



Utah State Update



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Happy new year, the new liturgical year that is with the start of the Advent season. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation; as I start my waiting and preparation, I am reflecting on the gospel from a few weeks ago Matthew 25:14-30. This is the parable Jesus told his disciples about the Master that gave talents to three servants; two of the servants doubled the master's money and the third buried the money and did nothing with it. When the servant that buried the money returns it, the master called him wicked and lazy, took the money and threw him out. Why did that servant only bury the money? I think he was either afraid or lazy.

At times I think we can all be like this servant when it comes to the Knights. I know I at times have become complacent or lazy; thinking I've done my part, or I've already done enough, or I've served my time. Or the other way we can be like this servant is by our fear; our fear of failure or fear of taking a risk and that can keep us from moving forward. One of my biggest fears is failure. But what is the worst that could happen if we failed with our role in the Knights? Some project or program isn't successful, who cares, if we still tried and maybe learned what to do better next time. Or if we have a goal of bringing in 4.5 new members per council and fall short? Maybe we don't reach the goal, but we tried and got the word out about what and who the Knights are and maybe changed the life of one or two men? This doesn't sound like failure to me. My challenge to you is take the risk or try something new.

This year we have been doing some amazing things and I am moved by what we have done. The charity and unity we demonstrated with the Carmelites after the windstorm was truly inspirational. The councils have donated more money toward the Coats for Kids program than I have seen in the past several years (maybe ever). The charity and assistance we gave toward the Navajo nation is amazing. This is just to name a few things; but the level of charity is awesome! What else can we do?

I know we are in difficult times with the pandemic, but to me this is an opportunity to become that much stronger, stronger in our core principals of charity, unity, and fraternity. Is the need for charity any less because of the pandemic? Is the need for unity or fraternity any less? Then why would we do less? Can't do a program, then what can you do instead? Can't meet as a council the way we normally do; how else can you "meet" and engage with our members? What about our brothers and members of our community that are at high risk and can't attend Mass? Why would we be like the servant that buried the money and be complacent? I challenge you to do what you can with your councils, to do more if possible. God created us not to just get by... but to change, to grow, and to become what God wants us to be. I challenge you to make the Knights the vehicle for that for yourself and for your members, what do you have to lose? Nothing, but you have everything to gain.

Having just finished with the Thanksgiving holiday, I am thankful for you and to be a part of the Knights. As I move through the Advent season, I am excited for Christmas and filled with anticipation during this time of waiting and preparation. I wish you and your families a blessed Advent season, and albeit a little early a very merry Christmas. I look forward to our Midyear Meeting whether that be in person or virtual. Thank you for all that you do!

Vivat Jesus!
Nick Nielson
Utah State Deputy



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Offered in Solidarity
with Pope Francis



THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of [Advent](#) and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the [Christmas](#) season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE CHAPLAIN



In C. S. Lewis' great fantasy novel, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe", the Kingdom of Narnia labors under a curse where it is always Winter but never Christmas. I am somewhat sympathetic their predicament. Right now, it seems that it is always Covid and never Christmas. Two weeks to flatten the curve has turned into months of social distancing. Right now, I am trying to figure out how to handle the Christmas Masses here at Saint Ambrose. Christmas is usually the time when everyone comes out of the woodwork and we are packed to the gills. But this year, we can't be packed and may be forced to turn people away when we reach capacity. Friends have told me of their anxiety over whether or not they will be allowed to meet with family and friends this year.

Be of good heart! This is not the first Christmas during trying times. There have been Christmases during times of war and persecution. In some countries, believers have to gather in secret to celebrate the birth of the Savior. Yes, there have been Christmases during times of plague.

While we may not be able to celebrate as we are accustomed to, will we still celebrate. We may have to video chat with families and friends. Some may have to watch Christmas Mass remotely. But we will still celebrate.

Christmas is about, among other things, a light shining in the darkness. A light which the darkness cannot overcome. 'God with us' is born in Bethlehem of Judah. Angels have proclaimed the good news. Eternal Life has been preached to us. Covid will not overcome the light. The good news of Christmas is good news even in this year of uncertainty.

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. Erik J. Richtsteig
Utah State Chaplain

LIFE CHAIN 2020

On Sunday, November 1st, Council 12181 (of Saint John the Baptist parish in Draper) in partnership with the SJB Respect Life ministry, hosted the Utah LifeChain Pro-Life event at 10600 South & State Street in Sandy. LifeChain is a nationwide peaceful prayer pro-life event now celebrating its 33rd year.

In addition to spectacular weather, in the four years I have participated in and/or organized this event we had the largest turnout I have seen! Some 60+ folks, young and old, came out to join us and celebrate Life. In addition to 10 Knights from a variety of Councils, including State Life Director Bob Van Parys, we had individuals, families, and members from organizations such as Pro-Life Utah, Utah Catholics for Life, Abortion Free Utah, 40 Days for Life, and Eagle Forum.

There were A LOT of positive cheers, honks, and thumbs up from motorists and passersby. However, in the 4 years I have been in Utah and participated in this event the number of negative honks, yells, and certain fingers directed our way was greater this year than I have experienced in the past. Still, it was nowhere near comparable to what I would see in my former hometown of Portland (Oregon) but certainly more.

This demonstrates to me that as the population of Utah grows, the nature and face of Utah are also changing. The need to continue fighting for the Life cause is greater than ever. Therefore, I encourage all of you, my brother Knights, to vote accordingly, follow Utah legislation closely, and get more involved in this issue. I fear the days ahead may be dark and the battles even more severe.

Upcoming, after much wrangling and barring any further changes, lock-downs, or other, the next big Pro-Life event will be the **Utah March for Life on Saturday, January 30, 11 AM** at the Utah State Capitol. Due to COVID restrictions, the event this year will be a car-caravan. Planning is in the works so please mark your calendars, watch your Knights emails for updates, and pass the word among your councils.

Vivat Jesus!

Patrick Schmitt
Life Director
Council 12181



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 21, 2020

Where does Utah stand?:

New Member Growth Goal **200**
New Member Growth **34**
Councils with new 2020 Members **12**
Councils without new 2020 Growth **25**

How do we do Membership:

* Revisit your "Inner Circle" and old prospect lists! A good Knight isn't always ready to join on the spot. It has been proven time and time again that some of our Brothers join the Knights after being invited the second or third time. Perhaps even several times. Occasionally it takes an invite from a different person. That is why I would also suggest sharing your prospect list amongst your council. Sometimes a different approach works.

*The use of "Online Membership" has proven to be very successful lately. This technology is preferred with younger men and also in the time of pandemic. Promote this tool with your council. Be ready to contact prospect Knights that have shown online interest and want to join your council. Joining online is FREE until 12/31, and the code is right on the website www.KofC.org/JoinUs

*Review membership growth opportunities at www.UtahKnights.org — watch the calendar for degrees and other membership events.

*Share this link with someone interested in joining the Knights
<http://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/about-membership/index.html>

Incentive information for October, November, and December. Brothers, the incentives remain the same in quarter two. The new quarterly incentive for quarter two is up to a \$250 per capita credit (for 2021-2022) to the winning council. The winning council must recruit a minimum of 5 new members to receive the quarterly incentive.

Review incentive tracking at www.UtahKnights.org/recruiting/

Vivat Jesus,

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR

The Diocesan Science Fair supported by the Knights of Columbus will be held on **February 6, 2021**. This will be a virtual science fair this year (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). I am hoping that we can get judges from the Saint George area and the areas up north. Registration for judges starts on January 4, 2021. Save the date now, more information will follow. Questions can be directed to me.

Joe Ligori, PSD
Science Fair Chairman
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COATS FOR KIDS

There are several Coats for Kids distributions coming up this month! Here are just some of them:

Sat. 12/5, 10 AM- 2 PM, Council 14399 & **State Council**, Holy Family (upper parking lot), South Ogden. [Flyer](#)
Sat. 12/5, 5-7 PM **and** Sun. 12/6, 10:30 AM – 1 PM, Council 602, Cathedral of the Madeleine.
Sun. 12/6, 2-5 PM, Council 14239 & **State Council**, Saint Andrew, Riverton. [Flyer](#)
Sat. 12/12, 6:00 AM, Assembly 1146 (Utah County), with "Shop with a Cop", Spanish Fork.

Check for updates and download flyers at www.UtahKnights.org/2020/11/coats-for-kids-2020/
State Council distributions are open to all children, contact the other hosts for their restrictions.



www.UtahKnights.org

For the Good of the Order

For Men and Women in Uniform

We pray for the protection of those serving in the Armed Forces and as first responders.

Send submissions to the editor
utahknights.update@gmail.com



Any Day www.kofc.org/ceremonials

MM/DD **Event/Activity**

11/30 **DEADLINE: Essay Contest**
(Submit to Council)

December No KofC Hospitality Volunteers at Holiday Blood Drive (COVID-19 change).

12/8 **Immaculate Conception**

12/10 [Global Wheelchair Mission](#)

12/12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

12/14 **Family of the Month Due Form**

12/15 **DEADLINE: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**
(Submit to Council)

12/17 [Supreme Webinar](#) **New Guidelines for Council Meetings**

12/21 **DEADLINE: Essay Contest**
A) Council prizes awarded.
B) Council submits to DD.
C) Council reports to state chairman Bill McCauley.

12/28 **No State Training**
(Merry Christmas)

12/31 **DEADLINE: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**
(Council winners to DD)

1/1 **NEW Icon Program! Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer Card**

1/8 **Midyear Meeting for State Officers & District Deputies**

1/9 **DEADLINE: Essay Contest**
(DD submits to State)

1/9 **Midyear Meeting for Utah State Council.**

Below is information from state chairman Bill McCauley who handles the Essay Contest and two Poster Contests. All of these contests are open to both boys and girls. Questions may be sent online at www.UtahKnights.org/knight/William-McCauley/

THE CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Information about the Essay Contest were in the November issue, the deadlines are included here as a reminder.

Timeline:

11/30/2020 — Councils receive essays for judging.

12/21/2020 — Councils now

A) Announce their winners and award prizes.

B) Send winning essays (one per grade) to their District Deputy for judging.

C) Report to chairman Bill McCauley the number of essays received by grade.

01/09/2021 — District Deputy sends the district's winning essays (one per grade) to Bill McCauley for state judging.

01/28/2021 — State winning essays submitted to Supreme Council.

Pro Tips: The 11/30 deadline can be adjusted, as long as your winners are to your District Deputy by 12/21.

Entry forms can be distributed after Mass at the parish, or through your local catholic school.

Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and a check for \$25, \$20, or \$15 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning essays in each grade. Remember, this is a Faith in Action Community Program.

Looking for more? www.kofc.org/essay

THE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is open to ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and 11-14. The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is a fun and easy way to put your faith into action and get youth in your community involved in their faith. It is fun to conduct because of the opportunity to witness the creativity and optimism of the youth in your community.

Timeline:

12/15/2020 — Councils receive posters. Select 1st/2nd/3rd in each age group. Announce and award council prizes.

12/31/2020 — Council submits first place winners to District Deputy (one per age group).

01/15/2021 — District (first place) winners to State.

02/15/2021 — State (first place) winners selected & submitted to Supreme.

03/15/2021 — International winners announced (estimated date).

Pro Tips: The 12/15 deadline can be adjusted, as long as your council winners are to your District Deputy by 12/31.

Entry forms can be distributed after Mass at the parish, or through your local catholic school.

Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and a check for \$25, \$20, or \$15 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning posters in each age group.

Looking for more? www.kofc.org/christmas

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

The Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to ages 8 — 11 and 12—14. The contest has two category divisions: "Alcohol Awareness and Abuse" and "Drug Awareness and Abuse". This is no longer a program through the Supreme Council, so visit the state website for materials (guidebook, entry forms, etc.) www.UtahKnights.org/programs/#state_poster_contest

Timeline:

1/31/2021 — Councils receive posters. Select 1st/2nd/3rd in each age group & category. Announce and award council prizes.

2/21/2021 — Council first place winners to District Deputy (one for each age group & category).

3/15/2021 — District (first place in each age/category) winners to State.

4/15/2021 — State (first place) winners selected for each age/category.

Pro Tips: The 1/31 deadline can be adjusted by the council, as long as council winners are to their District Deputy by 2/21.

Entry forms can be distributed after Mass at the parish, or through your local catholic school.

Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and a check for \$25, \$20, or \$15 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning posters in each age group and category.

STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights,

As 2020 draws to a close let's take the time to reflect on our accomplishments during a challenging year. Despite the restrictions, we successfully pulled off a virtual convention and organizational meeting. Many councils continue to meet to ensure the works of Blessed Father McGivney continue. Councils actively support the "Leave no Neighbor Behind Program" through personal contact with both their pastors and members. We successfully supported the Carmelites after the massive wind storm and continue to provide them assistance through donations and pantry fund contributions necessitated by the Carmelite Fair cancellation. Now as we move to close the year, we have nine coats for kids' distribution events established throughout the state and we to continue the press with that important program.

The men and the councils within this organization are truly amazing. Despite the inability for councils to conduct fundraising we have amassed contributions within our group or from our supporters that have exceeded \$14,000. For the Carmelites the state raised \$2600 and with the generosity of the Supreme Council we recently cut a check to Mother Superior for \$5000 after all other expenses were paid. Other contribution included Native American Fund \$2565, Special Olympics \$1650, Ultrasound \$580 and Coats for Kids \$7,040 (with more donations coming in). Thank you, my brother knights for your kindness in supporting these important charities.

Speaking of coats for kids, on November 22, I participated with GK Dennis Martinez and members of Council 6010 with their second round of Coats for Kids distribution. We have five (5) more distribution locations upcoming in the next few weeks of December. Please check the program calendar on page 6 of this newsletter for specifics. We can definitely use your help even for an hour or two to assist with the distribution.

I had the privilege of watching Father McGivney Beatification Mass on October 31. If you did not have the chance to view, I would strongly recommend watching it. This is a once in lifetime experience that I waited over 25 years now as knight. In addition, Nick, Frank and I attended the Thanksgiving Mass at the cathedral on Nov 17. Bishop Solis, Fathers John Evans and Father Dominic Sternhagen concelebrated this special Mass. Thanks to Council 602 for setting up and sponsoring this event and to the members of the honor guard who provided a dignified special occasion.

In the administrative area, I still need 9 councils to submit their semi-annual audit (Form 1295-1). This report is seriously overdue and could impact your council's tax-exempt status under the Supreme umbrella IRS Code Section 501(c)8. I sincerely appreciate all councils who submitted their Service Program Personnel Reports, however there are 10 councils who need to resubmit online updates because either the Program, Community and/or Family Directors did not complete their safe environment training within six weeks of appointment. Please check your council's Safe Environment Member Status Report (in officers online). If the four positions are not listed, a resubmission is required. Ensure the individuals you appoint agree to take the training or consider appointing someone previously qualified or possibly have men double up duties to meet the compliance requirement until others could complete the training.

Reminder: Another upcoming report just around the corner is the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 that is due on January 31. I strongly encourage that you email your council members the form 1728A worksheet so they can timely complete and provide the council adequate time for compilation. Member per capita assessments should go out no later than Dec 15th to meet retention guidelines provided by Supreme.

Again thanks for your assistance on these matters, and if any of you have any questions or issues please reach out to me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lastly, I would like to close by wishing all of you, your family and friends a Blessed Christmas and best for 2021. I look forward to meeting with all of you on January 9th for the Midyear.

Vivat Jesus

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Quick Links to items mentioned on this page:

- Leave No Neighbor Behind www.kofc.org/neighbor
- Coats for Kids www.UtahKnights.org/2020/11/coats-for-kids-2020
- Father McGivney Beatification www.KofC.org/Beatification and www.UtahKnights.org/2020/11/mass-of-thanksgiving-17-nov-2020
- Officers Online www.kofc.org/oo
- Council Administrative Forms www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/council-leaders/grand-knight.html?1tab=1tab0
- Council Audit Form www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/audit1_1295_p.pdf
- Form 1728 Fraternal Survey & Form 1728A member worksheet www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/fraternal_survey1728_p.pdf
www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/individual_survey1728a_p.pdf

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2020-2021 STATE PROGRAM CALENDAR (AS OF 21-NOV-2020)

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=v3p11sikvv0tv6l2uotltjju90@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Denver>

Looking for another State Program Director or Chairman? www.UtahKnights.org/directory/#directors

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chairman / Contact</u>
11/30/2020	Council deadline Essay Contest	Councils	Essay Contest Chair ~ SK William McCauley, FM
12/5/2020	Coats for Kids Distribution at Holy Family 10AM—2PM	1100E 5500 S Ogden, UT	SK Frank Carmona ~ State Advocate
12/5/2020	Coats for Kids Distribution at Cathedral 5—7PM	331 E. South Temple SLC, UT	GK SK Rene Contreras ~ Council 602
12/6/2020	Coats for Kids Distribution at Cathedral 10:30AM—1PM	331 E. South Temple SLC, UT	GK SK Rene Contreras ~ Council 602
12/6/2020	Coats for Kids Distribution at Saint Andrew 2—5PM	11835 S 3600 W, Riverton, UT	SK Frank Carmona ~ State Advocate
12/12/2020	Coats for Kids Distribution at Assembly 1146 Walmart 6AM-12PM	Spanish Fork, UT	SK Frank Carmona ~ State Advocate
Dec. XX	Holiday Blood Drive (Fox 13)	Red Cross Donation Center, SLC	Community Director ~ SK Tim I Lozano
12/15/2020	Council deadline KCIC Poster Contest	Councils	Poster Contest Chairman ~ SK William McCauley, FM
12/21/2020	District deadline Essay Contest	District Deputies	Essay Contest Chair ~ SK William McCauley, FM
12/31/2020	District deadline KCIC Poster Contest	District Deputies	Poster Contest Chairman ~ SK William McCauley, FM
1/8/2021	District Deputy Midyear Meeting	Saint Olaf, Bountiful	State Deputy ~ SK Nick Nielson
1/9/2021	State Midyear Meeting	Saint Olaf, Bountiful	State Deputy ~ SK Nick Nielson
1/9/2021	State deadline Essay Contest	State Council	Essay Contest Chair ~ SK William McCauley, FM
1/15/2021	KCIC Poster Contest	DDs to State Council	Poster Contest Chairman ~ SK William McCauley, FM
1/30/2021	March for Life (Utah)	Utah State Capitol	Life Director ~ SK Robert C Van Parys
1/31/2021	Drug/Alcohol Poster Contest	Councils	Poster Contest Chairman ~ SK William McCauley, FM
1/31/2021	Essay Contest	State Council	Essay Contest Chair ~ SK William McCauley, FM
2/6/2021	KofC Diocesan Science Fair	Virtual (and JDCHS)	Science Fair Chairman ~ SK Joseph B Ligor, PSD, FM
2/15/2021	KCIC Poster Contest	State Council to Supreme	Poster Contest Chairman ~ SK William McCauley, FM
2/21/2021	Drug/Alcohol Poster Contest	District Deputies	Poster Contest Chairman ~ SK William McCauley, FM
Mar. XX	Free Throw Championship - State Level	Usually at Blessed Sacrament, Sandy	Free Throw Co-Chairman ~ SK Ron R Mecham, FDD
3/15/2021	Council Award Submissions Due	State Deputy	State Deputy ~ SK Nick Nielson
3/15/2021	Drug/Alcohol Poster Contest	State Council	Poster Contest Chairman ~ SK William McCauley, FM
3/15/2021	Scholarship Applications Due	Chuck Dover's House	State Scholarship Chair ~ SK Chuck Dover Jr, FVSM, PSD
3/15/2021	To Be a Patriot Award Submissions Due	District Master	SK Dick Hall, District Master
Apr. XX	MS Walk (usually late April)	Veterans Memorial Park, West Jordan	Community Director ~ SK Tim I Lozano
4/15/2021	Drug/Alcohol Poster Contest	State Council	Poster Contest Chairman ~ SK William McCauley, FM
4/30—5/2	State Convention	Park City, Utah	District 11 Deputy ~ Frank Lesar

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP GOAL PERCENT as of 11/20/2020

Council	Grand Knight	Location	% Quota
9849	Michael Sweetland	St. James/Ogden	60%
5502	Joe Nesi	Bountiful	50%
12181	R Scott Lewis	Draper	45%
602	Rene Contreras	Cathedral	40%
777	Jerry Bedel	St. Joseph/Ogden	33%
1129	Robert Dieringer	Park City	33%
10733	Louis Mandrignes	St George	33%
12959	Cory Meacham	Logan	33%
14764	Richard Green	St. Catherine UofU	33%
5214	George Jockisch	Kearns	25%
7961	David McDonald	St. Joseph the Worker	25%
1136	Alex Tarazon	Provo/Orem	0%
2611	John Flores	Helper	0%
5347	George D Fuller	Brigham City	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%
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%
10304	Reyes Montoya	Taylorville	0%
11246	David Webb	Cedar City	0%
11479	Danny 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	E. 'Chris Barrera	Riverton	0%
14399	Mike Dannemueller	South Ogden	0%
15418	Paul B Buckley	St Ambrose	0%
15741	Unassigned	Our Lady of Guadalupe	0%
16006	Unassigned	Sacred Heart	0%
16127	Richard Houghton	Hill AFB	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	Copperton	0%

DISTRICT DEPUTIES PERCENT OF MEMBERSHIP GOAL as of 11/20/2020

District	Deputy	% Quota
1	Andy Beck	50%
3	Larry Page	33%
8	Mark Meredith	33%
2	Paul Tinker	31%
11	Frank Lesar	30%
6	Mike Middlemiss	15%
4	John Chavez	0%
5	Larry Zubel	0%
7	Tim Soran Jr.	0%
9	Brian Duncan	0%
10	Mark Dylla	0%

In the words of the Apostle Paul,
**"Do not be overcome by evil, instead
 overcome evil with good!"**
 Romans 12:21

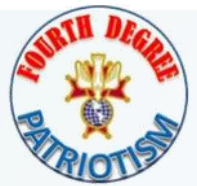


Looking for updated recruiting status information?
www.UtahKnights.org/recruiting/

See all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state online!
 Current events listing at www.UtahKnights.org/category/current/
 or visit www.UtahKnights.org/events/ for the complete list.

“TO WHAT DEGREE”

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS AND VIEWS



Sir Knights and Brother Knights All,

The liturgical season has gone full cycle with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King November 22nd. Thanksgiving is past us and the Advent season has begun. Christmas will be here soon. So also the need to begin anew the Fourth Degree Exemplifications. We will plan to conduct an exemplification around the Martin Luther Day Holiday. Virtual exemplifications have been conducted by the New Mexico and Arizona Districts of the John H, Reddin Province. Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa has recommended that all virtual exemplifications be opened to all Districts. Having observed these ceremonies, I believe we are ready to step forward with a plan our own. The format and method of delivery is being developed.

We, the leaders of our councils and assemblies need to encourage our brother third degree knights to join the fourth degree and promote the new uniform to further promote our faith through the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. Bishop Soils has asked over the last year “Where are our brother Knights?” We have the time over the next few months reinvigorate and rejuvenate our ranks for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation seasons demonstrating WE ARE HERE!

Vivat Jesus!
God Bless America and Viva Christo Rey!!
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“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

Saint 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

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the Fourth Degree.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 11/17 at the Diocese of Salt Lake City Cathedral of the Madeleine the Utah Knights of Columbus sponsored and participated in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney. Thanks to the efforts of Sir Knight Giancarlo Gazani Deputy Grand Knight and Faith Director of Council 602 and Assembly 3586 Rev. Msgr. Robert C Pollock. The Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated with Bishop Oscar Solis and District Friar Father John Evans. The Mas was a wonderful event an responsibly conducted with adherence Covid considerations.



Links to the [YouTube video](#) of the Mass and more (bigger) [photographs](http://www.UtahKnights.org/2020/11/mass-of-thanksgiving-17-nov-2020/) at www.UtahKnights.org/2020/11/mass-of-thanksgiving-17-nov-2020/

REV. THOMAS J. MEERSMAN ASSEMBLY 2577 CARMELITE NUN PANTRY FUND

This fund was developed in order to keep the Nun’s Pantry filled each month with their everyday food needs. At the end of each month, Chairman Joe Ligori (or his committee) will call the Monastery and ask them for a list of food items they need. Joe goes shopping for the listed items, and delivers the food to them to restock their pantry. The goal is for their pantry to never run low on every day food items. This has worked well over the last two months. The Nuns really appreciate this service and don’t need to worry about keeping their pantry stocked.

I know that times are hard for Councils without having any fundraising events for certain expenses. I am asking Assemblies, Councils and members throughout the State to help us fund this project. Any amount of money would be appreciated. Some councils may choose to give \$50/month. Need a gift idea? Donate to the fund in their name. Thanks to everyone for your consideration of this project

Mail your donations to Rev. Thomas Meersman Assembly 2577; c/o Todd Holzhauser (Faithful Comptroller) 938 East Rosefield Lane; Draper, Utah 84020-8737 (or visit <https://utahknights.org/assembly/2577/>)

Vivat Jesus!
Joe Ligori
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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-jam-by-the-carmelite-nuns/>

Donate through PayPal on their website homepage

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

Donate through the Knights of Columbus Utah State Council

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



Education and Training



No Training on Monday, December 28th—Merry Christmas!

On the 4th Monday of most months, Jerry Angus, State Training Director, coordinates training on various topics.

www.UtahKnights.org/training has the full list of topics (and links to YouTube videos of the GoToMeeting recordings). Also on that webpage is the list of the multiple training topics and sessions offered by Regional Training Director Ken White, as well as links to the supreme webinars.

What else would you like to know more about? Now is a great time to suggest training subjects for 2021! No topic too big or too small!

Contact Jerry Angus with your suggestions. www.UtahKnights.org/knight/Jerry-Angus/

"New Guidelines for Council Meetings" Supreme Webinar on Thursday, December 17th, 6:00 PM. Register at www.kofc.org/webinar

FAMILY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Worthy Brother Knights,

Supreme has chosen **James Chris Cage** (deceased) and family, Council 13297 (Holliday) as the Utah Family of the Month winner for October 2020 from the submissions received by November 15th.

Every month, Supreme selects families for special recognition, including sending a special gift for the family. One family winner is selected from each state. The odds are good! Utah only has 37 councils! Hopefully participation will increase this month.

July 2020: 5502, 11479 & 13297. Winner was Robert S. Gomez Family of Council 5502.

August 2020: 12181. Winner was the Guy Allen Family (only submission).

September 2020: 5502, 9849, 12818, & 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was Rich Atkins Family of Council 9849.

October 2020: 5502, 9849, 11479, 12181, & 13297. ([Full report.](#))

Be sure to submit the form **before** the deadline. Submissions are accepted early, but not late! The PDF form is available online, and it's short and has the directions on page 2. Need help? Just ask me.

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

Usually the Grand Knight fills out the form online, then PRINTS it as a PDF, and then attach the saved "printout" in your email message. Simply "saving" the file from the website usually results in a BLANK copy of the form. Send your submissions to:

Supreme - FraternalMission@kofc.org; State Family Director - tsoran@judgememorial.com; Your Council's File (FS)

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS (POSTER CONTEST)

[Keep Christ in Christmas](#) (KCIC) is a great family program. The guidebook covering the multiple activities is online at www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/10681-kcic-guide-book.pdf. The item that gets most of the attention is the Poster Contest and as [Bill McCauley](#) (State Poster Chairman) has already announced, that is a program we have here in Utah. (See page 4 of this newsletter.) It's already November, so it's time to order the supplies through Supplies Online (GK or FS), in Officers Online at www.kofc.org/oo, or you're welcome to print them (PDFs are available on www.KofC.org, click "For Members" then "Faith in Action", "Family")

The KCIC poster contest guidebook (with all the official rules and regulations that your council's poster contest chairman will appreciate) is found online at www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/keep-christ-in-christmas/5024-kcic-poster-contest-guidebook.pdf.

Timeline for KCIC Posters:

12/15/2020 — Councils receive posters. Select 1st/2nd/3rd in each age group. Announce and award council prizes.

12/31/2020 — Council 1st place winners to District Deputy (one per age group).

01/15/2021 — District (1st place) winners to State.

02/15/2021 — State (1st place) winners selected & submitted to Supreme.

03/15/2021 — International winners announced (estimated date).

Pro Tips: The 12/15 deadline can be adjusted, as long as your winners are to your District Deputy by 12/31.
Entry forms can be distributed after Mass at the parish, or through your local catholic school.

Vivat Jesus!

Timothy Soran, Jr.
District 7 Deputy
Utah Family Director

OTHER FAMILY PROGRAMS

Looking for other Family Program ideas?

I encourage each Council to promote a **Family Night at Home**, where a family activity is attended. This could be a puzzle, a board game, or just a rented movie with popcorn. It is meant to bring them all into one place, with one purpose.

All of the supreme council recommended family programs are detailed online at www.kofc.org/family

That's just one way we show our faith in action www.kofc.org/FaithInAction

Wondering **how to conduct programs remotely**? A new guide is available!

www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/11139-remote-program-supplement.pdf

Substance Abuse Poster Contest details are at www.UtahKnights.org/programs/#state_poster_contest

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

The limited time offer from Supreme for one-year **free membership** in the Knights ends December 31st. The state council has been promoting the offer heavily on social media and has distributed images that you can use on your personal and/or council social media pages and in parish bulletins. You won't be just preaching to the choir; over one-third of those who "friend" the state council's Facebook page are not members. We have also distributed a one-sheet "how to" document that details the steps and options for bringing members online, from signing up to taking the exemplification to all state leaders. Do you need these items? Let me know

Some councils have been very successful in attracting new members, even in current difficult environment, using online enrollment and exemplifications. How do they do it? They ask. They follow the steps. They succeed. So can you.

My job as online membership director is to help you and your council succeed. Let me know how at any time, but particularly now before the free membership offer ends.

Andy Airriess, PSD
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BE A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

- LIVE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH-
- PROTECT YOUR FAMILY-
- INSPIRE OTHERS-

FREE ONE-YEAR
 ONLINE MEMBERSHIP
 OFFER EXPIRES DEC. 31ST
 GO TO: KofC.org/JOINUS



Knights of Columbus

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ICON PROGRAM

In January 2021 the order will begin a pilgrim icon program devoted to **Saint Michael the Archangel**. This will build upon the ecumenical aspect of our recent program in honor of **Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians**. The new icon is expected in Utah this month, along with all the necessary program materials. Chairman Greg Keller, PSD is working with the District Deputies to set the schedule for the travels. Virtual prayer services are encouraged. Icon prayer program information is available online (currently for the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon) <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/marian-icon-prayer.html>

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Information on this month's challenge from the Supreme Chaplain is available online. <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/december-2020.html>
 Want it included here? Please let the editor know you if would like the challenge included.

IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently (10/1 through 11/24). ***Eternal rest grant upon them and may perpetual light shine upon them.*** Please pray a Hail Mary in honor of these knights when you finish reading the list. Remember to send any additional notices to Bill Kelly at StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org in addition to the council's Financial Secretary notifying the supreme council.

Name	Council	DOD
Fred Gilman	6739	10/1/2020
Arthur F. See	10733	10/5/2020
Mike Romero	777	11/3/2020
J. Kent Howard	1129	11/3/2020
Lou V. Holdener	10733	11/24/2020



NEED TO MEET WITH YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE AGENT?

How do you setup a meeting? Contact your field agent! On page 14 is the list of which councils each agent serves along with their contact details. It's also online, just visit www.UtahKnights.org/insurance

There are now three ways to meet with your agent to review your needs and policies!

1. **Meet virtually using Skype.** Unlike the other options, no masks are required during virtual meetings.
2. **Meet in your home.** The time-honored practice of your field agent coming to you. This option is available no matter where you live in Utah. Even if you move to Arizona, that's not a problem, we know a guy! Again, for safety, everyone should wear a face covering (mask).
3. **Meet at the new agency office!** 824 E South Temple, Suite 4, Salt Lake City, UT 84102 is the new office for the Utah Field Agents (both Gene & Matthew). Please remember to call ahead — your agent may be out of the office, meeting with another Knight and his family.

COATS FOR KIDS—DISTRIBUTIONS AT SAINT ROSE OF LIMA (LAYTON) BY COUNCIL 6010 ON NOVEMBER 10TH AND 22ND.



Above: Satisfied Customers. Top Right: Rick Hartle (6010 Deputy Grand Knight) checks the coat fit. Right: Greg Keller (Immediate Past State Deputy) assists with finding a coat.



These Men Called Knights: Biotti, Hartle, Sorley, Alton, Martinez, Motta, Neid, Sevier (11/10).

COATS FOR KIDS—DISTRIBUTIONS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES (MAGNA)

BY COUNCIL 9731 & UTAH STATE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 28TH.



Drive Through Distribution!

We have coats for pickup!

Did you spot the chair?

How about the heater?

Recognize the masked men?

Looking for more photos?

There are a few more online

www.facebook.com/UtahKofC



Know any kids that need a **FREE** coat?
See page 3 and/or page 6 for details
on upcoming locations, dates, times.
The state distributions are open to all.

Want to help?
Come and join us next time!





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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

We seem to say it every year, “It’s almost Christmas, where has the year gone?” As we look back, we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we’ve received from him. God’s gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmas time. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

As I look back at 2020, a year that many will not soon forget, I can’t help but think of all the selfless members of the Order who gave of themselves to help others. Knights are known for their generosity and service. We are, indeed, Knights of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

But let us not forget about your own family...and I’m not talking about gifts that you’ll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren’t here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can’t care for yourself and make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can’t work. It’s painless to sit down with your Field Agent to analyze your situation.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: “For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” (New American Bible, Revised Edition)

Vivat Jesus!

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FREE MONEY! IS YOUR COUNCIL UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Each quarter, the Utah council having highest percentage of council attending online fraternal benefits presentations wins \$250 for charity from General Agent Nate Raso. **Who will win in Q2?** Have you scheduled your council’s Fraternal Benefits Seminar (FBS) with your field agent? The Founder’s Award (and Star Council Award) require **two FBSs this fraternal year**, so you could even win twice!

Congratulations again to Council 7961 the Q1 winner! They selected Coats for Kids for their charity.

Related resources: www.kofc.org/star and (for publicity ideas) www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/11077-fraternal-benefit-seminar-form.pdf

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