

The Silver Knight News

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State Deputy's Message



State Deputy David Ryan

Brothers:

I appreciate all that you do for the order and Nevada. This year, the Supreme Council has given us the biggest challenge ever. They would not have given us this challenge if they did not feel that we were up to the task. Supreme set our membership goal for the state at 566 new members. As of this writing we have added 270 new members and are ranked sixty-nine out of seventy-five jurisdictions. We still need 296 new members to reach the goal set by the Supreme Council. Also Supreme announced new incentives for councils from March 1 through June 30 2025. Every Nevada council can win this incentive.

FISHER OF MEN: BANNER INCENTIVE

Councils that recruit 125% or more of their annual intake goal between March 1 and June 30 will win the incentive. Example:

- Annual Intake Goal (for McGivney Award) = 8
- 125% of 8 = 10
- Goal for March 1 – June 30 (to win the incentive) = 10
- New and readmitted members only

Winning councils may select either a Blessed McGivney “Join Us” banner or a COR banner and startup kit.

Worthies let us accept the challenge given us by supreme.

Congratulations to Grand Knight Trent Shaffer and council 18256 who have already won this incentive with just one membership drive the weekend of March 8 – 9. This council achieved triple star status at 380% of the goal -- one member away from quadruple star. It has now completed all the requirements for Star Council by submitting their SP-7 last week. This council is not sitting back now that they have already qualified for triple star council, they remain active in their parish and community. An example for your council to emulate.

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*In the inner stillness where
meditation leads, the
Spirit secretly anoints the
soul and heals our deepest
wounds.*

John of the Cross

State Deputy's Message

I challenge our State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Membership Directors to recruit one new member each month in the last three months of this fraternal year. I am confident that you already know who those three individuals are -- - you just have not asked them to join yet. Make sure your name is on the list of recruiters the State Membership Director will present at the Convention in May.

If you know men who are interested but are hesitant to join, invite them to your next council or district Charity/Unity/Fraternity (CUF) degree. I know this will help you meet your goal as 100 percent of the men who were interested and were invited to attend a CUF degree are new Knights. I witnessed this three times and twice this last week at council 9102, (two men who watched the degree signed up) Council 18256 (one man and his wife watched the degree, and he signed up). **Having witnessed the CUF degree, they were subsequently enrolled online, invited to step forward, and committed to their oaths before being presented with their rosary and pin.** I know there are men out there who are on the fence about joining so invite them to our CUF degrees and follow the procedures above.

Brothers, I know we can reach our goal this year, we just need to have every council membership active. We still have eight councils who have not added a single new member this year. If these eight councils become active, we can add another forty new members by hosting a membership drive. You are doing programs and events, why not grow your council? If, as the Grand Knight, you do not think your council needs to invite new men to join your council, do me a favor: Look at the average age of your members and tell me if your council will survive for the next twenty plus years. Without new members, you and your council will fade off into the sunset.

Let's go Nevada and finish this year strong

David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM
State Deputy



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**Please join us to support this year's Seminarian Education Raffle Program.
Scan the QR below to purchase raffle tickets and your chance to win 1 of 5 Cash Prizes.**

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Message from the Vocations Director



In January, I was blessed to visit the Seminary of Beit Jala in Bethlehem. This seminary has welcomed and formed candidates to become diocesan priests in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem since 1852. The Latin Patriarchate includes Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Cyprus. The Latin Patriarch (Bishop) of Jerusalem is Pierbattista Cardinal Pizzaballa.

The rector of the seminary is Fr. Bernard Poggi, an American from San Mateo, California. Fr. Bernard is the "spiritual father" for the seminarians, who are from Israel, Palestine and Jordan. Through liturgy, prayer, teaching and community life, the seminarians learn to live in God's presence. Classes are taught in Arabic. Additionally, the seminarians learn English, French and Hebrew. Most of them spend one year of formation at St. Joseph's Seminary in New York state. Since 1852, 299 seminarians have been ordained to the priesthood.

Bethlehem is in Palestine. The Christians in the Holy Land are Palestinian. The Christian presence in the Holy Land is currently only one percent of the population.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the homeland of Jesus. Please pray for the seminarians at Beit Jala, and for the seminarians in the Archdiocese Las Vegas. Please pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life, especially as part of your council and assembly meetings.

May the peace of Christ our Savior be with us on our Lenten journey.

*In the twilight of life,
God will not judge us on
our earthly possessions
and human success, but
rather on how much we
have loved.*

John of the Cross

Note from State Historian

Register for the 115th Annual Nevada State Convention May 2, 3 and 4, Reno, Nevada *Schedule More Exemptions!*

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

*Where there is no love,
pour love in, and you will
draw love out.*

John of the Cross

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!

Knights in History



Medal of Papal Order of the Knight of St Gregory the Great

History of the Knights of St. Gregory

The Knights of St. Gregory (Ordo Sancti Gregorii Magni) is a papal order of Knighthood established by Pope Gregory XVI on September 1, 1831. It was created to honor individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary service to the Catholic Church or society. Named after Pope St. Gregory the Great, the order is one of the five Orders of Knighthood under the Holy See. Pope Gregory XVI founded the order to recognize the loyalty and contributions of laypeople, particularly those who supported the papacy during a time of political upheaval in Italy. Initially, it was intended to reward those who had defended the Papal States, but it later evolved into a broader honor for exceptional service to the Church.

The Order has four ranks: Knight/Dame Grand Cross, Knight /Dame Commander with Star, Knight /Dame Commander, and Knight /Dame. Over the years, the Order has been awarded to diplomats, artists, scientists, military personnel, and philanthropists, both Catholic and non-Catholic. Some well-known honorees include G.K. Chesterton, Bob Hope and Roy E. Disney. The honor is granted by the Pope, usually upon the recommendation of a bishop, and remains one of the most prestigious awards given by the Vatican.

Susan Malone was inducted as a Dame in this Order on March 2, 2025, at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral, Reno, NV, at the 9:30 AM Mass. Three Bishops co-celebrated Mass.

Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent.

John of the Cross

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

Sir Knight James L. Gardner, GK

Chivalry in the 21st Century,

In this day and age, it is easy to say: "Chivalry is Dead!" When our society becomes increasingly atomized, when parents and children don't speak to each other for weeks or months on end, when the faith which ties a person to his family and his community seems to be faltering, is there any hope for the mere concept of a Gentlemanly association? These are issues that were addressed by Pope Leo XIII in *Rerum Novarum* in 1891 when industrialism and immigration saw families torn apart, not by their computers or their phones, but by oceans and vast prairies. He, alongside our Blessed Founder, Fr. Michael McGivney, saw the need for communities to come together, united in Christ, Virtue and shared Traditions, that the ever-growing threat of mass apostasy may be staved off as men locked in a shield wall.

It was this atomized society that I was born in to --- a man whose family had apostatized in the 1960s, 40 years before my birth, in the wake of both poor catechesis and this atomized life which Pope Leo had warned us about all those years ago. Growing up as a boy I never had the opportunity to grow accustomed to our Faith, as neither of my parents had a chance to. This changed in the year 2020, when in the face of ultimate isolation --- between the lockdowns and having moved to a place I had last called home when I was eleven --- Christ called to me in a series of fantastical events which I will not waste ink on, but by December of that year I call St. Theresa of Avila Parish for OCIA, so that I would be able to repent and be baptized into the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I was unable to be baptized that year and I moved to Las Vegas. There in the face of an even more extreme isolation, I found something else: A group of men volunteering for a car show (and later the State Convention Dinner) at a parish I just so happened to live near. These men were the Knights of Columbus Council 9102 (God bless you all) and in signing up for that event, I signed up for more than I bargained for: new friends, service to a community, and purpose. It seemed only natural that when I was finally baptized on April 8, 2023, that I accepted Council 16207

*Silence is God's first
language.*

John of the Cross

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

University of Nevada's invitation to our Order, that I accepted the Fourth Degree soon after, and when my council needed a leader, that I accepted their calling for me to fill that role when no one else could. Since then, it has been my distinct pleasure to fulfil this position to the best of my abilities, and to help the men under my charge to grow in Christ whatever way I can.

I am but one young man whose life has been changed by the Knights of Columbus. There will be many more like me who will give similar testimony, if you only just ask. This dream of a secular society becoming united in Christ is not a flight of fancy, but what our blessed founder and our model, Blessed Michael McGivney, seeks for us to put into effect. Chivalry lives on in us.

Knights Enter Church Triumphant



During our Holy Hour service on Friday May 3, we read off the names of our fellow Knights -- our friends and mentors -- who have gone home to be with the Lord this past year. We will also include these names in our souvenir book.

So far, I have received less than a dozen names of deceased Knights. If you want your deceased brother Knights remembered, send his name, council number, highest rank achieved, date of death and whether he was a 4th Degree Knight to skdvaron@gmail.com by April 4, 2025.

Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.

John of the Cross

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori

To love is to be transformed into what we love. To love God is therefore to be transformed into God.

John of the Cross

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month. This month we look at Lk 6:43-44 the Gospel for March 2.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.”

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

Questions for Reflection:

To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you? Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action? What opportunities does the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?

Wolf Run Golf Outing



Fourth hole at Wolf Run

Join your fellow Knights for a round of golf at Wolf Run Golf Course on Friday, May 2. The course is a pleasure for golfers at any skill level to play. You can't test your accuracy on their fairways, water hazards and sand traps. The facilities include a practice putting green, beautiful new chipping green with patio seating, and a newly remodeled driving range with a 100-yard short game area to practice chips and sand shots. The Grill at Wolf Run offers impeccable service and food. Wolf Run Golf Course prides itself on being the home course to the University of Nevada Men's and Women's Golf Teams.

"I remember the year the convention was held in Mesquite," said PGK Chip Lindloff of Council 13842. "I went on the golf outing and had an absolute blast. I met some of the Knights from Las Vegas and by the time we finished 18 holes we had gotten to know each other pretty well. I still keep in touch with a couple of them. Haven't convinced them yet that the Aces play better ball than the Aviators though."

Shot-gun play starts at 8 a.m. (until 3 p.m.). Lunch is included and clubs may be rented onsite. The cost is \$100. Order this activity through the State Store on the State website. The last day to order is April 15.

*In the dark night of the
soul, bright flows the river
of God.*

John of the Cross

Knight of the Month for March 2025



SK Bryan Recla

*Live in faith and hope,
though it be in darkness,
for in this darkness God
protects the soul.*

John of the Cross

SK Bryan Recla has served as the Ponderosa Council 4928 Treasurer since July 2023. Our Council works off an annual budget, and maintains multiple banking accounts, so his work can be very exacting at times. Even considering that challenge, SK Bryan remains a very active member supporting Council programs.

Most recently, SK Bryan helped promote St. Patrick's Day Dinner ticket sales during weekend Masses in the Holy Cross Catholic Community Gathering Space. On the day of the event, he helped convert the parish worship area into a dining hall. When the doors opened, he was working hard with the credit card reader at a very busy beverage window – all the while trying to understand Gaelic. When the dinner ended, he helped reset the worship area.

For all that he does, SK Bryan is recognized as our March Knight of the Month.

- W. Anthony Watts, GK

Family of the Month for March 2025



SK Thomas Tighe Jr. and Lady Teresa

For the month of March, Ponderosa Council 4928 recognizes SK Thomas Tighe Jr. and Lady Teresa as our Family of the Month. The couple bring years of support to the Church and to our fraternal order. Both Tom and Teresa are Eucharistic Ministers.

Teresa is also a Lector, an active member of the Council's Ladies of the Knights auxiliary. She frequently teams with SK Tom in service including, most recently, the Council-sponsored St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted at Holy Cross Catholic Community. At that event, she helped with the kitchen and dining room setup and Irish-themed table decorating. She also worked the food serving line, and cleaned up the area at day's end.

SK Tom is a three-time Past Grand Knight from California with 56 years of active service in the Knights. He too contributed to help make this dinner event a success by promoting ticket sales, by helping to prepare the two main dinner entrées in the Immaculate Conception Parish kitchen, and by tending the event beverage bar at Holy Cross where he was last heard toasting "Slainte!"

May Irish angels post their wings right beside their door.

- W. Anthony Watts, GK

*Cast your care upon
God for you are His and
He will not forget you.
Do not think that He is
leaving you alone, for
that would be to wrong
Him.*

John of the Cross

St. Patrick's Day Dinner 2025



Shepherd's Pie in Progress

On March 12, 2020, the luck of the Irish ran out when Nevada declared a "state of emergency" due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This effectively cancelled the Ponderosa Council 4928 Holy Cross Catholic Community St. Patrick's Day dinner scheduled for March 20. Due to the generosity of our members and that of our parishioners, virtually all ticket sale receipts were not refunded but donated to the Diocese of Reno Seminarian Education Fund.

*Live in the world as if
only God and your soul
were in it; then your
heart will never be made
captive by any earthly
thing.*

John of the Cross

Five years later, on March 14, our members woke up and greeted the day with a "Top O the Morning to Ya!" They then proceeded to set up the parish Worship Area in green and to prepare traditional Irish dinner meals for this year's fest.

The event was a hit. 170 plates were served. All the corned beef and Shepherd's pie is gone. An Irish-Catholic quiz contest and a no-cost ticket stub raffle were held that gifted 35 donated prizes including a homemade Irish green door wreath donated by an Italian family!

In addition, there was a no-host bar that served a wide variety of beverages including, but not limited to, choices of Irish beer and Irish whiskey complete with the Gaelic cheer of "Slaite" in the air. 16 member Knights and 12 Ladies of the Knights volunteered a total of 296 hours in service to help make this Council-sponsored return event a success. Pastor Fr. Jose was very pleased.

- W. Anthony Watts, GK



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**YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME
A FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHT**

April 5 2025 FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

SCHEDULE: 12:30 PM - 01:30 PM Registration of Candidates
 01:30 PM - 03:00 PM Exemplification
 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception
 06:00 PM – Till
 Dinner at Reno Elks Club
 597 Kumle Ln. Reno, NV

LOCATION: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
 2900 No. McCarran Blvd Sparks, NV 89431

**THE HONOREE FOR THIS DEGREE IS:
Father Larry Morrison**

Candidates must be in proper attire: Dark suit and tie. No colored or printed shirts please.

Family members of candidates are welcome to attend the ceremony. All Knights and guests are also welcome to attend. Sir Knights attending the Exemplification should wear a dark suit. Fourth Degree Uniform may be worn without beret or sword unless participating in the Color Guard

Submit your Form 4 along with a check for \$80 (payable to Daniel Dexter) no later than March 29, 2025. Sir Knights and spouses are \$35 per person for dinner.

Please RSVP to District Master Daniel Dexter at 775-770-0938 or to William Sousa at 775-544-0514

115th Annual Nevada Knights of Columbus State Convention



Live Music During Cocktail Reception

Council 13842, the host council for the 115th Annual State Convention, has arranged for live music during social hour at the Grand Sierra Resort (GSR). As we indulge in a libation and down-shift after a full day, these musicians will soothe us with their relaxing melodies. I have included their bios below.

Tara Nosenzo

Tara Nosenzo has had a lifelong passion for the violin, beginning her musical journey at the age of nine. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Violin Performance from Cal State East Bay in 1973, she stepped away from a professional music career to focus on family and a successful career in corporate event coordination. In 2009, she returned to her musical roots, rekindling her love for chamber music. Now based in Reno, she continues to perform and share her passion for violin. For this evening's cocktail reception, Tara has carefully curated a selection of pieces and will be joined by a talented young violinist, showcasing a beautiful blend of experience and fresh artistry.

Dominic Hernandez

Dominic began playing the violin at the age of four and has studied under esteemed instructors, including Concertmaster Dr. Ruth Lenz. By age eight, he joined the Youth Concert Orchestra, honing his ensemble skills before advancing to the Reno Philharmonic's Youth Symphony Orchestra (YSO) at eleven. With YSO, he has performed at the Kennedy Center and alongside musicians from the Reno Chamber Orchestra and Reno Philharmonic. A dedicated and talented young artist, Dominic has earned top placements in multiple concerto competitions. At just thirteen, he continues to refine his technique and passion for classical music while also enjoying skiing, reading, and time with family and friends.

Social hour runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is followed by the Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

115th Annual Nevada Knights of Columbus State Convention Reception at the Newman Center



Volunteers with Bishop Mueggenborg at Newman Center student luncheon

Bishop Mueggenborg has turned the Newman Center at UNR into the site of a on-campus Catholic revival. Every Wednesday Knight Councils and other Catholic organizations in Northern Nevada serve a free lunch to as many as 200 students. While lunch is being served, Bishop Mueggenborg circulates 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 the Bishop. "I can tell the non-Catholics because they come to communion with their arms crossed over their chest."

As a result of these efforts, nearly 500 students have joined the Center (up from last year's count of 40). Plus 25 students are now enrolled in OCIA classes (up from last year's 0).

On Friday, May 3, Holy Hour in Our Lady of Wisdom Church (adjacent to the Newman Center) starts at 4:30 and social hour starts at 6 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Beer and wine will be available for a donation. Street parking is available after 4:30 p.m.

This Month's Photos

Council 12877's Valentine's Dinner Dance



Love was in the air at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sparks on February 15. Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 hosted its annual Saint Valentine's Day dinner dance and more than 200 parishioners attended.

Father Philip George and Grand Knight Richard Matoza were both extremely satisfied with the turnout and the amount of love shown for the 50-50 drawing: \$1600 was raised and the winner of the drawing donated all the money back to the seminarian fund. ♥♥♥

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