



# State Update

## State Deputy's Message

With one month into the new fraternal year, I would like to share some ideas and information that will keep us moving forward. Last year we did an outstanding job conducting programs and carrying out the Venerable Father Michael McGivney's vision to help others and those in need. However, we experienced negative growth in our total membership. There's many reasons for this, but last year is in the history books and we need to look for ways to grow. So what do we need to do ahead to be sure we're still here in the future. Members age out, move, or quit. I know going backwards is not healthy for any organization. We need to work on inspiring ourselves and others to convey and carry out the great principles of the Order; Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We need to bring new men into the Order so we don't wither away.

First, let's focus on managing our membership growth. When we all took our oath of office, we promised to keep the welfare and the Good of the Order uppermost in our mind and to promote it to the best of our ability. Yes, we are volunteers, but we also accepted the responsibility to become leaders. Consequently, we must take that lead to ensure our Order grows and prospers. How do we do this - by setting goals and having a plan. Some goals (membership intake) have already been provided, and we've all had the opportunity to participate in the Delta Church Drive online training provided by our Regional Training Director, Brother Ken White; check the [utahknights.org](http://utahknights.org) web site for additional training opportunities. We can't individually do everything that needs to be done, so delegate to share the work and the rewards. Delegating responsibility and tracking progress helps build a culture of accountability. By the way, holding volunteers accountable is okay. Additionally, take advantage of our Field Agents and invite them to council functions and exemplifications. They can be a great resource for recruiting and retention. Lastly - communicate, communicate and communicate again. It seems to take at least three notifications to sink it.

Second, once we have that new member onboard either through personal contact or joining online, we must provide a meaningful membership experience resulting in his retention. Make membership personal. You've all heard the old saying "we didn't join the Knights to go to meetings". How true - invite the new members to participate in council activities. How's he going to know what's going on if he's not informed and allowed to engage with other Knights and their families. The other tried and true moto is "retention begins on day one". By keeping all members informed, involved and doing charitable work, we have taken a giant step in retaining that member. Also remember, your Chaplain can be your biggest supporter and recruiter. Meet with him regularly, ask what can his Knights do to strengthen the parish and community. With the movement of Priests around the Diocese this summer and fall, take the time to get an appointment on the new Priest's calendar and find out what you can do to help him.

A few words about Faith in Action. You're most likely doing all the activities outlined for Faith in Action. It's just a different way of grouping and keeping track of all your council's charitable activities. The Knights offer men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service by putting our Faith into Action (this year's state moto). Our members, parishes and families have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference through 32 Supreme Council-recommended programs. The state has provided information and materials to reinforce this program. Additional information can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/index.html>. Questions? Please contact our worthy Program Director, SK Ryan Graveley at [StateWarden@UtahKnights.org](mailto:StateWarden@UtahKnights.org).

To wrap it all up, focus on being a Star Council. It is the roadmap for membership growth and retention. It also provides that personal experience that will keep our councils engaged, successful and moving onward.

Greg Keller

Utah State Deputy

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention

**Families, Schools of Human Growth**  
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

Offered in Solidarity  
with Pope Francis



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# "TO WHAT DEGREE"

## Fourth Degree News and Views

### The Beginning of a New Era

As we say Thank You to the Classic Regalia for its 56 years of service we now enter a NEW ERA. It is understood that we will have members opposing the change and in time this too shall pass. We must continue to move forward and respectfully educate our membership that the new uniform is the only uniform to be worn in the Honor Guards. Please be respectful to the changes and remember that what you wear does not make you a Knight, it is what we do as a Fraternity that makes us Knights.

Several membership recruitment tools and incentive awards programs are offered to help Fourth Degree members recruit new Sir Knights. Several assemblies are developing financial assistance programs to assist their color corps members purchase a uniform. The District Master and District Marshals will be discussing this with their Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers.

Please make note that any member showing up at an event without the proper uniform shall be denied participation. Any Color Corp Commander, Faithful Navigator, or District Marshal that cannot respect the by-laws of the new uniform shall be asked to step down from his leadership position. Furthermore the Classic Regalia cannot be requested by a Priest, Bishop, or Family at any time. You may participate in an Unofficial Call Out with your tuxedo, social baldric, and white gloves, but not carry the sword or liberty. Please contact your local District Marshal for more detailed information. We do not want to disrespect any brother, so please do not show up wearing the Classic Regalia at any event.



*"Sir Knight is more than a title...it's an honor."*

**Father Dominguez Assy. #1144**

Serving Councils: 5214, 7961, 8350, 10304

**Father Escalante Assy. #1146**

Serving Councils: 1136, 8606, 9561

**Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429**

Serving Councils: 777, 5347, 6010, 9849, 12959, 14399

**Carbon Assy. # 1570**

Serving Councils: 2611, 5663, 6147, 7401

**Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393**

Serving Council: 10733

**Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577**

Serving Councils: 6966, 11479, 12181, 13297, 13646, 14239

**Padre Pio Assy. #2636**

Serving Councils: 1129, 14764, 15418

**St. John Paul the II Assy. #3501**

Serving Councils: 11246

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

Serving Councils: 602, 5502, 12264, 15741, 16006

**Msgr John J. Sullivan Assy. # 3758**

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731, 11812, 17140

Our 2019-2020 fraternal year begins July 1, 2019. Now is the time to reinforce the many patriotic programs found within the Fourth Degree Program Manual #1953 3-14. It can be ordered on [kofc.org](https://www.kofc.org) or downloaded @ [https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/1953\\_Program\\_Manual\\_3-14.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/1953_Program_Manual_3-14.pdf) and should be in the hands of every Vice Supreme Master, District Master, and Faithful Navigators. Each should be promoting the programs that work best for their community. Order your New Uniform today <https://www.kofcuniform.com/CustomPage/OrderNow>

### The Patriot Degree Exemplifications

In 2019-2020 The Utah District will be hosting three (3) Exemplifications one in the Southern Utah, SLC area, and in the Northern Utah. The first one coming up is this fall on Sunday October 13th, 2019 in Cedar City. Please contact District Marshal Bill Lund for more info 435-590-1338. Those other Exemplifications are pending date and location.



### Kids in Crises Stuffed Animal Drive

We cannot thank you enough for what my brothers do. I love that being a Knight and this is one great reason why. We have collected over 3000 stuffed animals for our first responders, and we will be distributing them soon. Thank you for your participation and generosity.

### Quotes:

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

- John F. Kennedy

Yours in Christ,

*Francisco "Frank" Carmona*

Master of the Fourth Degree

## State Secretary's Corner

### Who's on Track for Success?

One month into our fraternal year down, and who's on track for success this year? I thought we had a great Organizational (Kick Off) meeting down at St Francis of Assisi in Orem, I hope you got a lot out of the meeting. One of my favorite things we discussed (or that I yelled about) was setting ourselves up for success. Whether that be by completing and submitting forms, using a budget, membership and charitable growth, and overall planning. I'm a firm believer that taking a little extra time at the beginning and laying out a plan will save countless hours later and help make you a success.

Speaking of a little extra time and getting forms completed and submitted... Supreme still has not received 12 of the 37 council's Report of Chosen Officers (Form 185) that were due 7/1. And the state (ME) is still missing 13 of those for Councils and 9 for Assemblies. I and the State Council can't complete our job and communicate with everyone if we don't have this information.

At the time of writing this, here is a list of Councils and Assemblies I still need the Chosen Officer Report Forms from...

Councils: 777, 2611, 5347, 7401, 10304, 11246, 11812, 12959, 13646, 14239, 15418, 15741, 16006

Assemblies: 1144, 1429, 1570, 2393, 2577, 2636, 3501, 3586, 3758

Also, now that we are in August don't forget the Program Personnel Report (Form 365) was due 8/1. This is a critical form for councils so that your Safe Environment compliance is completed and you are eligible for the Star Council and Columbian Awards.

Check and see if you are on track (or what is needed for your council) at any time by visiting the state website ([www.utahknights.org](http://www.utahknights.org)) and under the recruiting menu look at the council/district tracker.

As always, if I can be of assistance in anyway please let me or any of our State Officers know and we will do all that we can to help you. I look forward to a successful year!

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson  
State Secretary

## Safe Environment Training

As many of you are aware the Safe Environment Program is now a requirement to attain Star Council. The intent of this program is to protect our children while we execute our youth program throughout the State. Four positions require online training for certification at both Supreme and Diocese levels to attain compliance: Grand Knight (GK), Program Director (PD), Community Director (CD) and Family Director (FD).

For Supreme: Individuals need to establish an account with Armatus <https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com> and take three courses: "Meet Sam", "Duty to Report" and "Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Policies". The approximate time to complete all three course to satisfy Supreme requirements is two hours.

For the Diocese: At a minimum, the GK, PD, CD and FD need to log onto <https://saltlakecity.cmgconnect.org> and register for a new account and complete the "Adult Certification: Child & Youth Protection Training". However, we strongly encourage other council members to complete this training as requirements for safe cert will increase in the future.

The training is good for three years, then your members will be required to take an online refresher course. Please consider these requirements when nominating members to fulfill roles in your Form 365 Service Program Personnel Report

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Kelly  
State Advocate

## From Supreme: KNIGHTS DONATE \$185.7 MILLION TO CHARITY IN 2018

DONATIONS AND SERVICE HELP BETTER THE WORLD WHILE BUILDING BRIDGE BACK TO FAITH

The K of C has announced that it gave \$185.7 million to charity and donated 76.7 million hours of hands-on service in 2018. Contained in the annual fraternal survey, it demonstrates once again that charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus.

"Regardless of how or who the Knights serve, it's the chance to help those who are unable to help themselves and to be of assistance to the sick or disabled that is at the heart of what being a Knight is all about," said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

The Knights' charitable giving comes from three sources: direct fund raising, the funds raised by thousands of local Knights councils in their communities and from the Knights' insurance operations.

How the Knights Do It: Fundraisers, a 501 (c)(3), Community Service, and Insurance

**K of C Councils:** The Knights' charitable activity is carried out by more than 16,000 councils in nine countries, which raise funds for a variety of causes, including efforts to protect and provide relief to persecuted Christians, pro-life initiatives and disaster aid and recovery. Council members also donate volunteer time to helping their parishes, communities, and organizations such as Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity, as well as Knights-specific efforts such as "Coats for Kids," "Food for Families," and scholarship programs.

Knights of Columbus councils raise money through a broad spectrum of activities that include pancake breakfasts, raffles, auctions, tank pulls, rodeos, and its well-known Tootsie Roll drives. Others who benefit from these efforts include local pregnancy support centers, seminarians and veterans and service members seeking healing on the Knights' annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the U.S. Military Archdiocese.

Anderson said, "The men who choose to become Knights of Columbus are generous, and their impact is immense. While we are known mainly for our local efforts, our reach is global."

He added, "At the same time, the Knights help men improve their own lives by offering opportunities to give of themselves and to support other members and their families through shared faith and spiritual development. Additionally, we offer men the chance to protect the financial well-being of their families through our insurance products. These are the reasons that men choose to become Knights."

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## For the Good of the Order

**Andy & Kathy Beck** (#9849), were is a serious auto accident recently. I am not sure exactly where it occurred, but it was a head on collision. Somewhere near Mesquite, NV. I have not heard their latest conditions. Andy suffered a broken ankle and multiple bruises. Kathy suffered a broken arm & clavicle. She required surgery on her back and internal injuries. They need our Prayers for a quick recovery.

Please keep both Andy & Kathy in your thoughts and Prayers.

**Chris Venhaus** (#13297) who has just been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Chris is a wonderful and very humble and spiritual person. Please keep him in your prayers. Please put him in the prayers of your meetings too.

**Gene Mohr** (#16127) who suffered a fall and broken femur while visiting his daughter in Texas. Gene underwent numerous surgeries to repair the damage

### 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.

**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

# Membership Memo

Membership FAQ (from <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/faq.html>)

## I don't have time to join another organization; why should I join the Knights of Columbus?

Online Membership was designed to allow eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus online, through a streamlined, optimized process. Online Membership provides you with a digital membership experience, which will help you to grow as a Catholic man and a Knight.

As a Knight, you can choose the projects to be involved in within your own community. You will receive regular updates from your state council regarding news and events in your area and be presented with frequent opportunities to work alongside brother Knights in local councils.

## If I join online, am I joining a local Knights of Columbus council?

No you are not. When you join online you will not belong to a local council at first. Instead, you will become a member of the Knights of Columbus state division in your state of residence.

## Can I join a local council?

Yes! Council-based membership is the best way to experience the Knights of Columbus. Prospective members can join local councils just as they always have. Online Members can transition to local council membership, just as members from other local councils may transfer today. Transferring involves completing a membership form (Form #100) and going through the council admissions process. This includes meeting with council leaders and taking the First Degree ceremonial.

## How does Online Membership differ from membership in a local council?

Members who join online ("Online Membership") are members of the Knights of Columbus who have not yet taken a First Degree or been admitted to a local council.

As a member, like all members of the Knights of Columbus, you will have the right to purchase insurance on yourself, your spouse and any dependent children. You will receive Columbia magazine, the free accidental death benefit (age restrictions apply), and are eligible for participation in the family fraternal benefit. You may also attend select local and state council events which are promoted by your state division.

# From Supreme—\$185.7 Million

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## Knights of Columbus Charities

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. is the organization's 501(c)(3) entity, which enables members and others to contribute to local, regional, national, and international Knights of Columbus charitable initiatives. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to support the cause identified by the donor.

## Knights of Columbus Insurance

Knights of Columbus Insurance sells a portfolio of insurance and annuities products to its members—an outgrowth of a system of support instituted by Venerable Father J. McGivney in 1882 when he founded the Knights to help families in the event of the loss of a breadwinner.

The highly rated Fortune 1000 insurance company has a force of 1,207 agents who are also Knights. Once the company's revenue is used to cover operational costs and refunds (dividends) to our members, the remaining profits are directed to charity.

Over the last business year, Knights of Columbus Insurance issued \$8.6 billion of new life insurance, provided \$1 billion in benefits, including \$441 million in death benefits and \$262 million in refunds to members.

Anderson noted, "Our insurance program is a financial engine that not only helps our members protect their families but also provides the opportunity to give generously and support numerous charitable and spiritual causes."

**2018 saw outstanding results for Knights of Columbus giving with \$185.7 million in donations and 76.7 million volunteer hours.**

**K of C in the Community**

Physical & Intellectual Disabilities	\$14.8M
Food Drives	\$9.6M
Special Olympics	\$4.9M
Disaster Relief	\$5M
Coats for Kids	\$3M
Global Wheelchair Mission	\$1.6M

# State Programs Update—Faith in Action

## FEATURED PROGRAMS

The Supreme Council has designated select programs as featured programs in each of the four program categories. When your council conducts a featured program and satisfies the associated requirements, it will receive two credits towards that program category on the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). At the end of the year, report all completed programs on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728).

### FAITH

**REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)** – Councils are required to provide financial support of at least \$500 for a minimum of one seminarian. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Councils are also required to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success. Report activity using the RSVP Refund and Plaque Application (#2863).

### FAMILY

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES** – Councils are required to collect a minimum of \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food for a parish or community food pantry. In addition, councils must contribute a minimum of 100 total man-hours in preparation/distribution/service of meals. Report activity using the Food for Families Refund and Plaque Application (#10057).

### COMMUNITY

**COATS FOR KIDS** – Councils are required to distribute a specific number of coats. The requirements for each coat type are different and outlined in the table below. Councils must distribute the amount of coats shown in one of the lines of the table. Shipping cost are not included in these numbers. Report activity using the Coats for Kids Report Form (#10675).

Type of Coat	Coats in One Case	Cases Required to Satisfy Program	Total Coats Required
Youth Coat	12	6	72
Canadian Youth Coat	12	4	48
Teen Coat	12	4	48
Light Coat	24	4	96

**GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION** – Councils are required to purchase a large container of 110 to 280 wheelchairs for their own donation site, by raising funds through council, parish or community activities. Report activity using the Global Wheelchair Mission Report Form (#10071).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** – Councils are required to donate a minimum of \$1,000 or 200 service hours to a Habitat for Humanity project in their community. Report activity using the Habitat for Humanity Report Form (#10071).

### LIFE

**MARCH FOR LIFE** – Councils are required to organize a minimum of 50 marchers to participate in a national, state or local March for Life or councils must themselves organize a March for Life. Report activity using the March for Life Report Form (#10697).

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS** – Councils are required to contribute a minimum of 200 man-hours in support of state/local Special Olympics activities, or must raise a minimum of \$2,000 for Special Olympics. Report activity using the Special Olympics Report Form (#4584).

**ULTRASOUND** – Councils are required to identify a Pregnancy Center in need of an ultrasound machine that meets the requirements listed on the Diocesan Evaluation (#10715). Upon approval from the Supreme Council, a council raises 50% of the cost of the ultrasound machine. The council must then follow the published guidelines for obtaining the remaining 50% from the Supreme Council. Qualification for this program will be determined from the information provided on both the Diocesan Evaluation (#10715) and the Ultrasound Application (#10716).

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## From Supreme: Help Protect our Children

**NEW HAVEN** — As part of its Protecting Our Children program, the Knights of Columbus has released a video that features the compelling experience of two parents who came to grips with the realization that their son had been molested by a trusted family friend.

The 30-minute feature video, “Protecting Our Children: A Family’s Response,” includes the first-hand recounting by a Knights of Columbus family of every parent’s worst nightmare—the sexual abuse of their child. The video also includes commentary and practical tips for parents from Dr. Monica Applewhite, a leading expert in the field of sexual abuse.

“This video is a critical resource for families seeking to keep their children safe,” said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Hearing the experience of a mother, father and their son is eye opening and will help parents and guardians take the necessary steps to protect their children.”

The video, which is meant to complement the initiatives of other segments of the Church, will be distributed to members of the Knights of Columbus throughout the United States and Canada as part of its child protection program.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus will create a family resource guide in conjunction with Dr. Applewhite that will accompany the video. The Knights and Dr. Applewhite are also exploring the possibility of producing age-appropriate videos for middle school and high school students to arm them with the information needed to prevent and disrupt sexual abuse. The Knights will offer the video to dioceses, Catholic schools and their employees and volunteers for free on its web site.

“The problem of the sexual abuse of minors needs to be addressed on a number of levels, but we want to focus our attention on protecting families, which is a founding principle of the Knights of Columbus,” Anderson said. “The family in this video showed great courage by sharing their experience to help others.”

The video is grounded in the Knights’ Building the Domestic Church program, which encourages the development of faith-filled families.

## Council % of Membership Goal as of 08/02/2019

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
7961	Michael Anglin	40%	9731	Anthony Moore	0%
602	Gabe Ulibarri	22%	9849	Michael Sweetland	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	20%	10304	Gary "Pete" Sorensen	0%
16127	Richard Houghton	17%	10733	Tom Kelly	0%
777	Jerry Bedel	0%	11246	David Webb	0%
1129	Robert Dieringer	0%	11479	Larry Page	0%
1136	Alex Tarazon	0%	11812	Benjamin Trujillo	0%
2611	John Flores	0%	12181	Steven Thatcher	0%
5214	George Jockisch	0%	12264	Larry Martinez	0%
5347	George D Fuller	0%	12959	Cory Meacham	0%
5502	Joe Nesi	0%	13297	Gary A Cabana	0%
6010	Dennis Martinez	0%	13646	Charlie Millard	0%
6147	Tim Peczuh	0%	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	0%
6739	Thomas M Goonan	0%	14399	Wilber Meier	0%
6966	Mike Carmody	0%	14764	Richard Green	0%
7401	Richard Babin	0%	15418	Dick Hall	0%
8350	Jose Munoz	0%	15741	Jose Palestino	0%
8606	Rogelio Castaneda Jr	0%	16006	Jose Ozaine	0%
9561	Michael E Hacking	0%			

## District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 08/02/2019

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
2	Ray Salazar	10%	5	Cole Stapley	0%
6	Jerry Angus	10%	7	Art Grant	0%
9	Brian Duncan	8%	8	Mark Meredith	0%
1	Dan Castelli	0%	10	Peter Abercrombie	0%
3	Unassigned	0%	11	Frank Lesar	0%
4	Richard Vigor	0%			

## State Programs Update—Continued

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**REQUIRED PROGRAMS** – A council must conduct each of the following programs to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.

**FAITH  
SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

**FAMILY  
CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

**COMMUNITY  
HELPING HANDS**

**LIFE  
NOVENA FOR LIFE**

All forms for programs can be found at [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms) and submitted to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org)

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## Insurance Assurance—THE MOST OVERLOOKED ASPECT OF RETIREMENT PLANNING

A Knight since 1983, General Agent Robert Marlowe has been selling insurance in the greater Baltimore area for nearly four decades. His insights show why we need to add retirement planning into our New Year’s Resolutions.

Working with Brother Knights and their wives over the past 35 years has led me to observe that it’s a natural inclination to overlook what is perhaps one of the most important aspects of retirement planning — having the sufficient amount of life insurance coverage.

Consider the elements of retirement planning that most people fully consider:

- What their income streams will be in retirement; their pension and social security amounts?
- What will their monthly expenses be?
- What their 401k or investments will yield to supplement expenses?
- Will they have sufficient health insurance coverage?

All of these areas are vital, certainly. They are the basic architecture of a good retirement plan. However, we must consider some effects death will have on our spouse. Here are some crucial facts to consider:

- The surviving spouse will receive the greater of the two social security amounts — which is about a 30 percent loss of income.
- The surviving spouse will typically receive only 50 percent of their spouse’s pension (if they have one).
- Most group life insurance either reduces greatly or entirely upon retirement.
- There is a strong probability that one of the two spouses will live into their 90s and an early death could leave a surviving spouse 20-30 years to live with these reduced incomes.
- Term insurance will eventually become cost prohibitive or terminate in coverage as the spouse ages.
- Health care costs and taxes will go up — the longer the surviving spouse is alive, these costs can impinge on budgets.

So what is the answer? A simple analysis by your Knights of Columbus field agent will help you address retirement financial planning: a permanent life insurance policy that will never go up in cost and has a built-in guaranteed cash value. I like to call this the last “love letter” you will write to your spouse.

By purchasing a life insurance policy from Knights of Columbus, you make a choice to make a difference — not only for your family, but for the many charitable and humanitarian causes our organization supports.

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