best recruitment, better yet, the best evangelization month in your local and state councils by beating your best 5 year high!

AC/kad



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SAN LORENZO RUIZ COUNCIL 13392

Menu for 2017 Mid-Year Meeting **December 1st & 2nd at Markich Hall**

Breakfast: (served buffet style) (Price \$15 for Breakfast and Lunch combined)

Assorted pasties, juice, coffee, water

Lunch: (served buffet style) (Price \$15 for Breakfast and Lunch combined)

Sandwiches, chips, soda, coffee

Dinner: (sit down 3 course dinner) (Price \$30 for Dinner)

Salad

Entree: Choice of prime rib or salmon, sides of assorted vegetables, macaroni salad, mashed potatoes, and dinner rolls.

Assorted cakes

Bar will be opened to cater for all beverages

Entertaining, raffles, and 50/50 will be conducted during the dinner

[Worthy State Deputy, please indicate on reservation form the choice of prime rib or salmon. To ensure adequate supplies.]

An Official RSVP form will be published soon

Nevada State Council

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

Dear Brother Knights,

My wife Julie and I are very saddened by the news of the shooting in Las Vegas last night. We will be keeping all people affected by this tragedy in our prayers and are very thankful that none of our family members there were involved.

Currently I do not know of any Brother Knights or their family members involved but request that if you know of any that were victims of this needless tragedy please let me know so we can recognize the loss or offer assistance to the families of the victims.

May God bless all of you and keep you in the palm of his

hand_ Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'TJ.', is positioned below the text 'hand_ Vivat Jesus,'.

**Thomas J. Thom
State Deputy
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SK Andre Chia
State Newsletter Editor



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2017-2018 Fraternal Year

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I am pleased to present the 3rd monthly state newsletter of the 2017-2018 columbian year. I am pleased at the amount of participation by our state's chairmen and directors. For all state chairmen, directors, councils, and members if you have an event that you would like to broadcast to the entire state please do not hesitate to email it to me ASAP.

A little about myself is that I am from Las Vegas belonging to San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 13392. I am currently serving as the council's Financial Secretary. If you go to St. Bridget Roman Catholic Church you can see me there almost everyday. I thank God for giving me the grace to be in his church almost everyday of the week. Serving him, his church, and the people he guides.

The due dates for efficient notification of the state are as follows. All information that would be implemented into the newsletter must be emailed in PDF and Word format. I need both so when I transfer your document into the newsletter the quality will not be altered.

All documents must be **emailed before the 20th of every month**. I can take early events as many months in advanced as you would like. Please include you name, title, and the name of your directorship/ chairmanship/ activity. I would also ask if you are a director or chairman and you would like to have a slot to please include a portrait of yourself so I can place it near your name so that the state will know who you are. And contact info for the membership. If there are any special things that you would like implemented please detail it in the email message. I will try my best to included everything accordingly. I would ask the various General Agents and their field agents to please send me your contact information and message so I can implement it into the newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to email me at fschia13392@gmail.com I will get to you as soon as I can. If there are any photos that you would like to be showcased in the cover please send it to me ASAP. Thank you all for your kindly cooperation in our State's efforts to inform all its members. God Bless you all.

Vivat Jesus,

Andre Chia

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Worthy Grand Knights & Financial Secretaries,

Your council should have a list of any of the members that have served as a Grand Knight, District Deputy, State Chaplain, State Administrative Assistant (officially filed with Supreme), or any other State Officer position.

Please see if this list exist and if not please put it together so that proper recognition of their service to the State can be given at the State and Supreme Necrologies.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,
Mark Foxwell

PRO-LIFE

Knights continue to devote their time and treasure to promote the sanctity of human life, from monthly rosary vigils on the first Saturday, to supporting institutions like Casa de Vida (now being administered by Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada) to financially supporting the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Reno, Carson City, and Las Vegas.

At least one Council has had a Standing Rule for over 25 years now to recite one decade of the Rosary at the beginning of every Business Meeting for Pro-Life. This keeps the importance of dedication to the Culture of Life work as a reminder to all members on a continuing basis. I recommend that ALL COUNCILS in Nevada adapt a similar standing rule

Worthy Brother Knights,

Worthy District Deputy and Round Table Chairman Charles Reifsnnyder has agreed to be the KCIC Campaign Chairman.

Marty Bushman will be the Co-Chairman for same.

Please contact them for more information or to submit for the contest.

BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST

LOCAL Contest in January — Free throw Participation Report Form FT-1 to Supreme CC to S.D, D.D, & Y.D before January 31 (included in kit)

DISTRICT contests in February & State regional in March State winners reported to Supreme in April for judging

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

Congratulations to all on an outstanding year for Ultrasounds in Nevada. We placed a second machine at the First Choice Pregnancy Center in Las Vegas because of the great volume of life-saving work they do. We also placed a second machine in the New Mobile unit at Life Choice Pregnancy Center in Carson City. Now their life saving work gets the outlying areas of Northern and Central Nevada that do not have local crisis pregnancy services. Supreme says that a total of 820 machines have been placed by Knights world-wide to date

SOCCER CHALLENGE

LOCAL contest September — participation for # 4567 to Supreme with CC to S.D, D.D, & Y.D Due December 15 Contest Order Kit # SC-KIT

DISTRICT contest October and State/Regional in November