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## Knights of Columbus Council 4828 - Fallon, Nevada

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### New Officers Elected for Columbian Year 2007-2008

#### Council 4828

Council 4828 held our nominations for officers for Columbian Year 2006-2007 on 16 May. Elections were subsequently held on 6 June and our new officers are as follows:

Grand Knight	Bob Greer
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Lukas
Financial Secretary	Jim Shurtliff
Chancellor	Jerry Keener
Treasurer	Doug Lynch
Advocate	Rob Davis
Warden	Pat Laca
Recorder	Christopher Zacher
Inside Guard	Ernie Heying
Outside Guard	Michael Bailey
Third Year Trustee	Ron Rudden
Second Year Trustee	Cliff Cramer
First Year Trustee	Dennis Kathrein

Council 4828 congratulates these Br. Knights and thanks them for accepting their new positions. Their official terms will begin on 1 July and all Br. Knights are asked to provide them with your full support throughout the following fraternal year. This year, the official Installation Ceremony is being moved back to July (last year it was held in August). It is scheduled in place of our regular business meeting on Wednesday, July 17, at the Elks Lodge. Dinner will also be served in conjunction with the ceremony.

The Council also thanks GK Dennis Kathrein and all of the past year's officers and committee chairmen for their efforts and support. We also thank everyone else who helped make the year such a success!

#### Nevada State Council

Elections for the Nevada State Council's new officers were held on 5 May at the 97th Annual State Convention and year-end meeting, in Las Vegas.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

State Deputy	Paul Dendary
State Secretary	John O'Roarke
State Treasurer	John Layman
State Advocate	James Kelly
State Warden	David Ryan
Administrative Assistant	Patrick Sullivan

Other state officers will be:

State Chaplain	Rt. Rev. Archmandrite Francis Vivona
Associate State Chaplain	Rev. Thomas Fransiscus
Immediate Past State	Wayne E. Bieniasz
District #10 Deputy	Robert Wallace

Various Council and individual awards were also presented at the convention. Council 4828 won the Youth Activity Award because of our support of the Parish Youth Group's bi-annual house-building trip to Mexico. The Council's annual scrapbook also took the first place award, receiving a \$100 prize. Thanks to Br. Tom and Carolyn Lukas for their wonderful job in putting the scrapbook together, once again this year. Photos of the State Convention Banquet and Awards Ceremony are available on the web at <http://www.kofc-nv.org/convention07/index.htm>. There are two good photos of GK Kathrein on the fourth page.

### Ordination of Father Mark Hanifan

As you are probably aware, for the past several years, Council 4828 has been supporting Br. Mark Hanifan as our Seminarian. This past year was Br. Mark's final year at the seminary and he was ordained into the Priesthood on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at a special ceremony that was held in Carson City.

Fallon Council 4828 was represented at the ordination by Grand Knight, Dennis Kathrein, by Deputy Grand Knight, Robert Greer, and by Br. Mark's uncles, Brothers John and Maurice Hanifan. Several other members of St. Patrick's parish also attended this special event. The ordination was beautiful, as are all such occasions.

It has been a pleasure to support Father Mark over the past few years and Council 4828 congratulates him on completing his years of hard work at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA. We also wish to welcome Father Mark as the newest priest in the Reno Diocese and we wish him many happy and blessed years in the priesthood.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## Council Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Knights Celebrating Birthdays:

#### July

Ronald Cherry, Wayne Crooks, Bien Decena, Alfred Facha, Jr., Frank Fuller, Maurice Hanifan, Ernest Heying, Robert P. Hoops, David Munoz, Paul Nelson, Harold Newman, and Apollo Vaz

#### August

Michael Bailey, Leo Beyer, Lowell Black, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Jamie Chrislock, Jerry Keener, Edward Kraker, Jr., Martin Maffi, Thomas Pflum, Jerome Stephens, and Christopher Zacher

#### September

Robert Bricker, Richard Cordova, Danilo Deuna, Ronald Flores, Michael Golding, Albert Herr III, Leland "Pete" Larson, Douglas Lynch, Michael Schmitz, Walter Scott, Jr, Ted Steckbauer, Richard Wiersma, and Timothy Wolf

### Spouse's Celebrating Birthdays:

#### July

Cecilia Bricker, Sharon Chicvara, Mary Curran, Shirley Fabel, Patricia Getto, Arcelie Halog, Starlene Hanifan, Kathleen Lewy, Julie Lynch, Trudy Mills, Phyllis Newman, Carmen Sullivan, and Carol Trujillo

#### August

Brenda Bonde, Ellen Crooks, Sharon Oswald, and Jerie Tuohy

#### September

Teresa Campbell, Joyce Carlucci, Terri Defilippi, Margaret Facha, Pamela Golding, and Dixie Rueda

### Couples Celebrating Anniversaries:

#### July

Virgil and Patricia Getto and Trinidad and Lou Guillen

#### August

Edward and Norine Arciniega, James and Leonida Banzali, Keith and Brenda Boone, Eustaquio and Mary Castro-Mendoza, Lawrence and Mary Curran, Alfred and Margaret Facha, Robert and Cindy Greer, Maurice and Georgia Hanifan, John and Kathleen Lewy, Benicio and Lolly Leynes, Paul and Katy Anne Loop, Frank "Don" and Yvette McNeill, and Paul and Bernadette Nelson

#### September

Wayne and Brenda Bonde, Arthur and Elizabeth Cardone, Medardo and Arcelie Halog, Carl and Elizabeth Hipsley, Jerry and Maria Keener, Leland "Pete" and Linda Larson, Doug and Julie Lynch, Steve and Mary Lou Maffi, Harold and Phyllis Newman, Ronald and Mary Rudden, Michael and Tami Schmitz, and Jerold and Carol Walsh

**NOTE: If we have missed any birthdays or anniversaries, please accept our apologies. Corrections should be provided to our Financial Secretary so he can update the council's records**

## Council 4828 Scholarship Recipients and Graduating Senior's Mass and Breakfast

This year Council 4828 had nine graduating seniors from the Class of '07 who applied for the Council's three annual memorial scholarships. This year's Scholarship Committee consisted of Brothers Paul Nelson, Ron Simms, and Jim Shurtliff. Since all of the applicants were well qualified, the committee had a tough time selecting which three would be given each of the \$300 scholarships. It was finally decided that this year's recipients would be as follows:

Firmin Bruner Scholarship	Melanie Black
Darius Cafferetti Scholarship	Teresa Montes
Ramon Arizabalaga Scholarship	Anna Lecker

The first alternate will be Bethany Deines. Congratulations to these young individuals. Others applicants were Lexter Crowley, Crystal Cervantes, Brittany Cotton, Kaylee Hammond, and Jasmine Zaval. Br. Paul Nelson presented the scholarship certificates at a special awards ceremony that was held at Churchill County High School on 16 May. The actual scholarship checks will be sent directly to each recipient after "proof-of-enrollment" is received by the Council, this fall.

On 20 May, Council 4828 sponsored our annual Mass at St. Patrick's Church in honor of the Class of '07 graduating seniors from St. Patrick's Parish. Following the Mass, a special breakfast was held for the seniors and their families at the Fallon Elks' Lodge and approximately fifty people were in attendance, including ten graduating seniors. The guest speaker was Mr. Rich Weathers and he provided a very nice inspirational talk. The council wishes to thank Mr. Weathers for accepting our invitation to be the guest speaker.

Once again, congratulations to the scholarship recipients and to all of the other Class of '07 graduates. Council 4828 wishes them the best of luck as they move on into college and in all of their future endeavors. We also express our special thanks to the Elks' Lodge for hosting the breakfast, to Br. Louie Erquiaga for coordinating the breakfast, and to Brother Paul Nelson for coordinating the Mass and for chairing and organizing the overall scholarship program.

## Memorial Day Remembrance

Council 4828 remembered our deceased Brethren over Memorial Day weekend by placing special Knights of Columbus flags on the graves of those who are buried in the local Churchill County Cemetery. Similar to the past two years, several Council members and their families met on Friday evening, 25 May, to place the flags on the 24 local graves of our deceased brethren. The following individuals were present: GK Dennis Kathrein, DGK Bob Greer, Chancellor Thomas Lukas and his wife Carolyn, and FS Jim Shurtliff, his wife Monica, and their five children. The flags were retrieved on the following Monday evening, 28 May. The Council will be doing this again next year, so please plan to join us.

## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where / When</u>
07/04/07	Independence Day (No Meeting)	Celebrate Our Nation's Birthday
07/07/07	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i>
<b>07/18/07</b>	<b>Installation of Officers Ceremony and Dinner</b>	<b>Elks Lodge / 6:15 PM</b>
<b>07/29/07</b>	<b>Corporate Communion</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Church / 8:00 AM</b>
08/01/07	No Meeting (GK and DGK out of town))	n/a
08/04/07	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i>
<b>08/15/07</b>	<b>Business Meeting / 1st Degree</b>	<b>Moiola Hall / 6:30 PM</b>
08/15/07	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's / 7:00 PM</i>
09/01/07	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i>
09/05/07	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
09/19/07	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's / 6:00 PM</i>
09/19/07	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
09/30/07	<b>Corporate Communion</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Church / 8:00 AM</b>
10/03/07	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
10/06/07	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i>

Officer's meetings are held 1/2-hour prior to the regular Council meetings on the first Wednesdays of each month, as necessary.

## Pro-Life News

The Supreme Court recently upheld the Partial Birth Abortion Act. A Supreme Council press release on April 18, 2007 stated the following:

"Today's Supreme Court decision in Gonzales v. Carhart is a major milestone in the battle to end the destruction of innocent human life in America," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said today. "Until today, the abortion license in the United States has been virtually unlimited. Finally, after nearly a decade of court battles, the way has been cleared to implement the bipartisan judgment of Congress that partial birth abortion is brutal and inhumane, and must be prohibited."

"In upholding the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act," Anderson said, "the court reasserts an important and usually forgotten part of its 1992 decision in Planned Parenthood v. Casey. 'A central premise' of that case, the court said today, is 'that the government has a legitimate, substantial interest in preserving and promoting fetal life.' In highlighting that position, I believe the court has laid the groundwork for a more searching reexamination of the crumbling foundation on which Roe v. Wade was built."

"We also strongly agree with Justice Thomas, who wrote a short, separate concurring opinion reiterating his view 'that the Court's abortion jurisprudence, including Casey and Roe v. Wade, has no basis in the Constitution.' He is absolutely right, and we will not rest until the day on which the right to life is recognized as the most fundamental right of all," Anderson concluded.

## A Note from Our Incoming Grand Knight

As the newly elected Grand Knight I would like to thank our current Grand Knight, Dennis Kathrein, for his service and dedication to his responsibilities as G.K. He met each challenge head on and had an exemplarily term serving our council as G.K.

I look forward to the challenges in the year to come. The Knights are an organization with a rich history of fraternal service which I plan to continue with enthusiasm. I believe the knight's first priority should be to support our priests and then our parish. Hopefully each of you will help us ensure that this is accomplished by lending your talents when asked to help. I hope to have more Knights become involved in every aspect of our council operations. Even if this means coming to a meeting once in a while just to stay in contact with friends.

The second priority we need to look at is membership. As many of you realize, we are becoming an older council and an influx of fresh members with new ideas and abilities excites. I am sure many of you have noticed men at our Masses who you've wondered if they are Knights, or even if they might be interested in becoming a knight. Please take the time to say hello and talk to them about the possibility of joining our ranks.

My brothers, we are members of the greatest men's organization there is. Let us each rededicate ourselves to it and ensure its success. In closing, I just want to thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to serve as your Grand Knight, and I look forward to working with, and for, each and every one of you.

Bob Greer, G.K. (elect)

## Council Rummage Sale

Brother Knights, it is with great pleasure that I report on the success of the yard sale 2007. The Council netted over \$2400 with several items still remaining to be sold. I wish to give a special thank you to Bill Hillary for manning the cash box all day Saturday. What a chore that was. I also wish to thank all of the following Knights for there help during each day of the sale and during setup and cleanup; Ron Simms, Bob Greer, Dennis Kathrein, Doug Lynch, Pat Laca, Alex Scherr, Rob Davis, Marlon Clark, Cliff Cramer, Ron Rudden, Jerry Keener, John Matarazza and the Jim Shurtliff Family. All of the left over usable items were donated to either the Fallon Industries or to Crisis Pregnancy Center in Fallon. We still have a few items to sell: one entertainment center, two dinning room tables, and one dining room table and chairs. Please contact Bob Greer or Tom Lukas if you know of anyone interested in these items. Thank you all Knights for your help.

Thomas Lukas

## Council Tidbits

We still have twenty-four members who haven't submitted their annual membership dues, which are now six-months in arrears. The "Notice of Intent to Suspend" will be forwarded in the near future, so if you are one of these Br. Knights, please forward your payment to the Council address or directly to the Financial Secretary at 4712 Benson Lane, Fallon, NV, immediately. If you are having financial difficulties, please let us know so that other arrangements can be made. Thanks!

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This year, Council 4828's submittal for annual Bishop's Seminarian Raffle ticket sales dropped to a mere \$858, which was our worst year in recent history. Our submittal for the state-wide "365-Club" was also the lowest ever. As a Council, we can do better than this, so all Br. Knights are encouraged to better support these two causes next year. For those of you who aren't aware of the "365-Club," it was set up to encourage all Br. Knights to donate one penny per day, or \$3.65 per year, to support fellow Knights who are in need. The fund is administered by the State Council, with small donations being made to Br. Knights who are need, on a confidential basis. Your individual donations can be forwarded to the Financial Secretary, along with your annual dues, or placed in a collection jar at our regular Council meetings.

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The Calendar of Events for the 2007-2008 Columbian Year is being forwarded with this newsletter. Note that there are several changes as compared to last year. For example, our annual Installation of Officers Dinner has been moved back to mid-July, instead of August, and the Pork Feed Dinner will be held again in the fall, instead of the Octoberfest Dinner. Please put the calendar in a safe place so that you can reference it throughout the following year. If you can't make it to our regular council meetings, please try to volunteer to help with one of our many special events and fundraisers. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

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Council 4828 held our annual Adult Steak Social on 26 April. We had 53 attendees, including the widows of three or our deceased Br. Knights. We thank everyone who helped make this a success.

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At the State Convention and End-of-Year meeting in May, Council 4828 was presented with a council "green jacket" that had belonged to Br. Jim Katrosits, who passed away this year. It was presented by Br. Jim's widow, Jackie, and by Council9899, his previous council. Receiving this jacket was a surprise and honor to the members of Council 4828 who were present.

On Mother's Day, Council 4828 purchased several dozen carnations and distributed them to the mothers and grandmothers of St. Patrick's parish. This function was a great success, so we have also included this function in next year's calendar.

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Council 4828 coordinated the annual St. Patrick's Parish spring blood drive again this year and a total of 25 useable pints of blood were collected by United Blood Services. Thanks to Br. Pat Laca for coordinating the blood drive, once again, and thanks also to those who assisted Br. Pat and also to those who provided the blood donations.

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We could still use a few more sponsors for our newsletter. We currently have several paid sponsorships, but our ultimate goal is to make the newsletter be self-sustaining by having 15 to 20 sponsors. If you own a business or know of anyone who would be interested in an advertisement space, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911. Sponsorships are \$25.00 for four quarterly editions of the *Oasis Knightline*. In addition, the sponsor's page is also published on our Council web-site. The Council reserves the right to review all advertisements prior to publication.

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If you have an EMAIL address and access to the internet, please forward your address to the Council's Financial Secretary at **shurtfam@cccomm.net**. This will help the council save money in mailing and copying fees, plus it will allow you to stay better informed of the Council activities and those of the Supreme and Nevada State Councils and other councils across the state. The last four issues of *Oasis Knightline*, which has been available in a colored, electronic format since December of 2003, are available at the Council's website at <http://kofc4828.org>. Links to the latest editions are forwarded via EMAIL whenever they become available, and members can then download it or view it on-screen at their own convenience. In addition, other important Council reminders and tidbits of information, such as prayer requests and special announcements, are also forwarded via EMAIL on a routine basis. Br. Knights are also encouraged to visit the Nevada State Council's website at <http://www.kofc-nv.org> which contains lots of useful information and interesting links. NOTE: EMAIL addresses are not shared and will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.

## In Your Corner – Insurance Agent News

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"It is a strange anomaly that men should be careful to insure their houses, their ships, and their merchandise, and yet neglect to insure their lives; surely the most important of all to their families and more subject to loss." - Benjamin Franklin

### May Article Why Buy From Us?

There are many good insurance companies out there. That may surprise you coming from a man who makes his living working exclusively with and for Knights of Columbus insurance, but it's true. Then why do business with us?

First, our people. Your agent is a brother Knight. He shares the same faith and the same hopes for his family as you do for yours. He is a trained professional who knows both the factual side of the business and the emotional side of the decision. He is well positioned to help you decide what coverage you need within your budget. He is also keenly aware of the Order's mission, passed to us by Father McGivney: To protect widows and orphans against financial disaster.

Second, the Order itself. Over all these years, while so many companies have "remade" themselves, the Knights of Columbus has stayed true to its mission, stayed expert at its core business. We have been so well managed yearly we receive the best possible ratings from A.M. Best and Standard and Poor's. In 2006 we returned to our insured Knights and their families more than \$322 million of life insurance dividends. (Did you get your share?)

Finally, our products. Ours are as good as any, and better than most. We are specialists; we sell life insurance, long term care and annuities, and we are good at what we do.

Put it all together and I think you will agree that while there are a lot of good insurance companies out there, there is only one Knights of Columbus.

To contact me with regards to any of your insurance needs, please call me at 530-528-3002 or e-mail me at [donald.krolak@kofc.org](mailto:donald.krolak@kofc.org).

Your Brother and General Agent,

Donald Krolak

P.S. Do you know a Catholic Gentleman who would be interested in an Insurance Career Opportunity? If so please have him contact me.

### June Article The Ring of Truth

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or other parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is telling them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family – and if you share with those of your children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure that they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might

want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums. Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or article of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

As your newly assigned Knights of Columbus agent, I will meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I perform, free of charge, I'll help you put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

Call me today. Let's get together and set a good financial example for your children to emulate.

You can reach me at 775-842-8722 or 916-997-9999

God Bless, Your Brother and Agent,

Todd Cabral

### July Article A New Fraternal Year

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to our newly elected grand knights and deputy grand knights, as well as all the other dedicated brother Knights who will serve in either an elected and appointed leadership position in the coming 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'm eager to help.

The attainment of the Star Council status is a year long commitment as well as the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm 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 am certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but will be equally as glad to help on the membership side as well. Councils without an assigned field agent should work during the year with their general agent.

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. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you – transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

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

God Bless, Your Brother and Insurance Agent,

Todd Cabral

P.S. We have finally finished our move and we are so very excited to be here! My new Business phone number is 775-473-2747. Office Address: 467 Vancouver Ct. Reno, NV 89511. E-mail [todd.cabral@kofc.org](mailto:todd.cabral@kofc.org).



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The next edition of the *Oasis Knightline* will be published in late September. If you have an idea for an article, please submit it to FS Jim Shurtliff at [shurtfam@cccomm.net](mailto:shurtfam@cccomm.net) or at 4712 Benson Lane, Fallon, NV 89406 or send them to the Council's address at PO Box 2545, Fallon, NV 89407. Submittals should be received by September 15th for inclusion in the newsletter. Photos (regular or digital) are welcome, too. Articles, photos, and/or suggestions for the Council's web site are also welcome.

## Supreme Council News

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson addressed a crowd estimated at 60,000 on Saturday evening, May 19, at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. "We are all citizens of the Catholic hemisphere," Anderson said. "The rosary and Our Lady, especially under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, must be seen as the common bond of our Catholic hemisphere."

"Hispanics in the Church are not an abstraction - they're our fellow parishioners," he continued. "In the Knights of Columbus, they're our brother Knights, our fellow Caballeros de Colon, and they have been so since 1905. . . Our Lady of Guadalupe points us to her son, but she also points us to unity in her son and for Catholics this unity must transcend borders."

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm that represents the Knight of Columbus in the court battle to preserve the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, this year presented its highest award, the Canterbury Medal, to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at a dinner in New York City on May 10. Former Senator Rick Santorum and Becket Fund President Kevin Hasson presented the medal to the Supreme Knight.

The Canterbury Medal is given each year to a public figure who has "resolutely and publicly refused to render unto Caesar that which is God's." It is named for Canterbury Cathedral, where Thomas a Becket was martyred by the King's Knights for his defense of religious freedom. Previous recipients include Nobel Peace Laureate Ellie Wiesel, Harvard Law Professor Mary Ann Glendon and Prison Fellowship Founder Charles Colson.

Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the highest ranking Vatican official after the pope, will travel to the United States to attend and address the Order's 125th annual convention this August in Nashville, Tenn. He will also receive the Order's Gaudium et Spes (Joy and Hope) award. "We are honored that Cardinal Bertone will be coming to the United States to attend our convention this year," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "To have the Vatican Secretary of State in attendance for our 125th annual convention is a great testament to the enduring legacy of our founder, the Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney."



### Notes from the Faithful Navigator, Fr. Sam Tambourin Assembly 2739

I don't know but I am having a hard time keeping up with the time. It's going too fast for me, or is it because I am just getting older? Anyway, I just can't keep up with it. Sir Knights, another beautiful, bountiful Columbian year has gone by. We just had our annual convention and elected new state officers. Congratulations to them and, hopefully, they will make it better and more interesting this year. Our Council has elected their officers and will have their installation sometime in July. Our Assembly made the nominations of Officers and we are hoping to have an election at the first meeting in August, which will be on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. That will be August 1st. I encourage all of you Sir Knights to come and elect your Assembly Officers. The Following Sir Knights are nominated for the following offices:

Ed Kraker for Faithful Navigator  
Bob Greer For Faithful Purser  
Jeff Scholz for Faithful Admiral  
Wayne Bonde for Faithful Scribe  
Ron Encarnacion for One Year Trustee  
Ben Leynes for Three Year Trustee.

Dennis Kathrein For Faithful Comptroller  
Cliff Cramer for Faithful Captain  
Jerry Keener for Faithful Pilot  
John Matarazza for Inner Sentinel  
Jim Moore for Two Year Trustee

I hope you can make an effort to attend this meeting and maybe we can have a good installation with our wives as our special guests in a very special evening with your tuxedos. Dennis and I will be going to the Fourth Degree exemplification at St. Gall's Church in Gardnerville. We have one candidate to take with us. I encourage all you Sir Knights to attend one of these exemplifications to refresh your memory and dedication to the Fourth Degree. Some of you have forgotten what the Fourth Degree is all about. A man is just plain lazy or stupid when he finds too many excuses not to do anything for his fellow men, for his family and for his country. Any organization that is lacking in participation will not survive, when members don't pull together and don't work together, that organization is dead. What I am saying Sir Knights is we need you, we want your participation, keep our assembly alive.

See you at the next meeting.

Roland Encarnacion, Faithful Navigator

### The Last Word - Grand Knight's Corner

**Brother Knights,**

**I would like to say thank you, it was an honor to be your Grand Knight this Columbian year.**

**This year our corned beef and cabbage dinner was one of our best ever, thanks to everyone who helped make it possible. Our Tootsie Roll drive and annual yard sale were also outstanding, thanks to everyone who participated. I would also like to thank everyone for their continued support.**

**I am certain that our new Grand Knight, Brother Bob Greer, will do an excellent job. Please give him all of your support.**

**Fraternally Yours,**

**Dennis J. Kathrein  
Grand Knight**