



# SILVER FLASH

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### *Nevada State Council*

JAMES J. KELLY  
State Deputy

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### **From the Supreme Knight – From the March *Knightline***

Support Those Who Heed God's Call

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday, April 25, 2010*

Support for vocations has always been a priority for the Order, and observance of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is one way we can encourage people to answer the call to priesthood and religious life. By providing support and prayer for those who answer God's call to priesthood and a life of consecrated poverty, chastity and obedience, we serve as a much-needed resource — enabling them to continue their vocational discernment. One way to support these men and women is to stand with the entire Church and celebrate the day dedicated to religious vocations throughout the world. You and your fellow council members can join Catholics from every nation in observing World Day of Prayer for Vocations. **NOTE:** read the entire article at [http://www.kofc.org/eb/en/leadership\\_institute/resources/leadership/knightline/knightline\\_20100301\\_en.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/eb/en/leadership_institute/resources/leadership/knightline/knightline_20100301_en.pdf)

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### **FROM STATE DEPUTY -- Jim KELLY**

Here it is the 6<sup>th</sup> of March and I am just getting to the March *Silver Flash*! Quite a bit has happened since the beginning of February but I am having a very hard time remembering exactly what it is! My wife and I spent a wonderful week in sunny Mexico, I returned to 18" of beautiful snow, slipped on the ice and sprained an ankle and have tried to catch up on everything. It seems that for every step forward there are 3 steps backward.

In just one month there have been serious problems causing a directive by your State Deputy to all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and council treasurers. It seems that a council decided that they "needed" debit cards in order to conduct council business. The council additionally decided "electronic" access to the account was also a good idea. Neither of these was beneficial to the council. The use of these electronic devices placed too much of a temptation in heart of a good man. These electronic devices also destroyed the internal controls of the council system of money management. Less it to say the council was the victim of lost monies. The directive issued instructs all councils to immediately cancel any all debit cards that may have been issued on council accounts. It further instructs that the council officers immediately notify the bank that all electronic access to the account be "blocked". This is the only way that council integrity of funds can be properly managed.

Congratulations to council 978 and 12845 for having their articles published in the March *Columbia* Magazine. See page 27 (978) and page 28 (12845, with photo) for "Knights in Action".

Here is to March, may it come in like a Lion and leave us with growth and success in our order.

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**From the Supreme Advocate:** (repeated from Feb Silver Flash)

**MEMORANDUM**

To: James Kelly, Nevada State Deputy  
From: John Marrella, Supreme Advocate  
Copied: David Ryan, Nevada State Advocate  
Date: January 6, 2010  
Re: Political Activity

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization, not a political party, a lobbying group, or a political action committee. Accordingly, councils may not become involved in political activity in support of a particular political party or candidate for public office. Section 157.10 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus strictly and expressly prohibits any council from issuing "appeals for, or soliciting by virtue of membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of or announcing candidates for public office."

The Order does not endorse any particular political party or candidate for public office, regardless of whether the candidate is a Brother Knight. In light of this, councils may not use the Order's name, emblems, membership lists, computers, social networks, email distribution lists, events, or facilities for the purpose of supporting any such party or candidate.

The same rule applies to individual members of the Knights of Columbus. Section 162.23 of the Laws of the Order prohibits "[i]ssuing appeals for, or soliciting by virtue of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of or in announcing candidates for public office." The Order encourages its members to exercise their constitutional rights as citizens and to support reputable pro-life candidates. However, a member of the Knights of Columbus who wishes to support a particular political party or candidate for public office should do so as a private citizen, not as a Knight of Columbus.

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**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

John Solt

Reprint for use in February and March and April!

"Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wants You" Council Membership Campaign.

Brother Knights: Here is a reminder and a sample of what you need to do to get this program on the road. Get started now and it will be a lot easier. I am working with Bishop Straling to get a letter out the Parish Pastors to help as much as I can. Good luck and see if we can reach our State goal. Thank You,  
John Solt, SMD

This membership program will be our standard in the Don Krolak California/Nevada Agency for the annual membership programs in our councils. This campaign along with the Membership Recruitment Program (MRP) will be our agencies membership promotional program for each council.

The "Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wants You" campaign should be held at least once a year and preferably twice a year. (Suggested months for the campaign would be April and May, and September and August)

This is how the "Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wants You" campaign works:

1. Get Father's approval for a "Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wants You" Campaign in your parish. Also get Father's approval on the "Father \_\_\_\_\_ Wants You" invitation letter. (Copy enclosed) Once approved, get a

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of Father for the letter.

2. Acquire a parish membership roster from each parish that will have invitees.
3. Build a team of five to six members from the council for each parish. These Knights of Columbus members should be very active in the parish and know a lot of the parishioners.
4. Set up meeting with these members to examine parish roster. Give each member a hi-lighter and ask him to hi-light those parishioners that he knows and would recommend for membership in the Knights of Columbus.
5. When each member on the team has examined the master list of parishioners, create a new list of all the recommended prospects for each parish. Be sure to include on the list the parishioners name, address, phone number, and wife's name.
6. Take the complete list to the priest and ask him to examine the list and validate each prospect for their practical catholicity. Father may also want to add a few of his own.
7. Schedule an open house attended by Father (if Possible), the team, council officers, field agent, members, and the prospective member invitees and wives.
8. Send out invitation letters for the August and September campaign and be sure to enclose the names of all members of the Knights of Columbus attending that parish. In April and May send out follow up letters to all those invitees that didn't attend in August and September with "Father Still Wants You" letter. Also in April and May send a "Father Wants You" letter to all RCIA new Catholic men and any new parishioners that may

Vivat Jesus

John Solt SMD

**STATE DEPUTY NOTE: As of today (March 5, 2010) Bishop Straling has mailed out 8 letters to the pastors of council's requesting,**

## **MACEDONIO "CURLY" INIQUEZ, PSD NEVADA CHAIRMAN, FR. MCGIVNEY GUILD**

My Brother Knights:

**FOUNDER'S DAY: MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010:** This date marks the 128<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus. There are many ways you can honor the memory of Our Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Prior to March 29, conduct a membership Blitz Drive at your parish. The "Blitz Drive" is a perfect opportunity to introduce qualified prospects of your parish as to who our Founder was. Two weekends prior to the drive, prepare an announcement for your parish bulletin. Show how very proud you are of your Council by having a display table showing the activities of your Council, which should include Guild Membership applications. Have Knights in a position at church exits and present the men of your parish with a packet of membership documents as they leave the church. **Again, be sure this packet contains a Guild Membership application.** Honor your parish priests as a testament to our Founder.

### **ON THESE DATES**

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| March 1, 1882   | Fr. McGivney is present for the Knights of Columbus meeting to report on the Developments of the Order.             |
| March 11, 1883: | Fr. McGivney preaches the importance on the Sacrament of Confession.  |
| March 16, 1939: | Rev. Msg. John J. McGivney, brother of Knights of Columbus Founder and Supreme Chaplain dies.                       |
| March 17, 1881: | Fr. McGivney organizes what becomes a yearly dramatic presentation for his parishioners on the Fest of St. Patrick. |

- March 29, 1882: The Connecticut State Legislature grants a Charter to the Knights of Columbus and Fr. McGivney serves as Supreme Secretary.
- March 31, 1890: Fr. McGivney under physician's care in Virginia.

**INTERNATIONAL GUILD MEMBERSHIP:**

January 1, 2010 135,000 Membership

**NEVADA GUILD MEMBERSHIP:**

January 1, 2010 896 Membership

**MY GOAL? To sign up ALL 5,300 Nevada Knights of Columbus members. I will need a lot of help!**

This new version of the Fr. McGivney Guild membership application is available on-line at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) as well as in the Columbia Magazine.

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**INSURANCE****KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE  
WE CAN HELP**

*By Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Executive Vice President of Agencies and Marketing*

In the January column, I wrote about the alarming statistic which tells us that about 50% of the households in the U.S. and Canada have no individually owned life insurance. If you recall, we talked about group life insurance and the tendency to get very comfortable that you are “covered” if you have this benefit at work. But that certainly doesn’t comprise the entire 50% block of people. What else could cause a person to carry no coverage?

The statistics for why people have not availed themselves of life insurance coverage are pretty clear, and they really don’t change from survey to survey. First, let’s look at the survey results (provided by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association).

Why people don’t buy life insurance:

74% list “can’t afford the coverage” as a major reason they don’t buy.

52% say a major reason is that they “can’t decide what to buy.”

50% agree it is a good idea but “put it off until tomorrow.”

43% worry about “making the wrong decision.”

Let’s examine each of these reasons. First, the vast majority lists a major reason as lack of affordability in the coverage, yet coverage is only offered if it meets your budget. It is in no one’s best interest to offer you a product that you cannot afford. A good agent (like ours) goes through a process with you of determining what the affordable monthly cost is. For the record, a healthy non-smoking 40-year-old male can get \$500,000 of term coverage with the Order for just about \$1.50 a day.

If a client can't decide what to buy, the agent will help him decide, and a lot has to do with identifying goals and objectives as well as a budget. We offer term insurance, permanent insurance or a mix of both. We believe a combination of these products can solve all personal protection issues.

Putting the purchase of life insurance off can be costly, and we would recommend against that. You get older and premiums go up, and you run the very real risk that your health can change. A negative change in your health can cause your costs to increase, or cause you to be denied coverage all together. Delay can be disaster.

For those who worry about "making the wrong decision?" Well, we can help. You have to trust us. Our professionally trained agents work with hundreds of families just like yours. They know what to look for and what to recommend. A conversation with a K of C agent can help erase your doubt.

Contact your Knights of Columbus agent today!

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## AROUND THE STATE

### District 11 –message Tom Thorn DD

2010 has us celebrating 100 years of Knighthood in the state of Nevada. We have now passed the 5,000-member mark and have a lot of room for growth. District 11 is on track to be a Star District with all 4 councils working hard to achieve their goals and striving to be the best they can. All of the councils in District 11 (10442, 14144, 14544 and 14784) are very active in their parishes and have been filing their reports on time. As for the membership and insurance requirements the councils are doing their part to reach the membership goals and we trust that the Field Agents assigned to our councils will to accomplish their part to bring in the insurance membership goal. This year as many of us are suffering from economic hardships and stress we must remember to reach out to brother knights.

This coming year we should try to incorporate our Knights principals into our lives:

**Charity** - Keep in mind that giving is the choice of the person giving. Charity shouldn't have to be coerced. It is never proper to embarrass a brother knight publicly into giving and they may leave the order rather than argue with you.

**Fraternity** - We are brothers in Christ and in the Knights of Columbus, so keep that in mind when having a discussion or argument. If you have an issue with a brother knight take it to them, not everyone else.

**Unity** - Have the discussions that you may not agree on in the council meeting and when it is decided don't go out and spread hate/poison by gossiping about the council, your brothers, the parish or the Priest. It is inappropriate and hurts membership.

**Patriotism** - We are called to be patriotic as members of the Knights of Columbus and we must stand for our country to uphold the constitution, laws and rules of the country. When you combine this patriotic duty with the Christian tenants of our faith you become a powerful force for helping to secure a law abiding and civil country to live and raise families in.

Always remember that above all no matter what happens in life we should keep in our hearts the words of St. Faustyna Kowalska on the Devine Mercy of Jesus- "Jezu ufam tobie" or Jesus I trust in you.

## **Mesquite Council 13754**

### **Mesquite dedicates their new church**



## **St. Viator Council 8282**

**St. Viator supports Youth.** During our regular council business meetings we discuss and chose many organizations and charities within and outside our parish to contribute to during the Fraternal Year. One of the recipients is the St. Viator Youth Group. Rosie Hart came to the council and asked for assistance for their April 17th trip to Anaheim. During this trip they will be working with various ministries and meeting with 8000 Catholic High School youth for the weekend. Activities are planned for both the spiritual and fellowship of all that attend. The Youth Group throughout the year has held fundraisers for this trip. Our council was pleased to give a donation of \$500.00 to the Youth Group to defray expenses of the trip. To all the youth that will be attending have a save trip and God speed.



**St. Joseph Husband of Mary Council 10442 March 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Each year the Knights hosts Lenten Meals the Friday's during Lent. This annual practice has been a parish favorite, which really encourages the growth of community. These Meals coupled with the Stations of the Cross observance enrich the spiritual preparation period that Lent is intended to foster. You are encouraged to attend the remaining Lenten Meals and the Stations following at 7:00 p.m. to support the Council, build our parish community and most importantly to enhance your own spiritual life. Let this year be a revival of your preparation for a full and joyous celebration of Easter in 2010.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, 12845**

Bingo! Council 12845 puts on a Bingo Night twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays. Doors open at 6:00 pm with a warm up game starting at 7:00 pm. The event is open to the public and cash prizes will be awarded. Because of the cash awards, no one under the age of 21 can be admitted as required by the Nevada Gaming Control Board. The \$20.00 minimum package includes a 3-card warm-up, a 10-card play package, and a blackout/progressive card. Additional cards may be purchased. A progressive jackpot is available each night. Complementary coffee and popcorn is available. Nachos, hot dogs, hamburgers, beer, wine, bottled water, and soft drinks can be purchased.

**Ponderosa Council 4928**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass!** This Year marks the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of our Council. We will celebrate mass on April 11, at 8:30 am with our State Chaplain Bishop Straling, followed by cake and coffee with all the members of the Church. If you know of any Charter members please let them know about our up coming Anniversary Mass.

**St. Paul's Council, 2666**

JAMAICA TRIP—The Catholic Youth Group has asked our support to help them travel to Jamaica for the purpose of doing charitable work in that country. We will make our decision about support for this trip at the March meeting. Brothers Jerry and Roger are making a Bar-B-Que cart to raffle off to raise money for this endeavor.

**Holy Spirit Council 14784**

The Knights of Columbus from Holy Spirit Council 14784 sponsored their first annual 2010 Free Throw Championship in Las Vegas at the Wilbur & Theresa Faiss Middle School on Saturday January 30th. The turnout of kids included the entire girls basketball teams from Canarelli Middle School and Faiss Middle Schools along with many other sharpshooters in all age groups who competed in the Holy Spirit Council 14784 championship.

**Para los caballeros de Columbus--Reuniones Sociales**

Es buena idea especialmente recién inaugurado el consejo de que se fije fecha mensualmente para invitar a los miembros y sus familias a lo que se llama un "potluck" que consiste de que cada miembro traiga un plato para compartir con el grupo. Muestre una película de carácter religioso o invite al padre o un predicador que hable de temas de interés. Para que el consejo surja es necesario que los miembros del grupo se conozcan mejor para que puedan trabajar mejor ya que se pueden llegar a conocer las fortalezas y debilidades de cada uno. Invite a familias en que el hombre no es caballero todavía y de esta manera reclutarlo para un futuro primer grado. Tiene sentido. ¡Trátalo!

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