



State Update

State Deputy's Message

We all need to become Fourth Degree Knights

I had the great opportunity to attend the annual Provincial Meeting in Albuquerque in late September. What is the Provincial Meeting you ask? According to the Laws Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knight of Columbus, ARTICLE IV, Section 12 provides the establishment of the Provincial Assembly. Therefore, the John H. Reddin Province was established and is comprised of Fourth Degree Knights in the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. Once a year the Vice Supreme Master, recently appointed Sir Knight Richard Espinosa of New Mexico, called the District Masters of the four states together to conduct the yearly meeting. Six District Marshalls from New Mexico were in attendance. State Deputies were also invited to take part in this gathering. It was a smaller group than our state convention which is conducted at the Third Degree level and calls together the state officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and other elected and appointed members to conduct the business of the state.

Much like our state convention, topics regarding membership, recruiting and programs were presented by the Vice Supreme Master, District Masters (DMs), Former District Masters, and special guests spoke to the group about the Culture of Life efforts and the benefits of the Ultrasound Initiative which continues to save lives. By the way, our DM Frank Carmona presented the great programs the Knights in Utah have and are accomplishing. We are leading the Province is conducting programs, and we have raised the bar for the other states.

As I sat in the meetings, it became obvious why we need our Fourth Degree members. The Fourth Degree provides the basis for understanding our roles to promote Patriotism. Each and every citizen must consider himself personally engaged in a continuing, day-to-day effort to create a better understanding and appreciation of his country's ideals. What to do and how to do it often escapes us. Yet millions of citizens, each day of their lives, are helping by thoughtful words and deeds to stimulate pride in their heritage and understanding of their way of life and knowledge of their basic form of government. In short, they are promoting patriotism.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established on 22 February 1900 on the principle of patriotism - love for and devotion to one's country, and Fourth Degree Knights focus the majority of their activities on this principle. Yet, it should be remembered the Fourth Degree is an integral part of the Knights of Columbus; a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. Nurturing a spirit of fraternalism within your Assembly is a vital aspect of the work of the Fourth Degree.

Fourth Degree members compose a brotherhood united in their dedication to patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. The patriotic spirit of every Knights of Columbus member can be enhanced if he chooses to join the Fourth Degree. To effectively celebrate and perpetuate patriotism, the Fourth Degree always needs additional members. Therefore, it is important to encourage Third Degree Knights to take the patriotic degree of the Order. This is where the state comes in. We need to continue to bring in new members to the First Degree. Then, encourage new members to advance to the Third Degree. By progressing through the degrees, they learn the lessons and what we are really all about. Third Degree members can now hold council positions, and if you don't want to keep rotating positions bring in some new members => Many Hands Make Light Work.

Be sure to also read DM Frank's "To What Degree" articles in the monthly State Update to see what's going on with our Fourth Degree brethren throughout the state. **"Sir Knight is more than a title...it's an Honor".**

Vivat Jesus!

Utah State Deputy

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church
That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

Offered in Solidarity
with Pope Francis



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Special points of interest

The Mid-Year Meeting will be held on January 11th, one week after it is normally expected



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"TO WHAT DEGREE"

Fourth Degree News and Views

Sir Knights and fellow Brother Knights, I would like to take a moment and congratulate all the new Faithful Navigators, Color Corp Commanders, and the rest of you NEW Assembly Officers for stepping up and helping us grow the Fourth Degree in the most celebrated District of all, The Utah District. As you sit and read this new letter there is one thing to keep in mind, the Utah District was the only district in the entire order worldwide that reached our goals of 100% new membership, four active and successful projects, and was the first to transition to the New Uniform @ a State Convention, and New Assembly in Vernal (still pending). We could not have done this without your dedication and perseverance as a Sir Knight. Today I am a proud Sir Knight because of you.

New Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinoza out of New Mexico sends his love and hugs to all of you. VSM Espinoza is a Past State Deputy with two years of Circle of Honor, Former District Master, Programs Chair, and many more accolades within the KofC; his email address is coachespi@yahoo.com if you would like to send him your kind words and congratulations.

Provincial Meeting was held In Albuquerque New Mexico on September 20, 2019, and we got to meet with the VSM, new District Master, Marshals, new SDs, and other leaders from Supreme, and around the country. A summary that came out of the meeting is the NEW Degrees to help our Knight's advance into the third and fourth degrees of the order. The JHRP is currently at 33% of 4th Degrees which is 1 out of every 3 Knights is a Sir Knight. Our goal this year is 78 new Knights, and with the three (3) schedules exemplifications, we believe we will be successful again this year.



"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

My term is almost up Sir Knights, and I will not be putting in for Re-Selection in 2020-2022. I will be completing my time as District Master on August 2020. Please make any suggestions or speak with me if you would like your name in the running for this honorable position. I have to say it has been fun, but it is not over yet!!

SOCKS FOR HEROS!!!

Brother Knights it is that time of year again where we put our efforts forth and help our less fortunate US Veterans obtain a NEW pair of warm winter socks. Last year we collected over 8500 pair of winter socks; this year, the goal is the same or higher. Please donate to your Assemblies and Councils, and your District Marshals can gather them up for us or call/text SK Larry Sisneros @ 801-440-8101 or DM Frank Carmona 801-493-9779 we will be more than happy to pick them up. The distribution of socks will be set in January 2020 at the SLC VA once SK Joe Bouley gives us the thumbs up... God Bless You, God Bless Your Family, and God Bless America!!!

Quotes:

"It is better to die on your feet than leave on your knees. "

- Emiliano Zapata

Yours in Christ,

Francisco "Frank" Carmona

Master of the Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree Exemplifications

WHEN: October 13, 2019

WHERE: Christ the King Church
690 South Cove Dr., Cedar City, Utah 84720

WHEN: March 21, 2020

WHERE: St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
725 S 250 E, Hyde Park, UT 84318

State Secretary's Corner

Do Good Anyway

By the time you read this the Directory has been completed and the Leaders should have received a hard copy. Also, the State Per Capita invoices have been sent out, we realize at the State your council may not have all the funds to pay this at this time as most councils bill their membership dues in January. Pay when you can; a suggestion that worked well from last year was to pay half now and the rest after you collect dues. To the councils that have paid, thank you; this is assisting the State with operating funds to do what we do.

Administrative notes, the State Advocate has been reaching out to you to make sure you get your form 365 (Program Personnel Report) submitted so that councils are compliant with Safe Environment. Please get these in as soon as possible if you have not returned them (copies sent to the State Council in addition to submission to Supreme). Here is a list of the 13 Councils still needing to submit this:

602, 777, 1136, 2611, 5347, 7401, 8606, 11812, 12264, 12959, 13646, 15741, 16006

I came across a poem that gets attributed to St Mother Teresa often titled "Anyway" and I thought it worth sharing with you for reflection on what we do and can do as Knights.

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered; Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God; It was never between you and them anyway.

My favorite line is about the good you do being forgotten and how we should do good anyway. This is one of the reasons I joined the Knights. And I encourage all of us to continue the good we do. If I can be of assistance to you please let me know and remember you can check and see your council status at any time by visiting the state website (www.utahknights.org) and under the recruiting menu look at the council/district tracker.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Secretary

From Supreme: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WORK TO HELP IMMIGRANTS ON SOUTHERN BORDER

DONATIONS TOTALING \$150,000 ARE A FIRST PHASE

New Haven, Conn. – The Knights of Columbus has donated \$150,000 to help meet the humanitarian needs of recent immigrants arriving at the Texas border with Mexico.

“The Knights are working to help meet the needs of new arrivals along the border as we do in thousands of different ways for people in need throughout our country and the world,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in announcing the gifts to the Catholic communities in Laredo and El Paso. “The dire needs of individual people must be addressed,”

The gifts of \$100,000 to the Diocese of El Paso and \$50,000 to the Diocese of Laredo will be used to provide basic necessities starting from food and focusing especially on the needs of mothers and children.

The donations are the first phase of Anderson’s pledge, made at the Knights’ international convention in August, to commit at least \$250,000 in humanitarian aid for migrant shelters to help those in camps in each of the border states or in adjoining Mexican communities.

In the Texas initiative, the K of C will partner with the dioceses to help supply shelters for migrants from throughout Central America and other nations.

Speaking about the donation, El Paso Bishop Mark J. Seitz said, “This inspiring commitment from the Knights of Columbus demonstrates that the ideals of Venerable Father McGivney, including serving Christ in the migrant and Christian solidarity with those in need, are precisely what our country needs right now in addressing the situation at the border.”

Bishop Seitz established the Border Refugee Assistance Fund, which provides direct assistance to migrant shelters on El Paso’s border with Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Those who wish to donate to the Border Refugee Assistance Fund may do so at the website for the Diocese of El Paso: www.elpasodiocese.org.

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of coming to the aid of those in need and those who are displaced, including most recently in the Middle East and Ukraine.

For the Good of the Order

Patrick Dougherty (#7961), Please keep the family of SK Patrick Dougherty in your prayers after his passing on 9/25.

SK Patrick Dougherty, PGK, passed away yesterday at home surrounded by family following a yearlong battle with cancer. Whether it be as a council officer, state chairman, or exemplification team member, Patrick lived and breathed Knighthood. To the end he never changed. His good humor, self-deprecation, and love for all are a model for all Knights. He will be greatly missed by his friends, his brother Knights, and mostly by his family. Wake and funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to the St. Joseph the Worker Building Fund or the Knights of Columbus Council 7961 Seminarian Support Fund.

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

Safe Environment Update and Form 365

Several folks have experienced difficulty in logging on to the Armatus training site. This could be caused by one or a combination of the following : 1) Your council did not submit the service personnel program report (form 365) to Supreme, 2) Supreme did not transmit your information to Praesidium, 3) You do not have a valid email address, or 4) You did not receive or forgot your user name/password.

As of Sep 20, 19, there are 14 councils who have not submitted their Form 365s to Supreme. GKs or FSs can quickly submit these online after you log in by selecting the member management icon (5th icon from left), then click on live, then click on council administration, then click Service Program Personnel Current and Next. Then choose the respective role you want to file, type their name in the search box and click search. Click on member's name and then click assign. Repeat this process for the 5 required positions you are assigning. After assigning positions click submit and you are done.

There are 5 required positions to complete this form: program director, community director, family director, membership director and retention chairman. An individual could fill more than one role but please get commitments from your program, family, and community directors to complete both the Supreme and Diocesan Safe Environment training.

After Supreme receives new or updated 365s, Supreme will transmit information every Thursday to the Praesidium's Armatus training system. Praesidium will then send an email notification to the member to complete the required Safe Environment Training Program. Note: If the member holds the role of Community Director or Family Director they will receive a 2nd email notification from Praesidium with a personalized link to complete the background check consent form.

If any of our members in these roles does not have a valid email address or access to a computer, please contact Bill Kelly for further assistance.

If any member did not receive a Praesidium email (possibly went to junk) or forgot their password, please go to: <https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/armatusUser/login>

Click on username or password to the left of the login button, follow the prompts, answer questions and you should be able to reset your password. Usernames are normally your membership number (7 digits) followed by your last name, e.g. 1234567smith. If this does not work do one of the following:

Call Praesidium Support at 800.743.6354 to get login credentials (during regular business hours (Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST).

Email Praesidium Support at Support@Praesidiuminc.com to get login credentials. Please include your full name, council number and position).

If Praesidium is unable to help you get your login credentials, please contact Bill Kelly and I will work with Supreme to get your access setup.

Bill Kelly
Utah State Advocate
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stateadvocate@utahknights.org

What is the procedure to get these guys listed to complete the training? The Armatus/Online Training's are generated/approved only by the Knights of Columbus Supreme office, we at Praesidium only provide the training's to the members whom the Supreme office has recorded into Armatus/Online training system. Please call or email the Knights of Columbus Supreme office for additional instructions for this matter; youthleader@kofc.org or 203-800-4940

Note: Praesidium Inc. is a third party vendor/provider for the courses and background check only. If you have additional questions/concerns please contact us during regular business hours or call 800.743.6354

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Upcoming Events

Worthy Sirs,

If you haven't looked at the Ceremonials Calendar today, you may have missed the addition of the First Degree at Saint Thomas More (Cottonwood Heights) on Tuesday, 9/24. That looks to be the final chance for your council (recruiter) to get the \$10 rebate for each new member you bring in this month. It was limited to the first 50 new members by 9/30 (starting 7/1), but that limit is still a ways away. From what I see, we've gained 20 members, and lost 84 so far this fraternal year.

Hopefully even after this FREE MONEY promotion ends the Admissions Degrees will continue to be scheduled by councils (like 10/1 in Ogden). If you're following the Fraternal Success Planner and are having a Church Drive in October, now is the time to schedule the ceremonial. The Delta Church Drive Training is also highly recommended for an updated approach.

Next Saturday, 9/28, in Tooele there will be a Formation (Second) Degree followed by a Knighthood (Third) Degree. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, and people should be on their way back home by noon. When I checked with DD Brian, he didn't have a lot of candidates. So if you're bringing candidates, please let District Deputy #9 Brian Duncan know, 435-241-2427, utahkofc.dd9@gmail.com

All the Formation and Knighthood Ceremonials through 12/31/2019 have been scheduled and put on the calendar (see below). Your options are Tooele (Sat. 9/28) and Layton (Sat. 10/19) if you want them combined, or Saint Ambrose in SLC for Formation only (Mon. 11/4). Since all of these are in English, I'm also working on getting the 2nd and 3rd Degrees scheduled in Spanish (probably January 2020 at Saint Mary's in Park City); more on that as the plans take shape. If you have candidates, or input on the scheduling, please let me know.

24	SEP, TUE	●	6:30 – 8pm	1-Admission, Live, Saint Thomas More, Cottonwood Heights St. Thomas More Catholic Church, LLC #248
28	SEP, SAT	●	8:30am – 1pm	2-Formation, 3-Knighthood, Saint Marguerite, Tooele St Marguerite's Catholic Church
1	OCT, TUE	●	5:30 – 7pm	1-Admission, Live, Saint James the Just, Ogden St James Church
		●	6 – 7pm	1-Admission, CANCELED, DVD, Saint Rose of Lima, Layton St Rose of Lima Catholic Church
6	OCT, SUN	●	10:30 – 11:30am	1-Admission, Live, Saint Francis Xavier, Kearns Saint Francis Xavier Church, 4501 W. 5215 S, Kearns, UT 84118
13	OCT, SUN	●	3 – 8pm	4-Patriotic, Christ the King, Cedar City, Assembly 3501 Christ the King Catholic Church
19	OCT, SAT	●	11:30am – 1pm	2-Formation, Saint Rose of Lima, Layton St Rose of Lima Catholic Church
		●	1 – 3pm	3-Knighthood, Saint Rose of Lima, Layton St Rose of Lima Catholic Church
3	NOV, SUN	●	10:30 – 11:30am	1-Admission, Live, Saint Francis Xavier, Kearns Saint Francis Xavier Church, 4501 W. 5215 S, Kearns, UT 84118
4	NOV, MON	●	6:30 – 8pm	2-Formation, Saint Ambrose, Salt Lake City St Ambrose Catholic Church
1	DEC, SUN	●	10:30 – 11:30am	1-Admission, Live, Saint Francis Xavier, Kearns Saint Francis Xavier Church, 4501 W. 5215 S, Kearns, UT 84118

Updated list of the Patriotic (Fourth) Degrees for 2019-2020:

* Sunday, 10/13 in Cedar City (link)

* Saturday, 3/21 in Logan (I'm told technically Saint Thomas Aquinas is in Hyde Park); date change from 3/14 (SLC Saint Patrick's Day Parade)

* Saturday, 6/13 in Kearns at Saint Francis Xavier.

That's it. Three opportunities spread around the state.

Vivat Jesus!

-- Karl VanMaren

2019-2020 Ceremonials Director

PS - As long as I have you marking your calendars, did you notice the State Mid-Year Meeting date in January 2020? It's at Saint Ambrose on Saturday, January 11th. District Deputies will also meet with the State Officers on Friday evening January 10th.

Looking for an excuse to visit our State Chaplain's new parish before that? How about a dinner with Bishop Oscar Solis on October 2nd? <https://utahknights.org/2019/09/clergy-appreciation-dinner-assembly-2636/>

From Supreme: KNIGHTS HELP REUNITE CHILDREN WITH MOTHERS

CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS HELP CHILDREN VISIT THEIR INCARCERATED MOTHERS

For some children of incarcerated women, there is little opportunity to see their moms for months or even years. Thanks to some California Knights of Columbus members, several children are getting that opportunity.

Knights from Father Frank Colacicco Council 4060 in Danville, regularly volunteer with the Center for Restorative Justice Works to accompany children — who otherwise would lack the means to travel — to the Federal Incarceration Center in Dublin. It's a special chance for children and their mothers to strengthen familial bonds.

Steve Battles, a past grand knight of the council, said the reunions are often emotional.

"Sometimes it's been a few months but often it's a few years," Battles said. "It's a great thing for the kids and the mothers too. For the mothers, they're thinking they're not going to see their family again for two, three years, whatever the sentence is."

The children and their mothers do activities together like artwork or making bracelets. Each child gets to take a photo with his or her mother, enabling them to take home a permanent keepsake from the visit.

The Center for Restorative Justice Works is a grassroots organization advocating for the need to connect incarcerated parents with their children. When the Knights heard about the opportunity to help the organization, they overwhelmingly agreed to do so.

Battles said this project was a natural fit for the types of programming his council aims to organize. The council wanted to do more than simply write a check — they wanted to act upon one of the corporal works of mercy.

"It should be supporting our Catholic faith and our Catholic principles," he said.

A report compiled by Council 4060 outlined the positive benefits of the program:

"Research shows that maintaining contact through the visit helps kids deal with anxiety, fear and shame over the separation. They become more energized as their grades improve and school truancy declines. Child visits are also linked to improved inmate behavior and a reduction of recidivism (the tendency of a convict not to re-offend)."

As one mother said, "Having seen my child again was the best memory."

Council % of Membership Goal as of 10/02/2019

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
5347	George D Fuller	75%	8350	Jose Munoz	0%
14764	Richard Green	50%	8606	Rogelio Castaneda Jr	0%
5502	Joe Nesi	33%	9561	Michael E Hacking	0%
6739	Thomas M Goonan	25%	9731	Anthony Moore	0%
602	Gabe Ulibarri	22%	9849	Michael Sweetland	0%
1136	Alex Tarazon	20%	10733	Tom Kelly	0%
7961	Michael Anglin	20%	11246	David Webb	0%
10304	Gary "Pete" Sorensen	20%	11479	Larry Page	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	20%	11812		0%
5214	George Jockisch	18%	12181	Steven Thatcher	0%
14399	Wilber Meier	17%	12264	Larry Martinez	0%
16127	Richard Houghton	17%	12959	Cory Meacham	0%
777	Jerry Bedel	0%	13297	Gary A Cabana	0%
1129	Robert Dieringer	0%	13646	Charlie Millard	0%
2611	John Flores	0%	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	0%
6010	Dennis Martinez	0%	15418	Dick Hall	0%
6147	Tim Peczuh	0%	15741	Jose Palestino	0%
6966	Mike Carmody	0%	16006		0%
7401	Richard Babin	0%			

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 10/02/2019

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
6	Jerry Angus	20%	5	Cole Stapley	0%
2	Ray Salazar	19%	7	Art Grant	0%
1	Dan Castelli	16%	8	Mark Meredith	0%
9	Brian Duncan	15%	10	Peter Abercrombie	0%
3	Unassigned	0%	11	Frank Lesar	0%
4	Richard Vigor	0%			

State Programs Update

* How many coats would you like to order this year for Utah's children. The due date for orders to the State will be October 31st. This includes your pledges and payments. I can receive them at 7658 West Washington Road Magna, Utah 84044. Please make payments to Utah Knights and put Coats for Kids in your comments section. Thank you in advance. The Salt Lake Distribution will be November, 23rd at 11 a.m. Please come and help all are welcome. Event location: Catholic Community Services of Utah 437 W. 200 S. Salt Lake City, UT.

Other Utah Knights are doing there own distributions closer to their Councils. Please get your dates and event locations to me so we can include them on the calendar and grow attendance at your events.

* Please start working on your Council and District Soccer Challenges. The State Challenge is planned for October 20, 2019 at St. Vincent de Paul 1:30-3:30 1375 Spring Ln, SLC, UT 84117

* The due date for our Catholic Essay Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is 11/29/19. Please send your entries with a completed entrant form to Ryan Graveley 7658 W. Washington Road Magna, UT 84044

I would like to congratulate the participating Councils and winners of the Family of the Month awards for the month of August.

August 2019

Participants: 7961 and 10304

Family of the Month Winners

State Advocate - Louis Lopez Council 7961 and Michael Lopez Council 10304

State Program Updates see all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state. <http://utahknights.org/>.

Ryan Graveley

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Insurance Assurance—WANT TO BE WELCOMED, HEARD AND CHALLENGED?

YOUNG MEN WANT TO BE WELCOMED, TO BE HEARD, AND TO BE CHALLENGED. ANDREW WEISS — A FIELD AGENT IN SOUTH BEND, IND., AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME — SHARES WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT WHEN INVITING YOUNG MEN TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS.

As a field agent, I get a wide perspective: I serve several councils and I am familiar with their struggles, strengths, leaders, etc. I also meet with 10-15 Catholic families each week to discuss the Knights of Columbus and our financial programs. I help them achieve their financial goals, and I listen to their thoughts about the Knights of Columbus. I've learned that different generations join the Knights for different reasons.

What kind of army are you building at your council?

Is it one that a young Catholic man wants to join?

To feel welcomed into the Order, a young man needs to know that he was invited because he is a worthy recruit for the army of soldiers battling to defend Christ and his Church.

For a young man's ideas to be heard, we must be implementing the Faith In Action initiatives. There are plenty of service organizations out there, but ours is distinguished by our Catholic faith. This is important to those of us in my generation who have persevered in our faith.

Are you prepared to invite a young man into your council to help transform it?

Do you recognize the power of your council to transform your parish?

Despite popular belief, young men want to be challenged. Even if your council isn't what you hope for it to be, you can invite young men to help change it. Be honest about the challenges ahead, but most importantly, be optimistic. I will leave you with a final challenge (and a practical tip to achieve it). Young men typically want to join a council that has other young men too. Find two to four young men who are friends and invite them to join as a group. Plug them all into the same committee or give them one event to organize together. You'll find your ideal guys at events and programs like Theology on Tap, Cursillo, Alpha Series, That Man Is You or a parish bible study. You can also work with your local field agent. He can help connect you.

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