



Utah State Update



State Deputy's Message

Dear Brothers,

Brothers we are now 2 months into this fraternal year ... how are you doing? This year is shaping up to be a very interesting year and I think it is very important to continually check in. Check in with yourself and how you are progressing with what you want to accomplish. Check in with the District Deputy and State Officers to let them know how you are doing and if you need anything. Check in with your council member; are they adapting to the "new" way we are doing things, with your meetings, or your programs? I imagine these things have all changed; meetings being virtual or socially distanced, programs are on hold or cancelled and new ways or programs are hopefully being done to accomplish what we need to. How are the members adapting or what are their needs? And lastly, have you checked in with your Pastors?

I asked the District Deputies to check in with each of their councils and make sure we were engaging our Pastors. I stated to them that the goal was to have 100% of our councils engaged with our Pastors by September 1st. Have we done this? I use the word engage because it is more than talking, it's involving them. Involving them with what you and your council is doing and vice versa involving your council with what the Pastor is trying to accomplish or assisting with his and the parish's needs. When engaging with your Pastors keep a few things in mind, the council should be in service to the parish and diocese. Also, communication will help remove misunderstandings. Make sure you are communicating and not assuming the Pastor knows what you want or are doing. If you aren't getting information that you need, don't assume and ask directly for what you need.

Here are some steps and other suggestions on how you can engage or involve your Pastors:

1. Request to meet for one purpose, ask how your council may better serve the parish.
2. When meeting about a new idea/project address what it will cost the Pastor/parish and if it will create more work for the Pastor. Ideally, it shouldn't cost him anything or create more work.
3. Before creating your calendar ask to see the parish's calendar. Explain this is to make the council aware of and assist with important events and to avoid scheduling conflicts.
4. Understand the Faith In Action programs before your meeting, ideally targeting programs that will align with what is important to him.
5. Ask the Pastor if you or someone from the council can be a part of his "leadership team." This is so you can be engaged with the priorities of the parish and the council can serve them better.
6. Be the "rock" or the group the parish can depend on the most. If a Pastor asks for your help, do everything possible to help. This will give your council something to do and will help solidify a positive relationship with your Pastor for years to come.

As I stated at the beginning, I think it is important to continually check in. Check in with your Pastor, your members, and with yourself. Hopefully by now you have used the council goal sheet I shared during the Organizational meeting and shared that with your District Deputy and council members. Check in frequently with that to make sure you are on track with the plan and goals you laid out and with what you want to accomplish.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
Utah State Deputy



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis



THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS.



And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed.

Honoring the Legacy of Father McGivney

*****Editors Note: This is the third in a series of articles on Fr. McGivney's life shared from www.fathermcgivney.org. Over the next few months we'll continue to share additional articles in preparation for his beatification.***

PASTOR

In November 1884, Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, a factory town more than 30 miles from New Haven named for the clockmaker Seth Thomas. The parish served working-class parishioners who had few resources beyond their faith. With prayerful acceptance, Father McGivney put his seven years at St. Mary's behind him and moved from the bustling city of New Haven to the smaller town of Thomaston.

At his last Mass at St. Mary's, the large church was filled with grateful souls who felt closer to God through his ministry. A printed testimonial said that his courtesy, kindness and purity of life, despite burdens and afflictions, had "secured the love and confidence of the people of St. Mary's, which will follow him in every future field of labor." His flock in New Haven was heartbroken at his departure.

In his six years at St. Thomas, Father McGivney was an admirable pastor who built strong ties with parishioners and cared for their spiritual and temporal welfare. He also cared for a mission church, driving his horse and carriage to celebrate Sunday Mass in both locations. He continued to serve as supreme chaplain, but like a true "Father" and pastor of souls, he trusted the leaders of the Order in New Haven to carry on the work he began among them, as the Knights of Columbus continued to grow beyond Connecticut. Having created a thriving parish community, when Father McGivney was transferred from St. Mary's Parish in New Haven to become pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Thomaston, the grief among his parishioners was palpable. A journalist covering his last Mass at St. Mary's described the scene: "Never, it seemed, was a congregation so affected by the parting address of a clergyman as the great audience which filled St. Mary's yesterday. Some of those present wept aloud and others sobbed audibly."



HOLY DEATH

Never robust in health, Father McGivney fell ill with tuberculosis and was stricken with severe pneumonia in January 1890. The young priest lost physical strength just as his Order was moving toward new vitality. After seeking respite and remedies, he was eventually confined to bed in the rectory, where his concern and prayers for his people only increased. He died on August 14, two days past his 38th birthday.

The funeral was an indication of the love and respect the people held for this hard-working, holy parish priest. His funeral drew Catholics from across the state, including the bishop, more than 70 fellow priests, and civic leaders. Mourners rented every available carriage within miles for the procession to the McGivney family plot in Waterbury.

The funeral also reflected the deep personal appeal that Catholics found in the Knights of Columbus. Delegations came from almost every one of the 57 Knights of Columbus councils that had been chartered in the Order's first eight years. Father McGivney's holy example also inspired his two younger brothers, Patrick and John, who followed him into the priesthood and served the Order as supreme chaplains.



Today, the earthly remains of Father McGivney are interred in a polished sarcophagus in New Haven's St. Mary's Church, where he founded the Knights of Columbus. His vision and mission are carried forth by nearly 2 million Knights of Columbus throughout the world, who form a band of brothers under the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

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KEEPING THE FAITH

Father McGivney not only lived a life devoted to the Catholic faith; he also focused all his spiritual, mental and physical energies on helping others persevere and grow in that faith, and he guarded against whatever might diminish the practice of Catholicism.

For Father McGivney's newly formed Knights, protecting the faith of Catholics was the prime concern, and this quickly took three forms.

First, the Knights would serve as an antidote to those secret societies that lured Catholic men away from their faith by offering financial benefits.

Second, the Order's insurance program would help keep Catholic families together when a breadwinner died; this would also help prevent a loss of faith among widows and orphans forced to live in state institutions or with non-Catholic relatives or adoptive families.

Third, the Knights would champion the full rights of American citizenship for Catholics. This, too, would support the Church, since ensuring equal rights for Catholics would help limit the social or civil pressure on them to abandon their faith.



PRACTICAL CATHOLICS



The one requirement of membership in the Knights of Columbus is that a man be a "practical Catholic" in union with the Holy See. What does the term "practical Catholic" mean?

Faith for Father McGivney and his Knights was not simply knowing the catechism, important as that is. It was putting into practice the Great Commandment of Jesus: To love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. True to the parable of the Good Samaritan, love of neighbor

does not stop at the church door. It goes out into the streets, the highways and byways, to encounter those on the margins of society – who were often immigrant Catholics in Father McGivney's day – and bring them practical charity and fraternal love.

A "practical Catholic" has a love of home, family and church, where faith is nurtured. Yet his faith leads him into the world, even a world suffused with anti-Catholic sentiment, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan. He is called to bind up the wounds of the sick and abandoned, to provide for their temporal needs, to support the faith of Catholics and pass on the faith to inquirers, and to live a life of prayer and virtue, with love of God and neighbor.

FAITH IN ACTION

For more than a century, Knights of Columbus have followed the formula of faith put forth by Father McGivney. Today, with a model called Faith in Action, nearly 2 million Knights throughout the world live out the Order's principles of charity, unity and fraternity with programs such as Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Ultrasound Initiative, Special Olympics, Vocations Support, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Consecration to the Holy Family, and days of spiritual reflection.

Thanks to the structure of the Order and the trust that Father McGivney placed in his men from the beginning, there is no limit to the good that a Knight today can do for his family, his parish, his council, and his community as he puts his faith into action.



Membership Director's Report

Congrats:

*2020-2021 Top Recruiting Knights Through July 2020.

William Kelly (State Secretary) 12181 2 Recruits

*Incentive Winners

Monthly Council Challenge

Jul: GK SK George H. Jockisch (5214)

Review incentive tracking at <https://utahknights.org/recruiting/>

How do we do Membership:

*Give the MCGIVNEY2020 code to your online member prospects. These men all represent opportunities for engagement and council-based membership. Here is the good news, the receiving council will receive a dues adjustment upon transfer just as if the man had paid \$30 dues and that man will not have to pay the \$30.

*Review membership growth opportunities at <https://utahknights.org/>

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*Inner circle: This was a great lesson I was taught by our RGD. We all have an inner circle. (fellow parishioners, grocery clerk/bagger, bank teller, mechanic, ect.) As we conduct business and small talk we often times encounter Catholic gentlemen as well. Some situations take time to get to this conclusion, but once you find a Catholic gentleman it never hurts to ask if he is a Knight of Columbus.

* Extension of inner circle: Don't forget about 18 year old sons of Brother Knights. 2019 was an exciting year for Utah regarding young men entering as Knights.

Vivat Jesus,

Ryan Graveley

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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



- 9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9/10 The Bishop's Dinner 2020 (Virtual)
- 9/11 World Day of Prayer for Peace
- 9/14 Family of the Month Due
- 9/19 Alternative Foursomes for Fisher House
- 10/3 2020 College
- 10/4 2020 College Councils Conference
- 10/10 Council Church Drive
- 10/11 Council Church Drive
- 10/14 Family of the Month Due
- 10/16 Banquet for Life (Online Event)
- 10/17 Council Church Drive
- 10/18 Council Church Drive

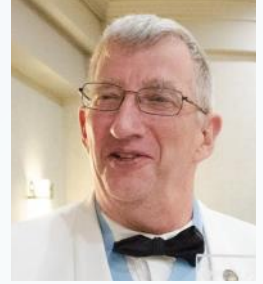


For a complete listing of events visit:

www.utahknights.org

My Brother Knights,

Another month has gone by so quickly. It's hard to believe Labor will be upon us in less than a week. I sincerely hope that your councils had productive summers; adapting to new ways to conduct business through on line meetings and support of the program Leave no Knight Behind. Last month we saw an increase of 10 new knights in the State. Keep that momentum going so we can attain those goals we set back in June. I hope all council leaders have had a personal sit down with the Pastor to map out new ideas and a path forward as we cope with this Pandemic. Lastly, take advantage of Jerry Angus's monthly training webinars, it is an hour well spent that will save you both time and frustration as you perform your roles within your councils.



On 23Aug20, I completed and sent out to the leaders group the final draft on the FY20-21 State Directory. I finally received all the officers chosen reports, thanks to those councils who provided timely information. Please take a few moments to review the information, and email me back comments. I want to try to make this as error free as possible. If you have not received a copy, please let me know send me send me a note and I will get out for your review. Thanks for your submission of the Service Personnel Program Report. These reports support Utah's Safe Environment Program and are necessary to help Brother Frank Carmona track compliance in the state. Supreme should have provided your appointed directors with a login and password. If not, please reach out to Frank and he will work with Supreme to resolve the issue. Reminder, your appointed directors only have 6-8 weeks to complete the 3 training modules, otherwise Supreme will remove them from the position. If this occurs, councils will then be required to refile your Service Report.

Your council's semiannual audit report was due on August 15th. Thanks to the 17 councils who submitted this report so far. Please try to get these submitted within the next month as these are critical to maintain your council's tax-exempt status under Supreme's umbrella per IRS Code Section 501C(8). Also, if any have not filed your Form 990N postcard please take care of that as soon as you can.

Another reminder. If your council plans on conducting the Soccer Challenge and/or the Essay contests this year, I encourage you to order your supplies now since the supply distribution is running behind schedule based on increased demand for materials and many people teleworking at the home office.

Lastly, congratulations to the 30 councils who received Supreme awards from last fraternal year. I sincerely appreciate council cooperation on submission of the SP7 Columbian Award; it was well worth your efforts. Awards included the following: Double Star: 1, Star: 6, Columbian/Founders Award: 8 and Individual Awards: 15.

Again thanks for your assistance on these matters, and if any of you have any questions or issues please reach out to me at 801-541-7770, utkofcstatesecretary@gmail.com or kellywbill@msn.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Vivat Jesus

Bill Kelly
State Secretary

Program Director's Message

Hello Brother Knights,

As we know, one of our goals as ministers of the church is to engage and youth of our parishes in order to keep our faith alive and endure for future generations.

Tempus fugit. Memento Mori.

A great way to keep our kids involved is through sports and games. "But wait," you might say. "I thought we could not gather and hold events in person?" That is mostly true. However, the annual soccer challenge is one such live event that is able to be held while maintaining the recommended six foot social distancing, not unlike some of the golf tournaments being held by some of our councils. As the new (chaotic) school year begins many families are looking for activities to help their children get active again, and reignite those friendships that have only been held up digitally in this time of quarantine. This will be a great way to get the younger members of our parish together again and help also disseminate any information and programs we have coming up to the members of our parish. Additionally, this is a great way to recruit more knights into the order. If a dad brings his kid to the event and they're not already a knight, we need them in the knights.

From our State Soccer Challenge Chairman-

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 4th. This year's challenge is hosted by the good Knights at St. Marguerite in Tooele. They will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for participants and spectators. Free of charge. We will have registration at 1 PM and the challenge will start at 1:30. We have the gym reserved in case of bad weather but that depends on the Bishop allowing an indoor activity. If all goes well we will be outside and observe social distancing. Please get your council and district challenges up and running and I hope to see many of you on October 4th.

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For more information about the soccer challenge, materials to promote your event, and a copy of the rulebook please visit KofC.org

Good luck, be safe, and I hope that everybody has a fun time.

Vivat Jesus!

Alex Tarazon

State Warden, Program Director

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SOCCER CHALLENGE



Council % of Membership Goal as of 3/31/2020

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT		% QUOTA
12181	R Scott Lewis	Draper	36%
777	Jerry Bedel	St Joseph/Ogden	33%
12959	Cory Meacham	Logan	33%
5214	George Jockisch	Kearns	25%
602	Rene Contreras	Cathedral	20%
10733	Louis Mandrignes	St George	11%
1129	Robert Dieringer	Park City	0%
1136	Alex Tarazon	Provo/Orem	0%
2611	John Flores	Helper	0%
5347	George D Fuller	Brigham City	0%
5502	Joe Nesi	Bountiful	0%
6010	Dennis Martinez	Layton	0%
6147	Tim Peczuh	Price	0%
6739	Thomas M Goonan	Tooele	0%
6966	Chad D Alessandro	Blessed Sacrament	0%
7401	Warren Feldt	Vernal	0%
7961	David McDonald	St Joseph the Worker	0%
8350	Jose Munoz	West Valley City	0%
8606	Rogelio Castaneda Jr	American Fork	0%
9561	Michael E Hacking	Payson	0%
9731	Anthony Moore	Magna	0%
9849	Michael Sweetland	St James/Ogden	0%
10304	Orlando Montoya Jr	Taylorsville	0%
11246	David Webb	Cedar City	0%
11479	John Schoenfeld	St Thomas More	0%
11812	Unassigned	Wendover	0%
12264	Larry Martinez	St Patrick	0%
13297	Edward Deffner	St Vincent de Paul	0%
13646	Charlie Millard	Midvale	0%
14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	Riverton	0%
14399	Mike Dannemueller	South Ogden	0%
14764	Richard Green	St Catherine UofU	0%
15418	Paul B Buckley	St Ambrose	0%
15741	Jose Palestino	Our Lady of Guadalupe	0%
16006	Unassigned	Sacred Heart	0%
16127	Richard Houghton	Hill AFB	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	Copperton	0%
98043		UTAH STATE	0%

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 5/31/2020

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
3	Larry Page	27%
1	Andy Beck	20%
8	Mark Meredith	11%
2	Paul Tinker	8%
4	John Chavez	0%
5	Larry Zubel	0%
6	Mike Middlemiss	0%
7	Tim Soran Jr.	0%
9	Brian Duncan	0%
10	Mark Dylla	0%
11	Frank Lesar	0%

In the words of the
Apostle Paul,
“Do not be overcome
by evil , instead
overcome evil with
good”!

Romans 12:21

YOU ARE BORN
A MAN.
YOU BECOME
A KNIGHT.



Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs

Donate to Carmelite Sisters



Support the Carmelite Sisters!

Without Masses, their altar bread business doesn't have many orders during this time of pandemic.

Remember, the main financial support of the monastery is the Annual Fair, which is normally held on the third Sunday in September, was **canceled for 2020** due to the pandemic. KUTV2 report.

For their assorted home-made Candy and Jam

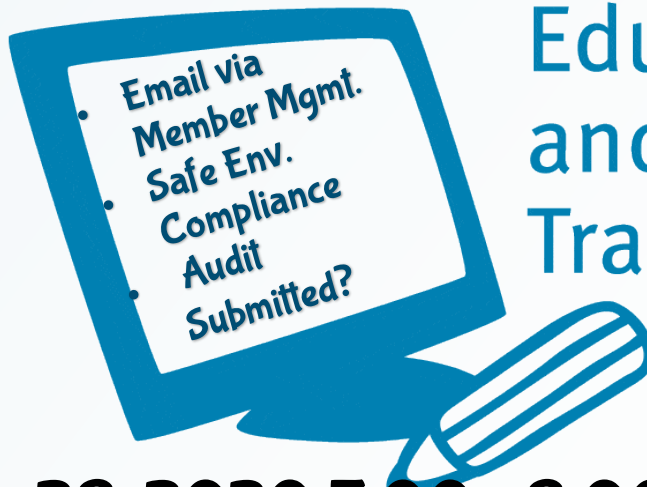
<https://www.carmelslc.org/home-made-candy-and-iam-by-the-carmelite-nuns/>

Donate through PayPal on their website homepage

<https://www.carmelslc.org/>

Donate through the Knights of Columbus

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/UTKofC/SupportTheCarmeliteSisters>



Education and Training



September 28, 2020 7:00– 8:00 PM—GoTo Meeting

Can you send an email to your council through member management? Can you verify if your council is current on safe environment? Can you verify if Supreme has received your Audit report in officers online?

If you answered no to any of these items you need to register for next months training on these

items at <https://forms.gle/wCbW75racSUU8QyY6>

Training conducted by Jerry Angust, State Training Director, and



“TO WHAT DEGREE”

Fourth Degree News and Views



District Master
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Sir Knights and Brother Knights,

I am proud to introduce to you our NEW DISTRICT MASTER for 2020-2022 , Dick Hall. I pray that you show him all the support and love you have shown me. I am 100% confident that he will help us grow the Fourth Degree in Utah with membership, programs, and just helping around the state. I am excited for District Master Dick Hall to begin his new journey as of 1 September 2020. For me, it has been a great pleasure to serve you as District Master for the Last two (2) years. It has been a heck of a run, but that also must come to an end. I will be out and about helping at the state level as your New State Advocate, so I am not going away. Once again congratulations to our New District Master Dick Hall, may God Bless him and guide him, and God Bless America. Our mission is to help them understand and apply for the VA pension and health care benefits they may be entitled to. We are dedicated to serving our Veterans and their Surviving Spouses. Receive up to \$2,846 monthly with the Aid & Attendance Benefit.



“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

Honor Guards Exemplifications

Honor Guards are being handled at the Assembly level, we have no District events where the Marshals or Master are required to attend. All Exemplifications are put on hold until after 1 January 2021, but this could change with the New District Master and the Bi-Annual Meeting coming up in Arizona. If you do schedule an Honor Guard event please make sure you are in the Fourth-Degree Uniform with swords and service baldric or Tuxedos with white gloves, social baldric, and no swords. If you cannot get a hold of your Faithful Navigator to request an honor guard, try your CCC or Faithful Comptroller.

Fourth Quarter Programs:

Thank you once again to all our Brother Knights, Councils, and Assemblies that participated in Kids in Crisis Pulse Animal Drive for 2020. Even in the middle of a “Pandemic”, we managed to raise over 1500 pulse animals and donate them to various Police Departments around Utah. District Marshal Vigor delivered the last of the pulse animals to South Salt Lake Police Department ON 19 August 2020. Making that over 5000 pulse animals donated to first responders across Utah in the last two years. Once again Congratulations on one another successful program.

God bless you, and God Bless America!

Viva Christo Rey!!!

Frank Carmona
Utah District Master
John H. Reddin Province



Family Director's Message



Utah State Family Director

August 2020

Worthy Brother Knights,

It has been three months since the beginning of our new fiscal year, and your new program year should now be in full swing.

You may follow the link below to review Supreme's programs for fulfilling the "Faith In Action" – for the Family Category. I was proud of how many Utah Councils took advantage of the Family of the Month (FOM) program over the last six months. Also, I would encourage that each Council plan ahead for the possibility of COVID-19 restrictions continuing into the next year.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/index.html>

- **Food for Families**
- **Family of the month/year**
- **Keep Christ in Christmas (Poster or Essay)**
- Consecration of the Holy Family
- Family Fully alive
- Family week
- Family Prayer
- Good Friday Family Promotion

If any of your Councils would like to share any of their unique Family Programs, please let me know about it! Here is the link to the Supreme Reporting Form for FOM. Just fill it out and send it in. Every month, Supreme selects families for special recognition, including sending a special gift for the family. So, at your next Virtual Council Meeting, please take nominations (via voice or email) select a winner, and submit.

<http://kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/family-of-the-month-year/10668-family-of-the-month-form.pdf>

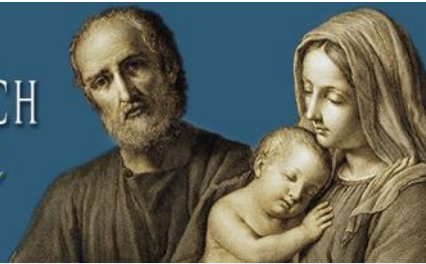
SUPREME has Chosen **The Robert S. Gomez Family**, as their UTAH FAMILY FOR THE MONTH OF **July**. Anthony and his family are members of the **St. Olaf's Parish, and Council 5502**. Congratulations.

Also, please email me your Council's selection for each month, so that I may compare it to the one issued from Supreme. My continued prayers for you and your families over the next few months of our social distancing,

Timothy Soran, Jr
Utah State Family Director

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

While Strengthening Our Parish



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

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.



This Month's Challenge

September 2020

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Gospel for Sept 6, Mt 18:20)

There is power in numbers. It's often how we get things done. When men are united by a clear mission, they become a "band of brothers" whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. And when that mission is given to us by Jesus, we are united in Christ, who directs and strengthens us to accomplish great things. May we, my brothers, form strong bonds of fraternity founded on Christ as we labor to build up the kingdom of heaven.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about fraternity by viewing the "Brotherhood" episode of the Into the Breach video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Second, I challenge you to help build bonds of brotherhood in your parish by offering the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to "stand in the breach" with your brother Knights and fellow Catholics to serve Christ and defend the faith? Are you a good "brother" to others, forming male friendships marked by shared faith, honesty and accountability to fight the spiritual battle? How can a "band of brothers" ensure that they are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ?

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.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/august-2020.html>

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.*



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NEW On-Demand Exemplification Platform

We have upgraded to a new, cleaner platform to host our online events and Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Therefore, invitations that led to the On24 platform are now obsolete. To invite a candidate to the On-Demand ceremony, please use the NEW invitations available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Please note the [French](#) invitation will be made available as soon as possible. The invitation, registration, and reporting processes remain the same.

NOTE: Councils must file a form 100 for all candidates who complete an online exemplification. For clarification on the difference between the On-Demand Ceremony and Online Membership (Online Join), [click here](#).



You're Invited

Use English or Spanish invitation

For an exemplification, you must provide a signed and dated exemplification of address and identification. The signed exemplification address and mailing number through Brother's of Choice, Unity and Fraternity Council of the 138th Degree member.

When exemplification is received, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact your council or the Exemplification Office.

By clicking the "I'm Invited" button, you will be able to register for the ceremony, which will be automatically be added to the calendar. This registration process is available in both English and Spanish.

When completing your registration form, you will be asked to provide your contact information.

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Instructions:

- Select the appropriate language (English or Spanish) for the form.
- Provide the exemplification address and mailing number (please print).
- Upload the required documents.
- Please note that your form will be added to the calendar as soon as possible.
- You will receive a confirmation email with the registration link and address to the ceremony. Please contact your council or the Exemplification Office if you have any questions.

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EXCITING NEWS

Brothers All,

First, I want to introduce myself to those of you that I have not had the privilege of meeting. My name is Nate Raso and I am a Utah native. I grew up in Bountiful and attended St. Olaf's and later attended Judge Memorial and finally the University of Utah. I was a member of council 6966 in Sandy, UT where I was also a Field Agent from January of 2009, to July of 2014. I was a perennial Knights of Columbus Award Qualifier earning many achievements, not the least of which was the Supreme Knights Club – an award given to those that embody the achievements put forth by our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. I was thereafter appointed as General Agent over the state of Arizona in July of '14. At that point my family and I moved to Arizona where we've been the last 6 years. We've grown in faith and family with our three children; absolutely loving the desert climate and the Catholic tenor of Arizona. It has been a huge blessing to have been chosen to live in and around such a thriving Catholic Church! However wonderful it has been, and however much we love Arizona – it will never hold that special place in our hearts that Utah does. The mountains, the snow, the friends, the family, the Utes, and – not the least of which – our Knights of Columbus families. Often, I am asked how it was to live in Utah amongst our not so Catholic friends – my response "it's affirming and it's concrete". In Utah we are always so excited (at least I was) to know another Catholic, to know another person that reveres and worships the same way I do. When you're surrounded by your faith such as we are in Arizona, you tend to forget about the graces that God gives you when your not surrounded by it every day. In short, we've loved Utah and have greatly missed living there alongside you all.

Why the introduction you ask? So it is, with much excitement and pride, that I accepted the growth of my region – The Raso Agency of Arizona – to now include Utah! I am so excited to be coming home, if not to live on occasion, but to work alongside my brothers and their families in seeing to the vision of Fr. McGivney – we all need to hear his words and we all can be united in his simple message of 'fraternity'. My family and I look forward to seeing you all again. We are so excited to call Utah our home in the near future, and although we won't be moving back full time, we are already looking to transition to part time Utah residents.

As for the Agency. We are now just 2 agents in Utah. Matt McCarthy and the legend Gene Trombetti. We will be looking to grow that presence soon, but for now we are working with these two – which I think you will see, will be as good and as caring and committed as I was to the Order.

We will be transitioning our web presence and our phone numbers soon on our mailings. 1-833-732-KOFC is our Agency phone number and our website is UTknights.com. Please go take a look and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages. We're excited to be on this journey together!

Vivat Jesus!

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On Saturday August 1st @ 10:00AM, the Raso Insurance Agency conducted our first live “Insurance & Financial Forum”. We had some minor technical issues, but we worked those through, and the Forum went on. My sincere thanks to those who took the time out of their Saturday morning to attend. I hope it was enlightening and informative, because that’s what we are aiming to achieve.

This program is intended to run every first Saturday of the month for the Fraternal Year. It will start @ 10:00AM and run for 1 hour. By entering the following Facebook page link into your browser you will be brought into the Agency page and be able to then view the Forum: <http://www.facebook.com/RasoAgencyKofC>

We will be providing a mix of Fraternal and Insurance related topics. We will have interviews with Field Agents, Fraternal Leadership, and special guests from the Financial, Legal, and Long-Term Care communities.

These Forums will count towards the Insurance Goal for Councils during this Fraternal Year. Registration for the Forum and attendance duration on the Forum will be recorded to earn this credit for the individual Councils of those attending.

We want to give you a Big Heads Up for the first Saturday in October – October 3rd we will be having a registration only Zoom Meeting (Zoom is the platform of the speaker, not us). We said that we would have special guests on our Insurance Forums, and I am very excited to tell you that we have one of the Industry’s Top Experts in the Annuity, Long Term Care, Life Insurance and Disability field. He’s a sought-out speaker at the Insurance Industry’s Leading National and World Conferences; he’s a Best-Selling Author and we are extremely fortunate that he calls Arizona his home. We have prepared the following flyer for you to mark the date on your calendar for what will be the most informative, dynamic, and exciting Saturday morning to date! We only have 500 spots available so register early and your Field Agent will be available to get you pre-registered for this event, please reach out to him ASAP or he will be calling you! If you don’t know who your agent is, please visit our new and ever evolving website AZKnights.com and click on Find An Agent.

Look forward to having you join us!

“May Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney be our intercessor to our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, Amen”

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