



On behalf of the Nevada Knights of Columbus State Council leadership team, I extend sincere gratitude to Sir Knight Leo V. Carew III for his years of faithful service as Nevada State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Warden, and Grand Knight of Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Brother Leo has generously shared his time, vast social media expertise, and many other unique talents. Please keep Sir Knight Leo, his wife Connie, and their family in your prayers during this difficult time as Leo's elderly mother transitions to long-term assisted care.

I am also pleased to welcome Worthy Sir Knight John Dubé as our new Nevada State Secretary. John brings nearly half a century of service to the Order. Born in Massachusetts, John moved to Nevada when his father was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in the 1970s. His family joined Saint Christopher's parish in Las Vegas, where John received the sacraments and was both an altar server and lector. While attending Bishop Gorman High School, John started the first Columbian Squires circle in Nevada at Saint Christopher's parish and served as its charter chief squire. John was also instrumental in forming additional Squire Circles across the jurisdiction before being elected the first State Chief Squire.

Upon turning 18, John completed the three discrete exemplification degrees to become a Knight of Columbus before entering the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. As a cadet, he founded the Academy's first Knights of Columbus Council (8116) and served as its first Grand Knight. John married his wife, Van, at the historic Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Las Vegas; they have a daughter, Catherine, and are celebrating their 36th year of marriage. As 30-year parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Las Vegas, John and his family remain deeply involved in parish life, including his service on several Archdiocese of Las Vegas parish finance councils. Sir Knight John is also a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and Legatus. Professionally, John has been a Certified Financial Planner since 1984 and owns a financial advisory practice. Additionally, as an avid ice hockey fan—and undoubtedly due to his West Point connection—John is a loyal Las Vegas Golden Knights season ticket holder since the NHL franchise arrived ten years ago.

Please join me in welcoming John and Van to the Nevada State Council leadership team.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

David M. Clarke, State Deputy