



State Update

State Deputy's Message

Membership Status

With over half of the fraternal year behind us, here's a quick recap of our year to date membership intake status. We already have ten councils who are well on their way to becoming Star Councils. A big shout out to the following councils who are already on the way to becoming Star Councils::

| <u>50% of goal</u> | <u>25% of goal</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 602 – Salt Lake City, | 5214 – Kearns, |
| 5347 – Brigham City, | 5502 – Bountiful |
| 6739 – Tooele, | 10304 – Taylorsville, |
| 7961 – West Jordan, | 11479 – Sandy, |
| 9731 – Magna, | 13646 – Midvale, |
| 12264 – Salt Lake City, | 14399 – South Ogden |
| 14764 – Salt Lake City, | |
| 15418 – Salt Lake City, | |
| 15741 – Salt Lake City, | |
| 17140 – Copperton. | |

In case you haven't heard, Supreme has combined the first three ceremonials into a one half hour ceremony. The ceremony combines all the best of the three previously separate degrees and inviting family members to observe is highly recommended. Since early February, two councils, 6010 - Layton and 11479 - Sandy, have conducted or hosted the new ceremonial progressing 11 members to 3rd Degree Knights. To encourage councils to conduct the combined ceremonial, the state council has ordered two complete sets of ceremonial baldrics, crosses, fiber and cables to loan to any council who is ready to conduct the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Knighthood. Our worthy Ceremonials Director Karl VanMaren has provided several email notifications on this subject. Hope this helps with your recruiting efforts as we continue to grow the Order.

Continued support to Faith in Action – Life Programs

Thank you all very much for your support to our Culture of Life efforts. The third new ultrasound machine was blessed by Fr Reuse on 11 December at the Pregnancy Care Center in Brigham City. Also, the 5th Annual March for Life at the Utah State Capital Building was held on Saturday, January 25th . We gathered in the Hall of Governors at the Utah State Capitol to say the Rosary to our Lady of Guadalupe which was led by Bishop Solis. After several speeches, the entourage of marchers, led by the Knights Honor Guard and Bishop Solis, encircled the capital building with hundreds of prolife posters and banners. I heard on the news over 2000 people participated in the March for Life. Just five years ago, only 50 people showed up so you can see what an impact this event has grown into. It was a great turnout for Knights and like-minded prolife advocates.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller

Utah State Deputy

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Offered in Solidarity
with Pope Francis



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Special points of interest

The 2020 State Convention will be Friday May 1st through Sunday May 3rd in Ogden, UT



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"TO WHAT DEGREE"

Fourth Degree News and Views

February 2020 Recap

Sir Knights February was full of LOVE and Friendship. Saint Valentines 2020 was a special one in the Utah District; we once again crossed boundaries into different denominations of Christianity and honors to our First Responders and men/women in Blue, honored our fallen brothers, and began preparation to lead the 2020 Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Participating in the NEW Combine degrees is one of our highlights for sure; it has been fun and simple now that a Knight is knighted only in the Patriotic Degree (Yes!). I do have to say I miss the old degrees, but I do love the new one.

4th-Degree District Project No. 3 (January – March 2020)

\$1000 Scholarship Tickets on Sale Now!

The Utah State Convention is just around the corner, and we need to give away a \$1000 Scholarship a deserving young graduating Catholic high school student. How can we do this, you ask? Easy! We sell tickets for the opportunity to win prizes: 12 for \$10. The leadership of the Utah Fourth-Degree voted at the biannual meeting in 2018 to adopt this project and move it forward. FVSM Chuck Dover is spearheading this project along with your District Marshals and Faithful Navigators. Please contact them to receive your tickets or to turn in sold ones. Remember, there great opportunities to win. Let's sell them at bingo, church gatherings, work, VA, and any other place people carry money on them. Good luck, Sir Knights, and happy selling.

Assembly 3586 Tebow's Night to Shine



"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

For those brother Knights that have NOT heard of "Tim Tebow's Night to Shine," next year, you will have the opportunity to participate (facebook.com/nighttoshinedaviscounty). This very special event put on by Flourishing Grace Christian Church in Bountiful Utah. They are not a Catholic Church, and the leadership of Assembly 3586 was proud to step up and help the church in 2019 when they needed an honor guard to hold up our swords and make a special arch for the young men and women of the community. These young men and women of our community are special needs. They are our neighbors, family, peers, and some even brother Knights. This night is very special to them and our community because it is a night when we recognize them as Prom Queens and Kings for the night.

On February 6, 2020, Ten (10) Sir Knights in our Fourth-Degree Uniform gave them that extra special attention and love they all deserve. I know many of us have never been Kings of the Prom, but this night is not about us, it is about them our special love ones. Putting our issues and pride aside to make it a special night of food, drinks, cookies, ice cream, parting, music, pictures, glamour, dancing, red carpets, and BIG CARS is what makes us all feel special. This night we stood together, holding our swords high in the air, creating an arch for the Kings and Queens to walk under, we stood side by side until every one of them passed throw and felt that special love. Assembly 3586 did not care that this church was not a Catholic Church, they saw a need to feel a void, and I am so PROUD of them for stepping up and saying, "here we are, how may we be of service." (Please see pictures below) God bless you, my brothers and I will always have your six in the fox hole any day of the week.

Assembly 2577 Sandy Utah

Sir Knights,

On February 16, 2020, Council 12181 and Assembly 2577 combined their efforts to served over two hundred (200) first responders and their families following the 2020 Blue Mass. The Blue Mass is an event establishes at by Council 12181 and Assembly 2577 over fifteen (15) years ago to honor our first responders (law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMPs, and 911 operators). This tradition has grown over the years, crossing into other councils and assemblies across the county. Honoring the men and women who give up their time, their Christmases, their Thanksgivings, and many other holidays for us to spend safe time with our love ones is truly an honor and traditions that will continue for years to come. Every year it is great to be able to have not only high ranking officers in the Knights of Columbus show up and help, but high ranking Officers in our community like Sheriff Rosie Rivera and her crew, SLC Chief of Police Mike Brown and our very own brother Sir Knight Assistant Chief of Police Tim Doubt, and many other high ranking officers and members of the Utah Highway Patrol, Salt Lake County Fire Chiefs, Utah County, Davis County, and as far south as Cedar City.

Having a Utah Highway Patrol Color Guard present the colors before Mass is a very special touch to all the Law Enforcement officers, firefighters, EMPs, and 911 operators in attendance. Mass begins promptly at 8:30 am first responders from all over the state show up in uniform for their blessings, many of them are not Catholic. The Knights and Sir Knights are busy preparing breakfast for these blessed men and women and their families. We get in early, and this year it was pancakes, sausage, eggs, potatoes, café, juice, and of course, doughnuts.

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Fourth Degree Cont....

This year was a bit more special than last, our Brother, Sir Knight Jim Kelly, had his Religious Education Students write "thank you" cards up for the responders and placed them on all the tables. Some read them and left them behind, and some took them to put in their vehicles or offices. Thank you, brother Kelly, this was a special touch.

We accept donations at the door, and all proceeds of the donations go to a great cause: "**The Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Fund**" (utahfallen.org). This organization is 100% dedicated to conserving the memories of our fallen officers in Utah as far back as November 21, 1913, with Marshal John W. Grant. Every year we are proud to donate the donations from this special event, honoring our fallen office is important for our future generations, they need to know we have not forgotten them. God Bless our First Responders and God Bless America!

Vivat Jesus!
SK Bill Kelly
Faithful Navigator
Assembly 2577

4th-Degree District Project No. 4 April - June 2020 (coming up)

Kids in Crises Stuffed Animal Drive

In 2019 The Utah District collected and donated over 4000 stuffed animals to various police, fire, and EMP high crime agencies around the state. With the leadership of District Marshal Richard Vigor, this event was possible. DM Richard Vigor is a retired Sheriff Sergeant and West Valley PD Officer, it was his tenacious and his ability to communicate with various agencies, churches, GKS, FNS, PSDs, and the State Council that the Utah District was successful with our new project. We spent over two (2) weeks distributing all the plush animals to the high crime agencies. Receiving recognition from the top Cop in the city was a great accomplishment, but knowing one of our collected plush animals was in those police cars, fire trucks, or ambulance made this project a success. This year I am proud to say that DM Richard Vigor will be spearheading this wonderful project.

Yours in Christ,

Francisco "Frank" Carmona
Master of the Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree Exemplifications Opportunities:

No. 1 SLC

Date: June 13, 2020
Location: Saint Francis Xavier Catholic
Address: 4501 West 5215 South, Kearns, UT 84118
Contact: Faithful Navigator Tom Johnson
Email: 50tomjohnson@gmail.com

******Requirements to advance to the Patriotic Degree are current Third (3rd) Degree Knight in good standing, \$70 fee, wear a dark suit or tuxedo, tie, black shoes, dress shirt, and a completed Form 4 (NO JEANS or POLO SHIRTS).******

No. 2 Clergy Only Patriotic Exemplification

Brothers,

On Wednesday, April 22, at St. Vincent de Paul parish, the Utah District 4th Degree Team will be exemplifying priests, deacons, and seminarians of the diocese in the patriotic degree of the order. Our Vicar General, Msgr Bircumshaw, has already sent an email out to these good gentlemen, letting them know of the event. This evening was chosen because:

- Clergy and soon-to-be-clergy find it hard to get away on a Saturday afternoon when these exemplifications are typically held. It is AFTER Easter, so why am I telling you? You have direct, regular contact with your priests and deacons You can encourage them to attend. You can exemplify them in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees if they are not already 3rd degree Knights If necessary, we can schedule a 1/2/3 immediately before the 4th-degree exemplification. **BUT WE HAVE TO KNOW IN ADVANCE** if this is needed. Additional Detail: Please ask them to confirm their appearance, so we have enough supplies.
- Assemblies and the Utah District will be picking up the cost of the necessary supplies, so your council will not be out anything.
- No, Ed/Juan/Tom cannot attend because they have that night free unless Ed/Juan/Tom are priests, deacons, or seminarians. Jane is simply not going to be exemplified.
- There will be a light meal at 6:30 during the registration, then the degree itself will follow at 7 pm and will be concluded by 9:30. Clerical attire is preferred.

I will be your point of contact on this issue, so please let me know the expected attendance. The sooner, the better; we have several new priests and deacons in the diocese; let's make them ALL Sit Knights!

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Airriess
IPSD

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creations, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Romans 8:39

2020 State Convention Info

State Convention 2020 Update and Reminders

<http://utahknights.org/state-convention/> will have the latest news and information on the 2020 convention (and some reminders about the 2019 convention).

Convention Reminders:

Advertisements are due by 3/31, but it's wonderful when they're early!

Hotel Reservation information has been posted online, once your council selects delegates it's not too early to make reservations.

Resolutions need to be submitted to State Deputy Greg Keller this month (by 3/1).

March 15th is crunch time!

* State Scholarship Applications are due to Chairman Chuck Dover.

* Chaplain of the Year nominations are due.

* Family of the Year nominations are due.

* Knight of the Year nominations are due.

* State Council Service Program Awards submissions are due. Categories are Faith, Family, Community and Life, as it follows the Faith in Action program model.

* Patriotic (Fourth Degree) Award Submission for "To Be A Patriot" due to District Master Frank Carmona.

* State Secretary sends the council delegate form.

* State Treasurer provides the proposed 2020-2021 Utah State Council budget.

Council may send in their donations for the "convention funds" (Christopher Fund, Vocations Fund, Culture of Life Fund, Scholarship Endowment Fund) anytime. The deadline to be recognized in the Convention Banquet is around 4/15.

Council delegates are specified in the Supreme Charter, Constitution and Laws in Section 11 of Chapter II of the Constitution: ...Thereupon, upon notice from the Supreme Knight, a convention of the councils affected shall be called and such councils shall be represented in said convention by the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight of such subordinate council in good standing, and such convention shall organize a State Council, elect State Officers and transact such business as State Councils are by law permitted to transact. Councils having no Past Grand Knight may elect any member in good standing in lieu thereof as a representative of said council to said convention.

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What can you do?

Thank you to all the councils that submitted your Annual Fraternal Survey of Activity (Form 1728, Due 1/31), the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (Form 4584, Due 1/31), and the Semiannual Council Audit (Form 1295-2, Due 2/15). Submitting these helps Supreme, the State, and all the good works we do to be reported. If you haven't submitted these it's not too late.

When I was growing up the season of Lent always meant giving something up; as a kid that normally meant giving up candy. But as I got older, I was introduced to the idea of also doing something more for Lent rather than or in addition to giving something up. I love the idea of doing more or doing things I normally struggle with for Lent. For example, focusing on and making time for daily prayer, giving money to a charity, or going out of my way to help someone.

My question to you is what can you do for Lent as a Knight? Leaders in your councils, does that mean going back and submitting that form you missed or are late on? Or what if you started your Columbian Award Application (Form SP7, due 6/30) and made a plan for the rest of the year? Maybe you could focus on inviting more men to join and holding a degree? How are you involving prayer in your council and can you do more with that during this season? For example, I love hearing about councils that say the Rosary together before or after their monthly meeting. I realize our meetings can get long but adding another 20 minutes of prayer, prayer together with your brothers all physically together is very powerful.

Writing these articles to you can sometimes be challenging; I don't want to "preach to the choir" as I believe you are all great men and hopefully being a Knight is part of the reason for that. When I was Grand Knight, I remember hearing suggestions of how to make my council better and I thought to myself that wont work or I don't have time to do that, and I didn't really ever try some of those suggestions. But looking back now, I wish I had given more thought or tried some of those things. I wish I had held more admission degrees, had more opportunities for prayer together for my members, etc. I could go on and on.

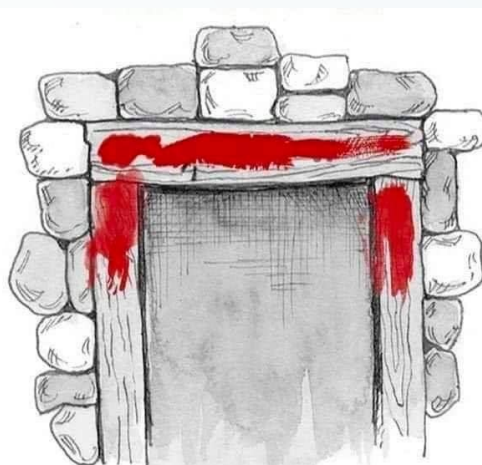
So, I'll ask the question again what can you do for Lent? As a leader I hope you will take on this challenge and do something more with or for your councils and be able to look back at your term in your office and not have any regrets.

As always, if I can help you in anyway please reach out to me, to your DD, or to any of the State Officers. We are here to help you! To make things easier to check the status of your Council regarding forms and growth please utilize the "New Council/District Tracker" on our state website under the Recruiting sub menu. Here is the direct link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Dbcl1Q3I_jjAM71LsTP_ZD7xZYB-7ERgDRM8oUaPk7E/edit#gid=0

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Secretary



The LORD did not check
who inside the house was worthy.
HE checked for the BLOOD
on the doorposts.
None of us is worthy.
Only the blood of Jesus can cover us.

SUPPORT YOUR KNIGHT FRYERS!



St. Marguerite, Tooele
March 6, 13, & 20th

St. Therese of the Child Jesus,
Midvale
Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3

St. Catherine of Sienna,
UU Newman Center
March 6 & 20th

St. Rose of Lima, Layton
March 13 & April 3

St. Thomas More,
Cottonwood Heights
March 13 & 27

St. John the Baptist, Draper
March 27

Blessed Sacrament Sandy
March 27

St. Vincent De Paul, Holladay
April 3

For specific times check the
calendar on utahknights.org

For the Good of the Order

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:

utahknights.update@gmail.com

State Convention

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So, it's the current Grand Knight, and ANY Past Grand Knight, but as they may not be available, the council selects ALTERNATES to take their places. If a council knows the GK or a PGK definitely won't be attending, other names can be submitted in their places (and still have alternates in case the substitutions can't make it). Sometimes councils want to recognize their GK, even if he can't attend, and put his name on the delegate form. That's fine, it just puts pressure on the Alternate to the Grand Knight to be there. Some councils send their Deputy Grand Knight (who is about to be elected Grand Knight), so he can have some additional experience before beginning his term. Generally, it's expected that one of the delegates has attended the convention before, but that's not a requirement.

Vivat Jesus!

Karl VanMaren

Karl VanMaren
Executive Secretary

FROM SUPREME— INTO THE BREACH



On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of our need to repent. We are reminded of our need to grow. We are reminded of our need for Christ.

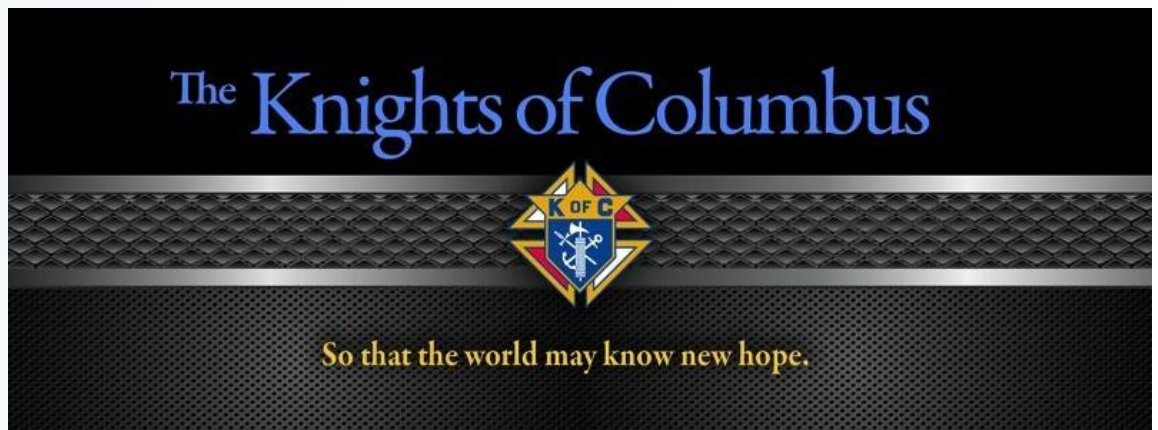
The *Into the Breach* video series seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Answer the call of authentic Christian masculinity and step into the breach this Lent.

Watch and share the episodes now!

The Knights of Columbus has produced a 12-episode video series inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation *Into the Breach* written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix.

Each episode features a man's personal story and major Catholic figures such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Father Mike Schmitz, former NFL player Matt Birk, FOCUS founder Curtis Martin and others who break down and explore the virtues of Catholic masculinity.

All episodes are available for FREE at
kofc.org/intothebreach.



Program Report

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

Free Throw Championship: March 29, 2020 Blessed Sacrament School 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Brothers please get your Councils and Districts ready for this fun event. If you have any questions contact Ron Mecham 801-973-8337.

Councils, don't forget about your Pro-Life Roses. I have received some success stories from some of you, and look forward to more. However, I have not had anyone request to buy some more roses. They are yours to do as you wish. Display them at Doughnut Sunday, Bingo, Fish Frys, etc. Please get the message out as well as generate funding for Pro Life activities in your Council's Honor.

Congratulations to the November Family of the Month Winner and Council Participants Participating Councils: Reporting is going through changes. I have requested to receive this information.

Family of the Month Winner Anthony J. Barry 6739, Tooele

As of 11/1/2019 there will only be one "Family of the Month" winner per Jurisdiction per month.

Vivat Jesus!

Ryan Graveley
State Warden
Program Director

IRS 990-N Filing

Friendly reminder to all councils for the requirement to file your IRS 990-N for the 2019 tax year. The reason this form is required is to continue our recognition as a fraternal benefit society under section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Based on our fiscal year reporting (July through June), the Form 990-N was due on November 15th, 2019. So if you have not filed this form yet for last fraternal year, please do so at earliest convenience. It is a very simple form to complete as no actual numbers are required unless your cash flow exceeds \$50K. All you need is your Council's/assembly's Employer ID Number (EIN) to file.

To file, go to the <https://www.irs.gov/>

Then type in the search engine "990-N postcard filing"

Then select "Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations - Form 990-N"

Go down to the 5th paragraph "Ready to file?"

Then select "Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard)"

You will need your user name that IRS provided you or look it to continue the Process.

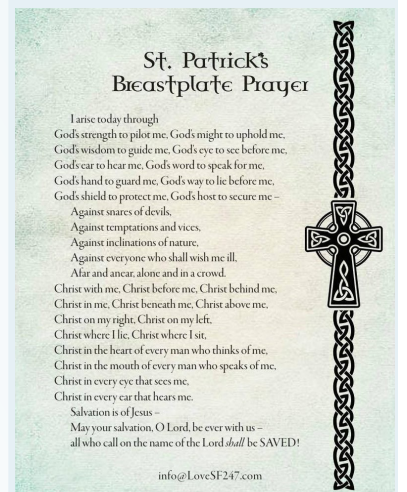
If you forgot your EIN or are new financial secretary please contact me and I will provide to you. However, if you never had an EIN, you will need to go to the IRS url: <https://www.irs.gov/> and select: "Apply for an Employer ID Number". Again very easy form to complete, and once IRS collects they issue you the number on the spot. If you acquire a new EIN let me know as there is a form that the state/council must file with Supreme to put council/assembly EINs under the 501(c)(8) blanket.

Thanks for your attention in this matter. If you fail to file within three years of your last or initial filing you will need to apply for a new EIN and are placing your organization at risk of losing tax exempt status.

Bill



March 29, 2020
Blessed Sacrament School
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Open State Level Positions

As noted in the 2019-2020 State Directory section <https://utahknights.org/directory/#directors> for "State Director and Chairs", please review the following list of open state positions and see if you'd be interested in any of these worthy undertakings:

- District Deputy 3
(Councils 11479 - Sandy, 12181 - Draper, and 14239 - Riverton)
- District Deputy 5
(Councils 2611 - Helper, 6147 - Price, and 7401 - Vernal)

- Athletic Events Chairman
- Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Chairman
- Coats for Kids Chairman
- Council Reactivation Chairman
- Devotional Chairman
- Health Services Chairman
- Historian
- Marian Hour Chairman (already have the two Icons and literature)
- Young Adult Outreach Chairman

For more information regarding these positions, please review the following information on KofC.org: https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/survey_manual.pdf

or

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/programs/10590-%20Faith%20in%20Action%20Guidebook.pdf>

This a great opportunity to help brother Knights and those in our communities. You can also contact me at any time for information on these available positions.

Fraternally Yours,
Greg Keller
Utah State Deputy

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lent is upon us and as Knights we should take the time to reflect on what does Lent mean to us? Lent is a period of spiritual awareness. A time to evaluate each one's faith and what it means to them. We traditionally give up a luxury and fast but it doesn't always have to mean giving up something. You may want to focus on giving more of yourself to the needy or those less fortunate. Visit the elderly more or take the money you would use dining out and give it to a charity of your choice. Spend more time reflecting on your faith and praying more. Helping out at the RCIA class. Pick a candidate and help them understand our religion more. Bible study, rosaries and purification of your lives.

All of these are ways as Knights we can become better Catholics and a better example for those in our community. Being a Knight 24/7 365 is a great way we can draw others to our Faith and to lead better life doing what God wants us to do and that is serve others. Lent offers many opportunities to step up and be that example. Show others how giving of your time talents and treasures leads to a closer relationship with God and a better overall spiritual feeling. In doing so we let others see how they can become better Catholics, better husbands and wives and better fathers and mothers for our children. We can lift those that are down and bring joy to the homebound. I can go on and on about the benefits of being better Knights and examples of good Catholics but I think you get the idea.

Lent is the season that gives us all a focus on the real meaning of our Faith. Opportunity is all around us to be examples and thus help yourself during this special season as a Catholic. Reflect on what you can do and take charge or your spirituality. Repair a relationship that needs attention. Make the effort and you will feel better about life in general. Be the beacon others are drawn to and help them get a better relationship with God. The world will be a better place because of it. I guarantee it.

Vivat Jesus

James McManaman

State treasurer and Membership Director

STAR COUNCIL
Why is the Star Council Award important?
 Striving to earn the Star Council Award helps your council to:

- **Help** more people in your parish and community through expanded charitable outreach
- **Attract** more members who can then benefit from the bonds of common Catholic brotherhood and grow in their faith
- **Protect** Catholic families' financial well-being
- **Encourage** participation in the sacramental life of the Church
- **Take care** of the financial and administrative obligations of the council

Star Council

- Father McGivney Award**
Membership Quota
7% of current membership
Or Minimum of 4
Maximum of 35
- Service Program Personnel Report**
Form #365
Due - August 1st
- Columbian Award**
Report Form #SP7
Due - June 30th
- Founders' Award**
Insurance Quota
2.5% of current membership
Or Minimum of 3
Maximum of 18
- Good Standing**
Current with all Supreme Council assessments - as of June 30th of the fraternal year
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**
Report Form #1728
Due - January 31st
- Multiple Stars**
Earn the Double Star Council Award by attaining 200%
Earn the Triple Star Council Award by attaining 300%

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

March 2020

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." (Gospel for March 29, Jn 11:33-36)

One of the shortest verses in the Bible — "And Jesus wept." — is among the most powerful. The Son of God who became man mourns the loss of his friend. And he weeps, just as you or I would. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted," Jesus said. Here he models his own teaching. In our busy day-to-day lives, we may be in danger of skipping this beatitude. And though many of the psalms are laments, we can be good at skimming them. Instead, may we follow Jesus by praying these psalms and mourning the losses we and others have suffered.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to request a Mass for the repose of the soul of a recently deceased person. Second, I challenge you to support those who mourn by participating in the Faith in Action Christian Refugee Relief program or individually through prayer or other aid for those who have suffered persecution for their faith.

Questions for Reflection:

How can we properly mourn the losses we and others have suffered in life? How does having Masses said for the deceased aid not only them, but also those still alive? With so much suffering in the world, how can we best show compassion for others?

New Ceremonials in Utah

Worthy Officers and Brother Knights,

As announced through the Utah Leaders Google Group, the new "Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity" has been officially released (in English, French and Spanish). The scripts are available online (PDF format), and the helpful FAQs are also available in each language. If you missed it at the midyear meeting at Saint Ambrose in January, the video with the introduction from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson showcases the new ceremonial; it's for leaders/members, not candidates.

State Deputy Greg Keller has approved the immediate use of the new ceremonial (once you have the necessary supplies). The former ceremonials are also allowed, if needed in the short term. The necessary supplies are available from the usual sources: KofCsupplies.com, KnightsGear.com, and Supplies Online. The gold/white ceremonial baldrics are the same ones that have been used for the last several years so many councils already have them. For example, my council started using them in 2007. Given their versatility, a council may want to order them for all of the officers for their council officer installation ceremonies. Remember, these are not the same as the fourth degree baldrics! The crucifix is available from either of the supply websites (different sizes/costs), or you could find one from another supplier (just make sure it has the corpus on it). The same for the cable and fibers, as long as it meets the requirements, you're welcome to use any source. Supplies Online is probably the only place to get the McGivney canonization prayer cards, and I do recommend having extras available to share with the guests, visitors and members for the closing prayer.

Just remember that EVERY candidate needs a "First Degree Kit", as they will ALL receive a pin and rosary. The Financial Secretary should issue their third degree membership card after the ceremonial.

Since there isn't a memorization requirement, it should be simple for all councils to have a ceremonial team (who reviews their lines in advance, so we do make a good

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New Ceremonials Going over Well!



Grand Knight 6010 Dennis Martinez said his council didn't have any trouble switching to the live ceremonial from using the DVD previously.

On Sunday, March 1st, Council 5214 held the new ceremonial in their parish church between the two English Masses. That made the timing tight; it still worked well.

District Deputy Jerry Angus spearheaded the ceremonial, they practiced 4 times before presenting it live. "It was really quite easy", Jerry said "The presenters just have to get comfortable speaking their parts"; "You're just telling a story with the words there to back you up!"



"I really appreciate that the Knights have opened it up so that the families get to see the ceremony and understand what the Knights are about!"

Irene Ramirez

(Irene's son Reo, Council 6739 advanced to the Third Degree)

- COUNCILS SHOULD BE SCHEDULING THE NEW CEREMONIAL
- Identify your team & PRACTICE!
- No ceremonial baldrics or kit, no worries! Contact Karl VanMaren, Ceremonials chair or your District Deputy, they'll guide you toward where you can borrow them!



Council % of Membership Goal as of 2/21/2020

| COUNCIL | GRAND KNIGHT | | % QUOTA |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 6739 | Thomas M Goonan | Tooele | 150% |
| 7961 | Michael Anglin | St Joseph the Worker | 100% |
| 14764 | Richard Green | St Catherine UofU | 100% |
| 17140 | Alex Aerts | Copperton | 100% |
| 5347 | George D Fuller | Brigham City | 75% |
| 12264 | Larry Martinez | St Patrick | 75% |
| 15741 | Jose Palestino | Our Lady of Guadalupe | 71% |
| 602 | Gabe Ulibarri | Cathedral | 67% |
| 9731 | Anthony Moore | Magna | 50% |
| 15418 | Dick Hall | St Ambrose | 50% |
| 5214 | George Jockisch | Kearns | 45% |
| 10304 | Orlando Montoya Jr | Taylorsville | 40% |
| 13646 | Charlie Millard | Midvale | 40% |
| 11479 | Larry Page | St Thomas More | 36% |
| 5502 | Joe Nesi | Bountiful | 33% |
| 14399 | Wilber Meier | South Ogden | 33% |
| 9849 | Michael Sweetland | St James/Ogden | 22% |
| 1136 | Alex Tarazon | Provo/Orem | 20% |
| 16127 | Richard Houghton | Hill AFB | 17% |
| 10733 | Tom Kelly | St George | 8% |
| 777 | Jerry Bedel | St Joseph/Ogden | 0% |
| 1129 | Robert Dieringer | Park City | 0% |
| 2611 | John Flores | Helper | 0% |
| 6010 | Dennis Martinez | Layton | 0% |
| 6147 | Tim Peczuh | Price | 0% |
| 6966 | Mike Carmody | Blessed Sacrament | 0% |
| 7401 | Richard Babin | Vernal | 0% |
| 8350 | Jose Munoz | West Valley City | 0% |
| 8606 | Rogelio Castaneda Jr | American Fork | 0% |
| 9561 | Michael E Hacking | Payson | 0% |
| 11246 | David Webb | Cedar City | 0% |
| 11812 | Benjamin Trujillo | Wendover | 0% |
| 12181 | Steven Thatcher | Draper | 0% |
| 12959 | Cory Meacham | Logan | 0% |
| 13297 | Gary A Cabana | St Vincent de Paul | 0% |
| 14239 | Ernest "Chris" Barrera | Riverton | 0% |
| 16006 | Unassigned | Sacred Heart | 0% |

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 2/21/2020

| DISTRICT | NAME | % QUOTA |
|----------|-------------------|---------|
| 6 | Jerry Angus | 60% |
| 2 | Ray Salazar | 57% |
| 1 | Dan Castelli | 26% |
| 3 | Unassigned | 0% |
| 4 | Richard Vigor | 0% |
| 5 | Unassigned | 0% |
| 7 | Art Grant | 0% |
| 8 | Mark Meredith | 0% |
| 9 | Brian Duncan | 0% |
| 10 | Peter Abercrombie | 0% |
| 11 | Frank Lesar | 0% |

Utah Ceremonials— Continued

impression on the new members and their family and friends).

If you have any questions, please let me know. Later this month, the state council will have a two (2) traveling ceremonial kits that has the necessary ceremonial supplies (six ceremonial baldrics, a crucifix, prayer cards, the cable and fibers). They will be available to councils as needed as councils budget and order their own supplies.

Vivat Jesus!

Karl VanMaren

Karl VanMaren
2019-2020 Ceremonials Director, Utah

Looking for Ideas for Lent

- Don't buy anything that you don't NEED.
- Throw Away 40 things for 40 days.
- 40 Days of home Organization.
- No Gossiping.
- Work out daily to take care of the body God gave you.
- Don't **Eat** After Dinner.
- Give Up Soda for **Lent**.
- Say 3 Nice Things to Your Spouse & Kids Daily.
- Replace 30 minutes of Screen or TV time with 30 minutes of Devotion / Prayer.
- Work to Recruit / Retain members to your Council.

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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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