



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

We have been talking about change a lot in these pages recently, and for good reason. It is everywhere. But, we are human, and we tend to think that things will stay the way they are. When you are sick, it is difficult to imagine what it was like to be well. When we are well, we easily forget what it was like to be sick. The same is true with our councils. YOUR council.

In my short time as a Knight, I can easily recall many councils that were strong and vibrant. Their officers moved up the ladder, learning the skills necessary to be a good grand knight, then leading their council to great success. Today, some of those councils have revolving leadership doors, do the same projects they always have, and are not growing. Other councils that were stagnant have turned around completely. One council in particular had two men show up for council meetings, the grand knight and the financial secretary. This went on for about a year. The two did projects two men could do. Then things changed. The two men were joined by more men. Then more. After 4 years, the council was awarded Star Council. Another council had a new Grand Knight come in and the council, which was a good council, became a great council. Tremendously active, lots of new Knights, lots of new programs, and the officer chain of succession was reestablished with a parade of good men ready to take on the leadership mantle.

These changes don't happen overnight. From good council moving to stagnant council, the common threads are lack of recruiting, no new projects, and disengagement from other councils. From stagnant to good, the exact opposite is true, they recruited, they tried new things, and they were engaged with their brothers in other councils through district programs

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District Master's Note

Congratulations

First of all, I would like to recognize and offer my congratulations to two extraordinary Sir Knights, Todd Holzhauser, who was honored as the 2017 Knight of the Year and Bill Kelly, who was honored as the 2017 Family of the year. Both of these Sir Knights are members of Assembly #2577. Also, congratulations to Rev. Msgr. Pollock Assembly #3586 and Padre Pio Assembly #2636 for receiving the Patriotic Awards. Faithful Navigators Nick Nielson and Dick Hall respectfully accepted the plaque awards on behalf of their assemblies.

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification

On Saturday 10 June 2017 we will hold a Fourth Degree Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree of the Order at St. Ambrose Church in Salt Lake City. The Honoree is Rev. Fr. Andrzej Skrzypiec, Pastor of St. Ambrose Church. Come and support the Sir Knights and honoree by coming to the banquet. Information can be found on the Utah Knights of Columbus website.

Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Year Award

The Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Year Award will be presented at the Fourth Degree Exemplification on 10 June 2017 at St. Ambrose Church in Salt Lake City. Let's hold true to the vision of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. His vision and our history show that the Knights of Columbus was, is, and will continue to be true to our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. In order to make this upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification a reflection of our founder's foresight, let's recruit Third Degree members to advance to the Fourth Degree of the Order. We all can reach out to a Third

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and meetings and coming to state events such as the convention, mid-year and organizational meetings.

Unfortunately, the move from good to stagnant is easy. All you have to do is a little less, then another little bit less. The council coasts like a car without a foot on the gas and before you know it the engine that was driving you is slowing you down. Getting a council going again takes a lot more effort than keeping one going. If you want to see all the wonders the world has to offer, the beautiful fraternal scenery, the vistas of charity, all with your brothers in unity, invite others into your car, teach them to drive, and take it all in.

We have the Organizational meeting coming up in July. Details are in this state update. We hope you will join us in a day of learning and brotherhood. We've had an increasing number of Knights throughout the state attending (96 at the mid-year meeting) these get-togethers because they have found great value in the presentations. This meeting will be no different with your fellow council leaders presenting on their successes and how they achieved them as well as important information on such topics as liquor control (the state is cracking down on Catholic organizations). Please come and invite other members of your council who may be considering leadership. Teaching others to drive is an important part of your vocation as a Knight of Columbus

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

District Master's Note (Cont.)

Degree member and invite him to fulfill his journey to full Knighthood. What a tribute to our founder.

West Area District Marshal Position

I'm still accepting applications for this position. If you are interested, please contact the Master of the Fourth Degree at 801-661-6341.

Newly Elected Faithful Navigators

With the election of new Faithful Navigators, I will mail out the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus which specifically sets the duties of the Assembly Officers. It also will serve as a guide to assist new Sir Knights and interested parties to be properly informed.

Flag Day June 14th

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are – no more, no less. Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: “One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” God grant that I may spend eternity in my “land of the free and home of the brave” and that I shall ever be known as “Old Glory”, the flag of the United States of America.

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

Yours in Christ,
VJ Simonelli
Utah District Master

Social Media 101: Supreme Council is here to help Our *Social Media 101 Guide* includes all the tips and tricks we've been sharing monthly in *Knighline*. You will also find links to reliable Catholic content, a guide to using the official K of C logo and emblem, resources for developing a brand voice consistent with the Supreme Council, and the entirety of the Knights of Columbus Social Communications Policy. If you'd like to receive a *Social Media 101 Guide*, please send an email to socialmedia@kofc.org. In the email, be sure to include your council name, number and location, as well as links to your council's social media pages

State Secretary's Corner

It was such an awesome experience to see and talk with so many of you at the State Convention. Enthusiasm and dedication was expressed and felt from all our delegates, officers, guests and families. As we move toward the conclusion of our 2016-17 fraternal year, let's take that dedication and enthusiasm and use it for our final membership push! As we've seen and experienced the many programs we do in the state, we truly do need more hands!

Our focus should be in the following area, Star Council. Every Council should be striving to attain Star Council status and should have your Form 365 and Fraternal Surveys already in. Secondly, you need to earn the Fr. McGivney and Founder's Awards by meeting your membership and insurance member quotas for the year.

Work with your pastor to get another Church Drive scheduled and 1st Degrees on your calendar. Call your respective field agents that we now have assigned to councils and work to get those insurance members signed up for the New Member Annuity.

Please get your Columbian Award form in and make sure you copy me and our State Deputy. If there is a problem, there will be time to fix and re-send. When I served as a Grand Knight, SD Doug Shane was able to jump in and help me fix our form so our council was able to make this achievement.

All of you do some wonderful work during the year and your brother knights along with your council deserve the credit and need to be recognized. It's also time to celebrate our achievements and renew friendships.

Congratulations again for those councils that submitted for awards this year. Here is a re-cap of winners.

Church Award: St. Olaf Council 5502- Paul Tinker, Grand Knight. (Bingo Builds the Parish Family)

Community Award: Fr. Joseph Valine Council 11246- Harry Polland, Grand Knight (Coats for Kids)

Council Award: Bishop Hunt Council 5214- VJ Simonelli, Grand Knight (Friday Night Charity Bingo)

Culture of Life: Corpus Christi Council 6966- Trevor Hinkley, Grand Knight (Ultrasound Machine Fundraiser)

Family Award: Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9731- Ryan Graveley Grand Knight (All Souls Day)

Youth Award: Bishop Hunt Council 5214- VJ Simonelli, Grand Knight (Juvenile Youth Service Program)

Family of the Year: William and Natalie Kelly Family, St. Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181

Knight of the Year: Todd Holzhauser, St. Thomas Moore Council 11479

Take note of the call from Supreme to use all of our programs as vehicles for spreading the news of what we do and engaging parishioners, parents, and prospects in our activities to help bring more members into the Order! Let's finish our year strong!

Vivat Jesus!

Rick Kump



Utah State Secretary

Upcoming Degrees (Please see State website calendar for degrees)

- Admission Degrees – **6/13/2017**, 6 PM St. Francis Xavier, Kearns. Contact VJ Simonelli 801.661.6341
– **6/20/2017**, 7 PM St Francis of Assisi, Orem. Contact Jim Arguello 801.404.2716
– **6/20/2017**, 7 PM St Ambrose, Salt Lake City. Contact Dick Hall 801.891.9792
- Patriotic 4th Degree – **6/10/2017**, 12:15 PM registration 1:30 PM Degree, St Ambrose, Salt Lake City

Insurance Assurance

Don't Assume You Can't Afford Disability Income Insurance One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order's Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget. Here are two ways you can reduce your premium:

1. Choose a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period. Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year duration benefit period would cover disabilities you might encounter in your working life.
2. Choose a longer elimination period. An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy's premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional insurance agents, risk management are our specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

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State Program Updates

See all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state. <http://utahknights.org/>

- 3 June: 1st Annual Swap Meet and Car Show sponsored by St John the Baptist Church in Draper. Details on state home page.
- 17-18 June: Father's Day weekend. Celebrate Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows during or immediately following all Masses.
- 30 July: 5th Sunday Rosary. To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary. Knights, their families and other parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary as a corporate body every time a 5th Sunday occurs during a month.
- Confirm that your council has submitted the *Application for Refund Support Vocations Program* (#2863) and *Food For Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application* (#10057)

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT – Take a Year-End Inventory. A year-end inventory is a great way council officers and program directors can help incoming officers and chairmen in the new fraternal year which begins July 1. Begin this inventory by discussing last year's membership recruitment, retention and program activities. Size up their strengths and weaknesses. When reviewing, provide a fair and unbiased assessment, and avoid assigning blame for unsuccessful projects. When reviewing programs, ask these questions: 1. How well did the council follow the membership recruitment and service programming plans designed at the start of the year? 2. Were these plans realistic? 3. Were the plans overly ambitious, or did they fail to tap into the council's full potential? 4. Were goals achieved? 5. Were families involved to a sufficient degree? If not, how can family involvement be expanded? 6. Were the entire parish and community involved in these efforts? 7. Were Supreme Council materials fully utilized? 8. What programs can be expanded or improved? How can glitches be avoided next year? 9. How might your council plan differently or more wisely in the upcoming fraternal year? Please share this year-end inventory and evaluation with your council's incoming grand knight and program directors.

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