

The Silver Knight News

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State Deputy's Message



Brothers,

You might ask why I want every council to host at least four vocation weekends this year and to work hand-in-hand with the religious education directors of your parish to introduce vocations to the children and young adults in these classes. We, as Knights, have a moral obligation to take the lead in promoting vocations, especially considering our founder Blessed Michael J McGivney was a priest. I read a booklet by Mathew Kelly who really hits home with the need for a Eucharistic revival within the Catholic

Church not only in America but throughout the world. Here are some facts:

- More than 50 million Catholics in the United States have stopped practicing their faith in the past 30 years.
- More than half of all American adults raised Catholic (52 percent), have now left the church. Only eight percent say returning to the Catholic Church is something they could imagine doing.
- A Catholic parish in the United States has closed every three days for the past 35 years.
- A Catholic School has closed every four days in the United States for the past 25 years.
- Over the last 50 years we have lost a Catholic priest from active service every day in the United States due to retirement, death, men who have left the priesthood voluntarily, or those who have been removed.

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A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one.

Philip Neri

State Deputy's Message

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- In 1973 there were 58,000 priests in the United States. Their average age was 35 and only 10 percent of them were over age 65. Today there are 37,000 priests in the United States. Their average age is 64, and 40 percent are over age 65.
- 3,500 parishes in the United States are now without a resident priest.

(Source: Pew Research, USCCB, CARA, The Dynamic Catholic Institute and U.S. Census Bureau.)

Brothers, this is a tide that, we as followers of Blessed Michael McGivney, must not only address, but also dedicate ourselves to be the leaders in promoting, encouraging, and supporting vocations in our parishes and schools. Like the farmer who plants seeds in the earth and watches them grow, we must do the same for the children in our religious education classes.

I am asking every council to not only pray for vocations and to host four vocations weekends, but also to put the first principal of our order to work and set aside a minimum of \$500 a year to provide vocation materials to the religious education teachers in our parishes. If possible, have a seminarian or novice visit the classes to tell the students what drew them to the priestly or religious life and then distribute the vocational materials to the students.

When I visited Bishop Mueggenborg, he said he is 100 percent behind us in promoting vocations to religious life. Besides resources that are available from the Supreme council, he recommended Vianney Vocations (vianneyvocations.com) as a reliable source for vocational materials. He is in favor of asking seminarians to talk with the religious education classes and making the pulpit announcements for your vocations weekends when they are available.

Brothers, I need not tell you that the need for more vocations is at a critical point in our Church. We, as Knights, have the resources, manpower and ability to make a difference. Now is the time for us to not only pray, but to put our faith into action.

David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM
State Deputy

Message from the State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

I have just returned from the 142nd Supreme Convention in Quebec City, Canada. The theme was "On Mission." We are all on a mission to put our faith into action. Do we take our faith for granted? Do we take going to church and receiving the Eucharist or our freedom to do so for granted?

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly spoke about a courageous young priest in Ukraine. At the Clergy Breakfast the next day, Father Oleksandr Bohomaz, told the priests, bishops, and archbishops



Fr. Steven Hoffer, State Chaplain

in attendance his story. Early days of the war, Russian forces captured the city of Melitopol and Father Oleksandr Bohomaz, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus council, refused to abandon his parishioners. The occupation left Melitopol with little food, little fuel, and urgent medical needs. From the very start, Father Oleksandr fed the hungry and cared for the sick and brought the sacraments to parishioners who were trapped in their homes.

Russian intelligence soon learned his name. They put him under surveillance, came to his parish, and then to his rectory. They interrogated him multiple times — and even threatened to execute him. They repeatedly asked Father Oleksandr about his participation in the Knights of Columbus. "They accused me of being the one who recruits men into the Knights," said Father Oleksandr. "And it's true, I did encourage our men to become Knights." Father Oleksandr was eventually arrested and deported. He had to walk 100 miles away from the Russian forces to the border of Ukraine to get to a safe area. He was afraid of being executed for his faith. What kept him strong was praying the Rosary and the promise he made to the Blessed Mother that if he survived, he would encourage everyone to pray the Rosary and to receive the Eucharist as often as they could.

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Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength.

Philip Neri

Message from the State Chaplain

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Fr. Oleksandr risked his life to bring the Eucharist and administer the sacraments to his parishioners. How many of us receive the Eucharist on a regular basis? How many of us are willing to do whatever it takes to receive Jesus? Fr. Oleksandr's biggest regret is that he had to leave his people and now they have no one to tend to their needs, to celebrate Mass or to administer the Sacraments.

Are you aware that only a priest can celebrate Mass, hear confessions and administer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Without a priest, we have no one to bring Jesus to us. I encourage all Knights of Columbus Councils, along with our State Deputy David Ryan, to promote vocations within your parishes.

I pray that we can get creative as we go through this fraternal year to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I pray that we will not take the Mass or the Eucharist for granted. I pray that we will be men of action: on a mission to put our faith into action. If there is anything that I can do, please let me know. I am praying for you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

Father Steven Robert Hoffer, State Chaplain and
Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Las Vegas, NV

*The best way to prepare
for death is to spend
every day of life as
though it were the last.*

Philip Neri

Message from the State Treasurer

Brothers,

Last month, Gabriel Frank Perry passed away here in the Diocese of Reno. The color corps was called out and we responded under the direction of District Master, Dan Dexter. When we arrived, we learned that Gabriel Perry was a past State Deputy from the mid '60s.

I believe we need to do better job at being present at funerals for our brother Knights, especially when the deceased was a State Deputy or other State Officer. Your State Treasurer was present in color, but had I known that Gabriel was past state officer, I would have come as a representative of the State Council.

If a brother Knight passes away, especially if he had held a state office, we need to do a better job at getting this information across. Thank you.

Leo V Carew III
State Treasurer Nevada

Message from the State Advocate

I recently received a question from a brother Knight concerning what guidelines we should follow as Knights during this election season. I went to the Officers Desk Reference on the Supreme website and found the following information which I thought would be good to pass along to all of our Councils and Assemblies in the state. While these guidelines may not cover every situation that could possibly come up they do provide a broad framework that will keep us within our Charter Constitution and Laws.

GUIDELINES FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Knights are first and foremost Catholic citizens who are members of their communities and constituents of their elected officials. A citizen most effectively petitions his elected official as an individual voter. Ordinarily, there is no need to refer to one's membership in the Knights of Columbus when petitioning an elected official. The message we want to send is "I am an informed constituent who has a principled stand [against / in favor of] your public policy choices and I vote." As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded us: "It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States comes to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness." To help members answer this call to faithful citizenship effectively, the Knights of Columbus provides the following list of political activity "DOs and DON'Ts":

- DO become active in the political life of your local community;
- DO register to vote and encourage others to register to vote;
- DO initiate and participate in robust "get out the vote" efforts to bring voters to the polls in all primary, general, and special elections;
- DO become informed on public policy issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church at the local, state, federal, and international levels;
- DO become acquainted with public policy initiatives of the national conferences of Catholic Bishops as well as state and provincial Catholic conferences;
- DO study and reflect upon the teachings of the Catholic Church so as to develop a well-formed Catholic conscience – a good place to start would be to review relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, available [at http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/ INDEX.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/INDEX.HTM) ;

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Do not grieve over the temptations you suffer.

Philip Neri

Message from IPSD Meynard Infantado



IPSD Meynard Infantado

When the Lord intends to bestow a particular virtue on us, He often permits us first to be tempted by the opposite vice.

Philip Neri

This morning I received a letter from the office of Supreme Knight Pat Kelly congratulating Nevada for the achievements we made the last Fraternal Year 2023-2024. (See page 7 for the letter.)

My gratitude and appreciation for all the work that you've done to make Nevada a successful state again. This was a collective effort by each District, Council, Insurance Agent, Chaplain/Clergy, State Officer, Chair/Director, Supreme Rep and members. More importantly, thank you to our families who supported us all the way.

The highest award from Supreme is the Pinnacle Award - which recognizes the accomplishing of Membership goals, Fraternal Benefit Events, Safe Environment Requirements, Forms 185, 365, Holy Hour Activities and Round Tables.

Here are the following achievements for Nevada FY 2023-2024.

1. Rank # 6 Pinnacle Award/Circle of Honor Award (only 16 jurisdictions made it to Pinnacle)
2. Rank #1 Circle of Honor for Jurisdiction 4
3. Achieved 2 Required NCDs (New Council Development)

Letter from Supreme Knight Pat Kelly

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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Deputies & Immediate Past State Deputies
FROM: Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight 
DATE: July 26, 2024

It is my pleasure to announce the jurisdictions that qualified for the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor during the 2023-2024 fraternal year. The winners will be acknowledged at the Supreme Convention in Québec City, Québec, during the States Dinner on Tuesday evening. Congratulations to all!

2023-2024 CIRCLE OF HONOR – PINNACLE AWARD

Ukraine- 232.39%
Past State Deputy Youriy Maletskiy
State Membership Director Levko Dovhan

Alaska- 146.15%
State Deputy Jeffrey L. Gibson
State Membership Director Billy A. Chrisman Jr.

Washington- 144.39%
State Deputy Gregory S. Mahoney
State Membership Director Michael P. Rutland

South Carolina- 141.13%
State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch
State Membership Director Brandon J. Chambers

District of Columbia- 135.00%
Past State Deputy Le N. Nguyen
Former State Membership Director Amado C. Alvarez Jr.

Nevada- 134.36%
Past State Deputy Meynard A. Infantado
Former State Membership Director David M. Ryan

Note from State Historian

Welcome Columbian Year 2024-2025!

**Wishing You a Successful 142nd Supreme
Convention
August 6-8 in Quebec City, Canada**

Schedule More Exemplifications!

Council updates are as follows:

- I continue to be in contact with our District Deputies and Grand Knights to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the noteworthy events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to the size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position on your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
- In concert with Worthy State Deputy David M. Ryan, FVSM and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each Council's records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/updated over the continuing "Columbian Year" by the Council Historian.

*Look upon every
temptation as an
invitation to grow in a
particular virtue and a
promise by God that you
will be successful, if only
you stand fast.*

Philip Neri

Please use my email address: historian@nv-kofc.com to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, my Brother Knights

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Remember: The message Blessed Michael McGivney continues to have for us, that we carry on the work he began 143 years ago, when he gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's "Blessed" status!

Knights in Nevada History

More on the 4th Degree Formation History

(The Crusade Goes Public)

The Order's crusade gained momentum in 1947-1948, culminating in over thirteen hundred discussion groups in local councils. To garner vast public support for the Order's anti-Communist and social-justice campaign in the spheres of public opinion, it designed a series of six fifteen-minute radio dramatizations, "Safeguards of America," along with the same allotment of time for "Foundations of Our American Ideals." "Safeguards" opened with a description of political, social, economic and religious life in the Soviet Union and concluded with a treatment of the struggle against communist subversion in the United States. The "Foundations" series depicted the natural-law sources of American idealism and the divine origins of authority, the notable significance of religious liberty, and the contest between the nobility of democratic freedom and the ignominious character of Communist tyranny.

A third series, "The Future of America" focused on the role of the United States as a "moral leader in the family of nations, the great benefactor of the human race." Bernard Rubin in his "Broadway Beat" column in the Daily Worker, the publication of the American Communist Party, portrayed the forthcoming "Safeguards" and "Foundations" programs as KofC Plans Big Radio Hoax on Communists." He predicted that "this fantastic hoax will be the signal for the greatest crackdown and terror campaign on unions, free speech, liberals, Communists that this country has witnessed in recent times." The Order's Knights of Columbus News regarded Rubin's comments as clearly indicating that the radio program was "hitting the commies where it hurts" and wondered "which dream book Comrade Rubin used for some of the colorful details of the story."

Motivated by their patriotic duty, the Knights did warn in their radio programs of Communist front organizations, but they also defended the First Amendment freedoms. In a resolution passed at the Supreme Council convention of 1947, the Order warned of the "beachheads of corruption and disloyalty" among government employees, union workers, teachers, and professors. It urged a Congressional investigation to expose and defeat this conspiracy.

Excerpt from: "Patriotism and Fraternalism in the Knights of Columbus"

by Christopher J. Kauffman

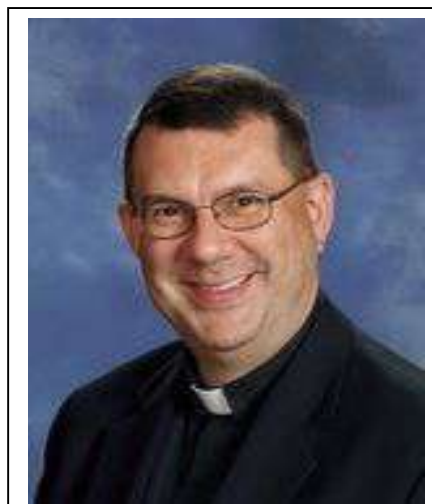
*First let a little love find
entrance into their
hearts, and the rest will
follow.*

Philip Neri

Knight in the Light Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Sir Knight Fr. Steven Hoffer, Pastor and State Chaplin 2024-2025

Hello, my name is Father Steve Hoffer. I am currently serving as the State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Nevada Council. I was born and raised in Grand Haven, MI, on Lake Michigan near Muskegon and Holland. I am the oldest of five children (three brothers and a sister). My mother was Catholic and my father Presbyterian. I received my baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven. After graduating high school in 1983, I went to Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI where I received a B.S. and M.S. in Forestry.



Fr. Steven Hoffer

*There is nothing the
devil fears so much, or
so much tries to hinder,
as prayer.*

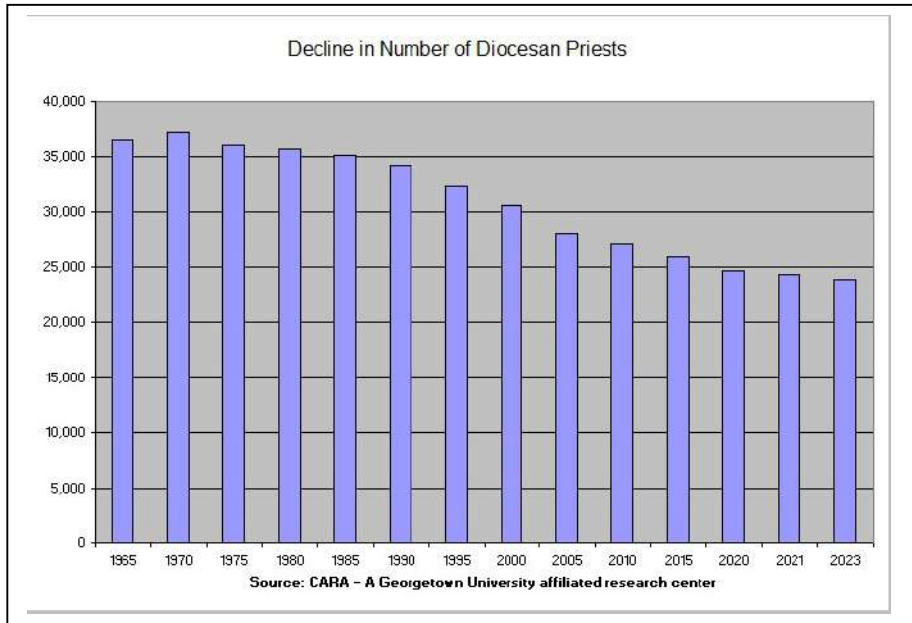
Philip Neri

In 1990, I moved to Las Vegas, NV and worked for Lockheed Martin doing consulting work for the US EPA (basically making maps from satellite images). I attended Holy Family Catholic Church and got involved with the Knights of Columbus Council and was their financial secretary for many years. I became a Fourth Degree Knight at Prince of Peace church. Then, in 1995, due to federal budget cuts, I was laid off and I starting teaching at Community College of Southern Nevada. This gave me the summers off, so I went to work at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. I began to explore a vocation to the priesthood. At first the discernment was to become a religious priest. Later my calling changed, and I becoming a diocesan priest. I had a choice to serve either the Diocese of Las Vegas or the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Las Vegas won out.

I entered the seminary in August 2000 and was ordained on May 21, 2005. During my seminarian education, the Knights of Columbus supported me both financially and with their love and encouragement. Two councils supported me: Prince of Peace in Las Vegas and Immaculate Conception Parish in Cimarron, NM. The cards, money, and meals really made me appreciate how the Knights of Columbus truly care for seminarians and priests.

Since being ordained, I have been assigned to five different parishes in Las Vegas and Henderson. I have served as Chaplain to the local Councils and Faithful Friar for three Assemblies. Whenever I needed help with something, the Knights were there for me. I really cherish what the Knights of Columbus do, and I look forward to serving this year as your State Chaplain.

Priesthood Sunday



*We are not saints yet,
but we should beware.*

Philip Neri

September 29, 2024, is "Priesthood Sunday," a day set aside to pray for, thank, and honor the priests who serve us in the name of Christ every day. The commemorative day was organized by Serra USA, a Catholic lay organization that promotes vocations to the priesthood and other consecrated life in the Church.

Why is this important?

Let me answer this question with some statics from CARA, a national, non-profit, Georgetown University affiliated research center that conducts social scientific studies about the Catholic Church. Over the years 1965 to 2023, while the size of the Catholic population increased 153% (from 44.3m to 67.8m), the number of priests decreased by 35% (36,467 to 23,741) and the number of parishes without a priest increased sixfold. The number of Catholics who attend Mass each week dropped from 54.9% to 18.6%. This has resulted in a dramatic decrease in the number of Catholic marriages (from 347,179 to 111,245) and a 60% decrease in the number of infant baptisms. The absence of priests is acutely felt.

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Priesthood Sunday

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"Our church is in dire need of priests, deacons and other religious," wrote State Deputy David M Ryan. "As Knights we need to take the lead in promoting vocations to religious life. Bishop Mueggenborg is fully on board and needs our help promoting vocations and so is Father Miguel, the vocations director for the Archdiocese of Las Vegas."

"I'm asking every council to host a vocation weekend in their parish at least quarterly this fraternal year," SD Ryan continued. "Priesthood Sunday, September 29, 2024, is an excellent time to start these vocation weekends."

The State Deputy proposes this seven step program:

- 1) Set the date with your pastor.
- 2) Secure pamphlets and materials through the Knights of Columbus or Vianney Vocations (vianneyvocations.com).
- 3) Set up a display with the materials. Mount pamphlets, brochures, photos of seminarians and other material to catch the eye of the parishioners as they enter and leave the church.
- 4) Contact the vocations director to see if there is a seminarian, priest, deacon or sister who can speak at Mass about their vocation and why they chose the religious life.
- 5) Ask the speaker or presider to announce that you are hosting a vocations table with materials after Mass.
- 6) If resources allow, purchase a banner that can be displayed. (Vianney Vocations has several available).
- 7) Have Knights at the display table ready to hand out material to all interested parties.

Currently the Archdiocese of Las Vegas supports nine seminarians, and the Diocese of Reno, six.

*Uprightness and virtue
do have their rewards, in
self-respect and in respect
from others, and it is
easy to find ourselves
aiming for the result
rather than the cause.*

Philip Neri

4th Degree Exemplification

Families and Friends,

You are cordially invited to come celebrate with our new Sir Knights and watch as they receive their Certificates.

We especially invite you to join us in recognizing the Honoree of this Degree,

SK Tom Villardi, Former Master and Past Grand Knight



SK Tom Villardi, FDM, PGK

Join us Sep 28, 2024, for the

4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION BANQUET

Following the 4:30 Mass. Doors open at 5:30.

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, Parish Hall
7260 W Sahara Ave.

Banquet Meals

Candidates, who paid the \$70 Exemplification registration fee, will receive one banquet ticket for the dinner honoring them and the Special Honoree SK Tom Villardi.

Extra Dinner Tickets cost \$30 each and may be purchased at the Degree Sign-in the morning of the event.

You may also purchase Dinner Tickets using “Zell” to cell number 702-203-7403

Tickets are not available at the door as we need to provide a firm headcount to the caterer by 2 p.m.

(See flyer next page)

*Let us aim for joy,
rather than
respectability.*

Philip Neri



FOURTH DEGREE

PATRIOTIC DEGREE OF THE ORDER

YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A FOURTH DEGREE SIR KNIGHT

**The Fourth Degree EXEMPLIFICATION will be on September 28th, 2024,
at St. Joseph Husband of Mary Parish, 7260 W Sahara Ave**

THE SCHEDULE IS:

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration of Candidates will be in the
Cenacle Room across from the Hall.

12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Exemplification begins in the Hall

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Mass is at St. Joseph, HOM

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Social & Dinner follows Mass in the Hall
& is to **Open to all.**

The Honoree for this Exemplification is:

Sir Knight Tom Villardi, FDM, PGK

Please note this is the last opportunity to save money, the fee is being held at \$70, but will be going to \$90 next year.

Their Exemplification fee includes your degree dinner. And we encourage you to invite families to your celebration dinner. Guest dinner tickets remain at \$30 each. See the Dinner signup form as needed for them.

Payments can be sent via Zelle to cell number 702-203-7403, or checks payable to "Ken Sawyer, Master".

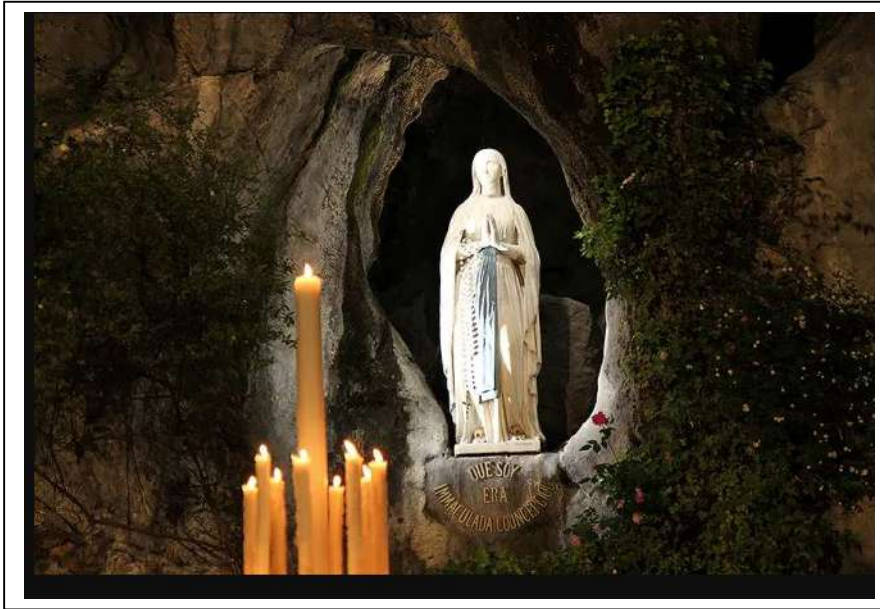
Candidates must be in proper attire: Black Tuxedo, or Black, Dark Blue, or Dark Gray suit, Dress Shirt & Tie, and black dress shoes. No colored or printed shirts please.

They need to report to the lead Marshall by 11:30 with completed form 4's, and a check for \$70.00 for each candidate, or including the \$30 amounts for each guests' dinners.

Signatures needed on all Form 4's are: **Your Council Financial Secretary, the Assembly Faithful Navigator, and the Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly you are joining.**

If you have any questions, contact 4th Degree Master, SK Ken Sawyer, 702-203-7403 Ken.J.Sawyer@cox.net

Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage



In 2013, the Knights of Columbus partnered with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, (AMS) to sponsor the annual "Warriors to Lourdes" Pilgrimage. Lt Col (Ret) William Villegas II, USAF, "Will" and his wife Michelle have been pilgrimage trip leaders for the past five years. "We have had vets from VietNam, Post 911, Desert Storm, and Afghanistan," said Will. "I remember last year we had one young man who sat by himself and didn't speak at all on the way over to France. About all he did was shake his head and nod. We took him into the springs where he washed his face and hands in the clear water. I could detect a change in his manner. When we got home, his wife called me."

"What happened over there?," she asked. "This isn't the same man who left. He talks to me now and spends time with the kids. Whatever you did --- thanks."

"We bring wounded and ill warriors carrying both the visible and invisible wounds of war, as well as those warriors with terminal illnesses, those with moral wounds to the soul, marital discord from years of service, or military sexual trauma, to beg Our Lady's intercession," said program organizer Col. Charles Gallina, USMC/Ret.

"We keep in touch with all our pilgrims," said Will Villegas. "They have a life-line with people who care and want to help."

Each prospective veteran pilgrim must apply to the Knights of Columbus in New Haven. For chosen military personnel and their caregiver, all expenses are covered by Knights of Columbus Charities Inc.

The 2025 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage application process opens Sep 15, 2024 and closes Jan 15, 2025. Will and Michelle are happy to help with the application process. Contact Will Villegas, PGK, PDD, PFN at Cell: 702-279-9311 or by email: villife4@outlook.com

Let us make fools of ourselves from time to time, and thus see ourselves, for a moment, as the all-wise God sees us.

Philip Neri

Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage



The poster features a group of military personnel in dress uniforms standing in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of Lourdes. An American flag is held in the center of the group. The background shows the large, ornate stone building of the basilica set against a cloudy sky.

Warriors TO LOURDES

Save the Date! May 13-18, 2025

Join us for the 2025 *Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage & 65th Annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI)*.

For more information about the pilgrimage, applying, or supporting a warrior pilgrim – please visit www.warriorstolourdes.com, or scan the QR code below.



Dan Dexter at 142nd Supreme Convention



*The cross is the gift God
gives to his friends.*

Philip Neri

L to R: Worthy Supreme Master Michael McCusker and Worthy District Master Daniel Dexter. Picture taken at the 142nd Supreme Convention, Quebec, Canada

Letter from the Vatican on the 142nd Supreme Convention



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

From the Vatican, 24 July 2024

N. 643.929

Dear Mr. Kelly,

His Holiness Pope Francis has asked me to convey to you his warm greetings and the assurance of his closeness in prayer to all who will take part in the 142nd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, to be held in Québec City from 6 to 8 August next.

The theme chosen for this year's meeting – *On Mission* – centers on the missionary dimension of Christian discipleship that the Holy Father has stressed from the earliest days of his pontificate. In his first Apostolic Exhortation, he reminded us that "every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). The foundation of the Knights of Columbus, guided by the prophetic vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, was inspired by the urgent need to bear witness to that love, above all in service to the poor and in apostolic zeal for the building up of the Church in unity, fraternity and fidelity to the saving truth of the Gospel.

In the pursuit of these noble goals, your Order, from its origins, has devoted great attention to the formation of its members as men of faith and family. Over the generations, the Knights have worked for the strengthening of family life through programs of catechesis and spiritual growth, borne public witness to the centrality of the family as the fundamental cell of society, and supported a variety of initiatives to support families in their indispensable social and educational mission. This historic commitment has included a particular concern for passing on the faith to new generations, instilling sound values and accompanying the young in their growth to maturity as men and women of integrity, wisdom and service to the communities in which they live. In his many writings

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and addresses to young people, the Holy Father has frequently warned them of the danger, in today's fluid and often frivolous society, of becoming severed from the religious and cultural roots that provide their deepest identity (cf. *Christus Vivit*, 179-186). For this reason, he wishes to encourage in a special way the Knights' "Cor" initiative and sends prayerful good wishes for its spiritual fruitfulness.

All missionary outreach has its heart and beating pulse in the presence of our Lord in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, offered for the peace and salvation of all the world (cf. Roman Missal, *Eucharistic Prayer III*). In this past year, the cross-country Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the United States, promoted by your Order, bore impressive witness not only to the Church's faith in the redemptive power of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, but also his constant accompaniment of the Church on her pilgrimage through history. In these times marked by new wars, conflicts and social unrest, the Holy Father has been untiring in calling all Christians to pray for justice, peace and reconciliation in our human family. He asks the Knights and their families to persevere in offering their prayers and Masses for the triumph of Christ's peace in the hearts of all people and the building of the civilization of love.

Once again, the Holy Father takes this occasion to express his profound gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their concrete witness to the faith that works through love (cf. *Gal 5:6*). Together with the charitable activities of its local Councils worldwide, your Order continues to give outstanding support and encouragement to efforts to defend God's gift of life at every stage of its development, to uphold the dignity of the institution of marriage, and to advance the mission of the Church in developing countries. His Holiness is likewise grateful for the efforts of the Knights to care for the needs of our brothers and sisters in war-torn Ukraine, the Christian communities of the Middle East, and all those experiencing persecution for their faith in Christ; these are causes especially close to his heart as Pastor of the Universal Church.

Letter from the Vatican on the 142nd Supreme Convention

In these months, the Church is preparing spiritually for the forthcoming Jubilee Year, when countless pilgrims will pass through the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica to encounter the richness of the Lord's mercies poured out upon our world through her apostolic ministry. It is the Holy Father's hope that as they contemplate the great Bernini *baldacchino* that soars above the Tomb of Saint Peter, even now being restored to its original splendor through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, they will be strengthened in faith and in unity with the Successor of Peter. His Holiness prays that the graces of the Holy Year will be poured out in abundance on the Knights and their families as they strive to fulfil their baptismal mission to be a leaven of peace and holiness in our human family, weary of war and yearning for the peace that only Christ can give (cf. *Jn* 15:27).

With these sentiments, His Holiness commends the deliberations of the Convention to the loving intercession of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, and he cordially imparts to the Knights and their families his Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

Yours sincerely,



Pietro Cardinal Parolin
Secretary of State

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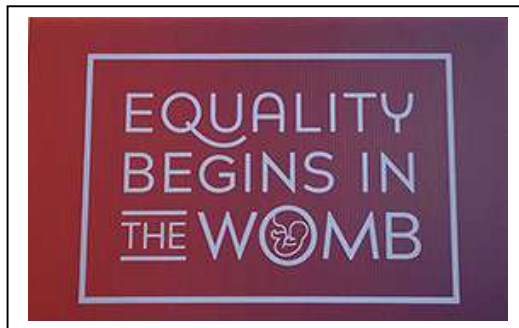
Message from Life Director John DeBord

‘Proclaim the dignity of every human life’

Statement From Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Following the United States Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health 6/24/2022

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement following today’s historic decision by the United States Supreme Court in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization case.

“The 2 million Knights of Columbus and their families are grateful and encouraged by today’s United States Supreme Court ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, one of the most significant advancements in human rights in our nation’s history. Since our Order’s founding by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has been dedicated to the protection of mothers and



their children, which makes us rejoice all the more for today’s monumental ruling.

The Knights of Columbus believes in the dignity and worth of every human life. We work tirelessly, through prayer and action, to protect the sanctity of life.

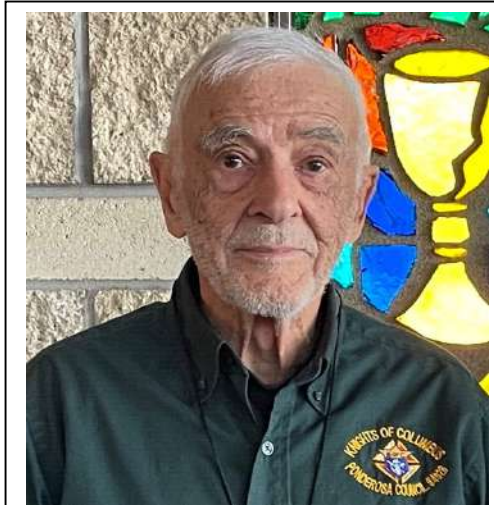
For the past 50 years, Roe v. Wade has allowed abortion on demand, including late-term abortions up to birth. This poorly reasoned legal ruling has resulted in over 60 million lives lost and does not represent the view of the American people. Our extensive polling with The Marist Institute for Public Opinion has shown consistently, over the last 14 years, that there is a consensus among Americans to limit abortion. Most recently, the Marist Poll found that a vast majority of Americans — 80% — continue to believe that laws can be crafted that protect both the health and wellbeing of a woman and the life of the unborn. And a majority said abortion should either be illegal or returned to the states for regulation.

To read more of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly’s statement, visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/proclaim-dignity-of-every-human-life.html>

To preserve our cheerfulness amid sicknesses and troubles, is a sign of a right and good spirit.

Philip Neri

Knight of the Month for August 2024



SK Anthony M. Pagano, MD

*He who wishes for anything
but Christ, does not know
what he wishes; he who asks
for anything but Christ, does
not know what he is asking;
he who works, and not for
Christ, does not know what
he is doing.*

Philip Neri

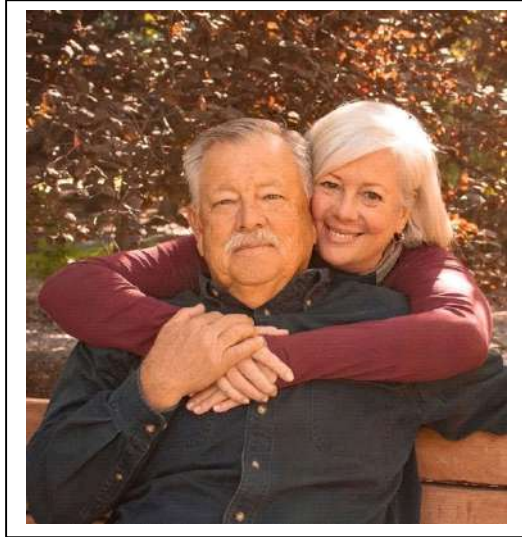
SK Anthony M. Pagano M.D. has been a Knight for 51 years and is a member of the 4th Degree. Despite his age, he continues to be a frequent Eucharistic Minister and an occasional Lector at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Community in Sparks.

Tony is a veteran of WW II who served in the 1255th Combat Engineers, a non-divisional battalion unit in support of companies attached to General Patten's 3rd Army. He is frequently seen cruising around town in his yellow 1980 Mercedes Benz 300D stemming from his WW II experiences driving diesel-powered jeeps and transports in the Battle of the Bulge to the war's end.

It was his battlefield experiences that changed his chosen field from Engineering prior to enlistment to Medicine following his honorary discharge, retiring as a successful OB/GYN. SK Tony celebrated his 99th birthday this August. For his years of service and active participation at Holy Cross parish, he is recognized as our Knight of the Month for August.

- W. Anthony Watts, GK

Family of the Month for August 2024



Bro. David Jenkins is a retired police officer who became a Council Knight in 2022. He frequently supports various Council service initiatives including the annual Sparks Police Department Appreciation Luncheon, the Reno Air Races fundraiser, and the Council's Coats for Kids program. Terry is a very active Eucharistic Minister, Lector, parish bulletin contributor, and parish fundraising program volunteer at Holy Cross Catholic Community.

On August 13, Holy Cross Catholic Community held a funeral mass for Bro. Donald R. Merucci, a deceased member of Ponderosa Council 4928. When the need arose for service support it was Bro. David who stepped up. When the need for a Eucharistic Minister was recognized, it was Lady Terry who stepped up. Their quick response allowed the family funeral service to progress seamlessly. For this, and all their continuing support of Holy Cross parish, the Jenkins family is recognized as the Ponderosa Council 4928 Family of the Month for August.

- W. Anthony Watts, GK

*My Jesus, if you uphold
me, I shall not fall.*

Philip Neri

Council 4928's Faith in Action Donations

Checking Our Donation List: Traditionally, Ponderosa Council 4928 releases an assortment of financial donations at the start of the new fraternal year to charitable programs in need. Recipients who have received Council checks in the current fraternal year to date include:

Charity	Donation
Catholic Charities Elevating Families Program	\$500.00 ASAP program rebate eligible
Catholic Charities St. Vincent Food Pantry	\$500.00 Food for Families rebate eligible
Diocese of Reno Catholic School Scholarship Fund	\$500.00
Nevada State Council Coats for Kids Coats	\$3,082.28 Matching coat program in effect
Nevada State Council Special Olympics Fund	\$100.00
Nevada State Council Ultrasound Fund	\$100.00
Supreme Council Christian Refugee Relief Fund	\$500.00

*Heaven is not made for
the slothful.*

Philip Neri

The above list is an important first step in Supreme's FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY and LIFE categories toward achieving the Columbian Award, one of the prerequisites for Star Council. More Council Faith in Action volunteer programs and additional financial aid is in the offing.

Fans for Seniors: Last month, I reported on the initial success of the Council's 2024 Fans for Seniors drive by delivering 32 box fans to the Washoe County Senior Center for seniors in need. Our goal was 41 or more to set a new Council fan drive record. While the local weather was setting record triple-digit heat over the summer, our members were setting a record of their own by donating 50 box fans to date. The drive will officially end on August 31st.



- GK W. Anthony Watts



**Join us for this Fun Charitable event!
Saturday, September 21, 2024**



**Arrowcreek Challenge Course
9:30 AM Shotgun Start**



Just \$200 per golfer for a great day of Fun!

Package includes:

- Green Fees & cart at private Arrowcreek Golf Club
- Breakfast
- Practice balls
- Bottled water on carts
- Awards Banquet after play concludes
- Silent Auction & Raffle
- Contests, Prizes and more!



Sponsorships available, contact:

Chip Lindloff - clindloff@sbcglobal.net

or

John Murphy - john@kolesartax.com

More information & Register online <http://www.srlrenogolf.com>

Register Now 

The St Rose of Lima Golf Tournament is fund-raising project of Council 13842.
This flyer is for informational purposes only. The tournament is **sold out**.

Officer Installation for Council 4997

*Christian joy is a gift of
God flowing from a good
conscience.*

Philip Neri



Msgr. Patrick J. Connors Council 4997 conducted its Officer Installation on Aug 11 at Our Lady of the Snows Church, District Deputy William Stone presiding.

Council 7322 Golf Tournament Announcement

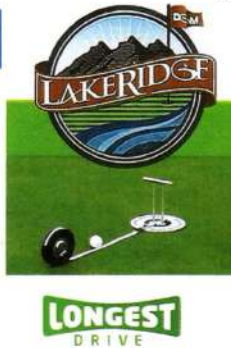


2024 KofC Council #7322 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF DR. NEWSOM "NEWT" MAPLES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH

Lakeridge Golf Course 11:00 am Registration 12:30 Shotgun Start

Player Fees Includes Golf, Water, Dinner, and and 1 Drink Ticket

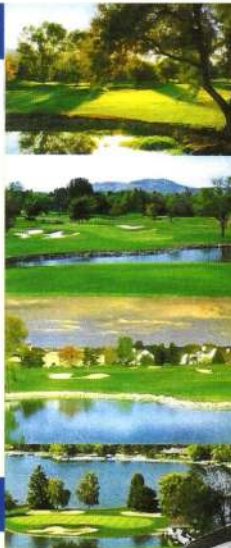


Auction Items,
Raffle Prizes &
\$5,000 Putting
Contest are open
to all Players &
Guests

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- \$10,000 Hole in One Prize (Hole #6)
- \$5,000 Putting Contest \$10 Entry (No Limit)
- Cash Prize Team Low Score (Scamble Format)
- Cash Prize Closest to the Pin (Hole #2)
- Dixon Challenge (Hole #15)
- Cash Prize Longest Drive (Hole #18)

FEES & CHARGES



Mulligans
\$5 Each
8 Max Per Foursome

Raffle Tickets
10 Tickets for \$30

- Individual Player (Register by June 30th) - \$140
- Individual Player (Register After June 30th) - \$150
- Title Sponsor with Two Foursomes - \$3,500
- Small Business Sponsor with One Foursome - \$1,000
- Sponsor with One Foursome - \$750
- Tee Box Sponsor - \$150
- Other Custom Sponsorships Available

LEARN MORE REGISTER & PAY ONLINE AT: KofC7322EVENTS.ORG



Check Payments - Please Make Checks Payable To:
Knights of Columbus #7322, 1250 Wyoming Ave., Reno NV 89503

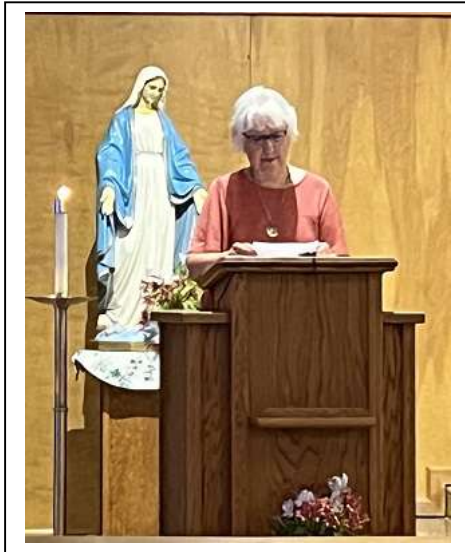
Questions-Sponsorships-Donations- Call
Mike Chaump: 775-846-2206 Mike Pelfini: 415-307-8211

Sponsorship Deadline: September 21st
Entry Deadline: September 28th

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS,

This Month's Photos

Fallon Council 4828's Silver Rose Prayer Service



Fallon Council 4828 held its Silver Rose prayer service on Friday Aug 9 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Service participants included Father Jose Sobarzo (celebrant - Act of Consecration and Final Blessing), BR Jeff Schultz (Holy Rosary), BR Bill Hillery (processional Hymn), BR Bob Greer (guardian of Silver Rose), parishioner Barbara Karo ("Introduction to Silver Rose origin") and parishioner Judy Price ("The history of the Silver Rose").



PGK Marlon Clarke took several pictures of the event. About 20-25 people attended the prayer service. The Monstrance with the consecrated host was placed on the altar by Father Jose for adoration during the prayer service and for the Final Blessing at the end of the service. The desired solemnity was appreciated by those attending.



This Month's Photos

Council 12877 celebrates Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day



On Tuesday, Aug 13, Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 hosted a beautiful Mass to honor Blessed Michael McGivney on his Feast Day. Fourth Degree Knight Father Philip celebrated the Mass and was assisted by Fourth Degree Knight Deacon Ron. The Diocese of Reno allowed the Council use of Blessed Michael McGivney's first class relic. After Mass, parishioners and brother Knights venerated the relic.

Deacon Ron's homily reminded us that Father McGivney was a humble servant whose main mission was to take care of the women, children and the vulnerable. Following Mass, 25 brother Knights prayed the holy Rosary together. Then after a short time of fellowship, we began our monthly membership meeting.

Thank you, State Warden Michael Brady for picking up the relic. Thank you State Secretary Dave Clarke for attending this beautiful event and thank you to all my brother Knights, near and far, who celebrated Michael McGivney's Feast Day.

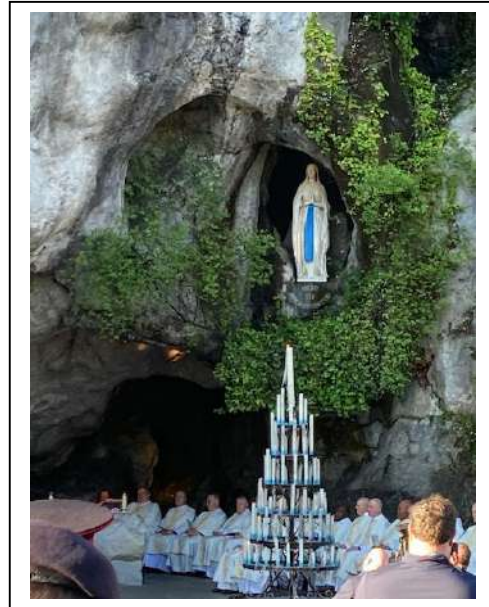
Blessed Michael McGivney pray for us.

- Leo V Carew III, State Treasurer



This Month's Photos

Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024



Will and Michelle Villegas

Message from the State Advocate

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- DO order booklets on specific issues of fundamental importance to Catholics published by the Catholic Information Service, <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html> ;
- DO share with others the Catholic Church's teachings on moral issues of fundamental importance to society;
- DO advocate for Catholic positions on local and national legislative and other issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church. This includes participation in action alert announcements that seek to make the voices of Catholic citizens heard on legislation of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO write letters to the editor of local newspapers;
- DO know your elected representatives and their positions on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO correspond with your representatives and let them know that you support the Catholic position on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO thank representatives for their actions taken on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO join the Supreme Council and your State Council in advocating for public policy issues. When doing so, echo the sentiments and wording the Supreme Council or your State Council have already articulated; and
- DO VOTE!

DON'Ts

- DO NOT engage in any partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as including activity that seeks to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.
- DO NOT make partisan political statements in the name of the Knights of Columbus. A partisan political statement is defined as including statements that seek to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.

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Message from the State Advocate

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- DO NOT, on behalf of your local council, congratulate or admonish public officials in the name of the Knights of Columbus.
- DO NOT, on behalf of your local council, take a position on a matter of public policy unless you are joining a position the Supreme Council or your State Council has already articulated;
- DO NOT distribute any Knights of Columbus member lists or contact information to political campaigns or to individuals running for office;
- DO NOT use an official fraternal title in connection with your personal political activity, except to convey biographical information; and
- DO NOT use Knights of Columbus facilities, including, but not limited to, email accounts, social media, fax machines, letterhead and the like, in connection with partisan political activity.

PROHIBITION ON USE OF MEMBERSHIP TO PROMOTE CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

A member may not use his membership in the Knights of Columbus, including the name and emblem, for political advantage or to imply that the Order supports a candidate for public office. Specifically, Section 162.23 of the Laws of the Order prohibits a member from “issuing or soliciting by virtue of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of . . . candidates for public office” Consistent with this Law, the Board of Directors will not authorize any use of the name and emblem of the Order, or one’s membership in the Order, to promote any political affiliation or candidate for public office. If a member wishes to express his public support for a candidate or political party, he may not identify himself as a member of the Knights of Columbus. To the extent any member is himself a candidate for public office, failure to observe this rule may expose the member to disciplinary action under Sections 162.11 and 162.23 of the Laws of the Order.

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Message from the State Advocate

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RULES REGARDING HOSTING PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Knights of Columbus councils may not provide a forum, advertising, or funding for certain activities involving candidates for public office, including candidates' forums, meeting, and debates.

The Order's rules on partisan political activity, which apply to members and councils, are codified in Sections 162.11, 162.23 and 157.1 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus. These laws strictly prohibit members and councils from engaging in any partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Specifically, members and councils may not use membership in the Order, council funds, council facilities (including email and social media), proprietary membership information, or dedicated council communication channels in connection with any action directed towards announcing candidates for public office, the success or failure of a candidate for public office, or the activities of a political party, or other political group. Even using the name "Knights of Columbus" in connection with candidates for public office and/or political campaigns, without permission of the Board of Directors, is prohibited.

I hope that these guidelines provide an understandable framework for determining what is appropriate in this election season and as always the District Deputies and State Officers stand ready to help all the Councils and Assemblies with issues as they arise.

J J Wilder, State Advocate
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