



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

Christmas

In this time between Thanksgiving and Christmas I feel a constant mixture of giving thanks for the gifts I have been given and looking forward to the gifts I will give.

Besides my wife and daughters (and now my granddaughter) the best gift I have been given is you. Being regularly surrounded by my brother Knights has been such a strong influence on my life. Your passion for doing good, your brotherhood, the strength of your faith and your friendship have done wonders for me as a person and my home life. It has made me a more reverent, passionate Catholic. That is a debt I can never repay.

Yet, I try to repay that debt in the only way I know how, by giving back to the order that has given so much to me. What better gifts for a man than those of faith, family, fun and . . . I'm thinking of a word that means "charity" but begins with an "P" and I just can't. The person who emails me the best one by Christmas gets a Knights of Columbus umbrella. Really. I'll give it to you at the Mid-year meeting.

I see what you have given me and it is a gift that I just can't help but wanting to give to others. Every day I spend as a Knight is like Christmas. I get to give the gift of warmth with a new coat. I get to give the gift of accomplishment with the science fair. I get to give the gift of life with ultrasound machines and blood drives. I get to give success with free throw and soccer challenges. I get to give a warm meal. I get to give the gift of faith with 5th Sunday Rosaries.

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District Master's Note

Condolences

Please pray for our Sir Knight Clarence "Rocky" Rockwell who passed away on October 31st, 2017. Rocky was a member of Assembly #1144 and a parishioner of St. Olaf's Parish in Bountiful. His wake was held on Friday, November 3rd and his funeral mass was held on Saturday, November 4th. The Knights of Columbus Resolution of Condolence was presented to the family after the Liturgy. May our Lord bless you and comfort his family during this time of grief.

Regalia Update from Supreme Master, Dennis Stoddard

Due to increasing number of orders for the new Fourth Degree uniforms with over 8,000 uniforms on backorder, the wearing of the Fourth Degree Regalia, which includes the Cape and Chapeau, will be extended to June 30, 2019. Therefore, as of July 1, 2019 the new Fourth Degree dress uniform must be worn by all color corps members.

November's Exemplification

On November 18, 2017 a Fourth Degree Exemplification was held at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Kearns. I am pleased to report that 25 candidates advanced to the title of Sir Knight. The honoree for the Exemplification was Fr. Dominic Briese. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Fourth Degree team and especially Fr. John Evans, our Faithful Friar, Chief Marshal Todd Holzhauser, District Marshal Dan Caselli, District Marshal Stacey Yeager, and to all the Sir Knights who participated in the Honor Guard.

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State Deputy's Message (Cont.)

I get to give fraternity by giving men friends to work, pray, and give with. I get to give the gift of accomplishment when I see men do things they never thought they could.

When I travel from council to council and I see the wonderful work we do in our parishes, our communities, our families and in our lives, I see men who are better than they once were. Better because of the work they have done, the love they have given, and joy they have spread. I see short men and tall men, white men and brown men, skinny men and fat men, old men and young men and all these men have one thing in common, no matter how different the look, how different they talk, how different they act, and how different they live. These men share the fact that someone asked them to become a Knight. That someone changed their lives for the better.

I can do just so much as a Knight. There are just so many hours in a day, just so many hands at the ends of my arms, just so many miles I can travel. But, if I ask a man to become a Knight and he agrees, I've just doubled the number of my hands. I become a force multiplier, helping to make more good in the world.

This December, give the gift of Knighthood to a man and make some real change in his life and in the world. Be the man new that Knight will thank for the rest of his life.

Vivat Jesus!



Andy Airriess
Utah State Deputy



District Master's Note (Cont.)

Christmas Greetings

This season of the year is a most wonderful time to count our blessings, give thanks to God for His goodness to us and share our blessings with others in a spirit of generosity and love.

We may be feeling grateful for the gifts we receive from family and friends or our employers during this giving season.

We may feel gratitude for the opportunity to travel and spend time with our own family and loved ones who live away from us.

Perhaps, we express our gratitude a little differently by giving to those who are unable to provide a hot Christmas dinner with all the traditional trimmings we like to enjoy.

Our gifts of clothing and toys to place under a Christmas tree that might otherwise be bare and empty can bring smiles to the faces of small children or aging adults.

A visit to someone homebound or ill, or perhaps imprisoned, can make the Christmas season a little merrier and the future more hopeful.

We prepare to welcome the infant, Jesus into our hearts this Christmas season. It is a perfect time to welcome those who may need that little something extra we can offer. That little extra may only be a kind word, a warm smile or simply a genuine expression of Merry Christmas.

Remember with faith all things are possible.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Utah District Master, V.J. Simonelli & his wife, Lori



State Secretary's Corner

RETENTION is all ABOUT COMMUNICATION!!!!

We are still seeing far too many suspensions and withdrawals being submitted to Supreme. In order to maintain healthy and active councils we must do a better job of communicating with the entire council.

It is imperative that we reach out to every Knight in our councils at least twice a year. I would like to suggest that we reach out to all our brother Knights on the anniversary of our brother Knights admission to the Knights of Columbus and again on their birthdays at a minimum.

Please remember many of our brother knights don't attend meetings but that doesn't mean they don't want to be involved in council activities. If we keep our members involved and active we won't have a retention problem. Some of our councils have validated this, and it works. Whenever your council is planning a project try to get new members engaged.

Councils need new ideas and we get this from our new members. We may not be able to retain every Knight but we have to approach it like we expect to do just that. Recruitment and retention are very important for us to continue Fr. McGivney's dream of supporting our parish Priests, providing for our widows and helping the less fortunate in our communities. We see the need all around us every day.

Our Worthy State Deputy has stated many times, we are the first line of defense of our church. We must continue forward in our mission. The best way to do this is to grow our councils and keep all of our members engaged in our mission, the vision of Venerable Father Michael J McGivney.

Each year we celebrate the holy season of Advent. It is a time of waiting and preparation, capped by the joyous celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas. We can take conscious awareness that in the middle of our busy preparations, we must also take the time to slow down and see Christ being reborn not only in Bethlehem but also in our homes and in our daily lives. The spirit of Christmas is contagious. Let's act as if every day is Christmas that we may remain contagious in our evangelization and in spreading the good news through charity and fraternity and by exemplifying what a true knight is, through our words and deeds. Joy is the gift of Christmas. It is not measured in expensive gifts but can simply be communicated with a kind gesture, a smile, a little help, sharing, an invitation and forgiveness. The joy we give will certainly come back to us. We can make a difference by what we give. Offer the gift of membership to our Order.

I would like to thank you for the greatest gifts you have given to our state; your time, hard work and commitment.

Julie and I wish all of you and your families have a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!



Rick Kump
Utah State Secretary/Membership Retention
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State Program Updates

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

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

- **DECEMBER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT** – Holiday Blood Drive with American Red Cross and Fox 13 will be taking place on Tuesday, December 19th at the American Red Cross (6616 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84121). Contact State Community Director Spencer Lopez by email slopez9207@gmail.com or call him at 801-554-6504. Volunteers needed to help walk donors through the system. To sign up, follow link or copy and paste it in a browser
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cn4-rztVSJIogxFCzcR1GMDLtoecGp9ovFDzNwbPkxs/edit#gid=150817578>
- **Order Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kit (#CPC-KIT)**
http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/cpc_kit_%209_13_p.pdf. Also, it's not too early to begin planning how your council will celebrate the birth of Christ and observe the religious season. Consider sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest or hosting the Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration (#9898) <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/communications/posada.pdf> at your parish or council hall. For details on these programs, please visit [kofc.org/christmas](http://www.kofc.org/christmas)
- **Order Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT)**
http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/freethrow_kit_p.pdf
- **Start planning your Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest (#EA-KIT)**
http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/essay_kit_p.pdf and start planning now school has started. Contact Tom Girongiront58@msn.com 801-867-3347
- **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 service activities that are also designated as domestic church programs. Visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/domestic-church/index.html> for the most up-to-date list of eligible programs and activities and to find resources that will help your council conduct them.
- **Host a Renewal of Wedding Vows program**
<https://www.kofc.org/uns/en/resources/domesticchurch/wedding-vows-renewal.pdf>
- **Other Monthly Planning Items:** Meet with your pastor to discuss your council's continued implementation of the Building the Domestic Church initiative.
- **Ask for monthly feedback from your pastor** on how your council can help strengthen parish family life.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

CHRISTIANS IN ASIA: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

Membership Memo

Talents

One of these past weekends the Sunday readings during Mass were about talents. The first reading talked about talents being our gifts or our personal skills, and the gospel talked about talents being a large sum of money. The gospel reading talked about a master that gave three of his servants talents, the first servant 5 talents, the second servant 3 talents, and the third servant 1 talent. Both the servants that received 5 and 3 went out and doubled their money, but the third buried his 1 talent out of fear for when they had to return the money to their master. Although there was different meanings of the word talent, I pulled the same message. Our talents or skills are on loan from God. Are we using our talents to give Glory to God? What are we returning to God with our talents? Do we go out using them and doubling the return or are we like the third servant who doesn't do anything with our talents?

This to me, this relates to what we do as Knights and as leaders. Are we doubling our efforts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism by going out and recruiting more men? Maybe your talents aren't in recruiting, but in leading a council. Even if you aren't skilled in recruiting, as a leader you should make membership growth a priority by delegating this out and making sure your council follows through.

Whatever your talents are I hope you make membership growth a priority. Our Talents are on loan from God, and I hope I can look back and know that I doubled my return to God by using those talents. I encourage each of you to reflect and pray about how you are using your talents, and I look forward to you doubling your return and helping grow the Order.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Warden

Upcoming Degrees (Please see State website calendar for degrees)

Admission Degrees

- 12/5 – St Francis of Assisi, Orem – Council 1136. Registration at 6:30 PM
- 12/6 – St Olaf, Bountiful – Council 5502. Registration at 5:30 PM
- 12/7 – St Joseph the Worker, West Jordan – Council 7961. Registration at 5:45 PM

Knighthood Degrees

- 12/16 – St. Rose of Lima, Layton. Registration at 3:00 PM



Insurance Assurance

November was Long-Term Care Awareness Month

Did you know that 70% of people over age 65 will require some type of long-term care services during their lifetime? This type of care can be tremendously expensive, but your finances aren't the only thing at risk.

Long-term care situations can take a tremendous physical and emotional toll on your family members as well. Imagine your spouse, your children or your friends having to care for you, assisting with personal care activities such as bathing or feeding.

In recognition of Long-Term Care Awareness Month, here are a few facts about the sacrifices that caregivers often make: There are 45 million informal caregivers in the United States, most of them relatives of the person needing care.

- 78% of adults receiving care at home rely on family and friends as their only source of care. Source: National Family Caregivers Association
- The typical caregiver is a 46-year-old woman. Source: AARP
- The average caregiver spends 21 hours a week caring for a loved one. Source: National Alliance for Caregiving
- 92% of family caregivers reported a major change to their work pattern. Source: Center for American Progress
- 41% reported being forced to take a leave of absence. Source: Center for American Progress
- 37% reported switching from full-time to part-time-work. Source: Center for American Progress
- Nearly 50% reported having to cut down or skip any vacation or social activities. Source: Volunteers of America
- 29% reported using their own savings to provide care. Source: Volunteers of America
- 11% reported moving close to a parent or family member in need of care. Source: Volunteers of America
- 10% reported having their pay cut at work. Source: Volunteers of America

It's important to understand the emotional, economic and physical toll that care can have on loved ones who may be forced to care for you if you don't have Long Term Care Insurance. By understanding this, you can better plan for your future so you aren't a burden to loved ones.

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Council % of membership goal as of 10/20/2017

COUNCIL	Grand Knight	% Goal	COUNCIL	Grand Knight	% Goal
602	Jaime Gomez	113%	5214	Phil Garcia	0%
14764	Benjamin Frost	75%	5347	Leobardo Galvan	0%
11246	Patrick McDonald	71%	6147	Tim Peczuh	0%
777	Ron Shick	70%	7401	Larry Zubel	0%
12181	Frank Carmona	53%	7961	Michael Anglin	0%
15741	Nery Fajardo	50%	8350	Joe Vrazel	0%
6739	Barry Stine	40%	8606	Gary Currier	0%
6966	John Wainscott	40%	9849	Wayne Bauer	0%
6010	Joe Neid	38%	10304	Gary Sorensen	0%
10733	Gene Coryell	38%	11479	Chuck Grahmann	0%
9561	Laurence Chafe	25%	11812	Benjamin Trujillo	0%
9731	Gabino Chacon	20%	12264	Steven Gibson	0%
14399	Gary Girres	17%	12959	Keith Koskan	0%
15418	Dick Hall	17%	13297	Michael Derrick	0%
5502	Paul Tinker	13%	13646	Martin Walsh	0%
1129	Chuck Hodell	11%	14239	Chris Titus	0%
1136	Jim Arguello	0%	16006	Jose Ozaine	0%
2611	Cole Stapley	0%	16127	Al Gibson	0%

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 10/20/2017

DISTRICT	NAME	% Goal	DISTRICT	NAME	% Goal
2	Ray Salazar	71%	1	Joe Garcia	15%
8	George D'Apuzzo	71%	9	Billy Sandoval	9%
11	Frank Lesar	31%	4	Unassigned	0%
7	Art Grant	27%	5	Jerry Hanten	0%
3	Dan Reading	24%	6	Greg Costello	0%
10	Clark Harris	21%			



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FACTS ABOUT PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS


As Catholics and other Christians throughout the United States observe the Week of Awareness for Persecuted Christians co-sponsored by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Knights of Columbus, here are some facts on Christians in the Middle East and the Order's work in bringing aid to them.

- For the first thousand years after Christ, Christianity was primarily a Middle Eastern religion. Until around 1000 AD, there were more Christians in the Middle East than in Europe.
- Christians living in the Middle East have survived severe persecution, most recently with ISIS' campaign of genocide.
- From 1910 to 2010, the percentage of the population of the Middle East made up of Christians declined from 14 percent to 4 percent. This was prior to ISIS' genocide.
- The number of Christians in Iraq has declined by as much as 90 percent over the last several years, from 1.5 million before 2003, to about 200,000 today. The number of Christians in Syria has declined by as much as 70 percent.
- ISIS has executed thousands of Christians by barbaric methods, including crucifixion and beheading, and an ISIS affiliated group recently declared that Christians are their "favorite prey."
- ISIS has engaged in mass deportations of Christians from their ancestral homelands.
- In 2015, Christians were targeted in more countries (128) than any other religious group according to a 2017 Pew Research Center study.
- Both Iraq and Syria ranked in the top ten countries for extent and degree of persecution of Christians according to the 2017 World Watch List published by Open Doors USA.
- Christian women have been kidnapped and sold into sexual slavery.
- Mass graves of Christians have been documented in Syria by Aid to the Church in Need.
- Despite their own plight, Christians in the region regularly help non-Christians in need, including Yazidis and Shabak.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORT FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund has committed more than \$17 million to aid persecuted Christians in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region.
- In 2016, the Knights of Columbus led a major advocacy and publicity campaign in support of the U.S. congressional and state department declarations of genocide, producing a nearly 300-page report on ISIS' genocide against Christians and gathering 140,000 signatures for a petition calling for the declaration of the genocide.
- The Knights of Columbus has also advocated for U.S. government relief funds to be directed to those communities targeted for genocide by ISIS.
- Among the projects to which K of C funding has been committed are:
 - Resettlement of the town of Karamles in Nineveh (Iraq)
 - General relief in Syria
 - New housing units in Iraq
 - Assistance for Christians targeted by ISIS in Egypt
 - Assistance for Christian refugee programs in Lebanon and Jordan
 - Food programs in Iraq
 - Rental assistance for displaced Christians in Iraq
 - Support for catechetical and educational programs for displaced families

Learn more about the Knights of Columbus' efforts to help genocide victims by visiting ChristiansAtRisk.org.



Organizational Meeting Agenda
St John the Baptist Parish
Draper, UT
Saturday, January 6, 2018

8:30 to 8:50 Rosary

John Valdez Church Director

9:00 am Meeting comes to order
Pledge of Allegiance

James McManaman-State Warden

Opening Prayer

Fr. Erik Richtsteig-State Chaplain

9:05 AM Opening Remarks

Andy Airriess-State Deputy

9:10 AM Chaplain Remarks

Fr. Erik Richtsteig-State Chaplain

9:20 AM Membership Program Consultant Remarks

Ray Lopez-MPC

9:35 AM Outreach to Christians in the Middle East

Andy Airriess-State Deputy

9:45 AM Disaster Preparedness

Tim Doubt – DGK 602

10:00 AM Special Olympics Update

David Matyjasik

10:10 AM Vocation Support and RSVP Update

John Valdez Vocations Chairman

10:20 am BREAK

10:35 AM Report from Supreme Mid-Year

Andy Airriess – State Deputy

11:05 Council Experience – Attracting New Members with Programs

1 Corporate Communion

Council 9849

2 Writing Seminarians

Council 13297

3 Rosary Before Mass

Council 5214

4 Writing Soldiers

Council 6739

5 Renewal of Wedding Vows

Council 10733

12:10 to 12:45 PM Lunch - RSVP is REQUIRED

12:45 PM Star Council – The Goal of Every Council

Andy Airriess-State Deputy

Review the Planner

Star Council Requirements

Setup for reporting

Forms needed by State/Supreme

Rick Kump – State Secretary

Officers Chosen for Term (185)

Program Personnel Report (365)

Semiannual Council Audits (Feb & Aug)

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (1728)

Partnership Profile with Special Olympics (4584)

Columbia Award (SP7)

Getting Online Access

Star Council Status

Nick Nielson–State Membership Director

Membership Review by Council

2nd Half Plans

OYP Status Update

James McManaman – State Warden

1:05 Insurance Insurance Team
Aiding recruiting, retention, insurance application deadline.

1:20 Programs (concurrent with FS Training)

Changes-Domestic Church programs and Star Council Requirements

Jerry Angus - Program Director

Using the planner to track your program status

Greg Keller-State Treasurer

Budget tracking-Programs

Greg Keller-State Treasurer

1:50 Safe Environment

James McManaman – Youth Director

2:00 PM MS Walk

Jerry Angus – Community Director

2:05 PM Membership

Nick Nielson-Membership Director

Organizing Your March Church Drive

Council 6966

Show Men the Value of Membership

Rick Kump – State Secretary

Schedule/Run Degrees

Rick Kump – State Secretary

Every Program an Opportunity

Rick Kump – State Secretary

March Membership Drive

Rick Kump – State Secretary

Membership Success

Jaime Lopez – GK 602

1:20 FS Training (concurrent with Programs)

Wayne Welninski, FS

2:40 Break

2:50 PM Member Conservation

Council 9849

3:05 PM Membership Program Consultant Remarks

Ray Lopez - MPC

3:15 PM State Convention Update

George D'Apuzzo – DD

3:20 PM Survey Results and New Survey

Nick Nielson – State Warden

3:25 PM Closing remarks

Andy Airriess-State Deputy

3:30 PM Distribution of State Challenge Coins/Recruiting Awards

Andy Airriess-State Deputy

3:40 PM Closing Prayer

James McManaman - State Warden

Meeting Adjourned

5:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM Social

7:00 PM Dinner (**RSVP is REQUIRED**) **Business Dress**



Knights of Columbus

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Invitation to Mid-Year Meeting January 6th 2018

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 300 11800 S, Draper, UT 84020

RESERVATION FORM

****DEADLINE: Tuesday - January 2nd, 2018 ****

RESERVE ONLINE at www.uthaknights.org Pay online or mail in with form.

NAME: _____ COUNCIL: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

_____ Yes, I will attend the meeting and the lunch (no charge). *Attendees who reserve lunch will be served first. Those who do not reserve will be served after.*

Dinner - \$30.00 per person before Christmas. Reserve after December 25 cost \$35 per person

_____ @ \$30 Prime Rib

_____ @ \$30 Salmon

\$ _____ **TOTAL DUE**

MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS INFORMATION AS NEEDED - EACH KNIGHT WHO WISHES TO BE SERVED MUST SUBMIT AN RSVP EITHER ONLINE OR THIS FORM

The business meeting is business casual dress. **No Levis.** Button down shirts, please.

******ALL DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE PAYMENT******

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