



State Update

State Deputy's Message—Final Thoughts

48. This is my 48th and last article for this fine publication. That's four years at one article a month. Some have been good, some mediocre. What will I do instead? After my term as State Deputy is over I'm going to start some new terms. I'll be Immediate Past State Deputy, attending meetings and advising the state council. I'm hoping to be named a conferring officer so I can lead 3rd Degree Exemplifications. I'll continue to be on the 4th Degree exemplification team. I'm going to be the New Council Development Director for the state; we have a couple of parishes that are possibilities and I'm looking forward to one of them being a growth opportunity for us.

My big effort this coming year will be as Grand Knight of my council. I've talked a lot over the past few years about filing reports on time, entering award contests, keeping members engaged, and earning Star Council. This will be my opportunity to do these things and for you to hold my feet to the fire. I'm looking forward to the challenge.

But my term as State Deputy is not over yet. We have one more month to finish strong. We've made some progress in the last while with our final goal, Circle of Honor, but there is still much work to do. Supreme has been in the fraternal charity business for the past 130+ years and they have learned a thing or two in that time. They have learned them so well that they know that membership growth is what separates us from the hundreds of Catholic fraternal organizations that have fallen by the wayside in the last decades. Membership is what keeps our councils vibrant and engaged with new ideas, renewed energy, and fresh eyes that can see better ways of doing things. By hitting the finish line strong we can start the new fraternal year with a good head of steam. Please do your part by holding one admission degree in your council this month and help Utah return to its accustomed place in the order's standings. Tell your District Deputy about the degree so he can publicize it so members from other councils who cannot attend their council's degree can attend yours. It's like charity, unity, and fraternity all wrapped into one.

I want to thank all who have worked so hard at making this year the success it has been. We have achieved some remarkable things, at council, district, and state levels. We have brought more charity, more love, and more prayers to those in need. We have helped turn men into good men and good men into better men. I've enjoyed getting out to council meetings and seeing all the wonderful things you do day in and day out to make others' lives better. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to serve you over the past eight years as a state officer. You are such an inspiration to everyone who comes into contact with you, including me. Let's inspire a whole new generation of Knights to learn as we have learned, to grow as we have grown and to give as we have given.

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Airriess
Utah State Deputy
Grand Knight—elect, Council 7961

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

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Special points of interest

- State Organization Meeting—July 7th at St. James the Just in Ogden. More details and reservation forms on page 9 and 10.

“TO WHAT DEGREE”

Fourth Degree News and Views

Thank You

I would like to thank all my Brother Knights/Sir Knights for offering prayers for my wife who underwent emergency abdominal surgery. My wife, Lori, spent two weeks in the surgical unit at Intermountain Hospital. Lori has a long way to go, but I am pleased to inform you that she is back home and on the way to recovery.

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification

On Saturday, 16 June 2018, we will hold a Fourth Degree Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree of the Order at St. Joseph the Worker in West Jordan. The honoree is Rev. Fr. Javier Virgen, Pastor at St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph the Worker is the home parish for our State Deputy. Please come and support our State Deputy, the new Sir Knights and our honoree by coming to the banquet. All information regarding the upcoming Fourth Degree and Banquet Form can be found on the Utah Knights State website or contact the Utah District Master at 801.661.6341.

Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Year 2018 Award

Just a friendly reminder that nominations for the Sir Knights of the Year Award are still being accepted. The deadline date for submitting your nomination is 30 May 2018. To qualify for this prestigious award, the Sir Knight must meet the following criteria:



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

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Serving Councils: 1129, 14764, 15418

St. John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock Assy. # 3586

Serving Councils: 5502, 12264, 15741, 16006

- Years of Service
- Must be an active and committed member in their assembly.
- Must be involved in their parish.
- Current involvement in Patriotic Programs.
- Past or current officer position held.
- Participate in the Honor Guard and/or Color Corps.
- Demonstrate leadership.

Flag Day, June 14th

Did you know? The Flag that withstood enemy bombardment at Fort McHenry, Maryland on September 13th & 14th, 1814, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write “The Star Spangled Banner”, actually had 15 stripes and 15 stars? It was not until April 4th, 1818 that Congress passed a law stating that the national flag hold 13 stripes to represent the original colonies and requires that a star be added for each new state on the 4th of July after its admission.

When commemorating Flag Day, remember; it is the universal custom to display the flag from sunrise to sunset. However, when a patriotic effect is desired for special occasions, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

For more information on the proper usage, display, and comportment of the United States Flag, please refer to the Knights of Columbus United States Flag Manual: https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/4686_5-06_5-26.pdf

Quotes

“Excellence is not an act. It’s a habit.”

Yours in Christ,

V.J. Simonelli

Master of the Fourth Degree

State Secretary's Corner

Preparing for the new fraternal year

As we prepare for elections and plans to start the new fraternal year, here's a couple reminders to ensure those returning officers and those newly elected start with a common understanding and expectations. First, duties of council officers as outlined in Leadership Resources. For additional information, refer to the Duties and Responsibilities of Council Officers and Directors (#4241).

Chaplain - Serves as spiritual advisor to the brother Knights and families of your council.

Grand Knight - Presides over all meetings and appoints program and membership directors and committees as needed.

Deputy Grand Knight - Assists the grand knight with operation of the council and any other duties assigned to him by the grand knight, and recommended to serve on the council's Retention Committee.

Chancellor - Has the duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities, and recommended to serve on the council's Admission Committee.

Financial Secretary - Upon recommendation of the grand knight and the trustees, the financial secretary is appointed for a three-year term that is approved by the supreme knight. The prospective financial secretary must also complete and submit the Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary (#FS101).

Recorder - Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council.

Treasurer - Charged with handling council funds, receives money from financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts, and responsible for paying all council expenses including assessments from the Supreme Council.

Advocate - Acts as parliamentarian for the council. Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, council by-laws, and Method of Conducting Council Meetings (#10318). When needed, will seek legal assistance from the state advocate.

Warden - Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property and sets up council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications.

Inside/Outside Guards - Attend the doors of the council chamber and checks for current membership cards and allowing entrance.

Board of Trustees - Consists of grand knight and three other elected members and supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semiannual audits. Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year.

Lecturer - Appointed by the grand knight and responsible for providing suitable educational and entertaining programs under the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings.

Second, meet with your Pastor. Council officers and program personnel should meet with your Pastor to create a plan to determine which Domestic Church programs the council will be able to sponsor. Also, discuss this plan with your Pastor to see how the council's programs can be incorporated into the existing parish framework. You can use the following ideas and points when preparing for the meeting:

1. What are the top parish priorities over the next few years? How can your council lead or support those initiatives?
2. What is your council already doing that your pastor and parish would like you to continue or expand in support of parish families?
3. Be open to new ideas and opportunities that your pastor may have for your council. If other parish groups are already taking the lead on similar programs, your council should be prepared to collaborate and support their efforts.
4. How can the council be a vehicle for the men of your parish to grow in their faith and support and nurture the Catholic faith within their families?
5. Bring a copy of The Family Fully Alive (#10162) program book to the meeting for discussion. Consider the possibility of providing this book to every council family.
6. Could the Family Fully Alive monthly program be incorporated into the parish's ministry to families? How can the Knights of Columbus help to facilitate this experience?
7. Make plans to have regularly scheduled conversations between the pastor and council leadership to both assess current initiatives and discuss new programs or new approaches to existing programs.

I hope the above information will help you plan for a successful year and wishing you all a smooth transition.

Vivat Jesus
Greg Keller
Utah State Secretary



Warriors to Lourdes

U.S. "WOUNDED WARRIORS" JOINING THOUSANDS OF INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PILGRIMS IN LOURDES

NEW HAVEN, CONN. — More than 200 active and retired U.S. military personnel will take part in the annual Warriors to Lourdes spiritual journey dedicated to individual healing and a more peaceful world. The May 15-22 journey is timed to coincide with the 60th annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI).

"The Marian Shrine at Lourdes is a place of hope where healings of many types take place, both physical and spiritual," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "It is an opportunity for active-duty personnel, veterans and their caregivers to experience an abundance of peace and consolation while in this holy place."

The visit to Lourdes is organized by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) and supported by the Knights of Columbus. The PMI will draw tens of thousands of troops, veterans, and others from around the world to the famous shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The theme for this year's PMI is *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth).

In a message to participants on behalf of the military archdiocese, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., thanked Anderson and the Knights "who have so generously made possible the pilgrimage of many wounded warriors and infirm veterans who would not otherwise have been able to join in this important international prayer for peace."

Archbishop Broglio urged the pilgrims to pray "for progress in international dialogue, welcome for the immigrant, and a decrease in violence in our communities and the world."

The PMI will include an international opening ceremony and events with the color guards of many countries in attendance. The pilgrims will also have daily Mass, times of reflection and reconciliation and have the opportunity to bathe in the waters of Lourdes from which many seek spiritual, physical or emotional healing.

Support for the pilgrimage by Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., follows on a long history of the organization's support for military troops and veterans.

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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the conclusion of World War I. During that conflict, the Knights of Columbus established a system of "Army Huts" in America and Europe that provided social, recreational and spiritual resources for Allied servicemen, with the motto "Everybody Welcome. Everything Free."

The PMI was inaugurated following World War II to foster "reconciliation, peace and healing" and has grown to become a prayerful and festive occasion. In addition to the military and religious pageantry of Lourdes, pilgrims also have the opportunity to meet service men and women and veterans from around the world — many attired in colorful dress uniforms.

Additional information about pilgrimage available at www.warriorstolourdes.com. Daily video and photo recaps will be available on the Warriors to Lourdes website.

About the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)

The AMS was established as an independent archdiocese by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985 as the only Catholic jurisdiction responsible for endorsing and granting faculties for priests to serve as chaplains in the U.S. military and VA Medical Centers.

AMS-endorsed priests serve at more than 220 U.S. military installations in 29 countries, making the AMS the nation's only global archdiocese. AMS-endorsed chaplains also serve at 153 VA Medical Centers throughout the U.S.

The AMS service population also includes American Catholic civilians working for the federal government in 134 countries, but currently, due to limited resources, the AMS cannot adequately serve this population.

Worldwide, an estimated 1.8 million Catholics depend on the AMS to meet their spiritual and sacramental needs.

For more information on the Archdiocese for the Military Services, visit: www.milarch.org, the only official website for Catholics in the U.S. Military.

For information on the Cause of Father Vincent Capodanno, MM, visit: www.capodannoguild.org.

Membership Memo—The Final Push

Hello Brothers, at the time of writing this article we have gained 193 new members, 48 additional members when looking at the change in membership. We are looking to gain 52 new members, please do all that you can to help the state get there. Increasing our membership doesn't just benefit the individual council it helps us all. I recently was serving in an Honor Guard and got to meet with two of the confirmation sponsors. One of them was a member of the Knights of Columbus but from another council, seeing us present at another parish was very moving to him and he mentioned getting more involved in his own council. The other sponsor I met with was not a Knight of Columbus, but seeing us there supporting these confirmation candidates he said he was considering joining the Order, I'll be following up with him. This just goes to show you that everything we do is an opportunity to recruit.

I'm very excited that Utah is going live with the online "eMembership." I highly encourage everyone to use this as a tool to help us grow stronger as a state, but also to help the individual being recruited to become stronger in his faith with joining the order. Keep these things in mind:

The goal of this initiative is to introduce men to the activities of our Order in a way that will strengthen and benefit all councils and members, and to recruit young men who could form a membership pool for our state.

We are now providing a new way for men to join the Knights of Columbus online. This allows us to capture and convert prospects instantly, without waiting, without excuses of time. When an eligible man is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, he can join that very moment – as a first step, not a final step.

We are also providing a new and predominately digital membership experience that seeks to form those men for

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committed, lifelong membership in the Order. It reinforces our identity as the premier organization for Catholic men and their families. It provides members with formational resources, financial resources, charitable opportunities, and much more.

I challenge everyone to reach out and invite a man to join, if the opportunity arises utilize the online membership. Simply go to www.KofC.org and click on "Join Us" or here is the direct link: <https://www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/index.html>

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Treasurer
Membership Director

Upcoming Degrees

Admission Degrees

6/4 —St. Francis of Assisi, Orem. 7pm-8pm, candidates arrive at 6:30pm.

Confirm with Jim Arguello 801.404.2716 (mobile)

6/7 —St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan. 6pm-7pm, candidates arrive at 5:45pm.

6/16 —St. George, St. George. 6:30pm-7:30pm, candidates arrive at 6pm

6/27 —St. Vincent de Paul, Holladay. 7pm-8pm, candidates arrive at 6:30pm

Patriotic Degrees

6/16 **DATE CHANGED!** —St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan

- 12:30 PM Registration
- 1:30 PM Degree Exemplification
- 5:00 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM Social
- 7:00 PM Banquet
- DINNER MENU - TO BE DETERMINED

Council % of Membership Goal as of 05/18/2018

| COUNCIL | GRAND KNIGHT | % QUOTA | COUNCIL | GRAND KNIGHT | % QUOTA |
|---------|------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 9731 | Gabino Chacon | 280% | 13297 | Michael Derrick | 29% |
| 602 | Jaime Gomez | 250% | 1136 | Jim Arguello | 25% |
| 7401 | Larry Zubel | 200% | 5347 | Leobardo Galvan | 25% |
| 15418 | Dick Hall | 183% | 12264 | Steven Gibson | 25% |
| 11246 | Patrick McDonald | 171% | 14239 | Chris Titus | 25% |
| 10733 | Gene Coryell | 115% | 12959 | Keith Koskan | 20% |
| 8350 | Joe Vrazel | 100% | 14399 | Gary Girres | 17% |
| 15741 | Nery Fajardo | 100% | 5502 | Paul Tinker | 13% |
| 7961 | Michael Anglin | 75% | 777 | Ron Shick | 0% |
| 9561 | Laurence Chafe | 75% | 1129 | Chuck Hodell | 0% |
| 14764 | Benjamin Frost | 75% | 6147 | Tim Peczuh | 0% |
| 12181 | Frank Carmona | 63% | 6739 | Barry Stine | 0% |
| 5214 | Phil Garcia | 60% | 6966 | John Wainscott | 0% |
| 2611 | Cole Stapley | 50% | 8606 | Gary Currier | 0% |
| 16127 | Al Gibson | 50% | 10304 | Pete Sorensen | 0% |
| 11479 | Chuck Grahmann | 42% | 11812 | Benjamin Trujillo | 0% |
| 6010 | Joe Neid | 38% | 13646 | Martin Walsh | 0% |
| 9849 | Wayne Bauer | 33% | 16006 | Jose Ozaine | 0% |

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 05/18/2018

| DISTRICT | NAME | % QUOTA | DISTRICT | NAME | % QUOTA |
|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| 8 | George D'Apuzzo | 179% | 10 | Peter Abercrombie | 50% |
| 2 | Ray Salazar | 141% | 11 | Frank Lesar | 31% |
| 5 | Jerry Hanten | 91% | 7 | Art Grant | 7% |
| 3 | Dan Reading | 76% | 1 | Joe Garcia | 0% |
| 4 | Unassigned | 63% | 6 | Greg Costello | 0% |
| 9 | Billy Sandoval | 55% | | | |

Happenings

6/3 —Ladies of Charity Barbecue. 12pm—2pm at St. Olaf Parish McNamara Center

Tickets: \$10/person, \$25/family. Includes meat-lover's raffle, bake sale, and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the Center of Hope Food Pantry

6/8 & 6/9—Blessed Sacrament Parish Garage Sale. Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Gym.

Donations may be dropped off on June 2nd in the gym.

6/8—6/10—SOUT Summer Games.

For more information, visit www.sout.org or call KofC Utah Special Olympics Coordinator, David Matyjasik at 801.967.3198

Opening Ceremonies are part of the Block Party at The Orchard, University Place. 575 E University Parkway, Orem

6/16 —St. Ambrose Golf Tournament. Old Mill Golf Course

Contact Dick Hall: 801.891.9792

6/23 —Utah Disabled Veterans Fishing Day. 6am. Strawberry Bay Marina

Please contact PFN Ray Folks (ezerfolks@msn.com) for more information

7/7 —State Organization Meeting. St. James the Just, Ogden, UT.

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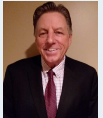
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Insurance Assurance—Our Strength

A Fortune 1000 company born beneath an altar.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America, and the largest Catholic life insurer in the world. *

Six numbers tell the story of Knights of Columbus strength:

- In November of 2015, the Knights of Columbus surpassed **\$100 billion of life insurance in force**.

Insurance in force is a calculation of the total amount of money owed to policy holders. Put differently, \$105 billion of life insurance in force means that the Knights of Columbus has a \$105 billion promise to members and their families.
- The Knights of Columbus manages **\$22 billion of assets** from their international headquarters in New Haven, Conn.

The Knights of Columbus manages its assets in an ethical and responsible way. The Knights does not invest in companies that deal in: abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.
- In 2015 alone, the Knights of Columbus distributed **\$875 million to members** and their beneficiaries in benefits, claims, maturities, annuities and dividends.
- The Knights of Columbus has more than **2 million active contracts in force**. That means that hundreds of thousands of brother Knights have elected to help protect their families and their futures with the Knights of Columbus.

“In 2015 alone, the Knights of Columbus distributed \$875 million to members”

- Despite a rough economic climate, the Knights of Columbus has experienced **17 consecutive years of sales growth**.

Remarking recently on the streak, CEO and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said:

I firmly believe that our moral compass has helped guide us through a turbulent decade and an uncertain economy. While other companies were making ethically questionable and unnecessarily risky decisions, we were not. While others were looking for novel ways to do business and to increase profits, we were not....We stayed true to our principles and knew that if we did the right thing for the right reasons, we would get the results that we wanted — and we have.
- For **41 consecutive years**, the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, currently: A++ (Superior) from ratings agency A.M. Best.

“Through conservative management, active fraternalism, and high-quality insurance products, the fraternal society has grown to a multi-billion dollar international insurance organization,” A.M. Best said of the Knights of Columbus.

“Historically,” A.M. Best’s report continued, “the order’s continued statutory gains from operations after dividends coupled with realized investment gains has enabled the order to build its adjusted unassigned funds in excess of needs to an exceptional level of risk-adjusted capitalization.”



Planning for Future Success

Over the years, as Knights of Columbus Leaders, we hear over, and over again, the importance of the works and acts that we do. Not only for those that we help, but also for how they help us. In the past, this was exemplified through the program "Surge With Service", the Columbian Award, and even State Awards. We are all familiar with the breakdown; there are six areas, each one requires either one "featured" activity, or four other activities to meet the Columbian Award.

At the State Convention this year, our Supreme Representative, SK Ray Lopez, introduced us to the next phase of the Knights of Columbus. As you and your councils begin to plan for next Fraternal Year's activities, keep in mind these changes so that you are better prepared to meet the requirements for the various awards.

Faith in Action

Faith in Action is the new umbrella for all Supreme Council recommended activities, it stems from a realization that while our mission remains unchanged, it has evolved to meet the demands of a changing world. Beginning with the 2018-19 Fraternal Year, Faith in Action simplifies and focuses councils to provide quality, faith-filled, family programs.

Faith in Action simplifies and consolidates the previous six categories into four; Faith, Family, Community, Life.

Faith

Authentic connection with a loving God and his son, Jesus Christ. Featured programs are:

- RSVP
- Marian Icon Prayer Program
- Domestic Church Kiosk & Series
- Rosary Program
- Spiritual Reflection Program
- Holy Hour
- Sacramental Gifts

Family

A response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family

- Food for Families
- Family of the Month/Year
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Family Fully Alive
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Night
- Good Friday Family Promotion

Community

Our first principle is Charity

- Coats for Kids
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Response
- Free Throw Championship
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Soccer Challenge
- Poor Assistance

Life

Defense of life in all its stages and in every condition

- Marches for Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound Program
- Christian Refugee Relief
- Silver Rose
- Mass for People with Special Needs
- Pregnancy Center Support
- Novena for Life

New Programs

Besides the standard programs that we are all familiar with, Faith in Action also introduces nine new programs that your council can use to meet the requirements for the categories above.

- Spiritual Reflection
- Holy Hour
- Sacramental Gifts
- Family Prayer Night
- Good Friday Family Promotion
- Poor Assistance
- Mass for People with Special Needs
- Pregnancy Center Support
- Novena for Life

We will be spotlighting these new programs over the coming months in the monthly newsletter.

The Importance of Retention

Imagine you're trying to fill a bucket with water. Every drop you put in should increase its contents, but if there's a leak then you may end up losing more water than you gain. Think of the membership in your council in the same way – every new Knight you add won't help your membership increase and grow stronger if you lose existing members.

WELL-RUN MEETINGS WILL BOOST ATTENDANCE

If members ask themselves "Why am I here?" then something is wrong with the way your council is conducting its meetings. Follow these guidelines for well-run meetings:

- Keep council meetings interesting and relevant.
- Start meetings on time and keep discussions, comments, etc. within reasonable limits.
- The grand knight should refer any nonessential matters to the appropriate committees.
- Hold meetings on a night convenient to most members.
- Allow all members to voice their opinions in an orderly way and try to keep meetings open and relaxed.

KEEPING MEMBERS INTERESTED

The key to success in any council is keeping members interested, excited and active. One way you can do this is by encouraging members to participate fully in council activities.

Here are some of the ways to show interest in new and established members alike and to help them become active participants in the council:

- Telephone members and remind them of meetings.
- Offer to provide transportation to members who would like to attend council functions, but don't have the means to get there.
- Answer questions. Members will ask why council activities are done in a certain way and if things can be changed. Provide them with sufficient information.
- Inquire about the particular interests of the members through membership surveys.
- Help new members make new friends in the council by introducing

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STATEMENT OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S CHANGE IN TITLE X FUNDING FOR ABORTION

5/18/2018

"Today marks an important step in protecting the lives of unborn children in the United States. The Knights of Columbus applauds the Trump administration's announcement that it intends to end the use of Title X taxpayer funding for centers that perform, support or refer abortions.

Americans should not be forced to have their tax dollars fund abortion. In fact, Knights of Columbus Marist polling conducted earlier this year found that most Americans believe abortion is morally wrong and six in 10 want an end to its funding with tax dollars.

There is a consensus that crosses party lines. Of those polled, four in 10 who identify as pro-choice and more than four in 10 Democrats—along with the overwhelming majority of Republicans—want to see an end to taxpayer funding of abortion."

More than three quarters of Americans would limit abortion to — at most — the first three months of pregnancy, according to a new Marist Poll. That number has consistently been about three quarters or more for the past decade.

This year, the survey found that 76 percent of Americans want such limits. Strong majorities of Republicans (92 percent), Independents (78 percent) and Democrats (61 percent) agree, as do a majority of those who identify as pro-choice (60 percent).

While a slim majority of Americans (51 percent) identify as pro-choice, even 60 percent of those who identify as such also support substantial limits.

On specific policy issues, the poll also found that more than 6 in 10 Americans (63 percent) would ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy, while a similar number oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortion (60 percent).

Utah State Org Meeting, Saturday July 7th St. James the Just, Ogden, UT

Agenda

Subject to Change
9:00 to 9:20 Rosary (Optional)

Morning Session

- 9:30 AM Meeting comes to order (Multipurpose Center)
- 9:40 AM Opening Remarks
- 9:50 AM Chaplain Remarks
- 10:00 AM Carl Anderson Remarks - Supreme Video
- 10:20 AM Supreme Representative
- 10:30 AM BREAK
- 10:45 AM Working with your parish priest
- 10:55 AM Fraternal Benefits
- 11:05 AM Patriotic (4th) Degree Report
- 11:20 AM Faith in Action (New Program Model)
- 11:35 AM 501(c)(3) Implementation

- 11:45 AM Lunch (**RSVP is required**)

Afternoon Session

- 12:30 PM eMembership
- 12:40 AM Vocation Support and RSVP
- 12:50 PM Prepare for the Year ahead (Budget, Calendar, Chairmen)
- 1:05 PM Prepare for reporting
- 1:20 PM Council communication and PR
- 1:30 PM Budgeting
- 1:40 PM Roberts Rules and agenda use at meetings
- 1:45 PM Retention/Suspension/Withdrawal procedures
- 2:00 PM Break Out Sessions for DDs and FSS
- 2:00 PM Financial Secretary Training
- 2:00 PM District Deputy Training
- 2:00 PM Membership
- 2:50 PM Break
- 3:05 PM Q&A
- 3:40 PM Closing Remarks
- 3:55 PM Closing Prayer
- 4:00 PM Meeting Adjourned

Mass and Dinner

- 5:00 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Social
- 6:30 PM Dinner (**Reservation Required**)

Hotel Reservations

If desired, we have a group rate at the Comfort Suites in Ogden at \$94/night. The Group Name for reservations is Knights of Columbus, and the last day for reservations is June 22nd,

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IC85D3>



Knights of Columbus

UTAH STATE COUNCIL

... a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization

Invitation to Annual Organization Meeting - July 7^h 2018

St James the Just Catholic Church, 425 N. Harrison Blvd, Ogden, Utah

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

******DEADLINE: Sunday July 1st, 2018******

Reserve online at: www.utahknights.org. Pay online or mail the form below

Name: _____ Council: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

_____ Yes, I will attend the lunch served between 11:45AM to 12:15PM (no charge).

Attendees who reserve lunch will be served first.

Those who do not reserve will be served after those with reservations.

**Dinner - \$30.00 per person until July 1st. Reserve after July 1st and the cost is \$35.00 per person
Dinner catering by Jeremiah's Restaurant in Ogden**

Traditional Buffet with the choice of two main entrees; Beef Medallions or Grilled Salmon.

Served with potatoes, vegetables, green salad (Ranch or Balsamic dressing), warm rolls, dessert (cheesecake) and beverages (water and coffee).

_____ @ \$30.00 Beef Medallions; Tender medallions, grilled and topped with beef gravy.

_____ @ \$30.00 Grilled Salmon; Fresh salmon grilled to perfection.

_____ **TOTAL**

MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS INFORMATION AS NEEDED
EACH KNIGHT WHO WISHES TO BE SERVED MUST SUBMIT AN RSVP

The business meeting is business casual dress. No Levis. Dress shirts, please.

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

Make checks payable to:

Knights of Columbus Utah State Council.

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATION AND PAYMENTS TO:

Utah State Warden Elect
SK Ryan Graveley
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them to all fellow Knights.

- Be aware of personality conflicts and try to avoid them as much as possible.
- Do all you can to help members feel important to the council.
- Get members' names in the council's newsletter, both when they join and as they begin to take an active role.
- Be sure members' names are always spelled correctly, whether in the membership directory, on a name tag at a meeting or in a news story.

Establishing caring and concerned relationships among council membership will encourage your members to participate in council activities. By showing interest in new and old members alike, your council will confirm its commitment to members and will increase their willingness to assist in programs.

FRATERNAL – FIRST AND FOREMOST

Throughout history, fraternal societies have grown and flourished for many reasons. Some promoted social integration for their members, others provided economic security to members and their families through the sale of insurance. Some of these fraternal societies came into existence to strengthen common ties of a religion among their members while others served to give social status to their members.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney as a society to promote fraternity among Catholic men. That fraternity – the sense of brotherhood among members and the families of members – remains, along with its Catholicity, the defining characteristic of the Order's identity.

To maintain a strong, friendly and fraternal atmosphere among Knights and their families, councils should conduct programs that build camaraderie and pride in membership. These fraternal programs don't have to be complex.

Do not let your hard recruitment work go to waste by focusing on retention as much as recruitment.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/membership/member-retention/index.html#/>

111th State Convention Recap

Awards

- Knight of the Year—Art Grant—Saint Vincent De Paul Council 13297
- Family of the Year—Solak Family—St. Thomas Moore Council 11479
- Culture of Life Activity—"Help for the PRC"—Corpus Christi Council 6966
- Youth Activity—"Easter Egg Hunt"—St Rose of Lima Council 6010
- Family Activity—"A Call for Help, Answered"—St. Martin de Porres Council 10304
- Community Activity—"Special Olympics Bowling"—St. Olaf Council 5502
- Church Activity—"Serving Near and Far"—Father Joseph Valine Council 11246

Elections

- **State Deputy:** Greg Keller—Council 9849, St. James the Just, Ogden
- **State Secretary:** Nick Nielson—Council 5502, St. Olaf, Bountiful
- **State Treasurer:** James McManaman—Council 6739, St. Marguerite, Toole
- **State Advocate:** Bill Kelly—Council 12181, St. John the Baptist, Draper
- **State Warden:** Ryan Gravely—Council 9731, Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna

Resolutions

- **RESOLUTION #1:** Salutation to the Supreme Chaplain
- **RESOLUTION #2:** Salutation to Pope Francis
- **RESOLUTION #3:** Salutation to Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis and the Diocese of Salt Lake
- **RESOLUTION #4:** Support for Canonization of the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney
- **RESOLUTION #5:** Salutation to the Supreme Knight, the Supreme Officers and Board of Directors
- **RESOLUTION #6:** Support of Our Military
- **RESOLUTION #7:** Support for Religious Vocations and All of Our Clergy
- **RESOLUTION #8:** Prayers for Deceased Clergy and Canonized Popes Saint John Paul II and Saint John XXIII
- **RESOLUTION #9:** Support for Victims of Natural Disasters and Terrorist Attacks
- **RESOLUTION #10:** Change to Utah State Council By-Laws - Article IX Section 2 - State Officers Remuneration for Services Rendered
PROPOSED CHANGE: The State Secretary shall receive the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and the State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden and Immediate Past State Deputy shall each receive the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for expenses incurred while performing other duties as assigned together with the duties and expectations of their offices.
- **RESOLUTION #11:** Change to Utah State Council By-Laws - Article IX Section 3 - Mileage Reimbursement
PROPOSED CHANGE: Section 3 – Mileage Reimbursement: State Officers, State Chaplain, District Deputies, State Directors and Grand Knights will receive mileage based on the mileage chart
- **RESOLUTION #12:** Change to Utah State Council By-Laws - Article IX Section 4 - State Chaplain Expenses to Attend Annual Meeting
PROPOSED CHANGE: The State Chaplain expenses to attend the Annual Meeting of the Utah State Council, Knights of Columbus shall be incurred by the Host Convention Committee. The expenses shall be the actual cost of lodging at the host hotel (not to exceed two nights), and the cost of all meals associated with the convention including the PSD dinner.
- **RESOLUTION #13:** Change to Utah State Council By-Laws - Article XIII Section 1 - Submission of Council Awards to the State Deputy
PROPOSED CHANGE: A council may submit an application to the State Deputy by e-mail in PDF format.
- **RESOLUTION #14:** Utah Knights of Columbus Scholarship
PROPOSED CHANGE: OBJECTIVE: The objective is to assist a Catholic student *that is a graduating high school student, or a second or third year student at a college, university, or technical* with their expenses of continuing education at a college, university, or technical institute of their choice.

ELIGIBILITY: The scholarship is available to Utah students who are graduating from high school this year, *or to students who are entering their second or third year at a college, university, or technical institute this year and are under 22 years of age by the application deadline. Students must either be a member in good standing of a Utah council of the Knights of Columbus or be the child of a Utah council member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing; or a child under the legal guardianship of a Utah council member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing; or a child of a deceased member of a Utah council of the Knights of Columbus who was in good standing at the time of*

State Programs Update

New Requirement for Columbian Award: To earn the Columbian Award, councils must now conduct at least six (6) Domestic Church activities. Visit kofc.org/domesticchurch to find resources that will help your council conduct them.

- Church - The featured program is the Refund Supports Vocation Program (RSVP).
- Community - There are two featured programs, Habitat for Humanity and the Global Wheelchair Mission.
- Council - The featured program is Special Olympics.
- Culture of Life - A council can satisfy all requirements for the Culture of Life Activities category by participating in either the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative or a local, regional or national March for Life.
- Family - The featured program is the Knights of Columbus Food for Families program.
- Youth - Participating in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program meets all requirements in the Youth Activities category.

June Programs and Deadlines:

- Complete all your requirements for "Star Council", membership, programs and insurance members, June 30th is the deadline!
- 18 June: Father's Day Celebrate Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows during or immediately following all Masses.
- 29 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?
6. Were Supreme Council materials fully utilized?
7. What programs can be expanded or improved? How can glitches be avoided next year?
8. 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.

FEATURED PROGRAM – Special Olympics. The Knights of Columbus commitment to Special Olympics and to hundreds of grassroots programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities is an expression of our belief in the intrinsic worth of every human being.

The Knights of Columbus believe that the Special Olympics are nearly unparalleled in their ability to show the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being. These games don't just build strength and character in the athletes and participants; it only takes a few moments with the competitors to be inspired by the force of their determination, and the true sense of God's love.

Although the Special Olympics have grown in recent years, they still need our continued support. We encourage chapters and parishes around the world to organize fundraisers, events, and donation drives that will continue to benefit this magnificent event. The Special Olympics are too wonderful to overlook, and the Knights of Columbus are committed to bringing the games to all corners of the globe.

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

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For the Good of the Order

Condolences

Our fallen Knights who have passed away this past year:

Monsignor Victor Bonnell,
Deacon Mark Bourget, Bob Lavery PSD/FM, James Ardnt, Paul Bargeman, Earl Bond, Stephen Briley, Michael Cerruti, Michael DeHerrera, Ronald Duffaut, Ron Finnerty, Miqueas Giron, Luis Guerra, P. J. Goodman, Roy Howard, Michael Johnson, Robert Kofford, Johnnie Joe Lovato, Raymond McDonough, Joe Messineo, James McNeer, Jose Ray Ocana, Thomas Pennavaria, Clarence Rockwell, Toffie Sowaya, Nicholas Varela, and Wallace Willhard

Prayers

Richard Vigor—6966

Richard continues to battle leukemia, and is doing much better after a bone marrow transplant.

Edie Dover

Prayers for the mother of PSD, FVSM and current State Advocate Charles E Dover, Jr.

Lori Simonelli

Please pray for Lori Simonelli, wife of our 4th Degree District Master VJ Simonelli who is recovering from emergency surgery.

For Men and Women in Uniform

We pray for the protection of our family members and friends serving in the Armed Forces and as first responders. To all men and women in uniform thank you for your service.

Please include these members and their families in the Good of the Order portion of your monthly council meetings.

If you are aware of a Brother Knight that should be included in this list, please forward his information to the editor: trever.hinckley@outlook.com