



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

We've written a lot about the need for change, and openness to it on these pages recently. Times change, tools change, people change, and if we don't change to accommodate these changes, we are at great risk. This is true for us a men, as Knights, and as Catholics. Change requires learning, and that is a very good thing. Learning keeps us fresh, aware, and eager for more.

Learning can be easy and convenient. Supreme has a lot of new training resources available for Knights. The training portal has opened at kofc.org. Log on to the web site and click the large Training icon. You will find videos and training on council operations, membership and programs, and fraternal officer training as well as much more. This feature is continually growing, so check back frequently.

Learning and staying on top of change is critical for attracting new Knights. What did Knights donate across the order in hours and dollars last year? How about the state? Your council? Knowing these facts is likely to be helpful when talking to a candidate about joining the order. Learning these numbers, and learning where to find or who to ask for the numbers, or any facts about the Knights, is an important part of being a leader.

Learning and staying on top of change is critical for running your council properly. What forms are available electronically? What new info is Supreme asking for? How can you save time doing the administrative parts of your job so you can spend more time on the more rewarding part of your job, serving others?

Supreme is helping there too. I've been regularly watching Supreme's webinars and have been getting

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District Master's Note

Recruit - Appoint a Fourth Degree Liaison

The only real source of new members that your assembly can draw from is that of the local council. That is why it is imperative that your assembly is visible to those prospect Sir Knights in your area.

One way to make your assembly more visible is to appoint a Patriotic Degree liaison, or representative within each local council assigned to the assembly. The liaison can answer any questions they may have during a meeting and encourage Third Degree members to join the Patriotic Degree. Here are the steps to appointing a liaison:

The faithful navigator should review the roster of each council and identify those members who are proven recruiters, sales oriented and who know the Patriotic Degree quite well.

Notify the local grand knight that the liaison will attend council meetings as a representative of the assembly, to update members: on assembly events, activities, Patriotic Degree membership, future scheduled exemplification dates, and answer any questions.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators, please take the time during both Council and Assembly meetings to promote the Fourth Degree Exemplification and encourage Third Degree or lower members to attain the title of Sir Knight.

If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic; and

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lots of good information from them. If you haven't seen them all, search for "webinar" on kofc.org and watch a few. They include notes pages so you won't even have to transcribe the parts of the webinar you find particularly helpful.

We at the state level are also working to help your learning to get specific training in your hands too. At the organizational meeting and at the upcoming midyear meeting we have more presenters from councils who provide peer-to-peer instruction and helpful tips and tricks to run your council more efficiently, economically, and with greater productivity. The best part of this for me, personally? I learn so much from these presenters and the innovative way they have solved problems by using technology, experience, or just plain hard work. Plus, it is inspirational.

All that learning is then put into practice and we learn further from the experience. Now, the circle starts to form. Having learned all that you have, the time will come to take what you have learned and impart it to someone who is growing in their Knighthood. In this way, what you have learned gets passed to one or more people who, with the jump start you have given them, can more quickly come up to speed in their service to others and to your council. What a gift you have given!

The New Year and the time for resolutions is here. What do you say we all take on the resolution to step up our learning and the passing on of what we have learned to those who will take our place?

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

District Master's Note (Cont.)

you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree.

The goal for all Knights should be to become a Sir Knight. It would be a major accomplishment if half the members of each council were Sir Knights. As you know, the Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree. In these times, we must band together to preserve our freedoms as American citizens and as Catholics. The lessons taught in this degree are impressive and not forgotten. Please help recruit Third Degree members from our Utah Councils to become Fourth Degree Sir Knights.

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification

The next Exemplification will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in South Ogden, Utah on March 4th, 2017. Go to the Utah Knights of Columbus website, www.utahknights.org for additional information.

New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

"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 the time of year that I go see my doctor and have a physical. It is also the time of year I review my automobile and home insurance and financial goals. Hint: There is only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

So in that spirit I would like all of us to look at our councils and see how we are doing. How are our membership goals? What about programs and other things that keep our councils vibrant?

I would also like to discuss forms. Why so many and why are they important? There is a reason for all the Knights' forms, here's a look at some of the required forms.

Form 185: **REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR THE TERM...** This form includes your council number, name, location and when the members meet. It also lists the name for the Council Officers so that Supreme is able to send information to them. This form is sent to Supreme and copies are to be sent to the State Deputy, District Deputy and one for your council's files. This report is due no later than June 30th.

Form 365: **SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONELL REPORT...** This form is used to send information and materials to various directors and program chairman to assist them in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities. Very, very important: Be sure to include a good readable e-mail address. This report is due August 1st.

Form 1295: **SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT...** This form is to be completed two times a year. It should be performed by the Grand Knight and the Trustees. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer should not prepare audits but each should be available to answer any questions regarding the audit. Remember we are auditing their books. These reports are due by February 15th and August 15th.

Form 1728: **ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY...** This is how Supreme Council gathers information so we can maintain our tax free charitable status. Please note: There are a lot of people out there that would like churches to lose their tax free status. This is why it's imperative that all 36 councils in our state complete this form. This form is due January 31st.

Form SP-7: **COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION...** This form is used to report your council's charitable service activities and fraternal programs in each surge with service program categories. They are Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth Activities. Visit <http://www.kofc.org/domesticchurch> this will give you the most updated list of eligible programs, activities and resources. Please note: All our councils can earn the Columbian Award achievement. Complete and turn this form in! This form is due June 30th but please complete and submit it early if you have the programs completed.

Is your council on the path to Star Council Award?
Julie and I wish you and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Vivat Jesus!
Rick Kump



Utah State Secretary

Utah Knights Facebook Page

The State Council's Facebook page has been much more active lately... are you following it? There have been pictures and posts from recent events like the Red Cross holiday blood drive, ultrasound machine in Park City being used for the first time, council Christmas parties, Coats for Kids distributions, even live video from the Shop with a Cop down in Spanish Fork.

Please follow us on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/UtahKofC/>

State Program Updates

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT – Coats for Kids. In November and December, three separate distributions were held at locations throughout the state. During the first distribution at Catholic Community Services (CCS) in Ogden, nearly 500 children received new and gently used winter clothing items. The second distribution took place at CCS in downtown Salt Lake City. At that time, 362 kids also received warm winter coats, hats and gloves. The third event was held at St Mary of the Assumption in Park City. Grand Knight Jack Cunniff reported they served breakfast and distributed 124 coats to the Holy Cross Ministries and Heber City Santa's Helper programs. Knights throughout the state have pooled their resources, and in some cases teamed with parishioners, to purchase new coats and also gather many gently used coats for donations to needy kids. As you can see from these pictures, an exceptional spirit of charity and love was experienced by all those who participated.



- **Order Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT)**
http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/freethrow_kit_p.pdf
- Begin collecting data for the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)**
http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/fraternal_survey1728_p.pdf due 31 January 2017
- **New Requirement for Columbian Award:** To earn the Columbian Award, councils must now conduct at least four Surge with Service activities that are also designated as domestic church programs. Visit kofc.org/domesticchurch for the most up-to-date list of eligible programs and activities and to find resources that will help your council conduct them.
- **Supreme Program Kits** - All contest kits can be ordered by visiting kofc.org/forms or calling 203-752-4016

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