



State Update

State Deputy's Message

Mid-Year Meeting and Public Policy

First, it's that time of the year when planning for the Mid-Year Meeting starts to go into full swing. The meeting will be held Saturday, 11 January 2020 at the St Ambrose Parish in south Salt Lake City. Grand Knight Dick Hall and the members of Council 15418 will be hosting the day's activities. Also, this is the new home council for our Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Erik Richtsteig so we're taking the show to him. Your state officers are looking forward to conducting this meeting and sharing the status of what's been going on throughout the state the first six months of this fraternal year and review and make plans for the remaining six months. Agendas, meals and other planning tools are in work and will be available soon.

Second, we hear in the lessons taught in our Exemplifications about "Public Policy", but what is it exactly and how to we know what we're supposed to do. I pulled some information from the Supreme web site and would like to share the following thoughts and follow-on actions with you. Church teaching (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2442) informs us that it is the task of the lay faithful in particular "to intervene directly in the political structuring and organization of social life...acting on their own initiative with their fellow citizens. Social action can assume various concrete forms. It should always have the common good in view and be in conformity with the message of the Gospel and the teaching of the Church. It is the role of the laity "to animate temporal realities with Christian commitment, by which they show that they are witnesses and agents of peace and justice".

Unfortunately, today's cultural currents seek to curtail the proclamation of moral and religious truth. Tradition, however, does not speak from blind faith, but from a rational perspective which links our commitment to building a civilization of love to our moral reasoning based on the natural law. In his Encyclical Fides and Ratio, St. John Paul II tells us "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves."

Therefore, we seek to assist the poor and disadvantaged, defend the dignity of human life, and uphold the truth about marriage through personal witness and on the basis of rational arguments proposed in the public square. Our members are encouraged to engage the secular society and to help determine the values which will shape the future of the nation.

In conclusion, Pope Francis reminds us through our participation, we hope to build a culture that "reaches out to those who find themselves in the existential peripheries of our societies and show particular solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters: the poor, the disabled, the unborn and the sick, migrants and refugees, the elderly and the young who lack employment". I hope this helps clarify any questions you may have about public policy. It is entwined in how we live out our ideals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Looking forward to seeing and sharing with you at the Mid-Year Meeting on 11 January at St Ambrose.

Vivat Jesus!

Utah State Deputy

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together. .

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

TO: Vice Supreme Masters
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State Deputies

FROM: Dennis J. Stoddard
Supreme Master

RE: Uniforms

Over the past two years the Order has accepted bids from several domestic companies to manufacture our uniform. Four companies submitted sample uniforms for committee consideration.

Our primary concern was member cost and having the same identical fabric as our first uniforms ordered so there would be no noticeable difference in fabric, style or color.

I am pleased to report that the Order has contracted with "The Supply Room." TSR is a world-class, leading manufacturer and distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms located in Oxford, Alabama, USA.

Their executive and management staff have well over 100 years of experience and have built a solid reputation for quality, price competition and most of all, excellent customer service, and offer dedicated customer service representatives to handle only Knights of Columbus uniform orders and issues. We are certain that you will be pleased with their service, as well as the price.



"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 KofC web site will be updated very soon with order and contact information. I would suggest that members hold off on placing orders until we are fully operational.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Dennis J. Stoddard
Supreme Master

Yours in Christ,

Francisco "Frank" Carmona

Master of the Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree Exemplifications

WHEN: March 21, 2020

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

WHEN: June 13, 2020

WHERE: Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
4501 West 5215 South, Kearns, UT 84118

State Secretary's Corner

The Administrative Side

We have 5 councils that have not submitted their Chosen Officer report (form 185), those councils are 2611, 11812, 12959, 15741, 16006. We have 11 councils that have not submitted their Program Personnel report (form 365), those councils are 602, 1136, 2611, 5347, 7401, 8606, 11812, 12264, 12959, 15741, 16006. I have spoke to some or most of these councils regarding forms 185 or 365 and regardless if the officers or people stayed the same as last year this form needs to be filled out every year. Please get these submitted as soon as possible.

Council Audits (Form 1295) are due twice a year. Here is a list of the 12 Councils that need to submit the last audit that was due 8/1: 602, 777, 2611, 5347, 5502, 7401, 11812, 12959, 13646, 15741, 16006, 17140.

This is a large number of councils that did not complete the last audit (and half of those have missed 2 or more of the previous audits). This can put the council in jeopardy and could result in a loss of bonding for the Financial secretaries. So, who's responsible to complete the audit... the Financial Secretary? The Treasurer? The Grand Knight?

As the leader of the council, the Grand Knight is responsible for this (and making sure all things are completed). This doesn't mean that the Grand Knight does everything and all the forms, but that he sees that they are completed when due by the responsible officer. The Audit is to be completed by the Grand Knight and the Trustees (the Financial Secretary and Treasurer provide their records/books).

Have we lost the knowledge of how to complete these audits with the changing of officers over the years? Has that knowledge not been passed down? Maybe we don't know how to complete this form, or we're intimidated by it, so we just don't do it? When I was Grand Knight, I didn't have a clue and all of these things were true for me. So, here is a link to the "Leadership Resources" PDF; there is some great information in here. The audit is explained in very good detail and will help you fill this form out, it starts on Page 11. <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/officers/officers.pdf>

I wanted to share in this article the successes we've been having and to keep up the good work or momentum we are gaining regarding membership and programs (keep it going), but felt that this was very important to discuss as well. The administrative side of the council duties and forms aren't as glamorous or fun as the programs and the good work we do... but without these forms, the planning, the budgeting, the administrative side we wouldn't have the other. Please make sure you are doing what needs to be done by getting this side of council leadership completed. If you need assistance please reach out to me, to your DD, or any of the state officers.

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

Brothers,

It's full swing into our council meetings this week. Please remember to add a prayer for our priests and seminarians. They are always under a lot of pressure and concentrated prayer at all our meetings will do them a lot of good.

FDD and PGK George D'Apuzzo wants to thanks all for their prayers for his wife, Judy. The surgery went very well, the growth on her spine turned out to benign, and she is recovering nicely.

Vivat Jesus!

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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

From Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



Dear Brother Knights:

The Knights of Columbus has counted hundreds of thousands of veterans as members, and we recently highlighted two who received the Medal of Honor. This Veterans Day, we recognize all the everyday heroes who have served their country in uniform in all the nations where our Order has a presence. No matter where or when they served, on this Veterans Day we honor those who stepped up and sacrificed for family, freedom and faith. May God bless them, even as we thank them.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Read about some of the work our Order has done on behalf of veterans by visiting the [K of C News Hub](#).

A Prayer for Veterans Day

God of mercy we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.

We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord. May we pray for them when they cannot pray.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways.

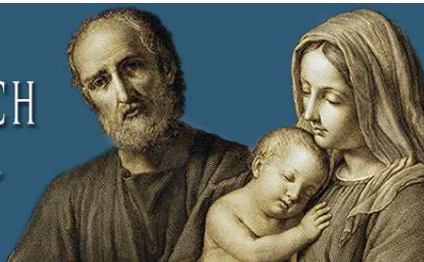
Give us all here present today creative vision to see a world that, growing weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, I trust in You!

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

While Strengthening Our Parish



Instructions for the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the month will be available in a number of places:

- kofc.org/challenge
- Columbia
- Knightline
- Chaplain's Report
- Knights of Columbus social media
- Monthly email to Grand Knight and Chaplain

To conduct the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, during a Knights of Columbus meeting (ideally during the Chaplain's Message or the Grand Knight's Report) or other gathering:

1) Open with the Sign of the Cross and perhaps a brief prayer.

Example Opening Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit. We thank you for guiding our lives and pray that we may have the courage exemplified by Venerable Fr. McGivney to live our faith to the fullest through our council, our families and in society. May our words today give glory to your Sacred Heart and if we struggled this past month in living our faith, help us to never stop turning to you and always try again.*

2) Re-read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge from the previous month.

3) Open the floor for discussion on what it was like to try and live last month's challenge. Every month has a number of Questions for Reflection that may help facilitate discussion. Don't worry about what order the men speak in or if there is silence in between men speaking. Not everyone has to speak and it is not a problem if the discussion is brief. Men are welcome to comment on others' contribution to the discourse.

4) When finished, read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the next month.

5) End by asking if there are any intentions and close with prayer and the Sign of the Cross.

Example Closing Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for this time together with our brothers. We ask you to have mercy on all those people and intentions we prayed for. Give us the perseverance to live next month's challenge and to remember that we are united with our brother Knights around the world in doing so.*

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

WHAT IS THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE?

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge.



The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally done during monthly Knights of Columbus meetings, but can be done in a separate group or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

This Month's Challenge—November, 2019

Then [one of the criminals] said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Gospel for Nov. 24, Lk.23:42-43)

We've read these words so many times that it's easy to miss their power. Here is Jesus using his last minutes of earthly life to show mercy to a dying criminal and to promise him life in heaven that very day. We may not like to admit it, but we have a tendency to insulate ourselves from entire groups of people — perhaps the poor, the homeless or the sick. Yet these are precisely the people with whom Jesus spent so much time. While the religious "upper class" often ignored or mocked Jesus, the poor acknowledged him as Lord and were transformed. May the unlikely words of a criminal — "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom" — become our own urgent prayer.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to ask God's pardon and mercy by making a thorough examination of conscience and going to confession. I also challenge you to serve those in need individually or with your council through Faith in Action programs such as Coats for Kids or Food for Families.

Questions for Reflection:

Are there habits in your daily routine which exclude or ignore those on the margins of our society? What are some ways, large or small, that you can increase your efforts to help the poor and the needy? How does going to confession help us to imitate the penitent thief, and what can we learn from his prayer?

Council % of Membership Goal as of 11/8/2019

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
5347	George D Fuller	75%	2611	John Flores	0%
6739	Thomas M Goonan	75%	6010	Dennis Martinez	0%
12264	Larry Martinez	75%	6147	Tim Peczuh	0%
14764	Richard Green	50%	6966	Mike Carmody	0%
15418	Dick Hall	50%	7401	Richard Babin	0%
5502	Joe Nesi	33%	8350	Jose Munoz	0%
11479	Larry Page	27%	8606	Rogelio Castaneda Jr	0%
602	Gabe Ulibarri	22%	9561	Michael E Hacking	0%
9849	Michael Sweetland	22%	9731	Anthony Moore	0%
1136	Alex Tarazon	20%	11246	David Webb	0%
7961	Michael Anglin	20%	11812		0%
10304	Gary "Pete" Sorensen	20%	12181	Steven Thatcher	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	20%	12959	Cory Meacham	0%
5214	George Jockisch	18%	13297	Gary A Cabana	0%
14399	Wilber Meier	17%	13646	Charlie Millard	0%
16127	Richard Houghton	17%	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	0%
10733	Tom Kelly	8%	15741	Jose Palestino	0%
777	Jerry Bedel	0%	16006		0%
1129	Robert Dieringer	0%			

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 11/8/2019

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
1	Dan Castelli	26%	5	Cole Stapley	0%
6	Jerry Angus	20%	7	Art Grant	0%
9	Brian Duncan	15%	8	Mark Meredith	0%
2	Ray Salazar	14%	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

State Warden and Program Director

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Insurance Assurance—PROTECT YOUR ASSETS. GET QUALITY CARE. PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE.

What is it?

Long-term care insurance helps you pay for your extended medical needs in a nursing home facility or in the comfort of your own home.

Who needs it?

Long-term care insurance should be an important part of every family’s planning. While we’d like to think that we will never need long-term care, or that we could easily afford it the statistics suggest otherwise:

- 70 percent of people over age 65 will need some type of long-term care services during their lifetime.[1]
- 3 years is the average duration of long-term care needed per individual.[2]
- \$91,250 is the average annual cost of private nursing home care.[3]
- \$80,300 is the average annual cost of at-home nursing care.[4]

Traditional medical insurance programs and government medical insurance programs don’t usually provide enough help. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays for long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, with a copay after the 20th day, and only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level, and you meet state requirements.[5]

How does it work?

Knights of Columbus Long-Term Care insurance policies establish a pool of money (also known as a maximum lifetime benefit), which is determined by a number of options that you choose from (see below). That pool of money is then available for you to use to cover qualified long-term care expenses. When the pool of money is exhausted, your long-term care policy ends.

The Knights of Columbus also offers a spousal discount program, through which spouses who apply for long-term care insurance coverage together are eligible for up to a 30 percent discount.

What options do I have?

Coverage Type

- Comprehensive Coverage – Comprehensive long-term care insurance allows you to use the policy to help cover expenses at home or in a skilled nursing facility.
- Facility-Only Coverage – Facility-only long-term care insurance helps cover expenses in a skilled nursing or assisted living facility.

Benefit Period

- 3-Year – Establish a maximum lifetime benefit designed to help cover three years of long-term care expenses.
- 5-Year – Establish a maximum lifetime benefit designed to help cover five years of long-term care expenses.
- 10-Year – Establish a maximum lifetime benefit designed to help cover 10 years of long-term care expenses.

Daily Benefit

Working with your Knights of Columbus field agent, you establish the daily benefit amount that the policy provides, based on your budget and your projected need. Your daily benefit amount, combined with your benefit period, will determine your maximum lifetime benefit, all of which will affect your premium.

Elimination Period

Long-term care insurance policies come with an elimination period, which serves as your deductible or out-of-pocket amount. You can select a 30, 90, or 180-day one-time, lifetime elimination period, after which time your benefits will begin to be paid.

Additional Features and Benefits

A number of special features and benefits – often called riders – are available on Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance products. An example is the compound inflation rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit annually.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our long-term care insurance products and the safety and security that we can help provide.



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