

# The Silver Knight News

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## State Deputy's Message



Worthy Brother Knights,

I am deeply honored by the trust you have placed in me through re-election as your State Deputy. I solemnly accept this responsibility with humility and a renewed commitment to the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

Together, we have made significant strides in supporting our parishes and living our Catholic faith through the values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. While serious challenges lie ahead—including the collaborative initiative to defeat the Question 6 referendum this November—I am very confident in our resolve. With unwavering faith in God and a steadfast trust in one another, we shall overcome any obstacle.

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*If you cannot find Christ  
in the beggar at the  
church door, you will not  
find Him in the chalice.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## State Deputy's Message

I firmly pledge to serve with integrity and to work alongside you as an integral partner of the "strong right arm" of the Catholic Church. Let us put our faith into action by being highly visible witnesses to our authentic "Cor" encounters with Jesus Christ. I urge all Nevada councils to redouble their support for our seminarians with additional fundraisers to supplement the annual raffle proceeds and to continue inviting more Catholic men into our Order.

As we enter the final two months of this fraternal year, make it a "Golden Tempo" finish by kicking our worthy efforts into high gear during the final turn and complete this race with the utmost "perseverance" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Thanks again for your continued confidence. May God abundantly bless you, your families, the Knights of Columbus, and the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus!

David Clarke, State Deputy



## State Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights,

A brother Knight recently ask me: "Fr. Steve, why don't you go to council and assembly meetings?" My answer was: "I would rather watch paint dry, than go to a Knight's meeting." He was taken aback and asked why. I said I'd rather minister to people who want to talk about Jesus, than go to a Knights meeting and waste my time frustrated with all the bickering and infighting about what we will serve at a pancake breakfast or who will cook or who else is volunteering. Also, the times I have gone to a meeting, I was asked to talk well down in the meeting agenda.

As I mentioned at the State Convention, we need to change the emphasis of the Knights of Columbus has and what we do. We need to put Jesus first in our meetings and all our activities. I was at a Knights of Columbus meeting a while back and all the "old farts" argued and wanted to get the meeting done, so they could drink their beer afterwards. Where is Jesus in that?

We ask a man to join the Knight and ask if he is a practical Catholic. When he goes to a meeting and all it is about is business, how likely is he to stay? But, if he went to a meeting where Jesus was talked about first and then got to the business meeting, I bet he would say, I want to stay because I grew in my faith. Why was it that when the Supreme Director asked all of us to stand, and then sit down when our years of birth were called, we only had about 7 under the age of 45 standing? How can our councils and assemblies continue to thrive if we do not have younger men who desire to know about Jesus? If we don't put Jesus into our activities, then we are just a men's club.

My challenge to all Councils and Assemblies is to put Jesus first in everything we do. We really need to be doing COR. We can't just check off a box that says we are doing COR. Why wasn't Jesus first at the State Convention? Why did we not do a COR session? We did a COR session at the midyear meeting in Fallon, and we had some great discussions.

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*Prayer is the place of refuge  
for every worry, a  
foundation for cheerfulness,  
a source of constant  
happiness, a protection  
against sadness.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## State Chaplain's Message

So, can we put the love of Jesus first in our meetings and activities before business? Can we help men grow in their relationship with Jesus? Have we ever had something for men to learn how to share their faith in their families? Do we have sessions or discussions how to be men of faith?

If you go to the Knights of Columbus supreme website: <https://www.kofc.org/what-we-do/faith-formation-for-catholic-men/> under the tab What We Do/Faith Formation you would encounter this: Knights Point the World to Jesus Christ: Every man is called to holiness. Every man is on a journey to get there — to know, love and imitate Jesus, so he can be a more faithful husband, father, friend and brother to the ones he loves. Let's do it together. Then these tabs: Opportunities for faith formation, prayer and brotherhood through Cor; Men's Bible studies; Discussion guides for couples; Faith formation resources from Catholic Information Service; Videos on marriage, family and being a Catholic man in today's world; Chances to put your faith into action with council service projects.

How many of our assemblies and councils are doing Faith Formation for men? Let us put Jesus first in everything we do. If we do, we will have stronger assemblies and councils. Are you ready to put Jesus first? If not, why not?

*Happiness can only be  
achieved by looking inward  
& learning to enjoy  
whatever life has and this  
requires transforming greed  
into gratitude.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*



## Message from the EFF Director

Brothers,

What an outstanding and successful convention. It was powerful to stand shoulder to shoulder with men committed not just to service, but to something far greater.

The most important takeaway wasn't any single presentation or decision it was our united commitment as a State to put Jesus Christ first in everything we do. That is where our strength lies. That is where our purpose is defined. And that is how we will truly transform our councils, our families, and our communities.

Let's not leave that commitment at the convention. Let's live it at every meeting, in every program, and in our daily lives as Catholic men. When we lead with Christ, everything else falls into place.

Proud to stand with each of you. Let's go forward with clarity, conviction, and brotherhood. If you need any help with Cor go to KofC.org or you can call me anytime.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Melton  
Evangelization, Faith and Formation Director  
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*There is nothing colder  
than a Christian who  
does not seek to save  
others.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*



**COR session at the Annual Convention**

## Note from State Historian

# 116<sup>th</sup> Nevada State Convention

## Discernment and Direction

*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 David M. Clarke 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: [jmichael\\_brady@att.net](mailto:jmichael_brady@att.net) 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!**

*Let us always guard our tongue; not that it should always be silent, but that it should speak at the proper time.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## History of “Our Lady of the Snows”



The devotion to Our Lady of the Snows originates in 4th-century Rome during the papacy of Pope Liberius. According to tradition, a wealthy Roman couple prayed to the Virgin Mary for guidance on how to dedicate their fortune. On the night of August 4–5, both the couple and Pope Liberius had a dream in which Mary instructed them to build a church where snow would fall the next day.

On August 5, at the height of summer, snow miraculously fell on the Esquiline Hill. Pope Liberius marked the outline of the church in the snow, and a basilica was built on the site. This church became the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, one of the most important Marian churches in Rome.

Each year on August 5, the miracle is commemorated by the dropping of white flower petals during Mass. The story symbolizes divine guidance in architecture, purity, and the transformation of ephemeral phenomena into permanent sacred space.

*When you are weary of  
praying, and do not receive,  
consider how often you have  
heard a poor man calling,  
and have not listened to  
him.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

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

## Sir Knight James Hurja, PGK and District 14 Deputy



My name is James Hurja. I was born in Los Angeles in 1954. At three weeks of age, I was adopted by a loving family. At age 8, we moved to Bellevue, WA, to be near my grandparents. My new mother's family had a long history in the logging industry in the Northwest. My interest in natural resources came from this upbringing.

My father was a Presbyterian and my mother a fallen away Christian Scientist. Neither attended church while I was growing up.

In 1972, I graduated from high school and joined the Navy. My father and uncles fought in WWII, and I wanted to follow in their footsteps. My career goal was to get a college degree in forestry --- and as my parents could not afford to pay my way --- the GI Bill was my access to college. In the Navy, I was trained as a data processing technician and computer operator -- skills that proved useful later in my career. I served on the USS Blue Ridge, based in San Diego, for more than three years as a computer specialist. In 1975, the Blue Ridge was the command ship for Operation Frequent Wind, (Saigon evacuation).

Back in San Diego I met my future wife, Susan, a student at San Diego State University. Susan was Catholic and through her, I got my first "taste" of the Catholic religion. After I left the Navy in 1976, I began my college education where I was going for a degree in Forest Management with an emphasis on soils. During that time, I eventually realized that Sue's faith and family upbringing was what I wanted in raising my future family. On December 30, 1978, during Christmas break from where I was attending Washington State University, I hopped a ride down to where Sue lived in Southern California and we got married. Living in a small community of Pullman Washington was a culture shock with her coming from the balmy California weather to the frigid Northwest where there was frost on the inside of the door of our apartment.

*The bee is more honored  
than other animals, not  
because she labors, but  
because she labors for  
others.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

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

At that time, I was not inclined to join the Catholic church as my Protestant upbringing has instilled some strong ideas against the church. Sue was patient, (I consider her a saint putting up with me all these years). In the ensuing years we had three wonderful children, two boys and a girl. As work in my profession was hard to come by in my forestry/soil profession. We lived in Oregon – first Silver Lake, then Bend, then The Dalles, and finally Roseburg. In 1992 I landed a permanent position with the US Forest Service as a soil scientist in Flagstaff, AZ. During this time my spirituality began to take form.

It wasn't until I was transferred to Phoenix in 1997 where I reconciled with my issues with my non-Catholic upbringing and turned to the Catholic Church. While house hunting in Gilbert, AZ where I wanted to have my children finish high school, a house I put a bid on was sold for cash out from under me. I drove down from Flagstaff the next day and was shown a house I immediately purchased.

Unknown to me at the time, the Holy Spirit directed me, and my family, to that home. The first people I met upon moving there was a family who happened to attend St. Ann Catholic Church a couple miles away. The father of that household, Joe Breeze and his family became good friends of ours. As my family and I began attending that parish I was overwhelmed at how welcoming that community was in accepting into their community. In 1998 I asked Joe to be my sponsor in RCIA. (He thanked me later as he admitted he was drifting away from the church and when I attended RCIA with me he became refocused, and active, in the church.)

Joe was a member of the local Knights council, St. Ann Council, 10540. A lot of his friends were members of the council, so I got to learn a lot about what they did. My youngest son joined the Squires there. As I wanted to get more involved in his spiritual development, he along with my daughter were active in the youth group there, I began to help at Knights functions, particularly the pancake breakfasts that they held once a month during the cooler months.

At Easter Vigil in 1999, after 21 years marriage with my wife patiently waiting for me to convert, I became a Roman Catholic. I was handed a form 100, with two sponsors, that same evening. In May, I joined the Knights of Columbus. One of the Knights of the council asked me if I wanted to get involved in the council as he was going to an officer's meeting. He came back later and congratulated me on becoming family director... and I had not attended a meeting yet. I have been active with the Knights ever since.

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*Why not learn to enjoy  
the little things-there are  
so many of them.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

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

Before I moved to Las Vegas in 2003 Sue and I became active in the Knights and the parish. Sue was president of the Ladies Auxiliary. In 2000 we were awarded the Family of the Year award. We were part of a core group that established the Small Faith Community, Renew 2000, program at the parish. The members of our little community are our closest friends after 25 years. As a Knight in our council, we were active in many programs. Attended annual men's, women, and couples' retreats, and did a Cursillo. Some Knights functions that I remembered included establishing a Living Rosary Circle, assigned an early morning adoration hour as part of their 24-hour adoration chapel. The weekend before we moved to Las Vegas I became a 4th degree Knight.

In 2003, we moved to Las Vegas. Sue and I slowly got active in our new parish. This parish had a different demographic than our old parish and it took a little adjustment. I got active in our council and held numerous positions culminating as a Grand Knight for the 2006 fraternal year. I also was the state roundtable chairman for three years. In 2023, after 30 + years, I retired as forest soil scientist for the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest. As a result, I had more time to volunteer at the church. Sue and I are on our 47th year of marriage.

Presently, in addition to my duties as a Trustee for my council and District 14 Deputy, I actively participate in Knights and church functions. For the parish, I am an EM, lector for Sunday masses, funerals and the occasional wedding. I volunteer for the Human Concerns ministry handing out food to the needy and elderly twice month. I served as Rosary leader during the 40 days of life in October. Sue and I take communion to the homebound every week.

As a convert I felt that I needed to give it back to the church, for all the years that I did not. I was able to do that. The Knights of Columbus through their structure, fraternity and brotherhood I strengthened my faith, come closer to God and through the intercession of Mary enter communion with Christ.

Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

*When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their fellow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge



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 Jn 20:21, the reading for May 24.

**“[Jesus] said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”**

Jesus sends us into the world, just as the Father sent him. Jesus had a sacred, divine mission — to proclaim the Good News of salvation and build the kingdom of God — and we are commissioned to do likewise. As his faithful disciples, we continue his saving mission on earth, consistent with our state of life. We are not just “receivers” of the Gospel; our mission is to bear witness to the Good News in word and action, living the Gospel through our example and outreach to others.

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to take a few minutes each morning and prayerfully ask Jesus how you can use your gifts for his mission, and set one clear, specific resolution (large or small) for what you will do on that particular day..

### **Questions for Reflection:**

How seriously do you take this mission that Christ has given you? What specifically has Jesus sent you into the world to do? How can you better live out this mission in the workplace, in your family life, and through your participation in the Knights of Columbus?

*God loves us more than a father, mother, friend, or any else could love, and even more than we are able to love ourselves.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## Marie Baxter from CCNN Speaks to Council



**GK Mark Froio hands Marie Baxter a \$500 check**

*Not to share our own  
wealth with the poor is  
theft from the poor and  
deprivation of their  
means of life; we do not  
possess our own wealth,  
but theirs.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

Marie Baxter, the Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN), spoke at our council meeting on May 14. She described what CCNN does, not just in Reno, but through all of Northern Nevada.

St. Vincent's Dining Room, established in 1961, serves an average of 1,400 hot meals every day (including holidays) to all who are hungry. Since its inception, the Dining Room has served more than 3 million free meals. They welcome both individuals and families to join them for lunch.

The St. Vincent's Food Pantry is the largest food pantry in northern Nevada. It provides fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and dairy products as well as non-perishable, canned and packaged food products to individuals and families in need at no cost. The Pantry also supports a network of pantries across Reno/Sparks and into rural communities of Nevada.

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## Marie Baxter from CCNN Speaks at Meeting



The St. Marguerite Support Services helps those who wonder how they will be able to meet their most basic needs. Service providers embrace each family and individual with a plan to achieve an increased level of self-sufficiency, giving back some of the choices they have lost along the way.

The Mother Cabrini Immigration Legal Services program has served the community since 2006. It aims to provide high quality, low-cost or pro bono legal immigration services for foreign-born individuals and their families who seek to obtain or extend lawful immigration status or who are seeking citizenship in the United States.

Elevating Families helps parents grow stronger and build a brighter tomorrow by using Economic Mobility Mentoring. With their highly trained and caring mentors, personalized support and a comprehensive approach, parents will gain the confidence and skills to overcome challenges, achieve economic independence and create a brighter future.

Battle Born Housing Plus is community for men that blends peer support, sobriety and mental health with employment. It is a path forward for homeless or previously incarcerated men.

The Catholic Charities Heartfelt Haircuts program is a partnership with the Northern Nevada Barber Academy and Supercuts to provide free haircuts on a first come, first served basis. It is sponsored by Health Plan of Nevada.

*It is impossible to be saved  
without the help of the Most  
Blessed Virgin, because  
those who are not saved by  
the justice of God are saved  
by the intercession of Mary.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## Lector's Reflection: "I am ... the truth."

In John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Let's focus on the word "truth" (ἀλήθεια [or alētheia] as the word is found in the Greek New Testament) and see how it would have been understood by someone in Jesus' time.

The word ἀλήθεια is formed by two distinct components:

The Alpha Privative (ἀ-): This prefix is used in Greek to express negation or absence, similar to the English prefix "un-" or "in-."

Lēthē (λήθη): Derived from the verb lanthanō (λανθάνω), which means "to escape notice," "to be hidden," or "to forget." The root is also tied to the River Lethe in the underworld (where we get our modern English word lethal.) According to myth, souls would drink from the Lethe to forget their earthly lives before being reincarnated.

When combined, the literal meaning of ἀ-λήθεια is "un-hiddenness" or "dis-closure."

In Homeric Greek, alētheia was often used in the context of a witness "not hiding" any details. To tell the truth meant to not leave anything in the state of lēthē (oblivion).

To modern scholars, alētheia signifies an active process where reality steps out of the shadows to reveal itself.

Alētheia then relates more to a revelation than to the correctness of a logical argument, more to something made manifest, and disclosed rather than to step-by-step rational explanation. Thus when Jesus said "I am the Truth," he meant he was the disclosure of divine reality -- the Eternal God in a body. In him divinity is fully manifest, nothing is held back. In John 10:30, He said "I and the Father are one." and again in John 14:9, He told Philip, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

*The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Nevada State Convention



The 116th Annual Knights of Columbus Nevada State Convention took place on May 1 - 3 at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Parish in Las Vegas. Nearly 100 Knights from all over the State of Nevada and one representative from Supreme in Hartford CT, attended the convention. This included five state officers, six past state deputies, 59 voting delegates and several non-voting observers.

Melissa Clement, the Executive Director of Nevada Right to Life Council and Mark Gilmour, State Pro-Life Director for Southern Nevada presented a discussion on the importance of voting NO on Question 6 in the upcoming general election in November. A NO vote prevents the State of Nevada from adopting a constitutional amendment which will allow abortion until the ninth month of pregnancy and will remove parental notification in the event a minor seeks an abortion.

On Sunday morning elections for state officers were held. All current state officers were reelected.

State Deputy	David Clarke
State Secretary	Leo Carew
State Treasurer	J J Wilder
State Advocate	James Michael Brady
State Warden	Gary Bird

*Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## Council Mourns Passing of PGK Richard Luna



On April 30, 2026, Holy Family Council 7708 lost Past Grand Knight Richard Luna. "Richard was truly one of a kind," said FS Raymond Brewer. "On a random afternoon, he'd call just to check in on a brother Knight and his family. He knew everyone's birthday and made sure no one was forgotten. We all considered "Richie" one of our closest friends — because he was. Many Knights in the Council joined because Richard asked them to do so personally."

*The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

"Richard loved being a Knight and proudly wore his Knights of Columbus gear wherever he went. This past year, he became a member of the Fourth Degree. He would work all 12 hours of the Seminary raffle and Tootsie Roll drive. Richard also had a deep and abiding love for Holy Family Parish. We always knew where to find him — back pew, last seat on the left. After Mass, he'd stay for hours, socializing, working events, and bringing joy to everyone around him. He will be greatly missed."

## Message from Pro-Life Director

“Ignite LIFE” Strategy, Tools, and Annual Ignite Life Raffle

The Life Director Report and Convention Life Handout lays out a blueprint to get involved - join the fight - we have only 20 weeks until the Nov. election and voting on Q6. Early voting on Oct. 19.

Start with the Website under Charities Pro-Life and Q6. Read the Executive Summary. Read the Report. Contact the Life Directors for assistance. COR materials and videos on the fight for Life are planned.

### A. Ignite Knights’ Life Evangelization

Hold a “Ignite LIFE” Meeting or COR talk

Sample ad: use National Knights Defend Culture of Life Image

YOU ARE INVITED to an IGNITE LIFE Session  
 Calling and recruiting all men to defend our families  
 - Messages of Hope and Faith in Action  
 - Practical advice for Council LIFE Activities  
 We welcome all men for faith and fellowship

### B. Ignite Life Goals

1. Start building of a team for Life in parishes
  - a. affirm fellowship
  - b. recruit men to join (at end)- Identify Brother Knights and non-Knights
  - c. use Convention Handout on State website for Steps 2-4
2. Build awareness of the call to defend our families - Gospel of Life, COR
3. Evangelize on LIFE - why it matters to each man and his family
  - a. Learn dangers of Abortion constitutional amendment Q6 – Bishops’ NV State Conference urges VOTE NO; The fight is real
  - b. Make a plan NOW to educate and help families form their consciences
  - c. Early voting starts on Oct. 19 – approx. 20 weeks from now.
4. Where to start - Educate on Knights Life activities
  - a. the National Knights playbook - in Convention handout
  - b. Less well known – local and parish events!

*Let no one mourn that  
 he has fallen again and  
 again; for forgiveness has  
 risen from the grave.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

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## Message from Pro-Life Director

5. CALL on MEN – to ACTION
  - a. Plug in to Life events & content – calendar – include family
  - b. Join Knights
  - c. GK's - nominate a Life contact, plug in / hold similar mtg. / fundraisers

### C. Knights' Nevada State Council 027 – Local Councils fundraiser for Life

1. January Mid-Yr. approved Life Budget Goal \$100K
  - a. FCPS Ultrasound \$25K (local 50%)
  - b. Living Grace Homes - Security System \$25K
  - c. Other Life programs support \$50K
2. State Convention May 2026
  - a. Announced 1st Annual Ignite Life Raffle - statewide fundraiser
  - b. Keynote on Life – Video TBD

### D. Request Parish permission to promote Ignite Life Knights Raffle May – Nov.

1. Goals, benefits
  - a. This will replenish State LIFE projects fund (ASAP), equip us for Life projects including Q6, and
  - b. help us get more familiar with using Zeffy raffles for Ignite Life goals.
2. Circle up to IGNITE LIFE GOALS (II, above).

*We are commanded to have only one enemy, the devil. With him never be reconciled! But with a brother, never be at enmity in thy heart.*

*Saint John Chrysostom*

**IGNITE LIFE RAFFLE**  
 Sponsored by: Nevada State Council 027  
 Knights of Columbus Supporting Living Grace Homes

*More Moms. More Miracles.*

Serving 40 women annually. Expanding to 90 more with your support.

*Uncertainty*      *Stability*

**Prizes:**  
 Win a 5-night WorldMark by Wyndham getaway of your choice (Up to \$2,500 value)  
 -OR-  
 \$500 cash

Enter to Win. Scan Here.

You can help provide a complete security system at the Living Grace Homes Safe & Sound Campus for young moms and their babies.

*Together, we are building more than a house – We are building a future.*

## This Month's Photos

### Mexican Martyrs Honored at Our Lady of Wisdom Church



On Thursday April 23, Our Lady of Wisdom (OLW) Catholic Church (adjacent to the University of Nevada Reno's Newman Center) hosted the Mexican Martyr Reliquary. The Fourth Degree Color Corps was present to bestow honors upon the reliquary during Mass and at the subsequent social gathering at the Newman Center.

"On behalf of the Nevada State Council leadership team," said State Deputy David Clarke, "I extend sincere gratitude to Father Joe Walsh, Pastor of OLW, and Father Phillip George, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (ICC), for their unwavering support. The Nevada State Council also recognizes District Master Dan Dexter for his outstanding leadership in organizing this event, which marks the beginning of the Mexican Martyr Reliquary Tour through the Diocese of Reno this weekend.

"Special thanks to Victoria Camacho and her family for providing the exceptional Mexican cuisine and to Worthy Sir Knight Jose Lopez from Saint Bellarmine Council 13897 for his insightful talk on the historical significance of 'La Cristiada.'"



# This Month's Photos

## Mexican Martyrs Honored at St Gall's, St Patrick's and St Ann's

The Hispanic communities at St Gall's Parish in Gardnerville, St Patrick's in Fallon, and St Ann's in Dayton all participated in honoring the Mexican Martyr reliquary over the April 25/26 weekend. The reliquary tour was led by Vice President Jose R. LeBron-Samaria, Tour Coordinator Krystal Green, and Manager of Hispanic Evangelization Content Omar Aguilar. Brother Omar flew in from Dallas, TX on short notice and did an incredible job delivering passionate talks regarding the historical significance of the Cristero War and the six martyred priests who died defending the Catholic faith in Mexico one hundred years ago.

"I want to express my personal appreciation to all those who made this tour a resounding success. My thanks to His Excellency, Bishop Daniel Muggenborg, to the parish priests, the current and past State Officers involved, District Masters North and South, Color Corps Commanders, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council 13897's Worthy Lector," said State Deputy David Clarke.



## This Month's Photos



On April 23, Ponderosa Council 4928 held an exemplification and added four members to their ranks. WFS George Minter noted, "This is only the second time that I am aware of that we had a father and son exemplified together."

Exemplification candidates from left to right: Dave Prudomme, Tony Prudhomme, Andrew Sparkman and Fred Watson. WDGK Morgan Liddick at far right does a reading.



St Robert Bellarmine Council 13897 in Fernley, NV, collected diapers, wipes and donations for our local pregnancy center and presented them along with a \$1,000 council donation on May 11, 2026.



# This Month's Photos

On May 22, the Junipero Serra Club of Northern Nevada hosted this year's Diocese of Reno candidacy Mass and dinner. Christ the King Council 7322 at St Albert's Parish in Reno did the cooking. The Serra Club did all the rest. May God bless candidates Ben Gerigk and Jacob Means.



# This Month's Photos

## First Responders Luncheon



Ponderosa Council 4928 held its annual first responders appreciation luncheon on Thursday, May 14 at the Sparks Police Department. Volunteers grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and provided pulled pork and beef brisket. The Ladies of the Knights auxiliary set up and served the lunch. Dozens of meals were served over a 3-hour window of shifts. In addition to the meal, Ponderosa Council donated \$500 to the SPD victims fund to help those who have been victims of crimes. SK. Robin Pagni, former deputy police chief of Sparks PD coordinated the event.



# This Month's Photos

## Mother's Day in Sparks

Our Lady of the Desert Council 1287 in Sparks, NV celebrated Mother's Day the only way Council knows how --- by feeding their hearts with love and stomachs with food. On Sunday, May 10, the Council hosted its annual Mother's Day brunch and served close to 450 people after the 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM Masses. The menu consisted of poached eggs, biscuits and gravy, bacon and sausage, donuts, and other pastries, and an abundance of fruit donated by Sprouts Farmers Market (thank you State Secretary Leo Carew III). The event was organized by the Council Financial Secretary (and State Executive Secretary) William Sousa, Grand Knight Richard Matoza and Deputy Grand Knight Terence Walsh. George Michael Alvendia headed up the decoration team. Nearly 20 volunteers assisted and more than ten people helped set up the day before. Council 1287 thanks Father Philip George for allowing us to serve in such a loving and fulfilling community



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## Mother's Day at Council 4928



Ponderosa Council 4928 of Sparks NV conducted its annual Mother's Day event Saturday and Sunday May 9th and 10th After masses at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Over 600 flowers were handed out during five masses by our volunteer Knights.



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