



Guide to the K. O. Knudson Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Knudson, K. O., 1894-1981
Title:	K. O. Knudson Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00108
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1920 to 1969
Physical Description:	0.05 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder, 1 shared box of negatives, 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	2.00 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The K. O. Knudson Photographs (approximately 1920-1969) depict the Las Vegas Grammar School and service, fraternal, and veterans organizations gathered by retired Las Vegas, Nevada school administrator and World War I veteran K. O. Knudson (also known as K. Oscar Knudson). The collection includes images of Knudson, Las Vegas Masonic Lodge members, American Legion members, and school dances. The photographs primarily feature Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

K. O. Knudson Photographs, approximately 1920-1969. PH-00108. Special Collections and Archives University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

K. Oscar Knudson was born April 14, 1894 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to Norwegian immigrant parents. He began his bachelor's degree at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho in 1916, but did not complete his degree before enlisting in the United States Army in March 1917. During Knudson's military service, he served as a dispatcher and earned the rank of Sergeant. After leaving the military in November of 1918, Knudson moved to Globe, Arizona and worked as a miner. Shortly after, he became a school teacher in Arizona. Knudson moved to Reno, Nevada in 1921 and enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno to continue working towards a Bachelor of

Science in Education while teaching in Nevada. In 1923, Knudson joined the Masonic Lodge in Fernley, Nevada. By 1926, Knudson and his growing family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where he began teaching at the Las Vegas Grammar School and became its principal in 1927. He later completed his Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Idaho in 1936. Knudson retired from teaching in 1959.

K. O. Kundson passed away in 1981.

Source:

Harvey, James Monroe. *K. O. Knudson: A True Life Story*. Las Vegas, Nevada, 1972.

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Scope and Contents Note

The K. O. Knudson Photographs (approximately 1920-1969) depicts Las Vegas Grammar School and Las Vegas High School, members of the Las Vegas Masonic Lodge, members of the American Legion, scenes around of Las Vegas, Nevada, and images of K. O. Knudson (also known as K. Oscar Knudson). In addition to images focusing on activities with both the Masonic Lodge and American Legion including dinners, gatherings, and ceremonies. the collection provides insight into Knudson's life in Las Vegas as an educator.

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Arrangement Note

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Some collection material has been digitized and is [available online](#).

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in July 7, 1980 by K. O. Knudson; accession number 80-105.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2016, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Maryse Lundering-Timpano wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Jimmy Chang added materials and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Maude Frazier, 1955-1962. MS-00050. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

K. Oscar Knudson oral history interview, 1974. OH-01041. Audio recording. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ruth Fyfe, K. Oscar Knudson, and Fern Olive oral history interview, 1977 March 22. OH-01042. Audio recording. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century

- Fremont Street (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Historic Fifth Street School
- Las Vegas Grammar School
- Helldorado Parade (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Fraternal organizations
- Las Vegas High School (Las Vegas, Nev.) -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Department convention and U.S.S. Nevada Band: photographic print, 1924 (0108_0001) (view online)	flat file 02
Las Vegas Grammar School class with K. O. Knudson in the back row: photographic print, 1931 (0108_0002) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas Grammar School exterior: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0108_0003) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
New Las Vegas Grammar School exterior: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0108_0004) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
Group of schoolgirls and teachers: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0108_0005) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas Grammar School children dressed for Helldorado: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1940 to 1949 (0108_0006) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
School children dancing on grounds of Las Vegas Grammar School: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1940 to 1949 (01108_0007) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
Las Vegas High School girls during a physical education class: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1925 to 1929 (0108_0008) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
Parade on Fremont Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0108_0009) (view online)	folder 01

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SH-021

K. O. Knudson posed with other teachers at the Las Vegas Grammar School: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1949 (0108_0009a) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas Rotary Club Christmas Party with Las Vegas Rotary Club president A. C. Grant, secretary Bryan D. Bunker, and K. O. Knudson present: photographic print and photographic negative, 1940 (0108_0010) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
American Legion gathering in Las Vegas, Nevada with Rex Jarrett, K. O. Knudson, Isabelle Blackman, and two unidentified men: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0108_0011) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
Members of the Las Vegas, Nevada Masonic Lodge with K. O. Knudson, Mr. Hauseman, O. W. Glenn, Charles C. Barbour, and Spencer Butterfield present: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0108_0012) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
American Legion meeting at the Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, 1930 to 1969 (0108_0013) (view online)	box SH-021
K. O. Knudson, Grand Warden of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Nevada in attendance at the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California, Sacramento, California: photographic print, 1964 May (0108_0014) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas Elks Lodge with K. O. Knudson, Lee A. Donaldson, and John Rasussen present: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0015) (view online)	folder 01 box SH-021
Las Vegas Masonic Lodge dinner with K. O. Knudson and O. W. Glenn present: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1969 (0108_0016) (view online)	folder 01
C. P. "Pop" Squires, at far left, K. O. Knudson, at far right: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1969 (0108_0017) (view online)	folder 01
Members of the Las Vegas, Nevada Masonic Lodge with K. O. Knudson present: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1969 (0108_0018) (view online)	folder 01
Members of the Las Vegas, Nevada Masonic Lodge with K. O. Knudson present: photographic print, 1964 April 28 (0108_0019) (view online)	folder 01
American Legion dinner with K. O. Knudson present: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0020) (view online)	folder 01
Las Vegas, Nevada Masonic Lodge members with K. O. Knudson present: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0021) (view online)	folder 01
K. O. Knudson seated with four unidentified men: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1950 to 1959 (0108_0022) (view online)	folder 01

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Members of the Las Vegas, Nevada Masonic Lodge with K. O. present: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0023) (view online)	folder 01
Members of the Las Vegas, Nevada Masonic Lodge in front of their hall: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0025) (view online)	folder 01
K. O. Knudson is seated in the second row, second from left with others including "Pop" Squires: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0026) (view online)	folder 01
Members of the Las Vegas, Nevada Masonic Lodge with K. O. Knudson present: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0027) (view online)	folder 01
Members of the Las Vegas, Nevada Masonic Lodge with K. O. Knudson present: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0024) (view online)	folder 01
Awards ceremony with K. O. Knudson present: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1969 (0108_0028) (view online)	folder 01
Helldorado parade in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1969 (0108_0029) (view online)	folder 01
Decorated Christmas tree, Fremont Street: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1969 (0108_0030) (view online)	folder 01
Crowning of a prom queen at a high school dance: photographic print and photographic negative, approximately 1940 to 1949 (0108_0031) (view online)	folder 01
	box SH-021
High school dance: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1949 (0108_0032) (view online)	folder 01
Ken and Harriet Klent at the Nevada Club of Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1950 to 1969 (0108_0033) (view online)	folder 01
Knudson family children at the Riverside Studio in Reno, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1920 to 1949 (0108_0034) (view online)	folder 01
Three unidentified men: photographic print, approximately 1930 to 1939 (0108_0035) (view online)	folder 01
Scene during a Helldorado parade: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1969 (0108_0036) (view online)	folder 01
Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America at Hotel Statler, Washington, D.C. with K. O. Knudson present: photographic print, 1959 (0108_0037)	flat file 02