

The Silver Knight News

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State Deputy's Message



State Deputy David Ryan

As we approach Advent, I did a little research on the meaning of the advent wreath and its origin.

The Advent wreath is one of the most symbolic traditions for the season of Advent. With its colorful candles lit on each of the four weeks of Advent, the wreath is a reminder of the hope and joy coming. Advent wreaths are not exclusive to churches; many families and individuals have an Advent wreath at home and observe the tradition of lighting the candles each Sunday.

As the story goes, in 1839, a Lutheran minister working at a children's mission in Germany created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. The minister placed 20 small red candles out of the wheel's outer ring and four larger white candles inside the ring, lighting the red candles on weekdays and the four white candles on Sundays as a way for the children to count down the days until Christmas.



Advent traditions will vary by country, but the heart behind Advent is mostly the same across cultures and denominations. Derived from the Latin word "adventus," the word advent means "arrival" or "coming." In this instance, it is used to indicate set times during the month of December to commemorate the coming of the Messiah in Jesus Christ. Advent, like Christmas, is a season of expectation, celebration, and hope connected to the birth of the prophesied Messiah and the promise of Christ's subsequent ministry.

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Your life as a Christian should make non believers question their disbelief in God.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Advent wreaths were eventually fashioned out of evergreens, twisted together in a circle to symbolize continuous life across the seasons, from the death of winter to the new life of spring. Naturally, this earthly symbolism also points to the spiritual symbolism of newness and the promise of eternal life and salvation offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ ([John 3:16](#)). The circular nature of the Advent wreath, similar to a wedding ring or band, is further meant to reflect the unending love of Christ and eternal life offered through salvation.

Holly leaves, berries, and seeds are also added to the Advent wreath. Holly leaves can be prickly and, therefore, used to represent the crown of thorns placed on Jesus's head during his crucifixion. Berries, which are typically red, also point to Christ's sacrifice and the bloodshed for sins. Pinecones, seeds, and nuts are also placed within the wreath as a symbol and promise of new life. Together, the elements of the Advent wreath reflect the new life and eternal salvation offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who we now celebrate.

In almost all Advent traditions, lighting candles is also a prominent feature of each week's commemorative celebration. Some candles are placed within or near the Advent wreath itself. Other times, they are lit separately each Sunday beginning four weeks before Christmas. Candles and the light they produce reflect the light that came into the world with the arrival of Jesus Christ.

Some traditions light a single candle on each of the 24 days leading up to Christmas. Other traditions place one large candle in the center of the Advent wreath and light it every day of December until Christmas.

The most common tradition, however, typically uses four candles. Each advent candle is lit on one of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. In some churches and homes, a 5th candle that is larger and white is lit to represent Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

What are the Four Weeks of Advent?

Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (the Sunday closest to November 30).

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First Week of Advent:

- Light the first candle of your Advent wreath on **Sunday, December 1, 2024.**
- Theme: Hope (Hope Candle or Prophet's Candle).

Second Week of Advent:

- Light the second candle of your Advent wreath on **Sunday, December 8, 2024.**
- Theme: Peace (Peace Candle, Love Candle, or Bethlehem Candle).

Third Week of Advent:

- Light the third candle of your Advent wreath on **Sunday, December 15, 2024.**
- Theme: Joy (Joy Candle or Shepherd's Candle).
- Special Name: Gaudete Sunday, emphasizing rejoicing.

Fourth Week of Advent:

- Light the fourth candle of your Advent wreath on **Sunday, December 22, 2024.**
- Theme: Peace (Peace Candle).

Additionally, Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25th, which marks the culmination of the Advent season, and the central Christ Candle on the Advent wreath is typically lit on this day to symbolize the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.

What are Advent Wreath Candle Colors?

Advent candles have meaning and symbolism for the Christian holiday season. The most common tradition typically uses four candles. Each advent candle is lit on one of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

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Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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*Silence in the face of evil
is evil itself.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



The color of these candles can vary, but it is common for the first, second, and fourth candles to be purple, while the third is rose-colored, red, or a pinkish hue. In some cases, all the candles are red, blue, or white; often, a fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Day itself. Catholic tradition even states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for 1,000 years to total the 4,000 years from Adam to the birth of the Messiah.

Prayers and Readings for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

Here are some traditional prayers and readings for lighting the Advent wreath candles. The carefully chosen readings and prayers associated with each candle, representing hope, love, joy, and peace, serve as a powerful reminder of the profound themes of the Advent season.

First Sunday of Advent Candle: Hope

The first advent candle is purple and symbolizes hope. Also known as the "Prophecy Candle" in memory of the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who prophesied the birth of Christ. It symbolizes the anticipation felt in awaiting the coming Messiah. The color purple is often associated with this candle. Purple is a liturgical color that symbolizes penance, preparation, and royalty. It serves as a reminder of the need for repentance and readiness for the coming of the Messiah, who is the King of Kings.

The first candle, the Hope Candle, symbolizes the hope of God's people as they awaited the arrival of the Messiah, who would bring salvation, redemption, and the fulfillment of God's promises. It represents the hope that Jesus' birth would bring light to a world shrouded in darkness and despair.

During the lighting of the first candle, it is common to read scriptures and passages from the Bible that emphasize the theme of hope, such as prophecies from the Old Testament about the coming of the Messiah, like [Isaiah 9:2-7](#) or [Isaiah 60:1-3](#). The lighting of the Hope Candle in the Advent wreath is an opportunity for individuals and families to reflect on the concept of hope in their own lives. It is a time to consider the hope found in the promise of salvation through Jesus and how that hope can bring joy and comfort during challenging times.

Prayer:

"O God, as we light the first candle of this Advent wreath, we open our hearts in hope. May the light of this candle remind us of the hope we have in you. May it inspire us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our hope, and our Savior. Amen."

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Second Sunday of Advent Candle: Peace

The second Advent candle is also purple and symbolizes peace. Also known as the "Bethlehem Candle," signifies Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Sometimes the second week's candle is used to symbolize faith. The Peace Candle symbolizes the peace that Jesus Christ brings to the world. It represents the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of a Messiah who would be the Prince of Peace ([Isaiah 9:6](#)). It reminds us that through the birth of Jesus, humanity can find reconciliation with God and experience inner peace. During the lighting of the Peace Candle, appropriate Bible verses that emphasize peace and reconciliation may be read, such as [Isaiah 9:6](#), [Luke 2:14](#), or [John 14:27](#)

Prayer:

"Gracious God, as we light the second candle of this Advent wreath, we seek your peace. In a world filled with turmoil, may the light of this candle remind us of the peace that only you can bring. Help us to be instruments of your peace in our homes, communities, and the world. Amen."

Third Sunday of Advent Candle: Joy

The third Advent candle is pink and represents joy. This candle is pink because the rose color represents joy, also known as the "Shepherd's Candle." The third Sunday of Advent is meant to remind us of the world's joy at the birth of Jesus and that the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent. The third week of Advent is often known as "Gaudete Sunday," derived from the Latin word "Gaudete," which means "rejoice." It is a time of rejoicing and heightened anticipation as Christmas draws nearer.

The Joy Candle represents the joy that filled the hearts of the shepherds who received the news of Jesus' birth from the angels. It signifies the happiness and excitement of the world as it receives the long-awaited Messiah. During the lighting of the Joy Candle, passages from the Bible that emphasize joy and rejoicing may be read, such as [Luke 2:10-11](#), which describes the angelic announcement to the shepherds.

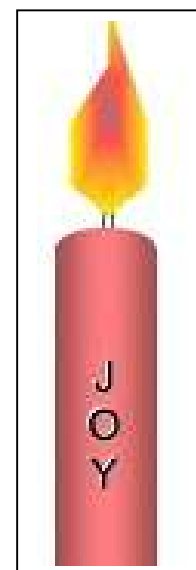
Prayer:

"Loving God, as we light the third candle of this Advent wreath, we rejoice in your presence. May the light of this candle fill our hearts with the joy of your salvation. Help us to share this joy with others, spreading your love and happiness to all we encounter. Amen."

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*May God in His mercy
lead us through these
times; but above all, may
He lead us to Himself.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God, who will thwart our plans and frustrate our ways time and again, even daily, by sending people across our path with their demands and requests.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Fourth Sunday of Advent Candle (Love):

The final Advent candle color is purple and marks the last week of Advent as we anticipate the birth of our Savior. This final candle, also known as the "Angel's Candle," signifies love. It reminds us of the angels' message: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" ([Luke 2:14](#)). During the lighting of the Love Candle, passages from the Bible that emphasize love, such as [John 3:16-17](#) or [1 John 4:9-11](#), may be read. These verses highlight God's love for humanity and the call for believers to [love one another](#).

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, as we light the fourth candle of this Advent wreath, we are reminded of your boundless love. May the light of this candle shine forth as a symbol of the love you have shown us through your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with your love and help us to love one another as you have loved us. Amen."

In most traditions, the lighting of the four advent candles (or multiple candles) is meant to be done as a family and will often be used to reflect on the hope, faith, joy, peace, light, and [purity](#) that came into the world with the gift of the Messiah. Families will typically light the candle together, often encouraging children to participate in the celebration. Many modern churches light an Advent candle during Sunday services to prepare for Christmas as a church family.

Regardless of specific Advent traditions and differences in how it is celebrated across cultures and countries, Advent is a time for all believers and families to commemorate the arrival of the Messiah, prepare for his second coming, and celebrate the joy of Christmas together.

May Gods Blessings be with you and your families as we approach this Holy Season of Advent

David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM
State Deputy

Message from the State Chaplain

Brother Knights,

We have just endured bitter political divisions during this election year. Families are divided over who voted for who, they are unfriending each other, not inviting people to share Thanksgiving dinner, and not talking to friends, family, and coworkers. But this is not what Jesus is asking us to do. We need to Love God and Love Others.

On the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we recognize that Christ should be the center of our lives. Jesus tells Pilate that he has no earthly kingdom. Jesus was not a politician, but he hoped to reshape society—government and religion—to reflect God’s Kingdom. That is the work we continue as his followers. We are called to be Catholic patriots, people whose faith shapes our patriots. not patriotic Catholics, people who place national policies above Gospel values. Patriotism for Christians means using the political system to shape a more compassionate, peaceful nation—being a seed of Jesus’ Kingdom. That might cause conflict with other Americans at times.

Our nation separates church and state. That means the state cannot tell you what religion to follow. It does not mean that Christian values should be separated from our political life. How does the Gospel challenge our national policies on poverty, health care, war and peace, criminal justice, immigration, or abortion? Here is a question we need to ask when we make decisions to support a particular candidate or proposal: If Jesus were our king, would he enact this or support this candidate and their stance on issues?

So, whether you are Democrat, Independent, or Republican or another party affiliation we are called to put aside party differences and work together for the common good. We need to place the love of God and the love of others as the center of all that we do. We need to ask ourselves how we treat each other, how we interact with others, and what do we say and do to others. Does what we say and do reflect the Gospel values?

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*Salvation is free, but
discipleship will cost you
your life*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Message from the State Chaplain

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Every month Archbishop Lori issues a monthly challenge to all Knights. I echo that challenge for the month of November:

“For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.” (Gospel for Nov. 10, Mk 12:44)

The lowly widow received praise from Jesus because her gift came from her substance and not her abundance. There is much to be said for the “give until it hurts” approach to charity. We ought to give sacrificially, and it is not much of a sacrifice to give away things we don’t use or money we won’t miss. Remembering what Jesus gave us should challenge us to greater sacrifice for others.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully examine your level of giving, both of your treasure and your time, and consider whether you are giving as much as Christ asks of you.

Questions for Reflection:

When you give of yourself — whether of your financial resources or your time — do you give only from your abundance? What might you be able to sacrifice in order to provide more assistance to those in need? Are there any specific actions you could take to give more to others?

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As we end this liturgical year and enter a new liturgical year, let us ask ourselves whether Christ is the center of our lives? Is Christ our King? If not, then let us resolve during the Advent season to take time to allow Christ to become the center of our lives. If we do, we will truly have a blessed Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Father Steven Robert Hoffer,
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*The biggest mistake you
can make in your life is
to be always afraid of
making a mistake.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Message from the Vocations Director



*Comfort the troubled,
and trouble the
comfortable.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

As we begin the season of Advent, let us renew our commitment to Our Lady through her special gift: the Rosary. If you are able, pray the Rosary daily. If you are not able to pray an entire Rosary, perhaps at least one decade. Please encourage your Council and Assembly to include praying the Rosary as part of its monthly meetings. Pray in a special way for vocations and respect for human life - from conception to natural death.

Wishing you and your families the peace and joy of this beautiful season. All God's Blessings!

~Deacon Rick Minch

Note from State Historian

Exercise Our Patriotic Heritage! Happy Veterans Day! *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.
- 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

*Faith is only real when
there is obedience, never
without it, and faith
only becomes faith in the
act of obedience.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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!

Pray that Pope Francis I will Canonize our Blessed Michael McGivney!

Notable Men in Church History

St. John Henry Newman



Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801–1890) was the eldest of six children born to a nominal Protestant family in London, England. As a child he loved reading the Scriptures and experienced a conversion to Christianity at the age of fifteen. He became a brilliant academic, an extremely influential Oxford scholar, and an Anglican priest. He was a leader in what was called the "Oxford Movement," which argued for a revival of traditional religious practice in the Church of England. Once anti-Catholic in his religious sentiments, sentiments that were common in England, Newman was increasingly impacted by the Church Fathers and other Catholic writers. His theological views gradually aligned with the Catholic Church in opposition to Anglican doctrine. Through his continued study of Church history, he became unable to remain a Protestant in good faith. He made the decision to convert to Catholicism in 1845, which exposed him to much ridicule in his academic and religious circles. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome. He was made Cardinal in 1879. John Henry Newman is remembered for his influential writings on theology and philosophy as well as his founding of the famous London Oratory. Newman wrote forty books and 21,000 letters, some of which had profound influence on the Second Vatican Council, making him one of the most important theologians of his day. His most famous work is his *Apologia* in which he defends his conversion to the truths of the Catholic Church.

Plan to visit the Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Community at the University of Nevada, Reno campus area (1101 N. Virginia Street) on Wednesdays for lunch with the Catholic students.

*We must be ready to
allow ourselves to be
interrupted by
God....We must
not.....assume that our
schedule is our own to
manage, but allow it to
be arranged by God.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

Sir Knight Robert M. Hamon, GK

Sir Knight Robert Hamon is an accomplished leader and community servant, currently serving as the Grand Knight of Christ the King Council 7322 at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Reno, NV. With more than 26 years of involvement in the parish, Robert has held numerous leadership roles within the Knights of Columbus, including Youth Director, Faith Director, Warden, Chancellor, and Deputy Grand Knight. His commitment to service was inspired by his father, grandfather, uncles, and cousin, who introduced him to the values of the Knights at a young age.



SK Robert Hamon

*The time is short.
Eternity is long. It is the
time of decision.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In addition to volunteer work with the Knights, Robert has also served his parish community by alter severing, sacristan, assistant to the liturgist, extraordinary minister, youth group leader, confirmation director, school aftercare leader, and more.

Robert's leadership extends into his military career as a non-commissioned officer in the Nevada Army National Guard. He works full-time as a CH-47 Chinook mechanic and flight instructor, with a distinguished service record that includes deployments to the Middle East and participation in disaster relief efforts, such as hurricane response and wildland firefighting. In addition, he is the non-commission officer in charge of the quality control section for Army Aviation for northern Nevada. Some of his distinguished awards include the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

A graduate of Robert McQueen High School, Robert was involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, including football, track, choir, cross country, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and musicals. He earned All-State Choir honors twice and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, solidifying his lifelong dedication to leadership and service.

Whether in his military duties or his work in the parish, Robert is guided by a strong sense of duty, faith, and commitment to helping others.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

Message from State Program Director

By Al S. Pena

Worthy Brothers,

I was doing some reading and I came across this piece of advise that President Roosevelt delivered on May 7, 1918 which beautifully summed up the various ups and downs that he went through as President and his humble admission of the mistakes he may have done. He submits that any person in authority should be open to criticism. That criticizing him as President should not be considered as unpatriotic or treasonable. What is more important is the truth pleasant or unpleasant about him be said about any case? To tell the Truth is more important.

"The President is merely the most important among a large number of public servants. He should be supported or opposed exactly to the degree which is warranted by his good conduct or bad conduct, his efficiency or inefficiency in rendering loyal, able, and disinterested service to the Nation as a whole.

Therefore it is absolutely necessary that there should be full liberty to tell the truth about his acts, and this means that it is exactly necessary to blame him when He does wrong as to praise him when he does right.

Any other attitude in an American citizen is both base and servile. To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public. Nothing but the truth should be Spoken about him or any one else. But it is even more important to tell the truth, pleasant or unpleasant, about him then about any one else."

~Theodore Roosevelt quoted from the Kansas City Star

This piece of wisdom should be should be one of the guiding principles of leadership. If we find our leaders making mistakes, let him know. Don't be afraid to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

*Christianity without
discipleship is always
Christianity without
Christ.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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"Starry, Starry Night" Knights



*In me there is darkness,
But with You there is
light;*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

On Nov 8, Holy Cross Catholic Community parish held its 37th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent/Live Auction fundraiser. This year's theme was "Starry, Starry Night" and, as is true to form, Ponderosa Council 4928 Knights were there until late in the evening to help make the event a success.

Fifteen Council members led by PGK Steven P. Schiwart, volunteered 99.5 hours in service by (1) helping to reconfigure the worship space and RCIA classrooms into an auction hall and buffet food serving area, (2) by providing sommeliers to help serve a variety of quaffable wine choices to attendees, and (3) by putting a cork on the event in the late hours and racing to reset the worship space and classrooms for weekend masses and classes.

A good time was had by all. Cheers!

~W. Anthony Watts, GK

Vocations Weekend

*I am lonely, but You do
not leave me;*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Over the weekend of Nov 2-3, Knights of Council 13842 manned all the exit doors of St Rose of Lima church and handed out brochures describing religious vocations. "During this time when fewer and fewer people are choosing a religious calling, our goal is to encourage young people to at least think about life as a priest or a nun," said GK Jody Gunderman. Pastor Dariusz Miskowicz and Parochial Vicar Wojciech Prawda were on hand to answer any questions.

One pashioner took the brochure on priesthood looked it over then handed it back to the Knight. "It's too late for me," he said.



West Coast Walk for Life



The West Coast Walk for Life takes place on Saturday, Jan 25, 2025 in San Francisco, CA. The Walk started 20 years ago and St Rose of Lima has participated for 15 years. Next year, four buses (one each from St. Rose of Lima, St. Albert the Great, Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Newman Community) will leave at 6 a.m. and arrive about 10 a.m. in time for participants to visit the Info Faire at the Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco. The actual 1.8-mile walk from Civic Center Plaza down Market Street to the Embarcadero Plaza starts at 1:30 p.m. Participants are back in Reno around 6 p.m.

Worthy Knight Art Londos is the bus captain for St. Rose. The cost per bus is \$4,200 plus about \$500 for food, drinks and snacks. Each bus seats 55 people. Art is seeking financial support for the St. Rose bus. He has contacted Knights of Columbus Council 13842, the Women of St. Rose, the St. Rose Golf Tournament Committee and St. Rose of Lima Parish. "To make the trip affordable, we need to keep the cost down to \$30-\$40 per participant," said Art. "Students (persons under 18 years of age) pay only \$20, but must be accompanied by a paying parent."

Past speakers at the event include Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco, Bishop Michael Barber of Oakland, and the Knights of Columbus California State Deputy. The featured speakers in January are Georgette Forney and Frank Pavone from Priests for Life who will lead the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

"This is very rewarding experience," said Art. "You take a stand against abortion and have the chance to meet people from all over the Western U.S."

The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Veterans Day Parade in Reno



*Earthly possessions
dazzle our eyes and
delude us into thinking
that they can provide
security and freedom
from anxiety. Yet all the
time they are the very
source of anxiety.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

To honor the men and women who were or are now in the military, the City of Reno held a Parade on Saturday, Nov 11. The parade began at 11:11 a.m. and went from 6th St to Liberty St in downtown Reno. The theme this year was "A Legacy of Loyalty and Service."

Members of Assemblies 3118 (St Andrews) and 612 (Bishop Manogue which was instituted on Nov 11, 1923) provided the color guard. Several State officers were also on hand, including State Deputy David Ryan, State Treasurer Leo Carew III and State Secretary David Clarke. District Master Dan Dexter and Council 13842's own Gary Helsing also marched in the parade.

Council 13842 was also represented by GK Jody Gunderman and Worthy Knight Mhaver Manundan. "We were the only council in the Reno area who sent representatives," said Jody Gunderman.

"I am very proud of the council and assembly members who showed their solidarity with the 4th Degree color corps, Knights who dedicate their time and treasure as members of the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus," said State Deputy David Ryan.

Lunch at UNR's Newman Center



Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., UNR students (Catholic and non-Catholic alike) come to the Newman Center on campus for a free lunch. Typically lunch is provided by a Knight Council or other Catholic group, but on Nov 20, Worthy Knight Steve Corder and his wife Lady Anna brought in lunch. On the menu were fried chicken, roasted chicken, coleslaw and wontons in broth. Half a dozen Knights (and several wives) from Council 13842 were on hand to help.

At 11:25 the line of students waiting for lunch extended from the kitchen at the back of the room all the way to the front door. "This works like a well-oiled machine," said Steve, "Students go from station to station -- first plates, then the serving window, then the lemonade stand." More than 200 lunches were served. Knights bussed tables and took used dishes back into the kitchen.

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg and Fr. Babu circulated among the students, shaking hands and giving hugs. "These lunches are having a tremendous effect. We had to add another Mass time on Sunday and I am so surprised by the number of non-Catholics who attend," said Bishop Mueggenborg. "I can tell the non-Catholics because they come to communion with their arms crossed over their chest."



*I am feeble in heart, but
with You there is help;*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

St Rose Hosts Vocations Panel



GK Jody Gunderman grilling burgers for lunch

The deceit, the lie of the Devil consists of this, that he wishes to make man believe that he can live without God's Word.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Last year St Rose Parish established a Vocations Committee. Their purpose is to help young people decide on a vocation right for them, be that to the priesthood, religious life or married life. To accomplish this goal, the Committee put together a "Vocations Panel." The panel included a priest, two deacons, a sister, a married couple, a missionary and a lay woman who has dedicated her life to God as a single person. The Committee invited all the young people (and their parents) in the St Rose confirmation class. Forty people were expected; seventy people attended.

The program started with each member of the panel relating how he or she came to understand God's call to his or her way of life. Then the "break-out" sessions started: one each for the priesthood, married life and the religious life. The break-out sessions lasted 30 minutes. The sessions were repeated so every student and parent had the chance to attend all three sessions. After a short Q&A session, lunch prepared by Knights of Columbus Council 13842 and served by the Ladies of St Rose was ready.

"We grilled 100 burgers and 70 hot dogs," said GK Jody Gunderman. "We also had a side of baked beans and bags of chips." The Ladies provided four kinds of cookies.

"This was a great program. I learned so much," said one young woman. "So did I," said her mother, "and I hope God calls my daughter to married life --- I'd like grandkids."

St Rose Holds Second Flag Exchange



*I am restless, but with
You there is peace.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Give us your old, faded or torn American flag and we'll give you a new one," offered SK Rich Solferino, organizer of the flag exchange program. The idea for a flag exchanged started at a meeting of Assembly 3118 and Rich put the wheels in motion. Third and Fourth degree Knights manned a table in the church narthex after all three weekend Masses on Nov 9-10. "Display a brand new American Flag on Veteran's Day," Rich told passing parishioners.

"I did not think we would do very well on Sunday, because we were out of the main flow of traffic out of the church," said Rich. "Then I realized that the Ladies of St Rose were selling donuts right behind me. You had to pass the flag exchange table to get a donut. We did fantastically well! It also helped to have Lt Cmdr SK Chris Bessy in his dress uniform."

"We received 22 faded flags and gave out 45 brand new flags," Rich reported. "The flags cost us \$360, but we collected \$450 in donations."

District Master Dan Dexter was impressed with the program and wants to start it in several other council locations in Northern Nevada.

Co-Knights of the Month for November 2024

**Mark K. Lane****Charles W. Moses**

*In me there is bitterness, but
with You there is patience;*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This month, Ponderosa Council 4928 recognizes Bro. Mark K. Lane and Bro. Charles W. Moses as our Knights of the Month for November for their continuing leadership and hands-on participation in the Council's annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities program. It marked the third consecutive year that this team has co-chaired this multi-day fundraiser at the Walmart Superstore in Sparks, NV.

In addition to multiple donations to the Nevada State Council Special Olympics Fund, the Council directed donations to the Marvin Piccollo Special Education Center, the Edward C. Reed High School Special Education Program, and for the 24th year in-a-row, the Challenger Little League's Intellectually Challenged program.

~W. Anthony Watts, GK

Family of the Month for November 2024



PGK, FDD, SK Steven P. Schiwart and Lady Deborah have long been recognized as active Holy Cross Catholic Community parishioners. Both are Eucharistic Ministers. SK Steve serves as a parish lector and usher; Lady Debbie has led many charitable need programs as the Holy Cross Women's Group Chair. In addition, the two recently donated a new processional cross to the parish.

In November, Holy Cross held its 37th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent/Live Auction fundraiser. In support, Lady Debbie helped plan and provide food for a buffet dinner serving area that complemented the variety of vintages being offered at the nearby wine tasting table.

SK Steve was also part of the parish event planning team. In addition, he helped recruit Council volunteers and served as the event auctioneer for the fifth consecutive year. For all that they do, Ponderosa Council 4928 is proud to recognize the Schiwart team as our Family of the Month for November.

- W. Anthony Watts, GK

*I do not understand
Your ways, But You
know the way for me.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Knights Enter Church Triumphant



*"Lord Jesus Christ,
You were poor And in
distress, a captive and
forsaken as I am. You
know all man's troubles;
You abide with me
When all men fail me;
You remember and seek
me; It is Your will that
I should know You and
turn to You. Lord, I
hear Your call and
follow; Help me.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

On Nov 15 at 8:30 a.m., 25 Knights of Council 13842 and the eight widows of Knights of the Council attended a memorial Mass. "We want to remember and honor the 153 brothers and mentors who have been called home before us since our Council started in 2004. These includes our Founding Pastor Tom Donnelly, our Founding Grand Knight Brent Zicarelli, Founding Treasurer Jimmy Holmes and Founding Advocate Richard Thiede," said GK Jody Gunderman. Pastor Dariusz Miskowicz said the Mass. After Mass, Knights, widows and other Mass attendees were treated to donuts and coffee by PGK Tom Gurgui.

One widow told this reporter, "The Knights were very important to my husband. He never missed a meeting and he volunteered for every fund-raising event. Now I understand why.... Now I understand why."

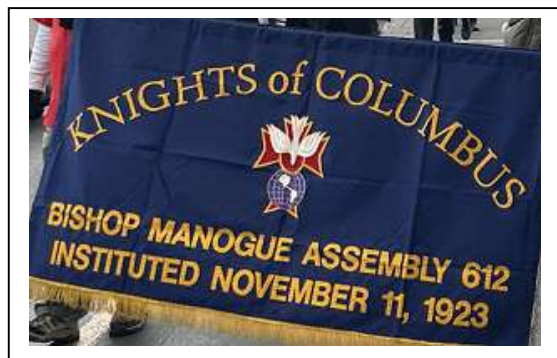
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UNR Luncheon



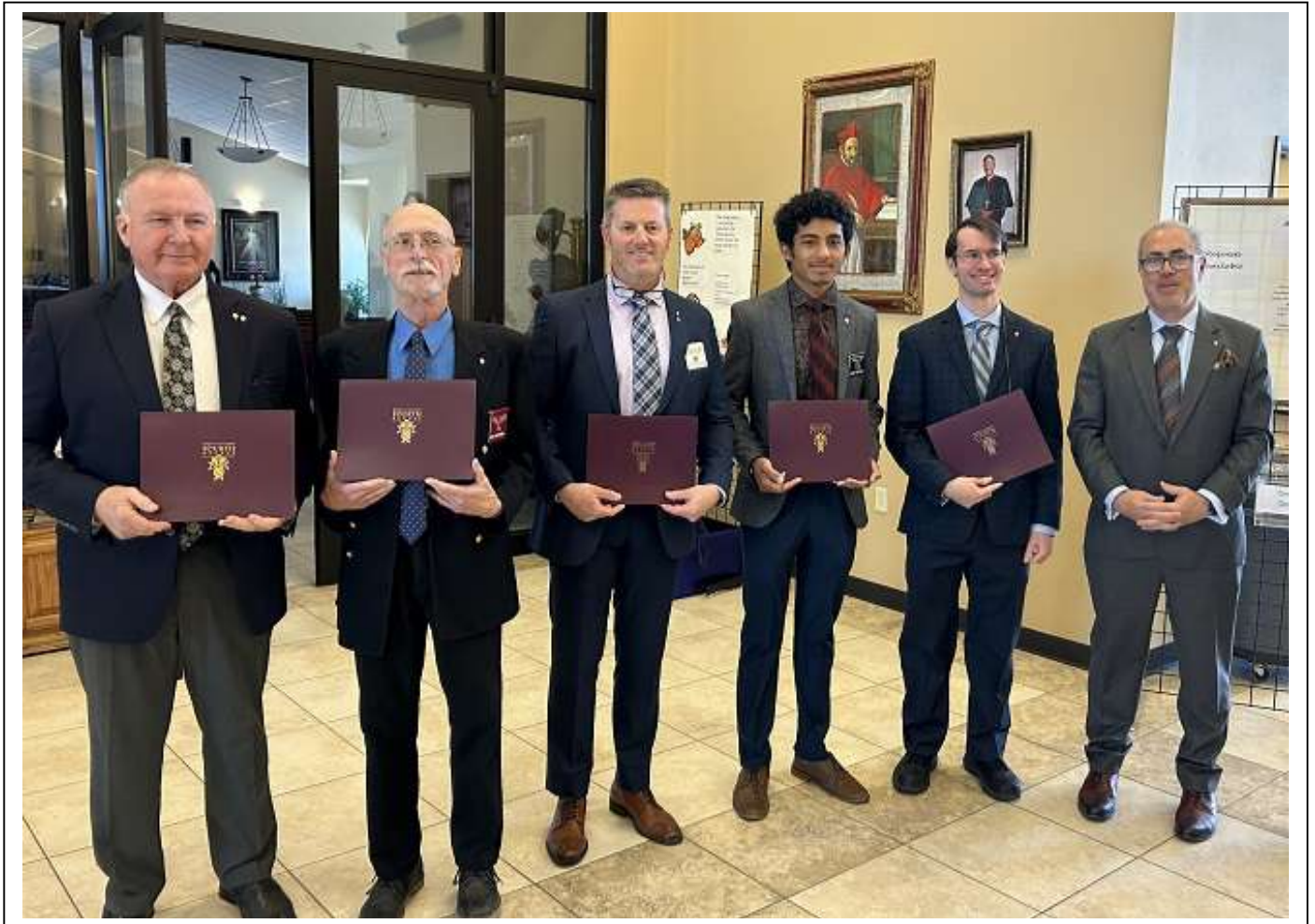
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Veteran's Day Parade



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New Fourth Degree Knights from Fernley



District Master Dan Dexter and his northern team conducted the “inaugural” Fourth Degree Exemplification at Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish in Fernley. Sincere thanks to Father Justin Lazar for presiding over the opening prayer and much appreciation to Grand Knight Ted Schmidt and Council 13897 for hosting this event.