

The Silver Knight News

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State Deputy's Message



Worthy Brothers,

I am reminded of the old Chinese curse that reads "May you live in interesting times." Do we live in interesting times, or what?

Sports Petition Project

Just this month Auxiliary Bishop Gregory W. Gordon, from the Archdiocese of Las Vegas circulated an email urging Knights to help collect signatures the Sports Petition project (to keep biological males out of girls sports). Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg in Reno concurred.

Dozens of Knights at various parishes throughout the state collected signatures following the procedure we were given. Then due to recent judicial developments, we had to pivot mid-stream. We want to continue gathering signatures, but not to the November election. No, now we need the petitions to aid the legislative process. Let's present 100,000 signatures to our State Senators and Assemblymen. We'll have their attention. (Read about this change on page 16 in this newsletter.)

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Pay attention to the people God puts in your path if you want to discern what God is up to in your life.

Henri Nouwen

State Deputy's Message

This signature campaign has been a worthwhile effort to educate voters, determine and help build support levels, and show evidence of the State Knights capacity to faithfully support families and the Nevada Catholic Conference.

District Deputy's Incentive Program

Let's talk about recruiting new Knights. This month we are kicking off a program we have never tried before in Nevada. We have recruitment incentives for the District Deputies and the local councils. Between July 1 and October 31, District Deputies will receive \$250 if their councils complete certain tasks meet certain goals. Councils can receive a \$500 reduction in their per-capita assessment if they too complete certain tasks and meet certain goals. Even the Grand Knight and Membership Director can receive some cash. (Read about the new incentive program on page 17 in this newsletter.)

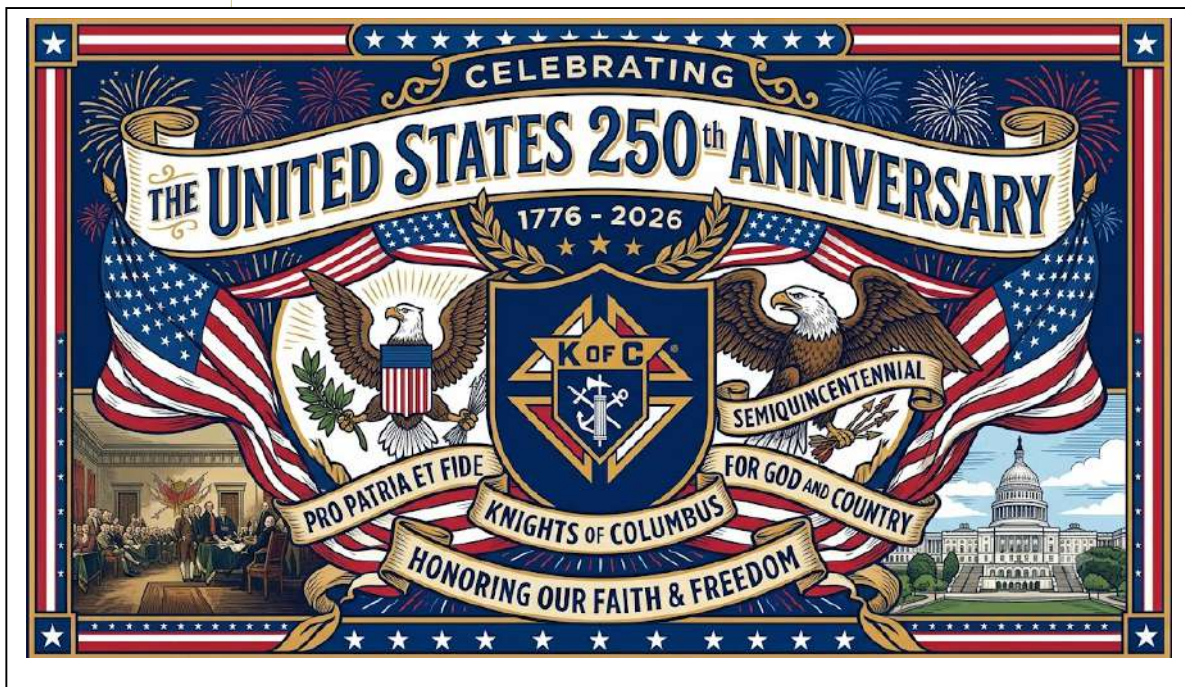
To quote our State Membership Director David Ryan. "These incentives are achievable. I know you can succeed, and I look forward to seeing every DD and GK in the winner's circle." I agree.

New Council Officers

I want to congratulate everyone who stepped up to take a post as a council officer for this Fraternal Year. Well Done! I look forward to meeting you (some of you for the first time) at various council or state events.

Brothers, the State Council --- no, the entire State of Nevada needs you.

Vivo Cristo Rey!



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 Mt 10:38, the reading for June 28.

“[W]hoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”

Our fallen human condition involves a measure of suffering and trials. Our commitment as disciples of Jesus, Scripture tells us, necessarily means taking up our own crosses willingly. God will grant us the strength to endure all trials if we remain faithful, and our suffering can prove redemptive if we accept it and unite it to the passion of Christ. This doesn't mean we can't take steps to alleviate our suffering, but we are called to courageously bear our crosses, even when faced with persecution, and to thereby participate in the saving work of Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with the intention of uniting your daily sufferings with Christ's passion and in solidarity with all persecuted Christians around the world.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you carry your cross willingly, or do you feel it is forced upon you? Where do you turn when you need help with the weight of your cross? To prayer and the sacraments? To your family, friends and brother Knights?

When I trust deeply that today God is truly with me and holds me safe in a divine embrace, guiding every one of my steps I can let go of my anxious need to know how tomorrow will look, or what will happen next month or next year. I can be fully where I am and pay attention to the many signs of God's love within me and around me.

Henri Nouwen

Lector's Reflection: A soul rests in God

Too often, when we Catholics pray, we repeat the same memorized scripts over and over again. Our lips move but our hearts do not and we wonder if God is even listening to us. St. Teresa of Avila had a different approach. She taught that prayer is not about recitation, but rather it is an engaging, heartfelt conversation with the Lord -- leading to a deep personal relationship with Him. Keeping St. Teresa in mind, let's look at a verse from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 6:6).

"But when you pray, go into your closet and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret."

The word "closet" (ταμείον or tameion) denotes a secret place - - a place where one could hide his most valuable possessions. It was a private place -- the place where you go to be alone. The word came to mean a "bedchamber." The idea is that this is a place of intimacy with God. In silence in our private, intimate place, the Word of God can descend into our hearts where we can ruminate on it, reflect on it, digest it, and let it become flesh and blood in us. If, on the other hand, our minds are filled with words of our own making -- what you read in the news, what your spouse said, what your coworker did --- there is no space for the Word to enter deeply into our hearts and bear fruit. If we become quiet, the Holy Spirit can speak to us. Prayer, then, is a time of sweet mingling together of the human spirit and the divine spirit.

Maybe you are like the Lord in Mark 1:35 ("And arising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.") and your quiet place is the house while everyone else is asleep. Or your quiet place is a solitary daily walk. Or, maybe, your quiet place is an hour at Adoration.

St. Teresa believed that true prayer involves coming into a living relationship with the Lord, communing at times at a level too deep for words. She described this progression of prayer from words to meditation and finally to contemplation -- where the soul rests in God.

Take the time and grow close to God.

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us.

Henri Nouwen

**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA
SEMINARIAN SUPPORT DINNER**

JULY 25, 2026



**COME HAVE DINNER
WITH OUR SEMINARIANS**

COST \$ 35.00 PER PERSON

TABLE OF EIGHT: \$280.00

FOR TICKETS CONTACT DAVE RYAN AT 702-338-8097

Note from State Historian

116th Nevada State Convention A Great Success “Put Jesus First in All We Do” *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 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!

*Hope is willing to leave
unanswered questions
unanswered and unknown
futures unknown. Hope
makes you see God's guiding
hand not only in the gentle
and pleasant moments but
also in the shadows of
disappointment and
darkness.*

Henri Nouwen

History of Catholic Church in Goldfield, Nevada

Goldfield, Nevada emerged rapidly during the great mining boom of the early twentieth century. After the gold discoveries in 1902, the town expanded into one of the largest and wealthiest mining communities in the American West. As miners, merchants, and families arrived from across the United States and Europe, religious congregations quickly formed to serve the growing population. Among these congregations was the Roman Catholic community, which became an important part of Goldfield's civic and spiritual life.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Catholic church in Goldfield was Sacred Heart Catholic Church, constructed in 1906 during the height of the mining boom. The church served Irish, Italian, and other Catholic immigrant families who had traveled to Nevada seeking opportunity in the mines and related businesses. Like many churches in western mining camps, Sacred Heart functioned not only as a place of worship, but also as a center for community gatherings, charity, and social support.

At its peak, Goldfield's population was estimated to be between 20,000 and 30,000 residents. The city became Nevada's largest urban center for a brief period and included hotels, banks, theaters, schools, and numerous churches. Catholic clergy often traveled difficult desert routes between mining communities to provide Mass, baptisms, marriages, and funeral services for isolated families and laborers

Decline of the Parish

As mining production declined after approximately 1910, Goldfield's population steadily decreased. Economic hardships, fires, and changing mining conditions affected nearly every institution in the community, including its churches. Historical records indicate that Sacred Heart Catholic Church suffered a devastating fire on April 5, 1943. Portions of the structure survived and were later adapted for residential use around 1970.

Historic Legacy

Today, the former Catholic church site remains part of the larger Goldfield Historic District, which preserves many surviving structures from Nevada's great mining era. The history of Sacred Heart Catholic Church reflects the broader story of faith, immigration, hardship, and community development in Nevada's early mining towns. Although Goldfield is now a small rural community, the surviving buildings and historical records continue to document the important role religion played in shaping frontier life in Nevada.

*What makes us human is
not our mind but our heart,
not our ability to think but
our ability to love.*

Henri Nouwen

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

**Sir Knight Fr. Biju Malancheruvil,
Parochial Vicar,
St. Gall Parish, Gardnerville, NV**



As I celebrate 31 years of priesthood, my heart overflows with gratitude to God and to all of you who have been part of this sacred journey. I was born in 1968 into a traditional and loving family, blessed with my parents and my sister, who nurtured my faith from an early age (my parents had passed away). After completing my basic education,

*This is what life is about.
It is being sent on a trip
by a loving God, who is
waiting at home for our
return and is eager to
watch the slides we took
and hear about the friends
we made. When we travel
with the eyes and ears of
the God who sent us, we
will see wonderful sights,
hear wonderful sounds,
meet wonderful people ...
and be happy to return
home.*

Henri Nouwen

I entered the seminary in 1984 in the Diocese of Sulthan Bathery and was ordained in 1995, responding to a call that has guided my entire life.

Over the years, I have been privileged to serve in many churches, helping to build not only places of worship but also strong and faith-filled communities. The 19 years I served as a Social Service Director shaped my ministry profoundly, teaching me that caring for those in need is central to the Gospel. After completing my mission in India, I was called in 2014 to continue my priestly journey in the Diocese of Reno, where I have been blessed to serve and grow among you.

I am also grateful to actively participate in Knights of Columbus. I am a part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 12845 here in Gardnerville, NV and a Fourth-Degree Knight. Through this brotherhood, we support one another in our ministries and work together in service to the Church and our community.

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

This journey—rooted in faith and shaped by grace—has been filled with moments that have marked me deeply. One experience I carry in my heart comes from my early years of ministry in America, serving communities in Elko, Eureka, Carlin, Wells, Jackpot, and Spring Creek (2014–2024). At that time, I was still finding my footing, learning to listen more than speak. After Mass, many parishioners would come forward, take my hand, and say simply, “Thank you for being here. We needed a priest, but more than that, we needed to know we’re not forgotten.” Those words reminded me that the heart of this vocation is presence—being there, truly, for others.

Through the years, I have celebrated countless baptisms, weddings, and funerals. I have walked with many of you in moments of joy and in times of sorrow. In all of this, I have grown more than I ever imagined—because of your prayers, your support, and your companionship. Thank you for trusting me, encouraging me, and allowing me to be part of your lives. Your faith strengthens mine, and your love continues to inspire my ministry. As I look ahead, I do so with hope and humility, trusting in God’s continued guidance. I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you, walking in faith, hope, and love.

May God bless you abundantly! Just as you have been a blessing to me.

Your servant for the Master Fr. Biju



St Gall Parish, Gardnerville, NV

*In a world so torn apart
by rivalry, anger, and
hatred, we have the
privileged vocation to be
living signs of a love that
can bridge all divisions
and heal all wounds.*

Henri Nouwen

Message from EFF Director

It is with deep humility and great gratitude that I address you today as your State Evangelization, Faith, and Formation Director. I do not take this appointment lightly. It is both an honor and a sacred responsibility to serve the men of this Order in helping lead them closer to Christ, strengthening their families, and deepening the spiritual impact of our councils.

What encourages me most is what I am already seeing across our state.

We are currently ranked 5th in the Order for COR participation, with 85% of councils actively engaged in COR. This is not just a statistic it is a sign of spiritual momentum. It reflects men who are stepping forward, opening their hearts to prayer, formation, and fraternity in Christ.

Even more encouraging is this: for those councils who have not yet begun COR, there is a growing desire to do so. The interest is there. The hunger is there. And in many places, the preparation is already underway. Soon, I fully expect we will see even greater participation as more councils begin to take their rightful place in this powerful movement of faith and formation.

What COR is

COR is a simple but powerful call for Catholic men to gather in, prayer, formation and fraternity. It is a space where men encounter Christ together, grow in virtue, and are strengthened to live their vocation more faithfully.

At its heart, COR is about three things:

- Prayer – putting God first in our lives as men
- Formation – growing in knowledge of the faith and how to live it boldly
- Fraternity – a brotherhood standing together as Catholic men committed to holiness

COR is where men are strengthened to become better husbands, fathers, sons, and leaders in their families, parishes and communities.

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*The farther the outward
journey takes you, the
deeper the inward
journey must be.*

Henri Nouwen

Message from EFF Director

What COR is not

COR is not:

- A business meeting
- A fundraising event
- A place for announcements of upcoming activities
- A social club or networking hour
- A replacement for Mass or parish liturgy
- A place of politics, division, or distraction

COR is intentionally simple, focused, and spiritual. It exists to strip away noise and bring men back to what matters most: God, identity, mission, and brotherhood.

Moving forward

COR is not simply a program. It is a return to the heart of who we are as Catholic men. It is where we are formed, strengthened, and sent out to live boldly as disciples in our homes, parishes, and communities.

I want to personally thank each of you Grand Knights, Faith Directors, and every brother who has shown up week after week to pray, to listen, and to grow. You are building something that will outlast us. You are strengthening the Church one man, one council, one family at a time.

Let us continue to move forward with conviction in this next year. Let us invite those who have not yet joined COR. Let us encourage the hesitant. Let us pursue excellence in formation and evangelization with renewed fire. Use Cor to grow your councils and watch your membership soar.

We are not simply participating in a program we are building warriors for Christ. If you need any help, just ask.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Melton
State Evangelization, Faith & Formation Director/DD13
Nevada State Knights of Columbus (702) 510-5481

*You don't think your way
into a new kind of living.
You live your way into a
new kind of thinking.*

Henri Nouwen

Attraction rather than promotion: Using COR to grow membership

Editor's Note: "Attraction rather than promotion" is a principle in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) that emphasizes gaining new members through personal stories and experiences rather than through advertising or marketing. This approach focuses on the effectiveness of the program in helping individuals achieve sobriety through a spiritual awakening. Tom Melton applies this principle to the increasing membership in the Knights of Columbus through the COR program.

Using strategic evangelization through the COR mission can be a powerful way to grow membership because men are more likely to join when they experience fraternity, purpose, and spiritual transformation first and paperwork second. The key is moving from a "membership drive" mentality to a "mission-first" mentality.

The Knights of Columbus COR mission gives us an opportunity to stop asking, "How do we recruit more members?" and start asking, "How do we form more Catholic men?"

Strategic evangelization through COR means intentionally creating environments where men encounter Christ, build authentic brotherhood, and discover their mission as husbands, fathers, leaders, and disciples. Membership growth becomes the fruit of that mission, not the mission itself

Our strategy should focus on five priorities:

1. **Build a Strong Core First**
Create consistent COR gatherings centered on prayer, Scripture, discussion, and accountability. Men return when they find authenticity, purpose, and brotherhood.
2. **Target the Men Not Yet Connected**
Identify men on the margins of parish life: young fathers, inactive Catholics, men attending Mass alone, fathers of religious education students, and men who volunteer but remain disconnected.
3. **Use Relationship Evangelization**
Men join because another man invited them. Every Knight should identify 3–5 men by name and personally invite them not to join the Knights, but to attend COR.
4. **Solve Men's Problems**
Address real-life issues men face: leadership, marriage, fatherhood, work stress, fitness, spiritual warfare, finances, and purpose. Men engage when content is practical and transformational.
5. **Create a Clear Pathway**
Visitor, COR Participant, Brotherhood, Service, Knights Membership, then Leadership.

The goal is simple: encounter first, formation second, membership third.

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Attraction rather than promotion: Using COR to grow membership

If we build strong Catholic men, strong councils will follow.

Practical Growth Framework

Month 1–2: Build Momentum

- Hold COR once or twice monthly
- Personally invite 30+ men
- Keep meetings under 60 minutes
- Include coffee, food, and fellowship

Month 3–4: Expand Reach

- Ask each attendee to bring one man
- Add parish bulletins and pulpit announcements
- Coordinate with pastors for direct referrals

Month 5–6: Convert Engagement into Membership

- Identify regular attendees
- Explain how council membership amplifies their impact
- Invite them into service projects immediately

Messaging That Often Works Better

Instead of: “Join the Knights.” Use: “Come spend an hour with Catholic men trying to become better husbands, fathers, and disciples.”

Instead of: “We need members.” Use: “We’re building strong men who strengthen families and the parish.”

COR works best when men experience mission, challenge, and brotherhood together. Membership growth usually follows consistent formation and personal invitation.

Always available to help,

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Melton
Nevada State Council Evangelization, Faith, Formation Director
DD13 (702) 510-5481

Life Director Report

As we approach our 250th Anniversary – what has caught our attention?

First, our State Council, under SD Dave Clarke's leadership, has **initiated Ignite Life** messages, and materials, a new annual Ignite Life Raffle, and even videos to help educate, equip, and mobilize us for the many KofC Life programs and opposition to the abortion Constitutional Referendum Question 6 in November.

A few Councils responded to the Raffle and sent checks for Living Grace Homes. Have many Brothers and Councils noticed this new effort, or got involved so far?

Second, thanks to PSD David Ryan and many others, the Nevada Catholic Conference **approved our KofC Councils to gather petition signatures in parishes statewide** – just to get a Constitutional amendment on the November ballot on whether participation in women's and girls' sports should be determined based on biological sex as defined in the measure.

It is reported that 27 States have such measures. Two are before the US Supreme Court, which has long regarded as fundamental: "Physical differences between men and women" are "inherent" and "enduring," and the "two sexes are not fungible."

Third, Archbishop William E. Bishop Lori has written a beautiful teaching upon the eve of our 250th National Birthday, called "**In Charity & Truth: Toward a Renewed Political Culture.**" * **Allow** me to post a few excerpts:

"...we find ourselves invited into a moment of profound reflection and renewal. Anniversaries are not merely occasions for nostalgia or celebration. Authentic remembrance always orients us toward renewal;

...prudence is the virtue of clear-eyed discernment. It enables us to perceive reality truthfully, to judge rightly what should be done, and to act in a way that advances genuine good.

In public life, prudence means evaluating policies not by slogans or emotional appeal but by their actual impact on human dignity. It calls voters, leaders, and citizens to ask: What truly serves the most vulnerable? What best promotes justice? What protects the family?

Justice is foundational to political life. It is the virtue that moves us to honor the dignity of every human person and to recognize that each person has rights that must be protected and responsibilities that must be fulfilled. A just society safeguards life at every stage—the unborn, the elderly, the sick, the disabled, and the vulnerable—to offer just a few examples.

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Life Director Report

Catholics contribute meaningfully to public life when we insist that justice must never be partisan. It is rooted not in ideology but in the truth of who we are as creatures made in the image of God.

A mature Catholic political presence will:

- *Defend human life in all its stages.*
- *Advocate for the poor and the vulnerable.*
- *Insist on racial and social justice.*
- *Promote peace and reject violence.*
- *Uphold religious freedom for all.*

We are called to participate in the renewal of our political culture not out of fear, but out of love—love for God, love for neighbor, and love for the country that has been entrusted to us. We are called to be saints for our time. *

<https://www.archbalt.org/in-charity-truth-toward-a-renewed-political-culture>

Takeaways:

Bishop Lori's Diocese writes: "As disciples of Jesus our mission is:

- Evangelization: to evangelize ourselves, our families, our parish and local communities, and our world.
- Liturgy: to celebrate our faith with joy through vibrant and prayerful worship.
- Education: to educate and become educated in the truths of the Gospel and in the formation of conscience.
- Service: to reach out in love and service to those in need."

Our State Council, Parish Councils, COR programs, large meetings and small groups, should:

1. **Look into the Life programs and become educated and nurture prudence** - prudence - evaluating policies not by slogans or emotional appeal but by their actual impact on human dignity.
2. **Form consciences and grow a mature Catholic political presence.** Consider:
 - a. Preparing and requesting NCC approval for a Statewide Catholic voter registration drive before early voting begins October 19.
 - b. Educating voters about Abortion Question 6.
 - c. The Fourth Degree program involves voter registration and visibility in the public square. An exemplification is offered for new members on July 11 at St. Viator in Las Vegas in honor of the Nation's 250th Anniversary.

Girls Sports Petition Drive: Important Changes

The Sports Petition project has been in full swing after Diocesan (Nevada Catholic Conference-NCC) approval. However, due to recent judicial developments, the petition process has been modified as follows:

Important Changes:

1. Completed petitions are NOT to be notarized.
2. All completed petition form packets will be used to aid in the legislative process to protect girls sports.
3. All councils shall continue to collect signatures in accordance with previously provided petition circulation instructions.

Petition Collection and Delivery Update - Procedures:

Diocese of Reno - Northern Nevada

- Nevada Right to Life Director Melissa Clement will coordinate the collection of completed petitions for the Diocese of Reno in Northern Nevada.
- Councils and petition circulators in Northern Nevada should arrange delivery through Melissa as directed. If you need more petition packets please advise the State Secretary at nevada.state.secretary@gmail.com.

Archdiocese of Reno - Southern Nevada

- Completed petitions should be delivered to Ms. Maite Salazar at the Henderson office or to another location designated by her.

Western Clark County

- Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy Dave Ryan shall coordinate collection efforts or provide a designated collection representative while he is away at Supreme's Circle of Honor recognition week.

Additional instructions may be forthcoming as Nevada Right to Life and Save Our Girls PAC continues to coordinate the final submission process. If further updates are received, they will be distributed promptly. Thanks for your continued dedication to protecting fairness in women's and girls' athletics and for your efforts in gathering petition signatures throughout Nevada."

District Deputy Incentive Program: July 1 to October 1, 2026

District Deputies

District Deputies who complete the following will receive \$250. What do you need to do:

- Host a district meeting
- Reach 80% of your district membership goal
- Complete 944 for all councils
- Each council in District must hold one membership Drive
- Provide dates of Membership Drives to the State Deputy and State Membership Director at least two weeks in advance.
- Councils must be Safe Environment Compliant
- Bonus: \$50 per Council that:
- Completed forms 186, 365, and Audit (these must be received by Supreme per online records)
- Council must reach 100% of the membership goal.

Council Incentive:

- \$250 reduction in your per-capita assessment if your council reaches 100% of its membership goal set by the Supreme Council by October 1, 2026
- \$500 reduction in your per-capita assessment if your council reaches 200% of its membership goal set by the Supreme Council by 1 October 2026.
- The Council Membership Director will receive \$5 for each new member who joins the council and completes an in-person formation degree by 1 October 2026. To qualify, he must ensure a membership drive is scheduled this quarter and be present at all Masses during the drive weekend to invite men to join.
- The Grand Knight will receive \$5 for each member listed in the Online Member tab on 1 July 2026 who completes the in-person formation degree by 1 October 2026. To qualify, all required forms must be submitted to Supreme by its prescribed deadlines, and the council must be 100% compliant with the Safe Environment Program by 1 October 2026.

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District Deputy Incentive Program: July 1 to October 1, 2026

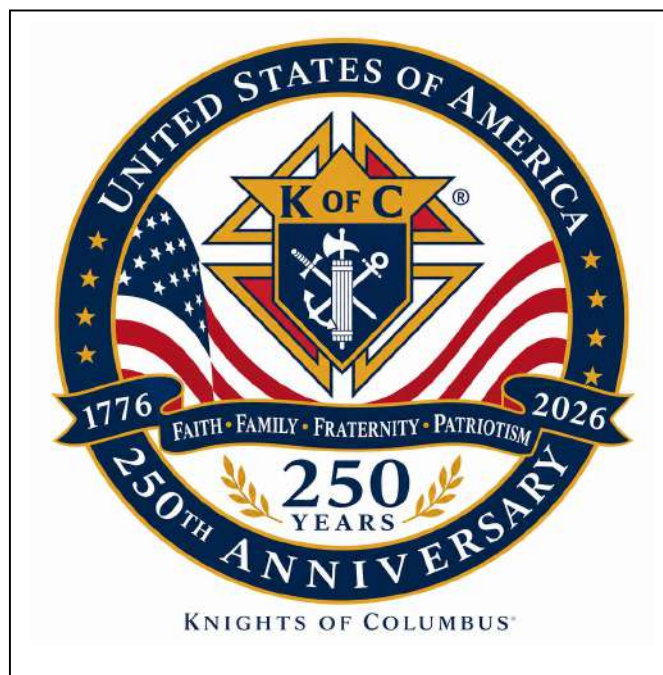
Supreme Required Forms

Supreme sets the submission deadlines for all required forms. In addition to the distribution listed on each form, the State requires certain forms to be sent to additional recipients, as noted below.

- Form 185 Report of Officers Chosen for the Term 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027. Due 1 July 2026. (Added for Distribution other than those on the form: State Deputy at nevada.state.deputy@gmail.com & State Administrative Secretary at wsousakofc@icloud.com)
- Form 365 Service Program Personnel report for the Term 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027. Due 1 July 2026. (Added for Distribution other than those on the form: State Deputy at nevada.state.deputy@gmail.com & State Administrative Secretary at wsousakofc@icloud.com)
- Form 1295, Council Annual Audit. (Due August 15, 2026).

These incentives are achievable and reflect the standard responsibilities of District Deputies and Grand Knights. I know you can succeed, and I look forward to seeing every DD and GK in the winner's circle.

David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM
State Membership Director



Living Grace Homes Founder Receives Award

Mark Gilmour, the State Pro-Life Director, works closely with Living Grace Homes. Recently he set up a raffle to raise \$25,000 to purchase a security system for the Living Grace Homes "Safe & Sound" Campus in Henderson, NV. (See the State website under Pro-Life for details.) When the new Campus is complete, Living Grace will triple the number of families it serves. This will include facilities for women over age 24.

Last month, Kathleen Miller, Founder of Living Grace Homes, was recognized as Nevada's 2026 Mother of Achievement. For nearly two decades, Kathleen has dedicated her life to creating safe housing, stability, and hope for young mothers and babies facing homelessness and crisis. What began as one home has now grown into a vision that will soon expand through the Safe & Sound Campus.

"I have spent the last three years learning and fighting for Life. Being a Knight has made all the difference," said Mark.



Kathleen Miller of Living Grace Homes

Click below to view video from Fox News

<https://www.fox5vegas.com/2026/05/09/las-vegas-nonprofit-founder-honored-nevadas-2026-mother-achievement/>



Partnership With Hallow, a Catholic Prayer App



St Thomas More Council 17996 sought out a creative way to evangelize and unite our parishioners in prayer late last year. A suggestion to fund a “parish partnership” with Hallow (the highest rated Catholic Prayer App in the US) was agreed upon by the council.

The goal of the investment was to provide Hallow for free to our parishioners in an effort to unite us all in prayer and increase involvement within our respective ministries.

We launched on Ash Wednesday this year, and in merely 120-days, we’ve become one of Hallow’s most successful parishes. The Holy Spirit is alive and well!

Over 1200 of our parishioners have signed up. Since then, they’ve combined for over 100,000 completed prayers, and 1,200,000 minutes prayed. We’ve also seen upticks in all ministries, and deeper connections with fellow parishioners now that this app has digitally connected us between masses.

In short order, this has proven to be a remarkably successful and creative use of funds to increase prayer, and drive parishioner involvement. If you are interested in learning more about this partnership and investment into your parish community, feel free to reach out anytime.

One satisfied user wrote "I am so thrilled with Hallow. The content is incredible. I love that the content regularly changes to reflect the liturgical seasons, as well as daily for such features as the gospel reflections & rosary. There are so many features to use from themed practices to specific types of prayer to seasonal and current event relevant prayers. I love the in depth challenge features of the Our Father and Stations of the Cross, the daily Examen, the Sleep prayer options, the liturgy of the hours..."

Philip Natale, Community Director
St Thomas More Council 17996

This Month's Photos



Grand Knight Ted Schmidt and Father Justin Lazar present Sir Knight Jose and Lady Susan Lopez Council 13897's Family of the Half Year Award.

Fatherhood in the Wall Street Journal

Editor's Note: On Thursday June 18, Will Thibeau, a director at the Claremont Institute, wrote an article about fatherhood in the Wall Street Journal. Due to copyright laws, the Silver Knight News cannot reprint the article, but we can provide a brief summary.

Will Thibeau says the church currently stresses charity and mercy (and rightly so), but it has neglected a concept dating from the First Century which referred to the faithful on earth as "The Church Militant" and portrayed men as "Soldiers of Christ."

Fathers at church are important to passing the faith to the next generation and maintaining a stable family. Thibeau cites a Swiss study from the 1990s which concluded "When a father practices, most of his children keep the faith." He also points to a 2018 Harvard study that linked regular attendance among tens of thousands of women to a 50% lower divorce rate.

Will Thibeau concludes, "We should aim past money and applause toward something worth the cost: a mission beyond the household, in the public world it exists to shape."



Read the full article here: <https://www.wsj.com/opinion/fatherhood-and-the-church-8e5b36ed>

This Month's Photos

SK Joseph Zouh of Council 16207, recently completed his masters degree at UNR, but now he is leaving behind the music ministry at our Lady of Wisdom (and his brother Knights) to enter the Seminary in China on July 23. Then he travels to Quezon City in the Philippines. His brother Knights wish him safe travels and God's blessings.



SK Joseph Zouh and State Secretary Leo Carew III



The color guard from Assembly 3118 met an Honor Flight at the Reno airport on Sunday, June 14. L to R: Dan Dexter, Pat Mohan, Patrick Stoll, Flor Mangosing, Jim Pulver, and Jake Hanna

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Deacon Chris Ryan

Deacon Chris Ryan, a new deacon at Immaculate Conception Parish, gave a fascinating presentation to our COR session on Saturday, June 6. He explained to our council members and to our young adults how St. Joseph's view of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity were so vital to the Holy Family and how this is reflected in message of Blessed Michael McGivney and why it is so very important today.

We welcomed Deacon Chris and thanked him for his presentation. Although the Deacon did not join our Order, we did enlist a new member from the young adults group.

On Saturday morning, June 6, State Secretary Leo Carew and his wife Connie attended the ordination of Deacon Sean Scherchel. The Ordination Mass was celebrated jointly by Bishops Daniel Mueggenborg and Randolph Calvo. More than 20 priests from the Diocese of Reno attended.



State Secretary Leo Carew, Deacon Sean Scherchel and Connie Carew