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SUPREME KNIGHT – Carl Anderson When a massive earthquake struck Haiti in January; it killed a quarter million people and injured even more. Some of the youngest victims lost the most — with around 800 children losing an arm or leg.

If this happened in the United States or another developed nation, medical services and prosthetic limbs would be provided. This is not the case in Haiti. For the hundreds of Haitian children who lost a limb in the earthquake, there was little hope of living a normal life.

Recently, a video produced by the Global Wheelchair Mission premiered at the 128th Supreme Convention, held in Washington, D.C. It included the story of a young Haitian woman at the Knights of Columbus wheelchair distribution in Haiti earlier this year. She lost her entire family in the earthquake; she also lost her home and, more importantly, a leg. Although she had been treated too late to receive a wheelchair, she was undeterred, and prayed to God that more people would come to help.

When I, along with other K of C representatives, met this woman last April and presented her with a wheelchair, we were moved by her situation, but we were even more moved by her prayers. She did not simply pray for material necessities, but instead saw God as the provider of gifts *through people*, people who give.

The Knights of Columbus has already distributed about 1,000 wheelchairs to those injured in Haiti, with even more on the way. And brother Knights at both the state and local level have been generous in supporting our relief efforts for Haiti and in donating to Knights of Columbus Charities.

However, there is still more to do. We learned that Project Medishare — the group that runs the hospital in Port-au-Prince — needed about \$1 million to supply a prosthetic limb for every child who lost an arm or leg in the earthquake. With this financial assistance, they can also supply new prosthetic limbs and two years of physical therapy as the children grow.

In response, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors has launched a new initiative, called “Hope for Haiti’s Children,” with the promise to provide every child in Haiti who has lost an arm or a leg in the disaster with the prosthetics and physical therapy they need.

It is a once-in-a-lifetime charitable opportunity, and the Knights of Columbus are honored to help.

In undertaking this work in Haiti, the Knights have an excellent example in Pierre Toussaint, a Catholic who was a true model of charity during the 18th and 19th centuries. Born into slavery in Haiti, young Toussaint suffered upheaval at the time of the Haitian revolution and fled to New York City with the family he served.

With his income, he bought his sister’s freedom, as well as the freedom of many others, although he chose to remain a slave until he was released in 1807. A married layman, he spent his life assisting orphans, schools, the Church and the underprivileged.

Today, in the wake of the earthquake, Haitians face different challenges, including hunger, homelessness and lack of medical attention. Like Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Knights do not simply recognize that the suffering people in Haiti have physical needs that we can help alleviate. The practice of charity, the first principle of the Order, also helps to meet spiritual needs as we make a gift of ourselves to our neighbors.

In 1852, a year before Pierre Toussaint died in New York, Michael J. McGivney was born about 70 miles away in Connecticut. Father McGivney may have never heard of Pierre Toussaint — but they shared a common vision. The lives of both were personally transformed by Jesus Christ, which allowed them to see the potential for Catholic laymen to put their faith into action.

Today, we follow their example as a force for good, as helpers of those in need.

Vivat Jesus!





FROM STATE DEPUTY – Dave Ryan

I would like to outline some of the programs that I feel we need to focus on this year. First as you all know membership is the key to our existence and the avenue for us to continue Father McGivney's dream. But membership is not a numbers game. It is our responsibility to dedicate ourselves to growing the order with dedicated Brother Knights. As Father Steve wrote we must bring in men who believe as we do, men who not only say they are catholic but live their lives as Catholics and follow the precepts of the church and are truly in union with the Holy See. If you have not read his article you can do so in the Silver Flash for June. We accomplish this by having an admission committee which is headed by the chancellor to interview prospective members. Then the council chaplain or the parish priest needs to be contacted for his input as to whether the individual is a practical catholic. Only a Priest can make this determination. This is only the beginning for the new brother knights. Grand Knights I ask that at the time a candidate takes his first degree you assign him to a committee so he knows that he is needed and wanted. Don't just assign him to a committee but give him a list of the other committee members and their contact information. Then make sure the committee chair, if not present at the degree, which he should be, contacts the new member in the week following the degree to introduce himself and give the new knight some insight into the projects in which he will be asked to help out the council. Have your shining armor committee chairman work with the new members to earn their shining armor pin. I feel this is one of the most important things you can do to keep the member not only in the Knights but active in the Knights. My experience and I think you will agree, if brother knight completes the program he stays active in the council. This is the best retention tool that you have available and it will save you a lot of time and effort in trying to retain this brother knight in the future. I want you to put my retention chairman out of a job.

Second we need to establish an active ultrasound program in Nevada. This is an Order wide initiative to place ultrasound machines in pro-life clinics. These machines are the state of the art machines that provide 3d and now 4d images of the baby. Why is this important? First, and foremost we are a pro-life organization but much more important this initiative is saving the lives of the most innocent in the world. Studies have shown that 90 percent of the women who are considering abortion once they see their baby and hear its heartbeat chose live. Even more important, 98 percent of the fathers who witness this chose life. Supreme has just changed its position on the placement of these machines. Prior machines could only be placed in a Catholic run center. Now they can be placed in any center that believes as we do however, there are procedures that must be followed for placing them in centers that are not run by the church, but it can and is being done. Supreme approved the placement of 22 more machines in the month of June alone. To get this started the state council has donated \$1500 towards this initiative. With just \$750 from each of the 44 active councils we can and will place the first ultrasound machine in Nevada. I ask each council to make this their goal between now and the mid-year meeting in December and if you can give more please do. Suggestion, work with your parish priest and ask to make an announcement in that bulletin a couple of week before and than at the mass on the designated weekend that you will be accepting donations for this effort after all the mass. Let's work together to make this happen for the lives we will be saving. I have appointed a committee of four PSD's, which decide which clines will receive the ultrasound machine's.

Third area of focus is Food for families. This is particularly important with the current economic situation within our communities and the nation. With Charity being the first principal of our order we are duty bound to be leaders in this area. I believe most if not all the councils have already established programs in this area but we as a state are not reporting it to supreme. These include holding food drives for the local food banks or raising and donating funds to food banks. We need just 25% of our councils to report their involvement to be eligible for additional funds for providing food for families in need from the supreme council for the Dioceses. This is just one more reason why reporting your activities is important. I have asked the State Reports Chairman to be the focal point for councils to report their involvement.

Fourth are the Youth of your parishes and community whom are the future of our church, order and nation. We have a number of councils who sponsor the boy scouts, why not a squires circle? Councils in some jurisdictions have started a squires circle with the members of the scouts they sponsor and have boys in both the squires and scouts. Our goal this year is to establish two more squires circles within our councils and than a State Squires Circle. These young men when they reach age 18 are our source for youth in the order and the squires program should be developed around giving these young men the tools and desire to become knights based on their experience as a member of the squires. While I'm on that subject, those councils who have circles need to be actively supporting their circles. It is just not just the counselors responsibility to show up at their meetings but the Grand Knight, council officers and members should be attending their meetings to show them that they are important to the order.

Besides the squires, we need to continue and expand our involvement in the youth of this state. I know in the past we have invited the winners of the free-throw to the state convention luncheon. I have decided to break with tradition in and change the way these programs are administered, at least while I'm the State Deputy. My reason for this is that by waiting until the convention we are in reality hurting the program and not promoting it. These winners want their due reward as soon as possible and not 4 to 9 months later. I have directed our youth director to order the trophies for both the soccer and basketball program so they will be on hand before the state winners are announced. The trophies will be distributed to the DD's of the winners within two weeks of them being announced. My preference is that the District Deputy make the presentation in the presence of the winners' team mates before a game if they are actively involved in the sport. This will hopefully encourage their team mates to want to be involved and they in turn will spread the word to others. If this is not possible then the presentation should be made at a school assembly, during mass, or council social, with parents and family present in all situations if possible.

Additionally, we need to continue our involvement in the religious education programs within the parishes. We need to actively, support these programs through the councils with the poster and essay contest and financially if the council is able. If you are an instructor or have members who are instructors encourage them to wear their K of C shirt, badge or both. Let the students and parents know you are a Knight. Use it as a recruiting tool as parents who have their children in Religious education are interested in child's development and involvement in their church and believe as we do and will want to contribute more and set the example for their children. The youth you are teaching are also a wonderful source to recruit members for a squires circle. This can lead to the fathers joining the knights. Fathers, by nature, fathers want to be involved in the activities in which their sons are interested and involved let's give them this opportunity. Let's make the youth programs a major focal point for the council as they are the future of our Church, our order and our nation. Let's nurture these children to the best of our abilities.

Firth programs, the Church, the focal point of our religion. It is imperative that we are involved in every aspect of our church and in helping out our priest in any way we can. Grand Knights, if you have not already make an appointment with your pastor and all the priests and deacons in the parish please do so as soon as possible. You need to be offering them your and the councils support and find out what your council can do for father and the parish. Remember, we are servants to God and our Priests. As such it is not for us to tell father what he needs to do you but for you to offer your help and support. If Father sees you providing the support he needs and being a positive presence in the parish he will be asking you what he can do to help you and will be more supportive when you need his support for a project or event. You need to built a positive relationship with your priests. When Father says that he cannot support a particular project, he might not being saying no but only indicating that it is not a good time or the facilities may not be available. Never put pressure on your priest, I have seen this done in more than one situation and the Knights have lost in every one. Accept his decision and look for an alternative. Maybe, partnering with another council where the facilities are available. But don't get into an adversary relationship with the pastor, deacon, or administrator of the parish. You are in a no win situation and only make it worse for not only yourself but the whole council. Let's be the supporters of our priests with the same spirit that our founders supported Father McGivney and be the example for others to emulate.

The RSVP program for seminarians' is another area of concern. I have heard it said that we don't need to support all the seminarians. Nothing could be further from the truth. Yes there might be some who have a larger need than others but if we pick and chose and leave out just one seminarian he will know and feel slighted. These young men are going through a lot of trials and struggles within themselves daily and they not only need our monetary support to take some of this pressure off but more importantly our love, understanding and prayers. These men are our future Priest, which we so desperately need. We have a moral obligation to provide them all the support that we can to help make their journey easier.

I have just touched on a few of the programs that we as knights not only in Nevada but throughout the order are involved in daily. A number of other fraternal organizations focus on only two or three programs and that is the extent of their involvement. The programs that the Knights are involved with are unlimited. That is one reason that I feel we are still growing while a number of the other fraternal organizations are struggling to survive. We offer something for everyone who wants to become a Knight with the programs we support and sponsor. You just have to look at the six major program areas: Church, Family, Youth, Community, Culture of Life and Council to see why we are so successful. To this end I ask that you work with the program directors and when they contact you and give them your support. In working together not only will we be successful but in doing so we will be continuing the Vision that Father McGivney had. A vision that men like yourselves has turned into the reality that is the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus

David M. Ryan
State Deputy



CHAPLAINS' MESSAGE – Fr. Albert Felice-Pace O.P.

An Educated Laity - Online Theology
Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P. State Chaplain

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman wrote extensively on the role of the laity in the Church. His teaching was echoed by the Second Vatican Council. In fact Vatican II on November 18, 1965 published the decree on the Apostolate of the Laity. Besides this document Vatican II addressed also the Laity in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church and the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

Blessed Newman also believed in an educated, well instructed laity. He wrote, "I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it." be educated.

Again Vatican II in the decree on the laity the Council Fathers encouraged the Pastors to provide basic understanding of their faith. As Knights we must make it a priority to study our tenants of faith so that we will be informed Catholics. For this reason I invite you to look into my Online Theology that is provided on the website of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Newman Center. I have designed a few courses for those who want to learn about their Catholic faith. You study at the comfort of your house and at your own pace. So far I have designed four courses - on God, Understanding the Sacraments, the Church in the light of Vatican II and Understanding the Sacred Scriptures. I assigned readings for each course. After each session I ask that one would write a two page reflection to be sent to me either via e-mail or by mail. You can chose whichever course you would like to take. There is a fee of \$20 for each course payable to Catholic Newman Center. You can reach our website as www.unlvnewman.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at afp@juno.com or 702-274-3734.

David Ryan, our State Deputy feels that the religious education of the Knights should be a top priority. I hope and pray that you brother Knights will take advantage of Online Theology for your own personal enrichment.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P.
State Chaplain



STATE ADVOCATE – DAVID BRIGGS

Greeting from your State Advocate

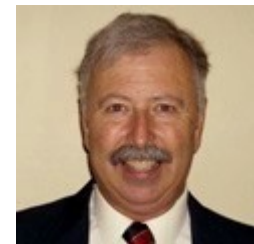
Well brothers we are starting to pick up the pace on yet another Columbian Year. As we move forward let's keep our focus on retention & recruitment. We are still losing members for one reason or another. We have lost a very old Council. I don't know how that can happen, but I wasn't aware of the major conflicts going on. We really need to focus on reinstatement and or a Spanish council or at the very least a roundtable, at St. Christopher's Catholic Church. Anything anyone can do to help make this happen it would be greatly appreciated. If there is anything myself or any of the State Officer and do please ask! We are here and want to help if needed.

On another note, Worthy State Deputy. Dave Ryan issued a letter to all GK's and Council Officers in regards to the use of ATM cards. It has come from Supreme that any use of these cards is a violation of Supreme By-laws. Before you start quoting by-laws, it has been discussed that there is not any specific reference to ATM's card therefore we cannot use them. The State Deputy has said he will not make provisions for their usage. We have had a few misuses of ATM cards and has almost shut down a few Councils because of their misuse. Please make sure, if you have any that you destroy them immediately. Make sure you can account for all of them. It is the responsibility of the Grand Knight, as chief administrative officer to follow thru on this. Please let me know if you have any issues. I can assure you there will not be any exceptions to this rule. Thanks for your follow thru on this matter.

As I stated at District training session, if you need anything from me please submit in writing to me. Any resolutions for consideration please follow these same procedures. Let me know so I can look for them. If you email sometimes things go into spam, so give me a heads up.

Have a great year!

David Briggs, State Advocate



STATE WARDEN – THOMAS PEACOCK

From State Warden – Tom Peacock

At the Grand Knight's training in Las Vegas I was asked several times "where's the banner?" Well, in Reno many people were involved in clearing out all of the State Council's property, and nobody knew who took everything. At last check, nothing was left. Three members of my home council, 4997, participated in providing many items that were needed for a successful conference. All items that we took were placed in our council chambers or returned to the Cathedral of St. Thomas. I checked our council chambers three times to no avail, spoke with Dave Norman (who served the Bishop at Mass), Peter Herborn (the convention chairman, and my Grand Knight Jerry Jackson

Then Sunday's Gospel spoke: "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:9.

I returned and started looking in the deep recesses, and, under a counter, behind a pile of Luau materials from our 50th anniversary party, was an unlabeled box (the mass kit), a bag with a cross and the folded State banner inside, 3 beautiful posters for the shrine, and a box of older council signs. Everything was there and more. Thank and praise the Lord.

On September 5 we were called out to St. Therese the Little Flower Church for a special mass for the 25th anniversary of a sister who used to work there. The church was overflowing at 2:00 pm. We had 13 knights in regalia from 2 assemblies. Council 14588, a Spanish Language council, had 8 Sir Knights in tuxedos acting as ushers. This seemed a little over the top until I was in the sacristy and was introduced to the presider: Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez of Guadalajara, Mexico. Someone else mentioned that I had a son in the seminary that spent the summer in Guadalajara and he enjoyed that. All knights performed well but the most credit goes to GK Elvis Herrera who put the whole event together.

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas Peacock, State Warden

FRATERNAL BENEFITS



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A NEW FRATERNAL YEAR 2010-2011

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to the newly elected Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knight, as well as the other entire dedicated brother Knights who will serve in either an elected and appointed leadership position in the new Columbian year. I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year. You have my assurance that I and your Field Agent are eager to help.

To attain the Star Council status it is a yearlong commitment as well as the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. Your Field Agent is certainly committed to help determine how many Fraternal Benefits Nights you will want to conduct in your council during the fraternal year, and to work hand in hand with your membership committee. I as well, along with your Field Agent are committed to helping on the insurance side, but will be equally as glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. We can help you, either by approaching him or by "coaching" you – transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I along with your Field Agent am at your service.

Let's get an early start to attain your council's goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of your council.

To make this fiscal 2010-2011 year "Your Shield for Life". "The knight's shield has long been a symbol of strength and honor," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson "And those are exactly the words that best describe the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Especially in difficult economic times, our exceptional strength and our long history of integrity and service to brother Knights and their families, remind everyone that we provide the best protection available." "Your Shield for Life".

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Facts about life insurance

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly 75 percent of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

I'm at 702-202-4611 or dan.delvillar@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

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



My Dear Brother Knights:

Congratulations to all newly and re-elected State Officers, appointed Administrative Assistant, Grand Knights, appointed and re-appointed District Deputies and Chairmen for this Fraternal Year. Due to the detached retina surgery I had on June 22, unfortunately, I was not able to attend the recent Installation of State Officers and District Deputies and the Grand Knights and District Deputies training. The healing process is a little slower than expected, but I hope to have my full vision back by the end of September.

ON THESE VERY SIGNIFICANT DATES

- AUGUST 12, 1852** The birth of Michael J. McGivney, Waterbury, CT; the first of 13 children.
- AUGUST 19, 1852** Michael J. McGivney is baptized at St. Peter's Church, Waterbury, CT
- AUGUST 21, 1868-1871** Michael J. McGivney undertakes preparatory studies for the priesthood At St. Hyacinth Seminary, Quebec
- AUGUST 25, 1883** Fr. Michael J. McGivney publishes an explanation of The Order in the local Catholic newspaper promoting its virtues.
- AUGUST 14, 1890** Fr. Michael J. McGivney, parish priest and Knights of Columbus Founder dies.
- AUGUST 18, 1890** Fr. Michael J. McGivney funeral held at St. Thomas Catholic Church, Thomaston, CT where he served as pastor.

INTERNATIONAL GUILD MEMBERSHIP:

April 1, 2010 137,781 Membership
July 1, 2010 138,000 Membership

NEVADA GUILD MEMBERSHIP:

April 1, 2010 935 Membership
July 1, 2010 963 Membership

ATTENTION GRAND KNIGHTS AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES: You will shortly be receiving a schedule of all upcoming degrees; some are now in the process. Be sure to distribute Fr. McGivney Guild applications to all the new members.

REMINDER: The new version of the Fr. McGivney Guild membership application is available on-line at www.fathermcgivney.org as well as in the Columbia Magazine.

Venerable Fr. McGivney, Pray for Us.

PRO-LIFE RENO DIOCESE – MARK FOXWELL

Knights of Columbus Pro Life Activities in the Diocese of Reno

Knights in the Diocese of Reno are integrally involved in many Pro Life activities. This October, as in previous years, the Knights will be featured with Color Corps at Bishop Randolph Calvo's annual Pro Life Mass at the Cathedral in Reno. The Mass begins at 9:30 AM on Sunday, October 17. It will be followed by the Pro Life Rosary Procession along the Truckee River. This procession is escorted by Knights in Regalia and is led by Bishop Calvo. Members from all parishes and Councils in the Diocese march, carrying parish banners and Council banners, reciting the rosary which is broadcast on Immaculate Heart Radio, 920 AM.

Again this year as for the past 10+ years, The Knights will support the Diocese of Reno Respect Life Poster contest for Catholic youth in the Diocese. This contest is open to youth in Catholic Schools, in parish religious education programs and home schooled. There are two categories of competition: high school students and 6-8 grade students. The Nevada State Council and local Councils from the Diocese contribute the prize money for the winners. Knights and their wives also judge the submissions, often over 300 entries, to pick the winners. Prizes are awarded in each of the two categories at \$100 First Prize, \$75 Second Prize and \$50 Third Prize and recently several \$25 Honorable Mention prizes have been given with whatever extra money the Councils send in. Bishop Calvo presents the awards to the winners after a Youth Pro Life Mass to be offered this year at Little Flower Church starting at noon on Wednesday, October 13. As in the past, Knights in Regalia support this event.

And every first Saturday of the month, Knights and their families participate with many other local parishioners to recite a Rosary in front of the abortion facility, the West End Women's Center on Tyrone Street near Meadowood Shopping Center in Reno. The rosary begins at 9:00 AM. Participants use a 50 foot long walk-around rosary, with a separate bead for each person. This rosary was made by recently deceased Sir Knight Pat Cunning and is a very fitting memorial to a very heroic member of our Order.

In January 2011, Knights will join over 25,000 Pro Life marchers in San Francisco in the annual West Coast Walk for Life.

Submitted by Mark Foxwell, Nevada State Council Pro Life Chairman, Diocese of Reno

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – FRANK DAVIS

Nevada State Deputy David Ryan has appointed me the Nevada State Council Membership Director. The 2010-2011 Nevada membership goal is 400 but I will try for 600 new, reactivated or transfers-in-from-out-of-state Councils members. At the July 10th State Council meeting or via mail the District Deputies were provided a CD containing 4,502 names and addresses in zip code sequence. The information was to be distributed by the District Deputies to the Councils in their District. The CD has former members, inactive members, and members with Nevada addresses but belong to an out-of-state Council. These potential members count against your Council and the State membership goals. If the Council Membership Director or Grand Knight has not received their listings, please contact me at frank.davis38@cox.net and I will send an electronic copy.

This fraternal year there will be a special effort to recruit active duty military, and full-time law enforcement officers and firefighters into the Order. The Supreme Council's Francis P. Matthews and John E. Smith Educational Trust Scholarship provides tuition-only scholarships to Catholic colleges up to \$25,000 per year for children of a member killed or permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service in armed conflict in a combat zone, and for children of a member who is a full-time, uniformed law enforcement officer or firefighter who is killed in the line of duty as a result of criminal violence directed at him. See http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/members/scholarships/matthews_swift.html for details. See <http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/members/scholarships/index.html> for other scholarships that may help with recruitment. A letter will be sent to the Chaplain at each Nevada military base, and to the various law enforcement and firefighters unions informing them of these special benefits. It will request any interested gentlemen to seek further information at their local Council or parish, or to contact the Nevada State Council website at <http://www.kofc-nv.org/councils.htm> to find a Council near their location.

The current Supreme Council membership incentive is named World Series of Membership. It goes through the end of October. Each Council is encouraged to hold a membership drive and First Degree Exemplification, and then submit the Council's recruitment information to Supreme as soon as possible to receive credit.

The best recruiting tool is for a member to ask a Catholic gentleman 18 years of age or older to join the Knights of Columbus. I know it worked on me and I assume a vast majority of the Knights. We were simply asked to join. When I may be of assistance, please contact me at frank.davis38@cox.net or call (702) 363-9010 in Las Vegas.

Vivat Jesus!

Frank Davis
State Membership Director



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAN COORDINATOR – PAULA DONOFRIO

“Keep the True Meaning of Christmas Present in Council Holiday Activities. At Christmas we honor the birth of Jesus Christ. At times our Savior is forgotten in the commercialization of the season and the rush to get ready for holiday festivities. Each year the Knights of Columbus takes a leading role in reminding society that Christmas is first and foremost a holy day.”

The Nevada State Council has supported this national evangelical program for many years with the effort of many volunteers committed to getting the message out into our parishes and communities throughout the state. One of the major programs the Nevada State Council has actively encouraged is a nationwide fundraising program featuring the sale of evangelical materials. Every Council's Grand Knight should have received a **2010 Keep Christ In Christmas packet** complete with full color brochures, order forms and promotional materials at their training meeting in July or from their District Deputy if they did not attend.

Keep Christ In Christmas participation can include many different activities including the fund raising activity. These included Council programs such as poster contests, essay contests, nativity scenes at the parish or in the community, parish bulletin articles, billboards, radio public service announcements and much more. The important point is to have a dedicated activity each year to support and encourage the message that Christmas is all about the birth of Christ versus the commercialization that is all to present in our society today. What are your Council's plans for this year? Do you have an annual program you intend to continue? Are you looking for a fresh new project? Look for more detailed information in the future through the email system used statewide. If you have any additional questions, ideas or suggestions I would appreciate hearing from you.

For more information or to request additional materials contact Paula Donofrio, Nevada State KCIC Coordinator, at (702) 362-6133 or email: pd10442@embarqmail.com

AROUND THE STATE

Sept 22 – Oct 31st 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigils at Las Vegas Abortion Clinics

Sept 25th 2nd & 3rd Degree. District 12 is hosting this degree at St Andrews in Boulder City. 8:30 AM Candidates for Second Degree Check-in at St. Mary Classroom. 9:00 AM Second Degree in the Parish Hall. Third Degree will follow the Second.

Oct 1 Sanca Missa, St. Bridget Catholic Church, 220 N. 14th St., LV

You are invited to come and experience the richness of the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite. High Mass Celebrant: Rev. Father Philip O'Donnell.

Oct 2nd Council 3741 Golf Tournament Fund Raiser, Desert Rose Golf Course, 5483 Club House Drive, LV Knights of Columbus Rosary Council #3741 Gold Tournament fund raiser. \$65.00 per person, fee includes: Golf and Golf Cart' deli style lunch, Lots of prizes!! New Car for first hole in one. Lots of fun!! Reservations required. For information call: Michael Cotoia 702-434-9443 or Sal Colaluca 702-565-1263.

Oct 2nd 1st Degree Exemplification, St. Francis/Claire Room

1st Degree Start Time: 8:00 AM. Candidates, Sponsors and Degree Team must arrive no later than 7:30 AM. Dress Code: Business Casual is requested. Other Council Representatives: Bring Constitutional Rolls with Materials (MC, R, B, and LP) and notify Membership Director Bill Allen at (702) 630-9515 on how many candidates you are bringing. We encourage you to bring as many candidates as possible and attend the Exemplification to welcome them into the Knights of Columbus order

Oct 2nd Protecting God's Children for Adults, St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Catholic Church Protecting God's Children for Adults Spaces remaining: unlimited Wheelchair accessible: Yes. Go to <http://www.virtus.org/virtus/> to register online.

Oct 2nd 1st Saturday Mass, 08:00 a.m. St. Bridget Catholic Church, 220 N. 14th St., Las Vegas Dedicated to Mary Queen of the Knights.

Oct 3rd 2 p.m. Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 is sponsoring a Marian Hour of Prayer at Immaculate Conception Church 2900 N. McCarran Blvd Sparks, NV 89431

Oct 9th Feed The Homeless Pancake Breakfast, 500 W. Van Buren Ave. Las Vegas 04:30 a.m. Show up.

Oct 9th & 10th Tootsie Roll Drive, Toosie Roll Drive for the intellectuality challenged All day

Oct 10th Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, 4765 Brussels St., LV Garden tea party, Please call (702) 736-0887 or email info@unlvnewman.com by Friday October 1st to RSVP or for questions.

Oct 10th St. Joseph, HOM, Pro-Life Group, Corpus Christi Room, St. Joseph, HOM The St. Joseph, HOM, Pro-Life Group is dedicated to promoting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Please join to pray and discuss life issues and activities. For information contact Greg Farina at 363-4299.

Oct 10th Council 13842 hosting a Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses at St Rose of Lima. For more info contact Joe and/or Robert Obos: jonjo@charter.net or Bob2548@charter.net

Oct 11th Columbus Day

Oct 12th 7:00-8:00 p.m. Regional 1st Degree, Las Vegas: 1st Degree location and time TBA.

Oct 13th Respect Life Poster Contest Project in the Diocese of Reno: Bishop Calvo will announce the winners after the at the Mass at Little Flower Church. Contact Mark Foxwell for additional information.

Oct 15th 6:00- 9:00 p.m. 63rd annual Clergy Appreciation Night, Council 2828 Hall, 10th & Ogden, LV

Oct 19th VA Bingo Contact John Jordan: Jlj8081@msn.com.

Oct 23rd District 2 is hosting a 2nd and 3rd Degree at Immaculate Conception Church. Registration starts at 10:30 AM with the 2ND Degree to start at 11:00 a.m. Third Degree follow the second.

Oct 23ND Council 10442 Cruise on Lake Mead A Council 10442 lunch cruise on Lake Mead. Contact GK Mike Buttell at buttellbjmike@aol.com for more information.

Oct 24th 6:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, St. Joseph Center to support seminarians.

Oct 26th 7 pm- 9 pm Ceremonials Academy, St. Francis De Sales, Holly Hall, 1111 Michael Way, LV 1st Degree Team certifications. 2nd Dry Runs. 3rd Degree Rehearsal. State Ceremonials Chairman David Strait will preside.

Color Corps Monthly Practice, 7 pm – 8:30 pm. Holly Hall, St. Francis De Sales, 1111 Michael Way, LV A monthly Fourth Degree Color Corps practice is held at Lambe Assembly #611 in Holly Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month. If you are a Fourth Degree Knight and interested in the Color Corps, contact Color Corps Commander Mike Rippa at 250-3135 or 505-4816 or email: rippam@msn.com for more information.

Oct 30th 10 am – 12 pm. Lay Dominican Community Meeting, St. Thomas Aquinas, Newman Center UNLV Campus, 4765 Brussels St., LV Catholic men and women of every walk of life belong to Lay Dominican communities. They join together to pray, to study, and to be of service to others. For information or for future dates and times, contact Dan Morin, OPL (702) 249-2399.