



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

October is one of two months in the calendar for church membership drives. Because no one recruitment type works for every candidate, along with one-on-one recruiting, this is an important way to grow you councils so you can expand your charity without exhausting everybody in your council. Hopefully, your council is joining the other successful councils in the state and having a coordinated church drive. Getting these new members is, believe it or not, just the middle of three steps in your recruiting efforts.

The first step in this process is to find out what needs to be done in the parish or community. Talk to your Pastor, find out what he wants out of your council. Find out what state or supreme programs your council is not participating in. Then, when you talk with potential members, mention the new projects your council would like to take on at the direction of your priest.

The second step is the actual recruitment. The number one reason people don't join the Knights is because nobody asked them. When you recruit your Knight, ask them about their work, family, and interests. This will help you decide what kinds of programs to offer them and make it more likely for them to select one in which they would like to become involved. Asking a truck driver to become your council's new webmaster may not be the best idea. Asking the athletic young father with an active son and daughter to participate in the council soccer challenge or free throw championship is a better idea. With the reasons you need them, their joining becomes more of a "they want me" instead of "they want somebody" situation.

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State Chaplain's Summation

The Church has a new saint! Ooops, better to say that the Church has made a new canonized saint. Nope, that is still not right. The Church has recognized a new saint through the process of canonization. That's it! The Church doesn't make saints, God does. And there are many, many more saints than we could possibly imagine. Everyone who gets to Heaven is a saint. A few of these are recognized by the Church (through the sanctity of their life on earth and the testimony of miracles due to their intercession after death) and recommended to the faithful for veneration and imitation through the process of canonization. A long way of saying that Mother Theresa is now Saint Theresa of Calcutta.

You would think that this news would be greeted with universal joy, but it wasn't. Like Or Lord, Mother Theresa was a sign of contradiction. Her unyielding pro-life witness won her few secular friends. Some pointed how that her order's care of the poorest of the poor wasn't up to First World medical standards. There are other criticisms, but what offended the World most was her view of suffering and those who suffer. There was a meme on the web that said, "Theresa, suffering is not a blessing!"

The world cannot comprehend the idea that suffering can be a blessing, that those who suffering can share in the sufferings of Christ, and that by caring for the suffering in a very real sense we are caring for the Lord who suffered and died for them. We live in an anesthetic society were pain is seen as the ultimate evil. Don't get me wrong, we aren't

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State Deputy's Message (Cont.)

Then comes the last step. When you get a new member, get them involved immediately. Give them something to do at their first meeting, no matter how small. Have them buy the hot dog buns, send them to deliver the baby clothes you collected . . . anything. Don't wait for them to volunteer, ask them to do it. By getting them involved right off the bat these men will be more likely to immediately feel part of the group and can report on their project the next meeting, further increasing their inclusion.

Then, get them to the next Formation and Knighthood degrees. The more a Knight learns about us and advances in degrees, the more they get involved, the more likely they will remain a Knight for life.

Recruiting in this comprehensive approach will make it easier for you to attract interested men, will help ensure their continued participation for years to come, and because of their knowledge and enthusiasm for the cause, will make them more likely to recruit others.

With more Knights properly trained and advanced, our capability to answer more prayers becomes greater with every day. Just imagine all the good we could do!

Vivat Jesus,
Andy Airriess, State Deputy



Republic of Genoa, part of the Papal States and now the northern part of Italy. Columbus lived in Lisbon, learned Portuguese and married the daughter of a nobleman giving him standing in the courts. He was a trader impressed as a youth by the travels of Marco Polo and the tales of the riches of Asia. He was convinced the world was round and not flat and tried in vain to have the courts fund an Asian expedition using a western route. Columbus eventually went to Spain and received the financing he needed and the rest is history. We benefit to this day as Americans his legacy.

State Chaplain's Summation (Cont.)

masochists, but don't we endure and even subject ourselves to pain for a greater good? Exercise anyone? Fasting? We were saved by the suffering of Jesus and our suffering can be united with His. This is the real meaning of 'offering it up' and if we accept it as a share in the sufferings of the Lord it can be a blessing to ourselves as we are using it for the salvation of souls. As the Lord makes clear in His parables, when we help those in need, we are helping Him. This is particularly true when we help those who are suffering. We walk in the footsteps of St. Simon of Cyrene and St. Veronica.

St. Theresa of Calcutta was and is a living example of the Catholic understanding of suffering and the value of each human life, regardless of their health. (And if you haven't seen the official canonization portrait which was commissioned by the Order, check out Supreme's website.)

Fr. Erik Reichsteig
Utah State Chaplain

State Secretary's Corner

October marks the month for our nation and our Order, the Knights of Columbus, to honor our namesake, Christopher Columbus.

While we celebrate as a nation his birthday on October 12th he was really born somewhere between October 30th 1450 and October 31st 1451 in the

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Master's Musings

(Excerpt form Master's Provincial Annual Review)

Plans for this Year:

This year we will continue to look at the numerical and geographic size of the existing Assemblies and begin plans to divide them into smaller ones. At the organization meeting I challenged the Grand Knights to not only gain one new member per council per month, but also advance three new Sir Knights per council per YEAR. This will certainly help us meet our membership goal for the year. I will continue my monthly newsletters, input to the State Council and to visit the assemblies and newer councils as often as possible. As District Master I will continue to make Patriotic Degree presentations at the organizational and mid-year meetings and at the state convention.

Closing Thoughts:

Utah is traditionally among the leaders in membership growth in our Order. This presents an outstanding opportunity for advancement to the Patriotic Degree. Formation Degrees are scheduled each month in one of the eleven districts in the state. Utah Knights need to encourage growth into the Knighthood Degree and we must increase our efforts at recruiting these Knights into the Patriotic Degree. I have the support of some dedicated Knights – the State Officers, Vice Supreme Master, District Marshals, Faithful Navigators, my Degree Team and my brother Knights – who look forward to the increased growth of the Patriotic Degree in Utah. I wish to thank them for their efforts the past year and the successes I know they will achieve this year in assisting their new District Master.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Utah District Master
V.J. Simonelli



State Secretary's Corner (Cont.)

Jumping forward to 1882 we encounter Father Michael J. McGivney. Father McGivney saw firsthand the devastation that happened when a man, the bread winner died and left families penniless. Catholics were persecuted for their religion and excluded from labor unions and fraternal organizations that provided support and social services.

Father McGivney with a few catholic men from his parish incorporated in the state of Connecticut our fraternal organization The Knights of Columbus. At first it was father's intent to name our Order the "Sons of Columbus" but our first Supreme Knight, James Mullen suggested the use of Knights to better reflect our ritualistic nature. Over a century later the Knights of Columbus is the largest catholic men's family fraternal organization in the world. Our organization still to this day provides financial security to families of deceased Knights. Thru Father Michael J. McGivney we also enjoy as Catholic men our fraternal side as we honor our pledge of charity, unity and fraternity.

In 2008 Pope Benedict XV1 recognized Father McGivney's heroic virtue allowing him to be called "Venerable Servant of God". When our cause is approved he will be the first priest born in the United States to be canonized as a saint.

It is with hope and prayer, we as brothers in the Knights of Columbus fulfill our duty and ask every Catholic man and opportunity to join our wonderful organization as we further the dream of our founder Venerable Father Michael J McGivney.

Your state council wishes all of you success in your state wide membership church drive being held this month.

Vivat Jesus!
Rick Kump

Utah State Secretary

Insurance Assurance

Here are 10 Reasons Why You Should Become an *Insured* Member

1. **Insurance for brother Knights by brother Knights.** You get to work with a financial professional who has your best interest at heart.
2. **Exclusive Access.** As a Knight, you and your family have exclusive access to our comprehensive product portfolio including whole life, term life, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance, as well as our retirement annuities.
3. **Custom Solutions.** Most of our products are flexible so that you can pick the right amount and the right options for you and your budget.
4. **Dividends.** Many of our whole life plans are participating plans which means if approved by the Board of Directors, you may be eligible for a return of premium, also called a dividend, which you can receive as cash or use to buy more insurance
5. **Guarantees.** Many of our products come with guarantees, such as guarantee of principle, or guaranteed cash values.
6. **Strength.** For over 40 consecutive years we have earned the highest rating available for financial strength by A.M. Best.
7. **Values.** When you do business with the Knights of Columbus, you get the added comfort of knowing that your company invests its money ethically, and gives generously.
8. **Mission.** Insured members participate fully in our venerable founder Father Michael J. McGivney's vision of financial protection for Catholic families.
9. **More Free Benefits.** Insured members are eligible for two free programs: The Family Fraternal Benefit Program and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit, which can assist brother Knights and their families in a time of need.
10. **Peace of Mind.** Enjoy the comfort of knowing that your family is secure.

State Program Updates

Supreme Program Kits All kits can be ordered by calling 203-752-4016 or visiting kofc.org/forms.

- **Soccer Challenge** Sunday 16 Oct, registration at 1PM, start at 2PM. New location – St. Joseph the Worker Church 7405 S. Redwood Rd., West Jordan. Contact Pat Dougherty for more info, patrickdougherty123@comcast.net 801-352-0697
- **Essay Contest** Order kits from Supreme (#EA-KIT) incorporate Catholic Schools and Religious Ed programs at your parishes, contact Tom Giron giront58@msn.com 801-867-3347
- **Coats for Kids** Start fund raising now or plans to fund raise. Contact Michael Derrick for ideas and info., mderr548@gmail.com, 385-444-8143
- **Ultrasound Initiative**/Park City Pregnancy Help Center, already collected \$13,022, still needed \$4,978 by September 30. Has your council made a donation? Contact John Wainscott wains@sisna.com
- **The 5th Sunday Rosary Program** (weekend of 29-30 October) – encourage greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Upcoming October events:** Charitable Service Outreach Week 1-9 Oct, Hold Council Church Drives 8-9 and 15-16 Oct, Order Christmas Poster Contest Kit (#CPC-KIT) by 13 Oct, Council Admission Degree Week 17-23 Oct, Order Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT) 29 Oct.

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