



# STATE UPDATE

## UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

### State Deputy's Message

A penny saved is a penny earned. It's so true, even if it is more fun earning a penny than it is saving one. A Knight saved is a Knight earned too. Like a penny, it is more fun recruiting a Knight than it is saving one from suspension. By recruiting, you get rewarded by moving your council towards Star, qualifying for state rewards, and getting recruiting points from Supreme all of which pale when compared to getting another pair of hands answering prayer in your council.

Saving a Knight from suspension easy to do, but it takes a little planning and work. There are three simple steps; activity, communication and advancement.

**Activity:** Keep your Knights active. Find things for them to do with new programs. Don't always go to the same ten guys for everything. Contact your Knights, particularly the new ones and ask them to help with a project. Don't wait for them to volunteer. "A busy Knight is a happy Knight." "Nobody volunteers to do nothing." We've heard those phrases before and we'll continue to hear them because they are true. Your reaching out to your brothers will keep them busy and feeling wanted.

**Communication:** How do you communicate with your members to invite them to activities? You need to have a council directory, with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. Will you be able to put one together in a month? No. 6 months, maybe. The assembly and maintenance of the directory is one of your (or the person assigned to the task) most important jobs. With this directory there are a number of things you can do:

Set up a phone tree to remind members of meetings and events. If 5 people phone 5 people it is a lot

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### District Master's Note

#### Thank You

Special thanks to Monsignor Cushnahan Assembly #1429 for hosting the March 4th, 2017 Fourth Degree unique Exemplification. Also, I personally would like to thank my committee members, Joe Garcia, Joe Neid, Andy Beck, Leon Bedord and Dan Castselli for their dedication and support and a special thank you to Phillip P. Know of Creations Graphics for their support. I owe Col. Ray Bachiller a debt of gratitude.

#### Next Fourth Degree Exemplification

Our next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be hosted by Padre Pio Assembly #2636 at St. Ambrose Church in East Salt Lake City, on Saturday, June 10th, 2017. Further information will be posted on Utah State KofC Website's calendar.

#### Recruit New Fourth Degree Members

As District Master for the John H. Reddin District, I am a little disappointed that we have not engaged Third Degree members to advance to the Patriot Degree of our Order. Why are we in a slump? Our State Deputy, State Officers, District Marshals, Faithful Navigators and Grand Knights all have to be engaged in turning around a very disappointing year in meeting our Fourth Degree quota. So far, the past two exemplification brought in only 29 new Sir Knights. Gentlemen, we need to turn these numbers around. We all have to be on board to promote the Fourth Degree. We have a challenge, what's working and what's not working. We need to find a solution to our problem in recruiting new Fourth Degree members. I'm open to any suggestions and ideas. We need to make up the low turnout in the two previous Exemplifications. We

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better than one person (you) calling 25 people. Ask members directly for their help. It is more difficult to refuse a direct invitation than to not raise your hand at a meeting. If you do it at a meeting, "plant" one member who you know will volunteer. The first volunteer is always the hardest to find; when he does, others will follow.

Send out monthly council newsletters whether hard copy or email. These are critical in keeping members engaged. Let them know what the council and state and Supreme are doing, when events are, provide them with news on the order. If you have a young member with the skills, ask them to put together a council web site. This has the multiple benefit of keeping them active doing something that interests them, communicating with your members, and advertising council events, particularly if there is a link from the parish web site to your site.

**Advancement:** A significant majority of suspended Knights are first degree Knights. Once Knights advance to the Knighthood degree they understand more of what our order is about and what we do and are more likely to stay Knights for life. Find degree dates on the state calendar (or better yet host one) and accompany your 1st Degree Knights there.

As our worthy State Secretary is rightfully fond of saying "Continually show your members the value of their membership." We do this by keeping them active and showing them the value of their charity, by communicating with them, showing them that they are valued and demonstrating to them the power of unity and unified purpose across the state and the order, and by advancing them so they can be further valued as knowledgeable officers.

Vivat Jesus!  
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

## District Master's Note (Cont.)

need at least 30 new Sir Knights for the upcoming Exemplification to join the Patriotic Degree. Let's all get inspired together and recruit new Knighthood Degree members to advance to the Patriotic Degree of the Order.

One solution is to have a clear guidance and open communication which is critical to the success of our Order. It is also incumbent upon me to get the word out to the District Marshals and Faithful Navigators on a monthly basis. In addition, to our membership goal for the Utah District of the Patriotic Degree for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year, our quota is 100 new Sir Knights. Also, we are expected to charter one new assembly in Utah this Fraternal Year. Get together with your District Marshals and let them know if you have any ideas or recommendations on proposing the stand-up of a new assembly.

### **District Marshal Position Opening**

I have accepted a request of the West area District Marshal to respectfully retire. I have accepted his request. Therefore, I have an opening for the District Marshal position for the West area (Assemblies 1144 and 3585). If interested please contact the District Master at 801-661-6341 and/or via e-mail at [vjs198@yahoo.com](mailto:vjs198@yahoo.com).

### **Urgent Message**

Has your assembly submitted their Annual Survey Report to Supreme? If not, please contact the District Master as soon as possible.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you are the life-giving water for which we thirst. You are the happiness and success for which we strive. You are the peace and joy for which we search. Lord Jesus, our hearts were made for you, and they will not rest until they rest in you.

"Sir Knight is more than a title... it's an honor!"

Yours in Christ,  
VJ Simonelli  
Utah District Master

# State Secretary's Corner

This is a time of year we have men and women coming thru RCIA and are being baptized and confirmed. I'm sure the vast majority of our parishes brought in some Catholic men. These men are excellent candidates to become Knights and live and learn their faith further through our domestic church programs. All our councils have wonderful programs to get these new knights and their family's involved.

Our state convention is rapidly approaching us and will be held at the Marriot in Park City, May 5th, 6th and 7th. Reservation material and information is available on our website, [utahknights.org](http://utahknights.org) and in this newsletter. As a reminder, please make sure your council is paid in full on all Utah State Council and Supreme Council assessments so you may be seated at our annual convention.

## HOW MUCH SHOULD MY COUNCIL GIVE?

Each year at our state convention it has been the custom for each council to give donations to the Diocese of Salt Lake. Remember, first and foremost, Knights are Catholic. Throughout the year we work on projects for our parish churches and in our communities. Once a year at our convention we take a moment and acknowledge our Diocese. Traditionally, councils give to five specific areas. This is Bishop Solis' first convention as our Bishop and we want to do well by him. So, how much should my council give?

**Christopher Fund** – for the support of our men in formation to become priests and other needs of the bishop. Suggestion of \$5.00 per new member quota as stated by Supreme. If you don't meet your quota, you still have the expectation of contributing \$5.00 per quota member (Quota 6 x \$5 = \$30).

**Vocations Fund** – for educating, promoting, and recruiting new seminarians for the priesthood. This fund has been used by the bishop of the diocese to help host ordinations. Suggested contribution is on schedule 1 below.

**Bishop's Fund** – for use at the discretion of the bishop for vocations, for culture of life, or where he thinks it is most needed. Suggested contribution is on schedule 2 below.

**Culture of Life Fund** – (formerly pro-life) this fund is to uphold the sanctity of life in all stages. This fund was established to support pro-life, covering abortion and euthanasia. Its fund name comes from St. John Paul II, who urged "Culture of Life" to include upholding the sanctity of marriage. Suggested contribution is on schedule 2 below.

**Scholarship Endowment Fund** – to provide higher education assistance to our graduating seniors. As we know our youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow. Education is more and more a necessity in the formula for success. Suggested contribution is on schedule 3 below.

<u>Schedule 1</u>		<u>Schedule 2</u>		<u>Schedule 3</u>	
1-50 Members	\$25	1-50 Members	\$25	1-50 Members	\$25
51-100 Members	\$50	51-100 Members	\$50	51-100 Members	\$35
101-150 Members	\$100	101-150 Members	\$75	101-150 Members	\$50
151-200 Members	\$150	151-200 Members	\$100	151-200 Members	\$75
201+ Members	\$175	201+ Members	\$125	201+ Members	\$100

In reality if every council gave at the very least, the minimum suggestion for each fund, we would bolster many of the areas where our diocese has needs, especially in the area of vocations. Every council should make preparations throughout the fraternal year as to how they will play their part. Each year the State Council looks forward to presenting these financial gifts to our diocese at our convention. They are a testament to the continued support of the Utah Knights of Columbus.

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Of course, there is nothing to stop your council from giving more, and we are grateful to those that do. Please include these funds in your budget and make them a part of your financial plans for 2018.

The often used phrase "Vivat Jesus" which translates as "May Jesus Live" takes on a special meaning for us on Easter. Julie and I wish all of you and your families a blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus!

Rick Kump



Utah State Secretary

### State Convention – Ladies' Activities

Saturday, May 6th wives are expected to attend the opening session at 9:00 which will dismiss by 10:00. They are then required to attend the 5:00 Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, (1505 White Pine Canyon Road Park City, UT 84060).

Since there is a good part of the day to enjoy Park City, here are a few options for a women's activity. Among the officers' wives the last activity listed below is most popular. If this also appeals to you, please read the directions carefully, as it requires reserving a spot as soon as possible.

NOTE Please choose which of the 4 listed here appeals to you and let Giselle Airriess ([gairriess@msn.com](mailto:gairriess@msn.com)) know before April 15th so that travel from the hotel can be arranged for you.

1. A downtown historic museum tour of Park City's mining to skiing past. <http://parkcityhistory.org/>
2. A tour of the Olympic Park (one hour with a museum to visit afterwards).  
<http://utaholympiclegacy.org/activity/park-guided-tours/>
3. Park City's Factory Outlet Mall: <http://www.tangeroutlet.com/parkcity>
4. The "Paint Mixer" a painting activity (which is Giselle's preference since she has already done the first 2 activities mentioned). If you would like to join other officer's wives, please see the instructions included below for "The Paint Mixer" [thepaintmixer.com](http://thepaintmixer.com)

NOTE: We will be doing the piece "Cosmos". You can see it, listed alphabetically in the "Gallery" link, on their homepage. This session will also be open to the public and it may fill up, so register soon. Please let Giselle know that you got the link below to work and you were able to register. The registration link below is for our group so when signing up, **type in the "notes" section "Knights"**, this will allow for seating everyone in the group together. If you know other wives attending the convention who'd like to join us, please share this link with them to register for the event: <https://www.thepaintmixer.com/quick-signup.php?eventid=5500>

**Also of interest:** Park City pregnancy resource center: A brief visit across the street from the convention hotel to this resource center where the Utah Knights have donated an ultrasound machine for expectant mothers to "see" their infants and make more informed decisions regarding the need for an abortion. Scheduled times for these visits will be announced soon.



## State Program Updates

**Upcoming Event Highlights:** See all the upcoming activities and events in the state at [www.utahknights.org](http://www.utahknights.org)

- Saturday, 22 April: Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner with Bishop Solis, find more information or make reservations at [www.kofcassembly3586.org](http://www.kofcassembly3586.org)
- Saturday, 29 April: MS Walk, Veterans Memorial Park, West Jordan – Contact Jerry Angus [j.angus@comcas.net](mailto:j.angus@comcas.net)
- 29-30 April: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program, <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/church-activities/5th-sunday-rosary.html#/>
- 5-7 May: 110<sup>th</sup> Utah State Convention. Hosted by District #7. Event will be held at the Park City Marriott. More info at [www.utahknights.org](http://www.utahknights.org)

**FEATURED PROGRAM – Into the Breach:** A new feature of Catholic Information Service’s Veritas Series, this guide can help every council promote the discussion of masculinity and courage among the men of their parish. Studying Into the Breach (#340) <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/cis340.pdf> opens wide our council doors and invites parishioners to join the Knights of Columbus in strengthening Catholic men and families. Studying and discussing Into the Breach would be ideal during the Lenten and Easter seasons. The booklet can easily be divided and read over the course of several weeks.

**PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT – MS Walk:** Brothers get your walking shoes ready, why? Saturday April 29th we will be doing a great civic and healthy function to support the Multiple Sclerosis foundation with their annual walk at the Veterans Memorial Park in West Jordan Utah, 1985 West 7800 South. Show time is 9:00 AM and walk will be at 10:00. We have shirts for sale for all, and cold water for the thirst. Please come support brother Knights, but more importantly let’s show the MS society we really care about the cause with our support. Contact State Community Director Jerry Angus for more information. [j.angus@comcast.net](mailto:j.angus@comcast.net) 801.580.9540

**St Patrick’s Day Parade 18 March with Bishop Solis:** Knights, Knights, and more Knights. Bishop Solis, Parade Grand Marshall, started the event with a prayer and blessing. The Honor Guard consisted of 40+ Knights, followed by our Bishop, then Knights families and friends. A special shout out to Sir Knight Patrick Dougherty, PGK, also President of the Hibernian Society, who arranged all the parade participants and ensured the Knights were at the head of the parade.



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# 110TH UTAH STATE CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

MAY 5 – 7, 2017 | PARK CITY MARIOTT | 1895 SIDEWINDER DRIVE, PARK CITY, UT 84060

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Submit this Meal Reservation Form and Payment by April 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. Tracking reservations is easier if each Knight submits this form.**

**Accommodation.** \$103 / night + taxes Call: 1-800-721-7033 or visit <http://utahknights.org> Promo Code KCUKCUA

Note: A \$20 destination fee per day will be on the reservation but removed at check in.

**Last day to reserve rooms is April 17<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### Friday, May 5, 2017

#### **Past State Deputies Buffet Dinner**

Social @ 6:30 PM / Dinner @ 7:00 PM – Prospector 1

Soup du jour, Garden Salad

Pork Egg Rolls & Buffalo Chicken Wings

Vegetable Crudité & Antipasti

Glazed Ham & Roast Turkey

Chef's selection of mini desserts

\_\_\_\_\_ @30/meal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday, May 7, 2017

Main Convention

Committee Meetings @ 7:30 AM

State Deputy Address @ 9:00 AM – open to all

Ladies Activity

To Be Announced

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22/meal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deli Lunch Buffet

Fruit, Salads, Make your own Sandwiches

Saturday Mass

5:00 PM @ To Be Announced

Awards Banquet

Social @ 6:30 PM / Dinner @ 7:00 PM

**Pick 1 Entrée + 1 Dessert (for each banquet meal)**

Mixed Greens

\_\_\_\_\_  NY Strip w/ black peppercorn sauce

\_\_\_\_\_  Chicken Marsala (Marsala wine & butter mushroom)

\_\_\_\_\_  Trout w/ Mango Chutney

\_\_\_\_\_  Stuffed Chile Relleno

\_\_\_\_\_  NY Style Cheesecake

\_\_\_\_\_  Apple Pie

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$38/meal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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