



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

A penny saved is a penny earned. In the same way, a Knight saved is a Knight earned . . . and when you save a Knight, you are winning twice. You recruit men. That takes some effort, and that is good, you have new blood in the council, new ideas, new energy. You need to keep Knights active, engaged, and informed. Keeping Knights starts the day of the admission degree. Here are some foolproof steps to ensuring the Knights you have will stay with you for a long time:

Attend the admission degree with them. Best yet, do the degree in your parish so the new member meets his new brothers immediately.

Do a "live" degree. Men who take the degree from the DVD do not advance to the Formation and Knighthood degrees as regularly as men who attend a degree with men reading or reciting the parts.

Advance. Get them to Formation and Knighthood (and Patriotic) degrees. It is a proven fact that men who advance degrees are more likely to stay as Knights. 97% of Sir Knights stay Knights for life. Go with them so they know you take an active interest in them and their success.

Communicate. It sounds simple but there are many ways to do this. Email them. Call them. Talk to them at church. Send a monthly or quarterly newsletter. Some men really are too busy to come to meetings, but will work events. GREAT. How will they know there are events where they are needed if you don't tell them? We do some amazing things; one Knight at a time, one hour at a time. Together we can, and do, move mountains. Tell them about the mountains we move.

Recognize. Point out in public those Knights who do good work. Do this at meetings and in your newsletters. Participate in the Family and Knight of the Month programs.

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District Master's Note

June 10th Fourth Degree Exemplification

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Sir Knights of Padre Pio, Assembly #2636, SLC and a special thank you goes out to Richard F. Hall, Faithful Navigator. The introduction of the Class Honoree was Richard F. Hall, FN, Rick Kump, State Secretary, gave State Council greeting and the Patriotic Degree Presentation was given by our Past Master of the Fourth Degree, William McCauley, introduction of the class was given by Utah District Master V.J. Simonelli. In grateful recognition and appreciation of faithful and exceptional service to the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, the following Sir Knights received the Award of Merit: Richard F. Hall, Ray Folks and Paul Tinker. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Fourth Degree Exemplification Team – what an awesome and superb performance and presentation. Thank you all for your support and dedication to the Patriotic Degree of our Order. I am pleased to report that we brought in 24 new Sir Knights. All who recruited these new Sir Knights did an awesome job.

Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Year Award

I would like to thank all assemblies who submitted a name of a Sir Knight from their assembly to be considered as the Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Year. As I explained, this award is different from the State Council Knight of the Year Award. This Sir Knight of the Year Award is strictly for the Fourth Degree. It is my distinct honor to inform you that the Sir Knight of the Year Award went to Todd Holzhauser from Rev. Thomas J. Meersman Assembly #2577. Congratulations Sir Knight Todd from all your Sir Knights in the State of Utah.

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State Deputy's Message (Cont.)

They are quick and easy and free. Put notices of the awards in your bulletin. Give them certificates. Recognize Knight and Families of the Year at Mass.

Ask. Find out if there is a program or activity one of your Knights would like to lead or participate in. By getting Knights to do things they have a passion for you are more likely to get them active in your other activities. Ask in person. Don't ask for volunteers at a meeting, asking a Knight to help face-to-face is MUCH more likely to be positive.

Pray. Many Knights, particularly those with young families, are looking for ways to build their faith lives. Participate in the 5th Sunday Rosary program, do the Father's Day renewal of Marriage vows (any Mass will do, it doesn't have to be Father's Day), hold a Corporate Communion service.

Nobody joins the Knights to do nothing. They want direction and leadership. Sometimes it is just a little nudge; sometimes a little more encouragement is needed. However, the rewards for the council, the parish and the community are great. And never forget that you are helping your Knights when you ask them to participate. You are helping them become better Catholics, husbands, and fathers. You are modeling for them what Knights are; you are the example they will follow. Be the kind of Knight others want to be.

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

Fraternal Leader Training Webinars

Join the staff of the Fraternal Mission Department as they discuss relevant topics for effective council operation, membership recruitment and conducting charitable outreach programs that engage council members and build a stronger council. All Knights of Columbus members are welcome to join in!

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/membership-webinar.html>

District Master's Note (Cont.)

West Area District Marshal Position

I have appointed Stacey Yeager as the new West District Marshal. Congratulations Sir Knight Yeager.

Upcoming Ordination

I know that our Lead Color Corps Commander has sent out a notice of the upcoming Ordination of Stephen Tilley. I would like to encourage as many Sir Knights in regalia to be present for this ordination and to show our full support for Bishop Solis. The ordination will take place on Friday 30 June 2017 at 7 PM at the Cathedral. All Sir Knights in regalia are to be at the Cathedral at least by 6:15 pm.

Fourth of July

Independence Day celebrates the birthday of the United States of America. Founded July 4th, 1776, with the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The 4th of July is a time for the red, white and blue. Let's all celebrate.

Upcoming Provincial Meeting

I am excited to invite you to our Provincial Meeting for the John H. Reddin Province to be held on 16 September 2017 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Holladay. Speakers will include the Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master, and the District Masters and State Deputies from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. Further information regarding the meeting agenda and evening banquet dinner will be forthcoming. The Provincial Meeting is open to all Knights wishing a greater knowledge of the Patriotic Degree of our Order.

"Sir Knight is more than a title...it's an honor!"

Yours in Christ,
VJ Simonelli
Utah District Master

Did You Know?

While spending Holy Week in Korea, Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, presented a charter to the 6th Council on the Korean peninsula. Three Councils are on Military bases, and the 6th, Fr. Thomas Choe Yang-eop Council 16685 is the 3rd domestic council.

State Secretary's Corner

As we begin another fraternal year...

Let us begin with the basics. Legendary coach Vince Lombardi was a big believer in the basics. He is reported to have opened his training camps by holding up a football in front of his team and addressing them saying, "Gentlemen, this is a football." With a focus on the basics, he established an outstanding winning tradition.

What are our basics? Our first and foremost basic, directly from our founder, Father McGivney, is our devotion to the spiritual health of our brothers. Father McGivney knew that we men are the key to spiritually healthy families, and that our involvement in parish life is the key to a healthy and vibrant parish.

This last year I have heard many success stories. I have also heard of struggling councils. Each of them is unique in some ways, but all of them are also the same. In addition, they are not just the same as the other struggling councils. They are the same as every successful council. They are the same in that they are comprised of Catholic men. Catholic men not only share the fullness of faith, they also share something every child of our Creator shares, and that is a capacity to sacrifice for the good of another.

I challenge each and every one of you to make some small sacrifice for the benefit of another, and feel bad about it. Go ahead. I dare you. Do something nice for someone; something they cannot repay, or do it anonymously so they do not know who to thank. Now feel bad about it. You can't. Your Creator did not wire you that way. Therefore, every council has brother knights with the capacity to serve their fellow brother knights; the capacity to serve their parish priest, and the capacity to serve their families. This service leads directly to joy! Joy my Brothers is one of the most contagious things that can infect a council. I am convinced that this is exactly what our Holy Father had in mind when he encouraged us to evangelize by attraction. This is the way we will build our order and our Holy Church. My dear brothers, this simple basic is within all of us. I have never met men more giving and I have full faith and confidence that this simple, humble, basic practice will attract more men to our order. I am talking about giving the gift of a healthy spiritual life. The men of your parish will never be able to repay you for the rich blessings that will flow to them. Their only option will be to join you!

Brothers, our formula for success is simple. Practice our first basic principle.

Vivat Jesus!



Rick Kump
Utah State Secretary

2017 Organizational Meeting

Date: July 8, 2017 – Time: Rosary 9:30 AM, Meeting 10:00 AM

Location: St. Joseph the Worker (7405 Redwood Rd, West Jordan, UT 84084)

Register online at www.utahknights.org

Please try the online registration, even if you are mailing in your payment

Upcoming Degrees (Please see State website calendar for degrees)

- Admission Degrees – **7/11/2017**, 6 PM St. Francis Xavier, Kearns. Contact VJ Simonelli 801.661.6341
- **7/18/2017**, 7 PM St Francis of Assisi, Orem. Contact Jim Arguello 801.404.2716
- **8/1/2017**, 7 PM St Francis of Assisi, Orem. Contact Jim Arguello 801.404.2716

Membership Memo

During a homily I recently heard on Pentecost Sunday, the priest told a story of a man that traveled to a desolate valley where he encountered a shepherd. The shepherd, after being widowed, decided to restore the ruined landscape of the desolate valley by planting acorns. The man returns many years later to the valley and finds it transformed, a beautiful forest now stands there.

Couple of things stood out to me during this homily, one was a comment the shepherd made about planting the trees. He said he probably planted hundreds of thousands of acorns and probably only one percent would take root and grow. The Priest then also explained that Pentecost was a call to action and to evangelize; a call to action like the shepherd in the story where he single handedly cultivated a forest, tree by tree. These two things made me think of the Knights and membership.

The call to action is to ask men to join our Order and every man we ask is just like planting one of those acorns. Some may not take root but if we continue asking, we will cultivate a forest of men, a forest of men to do God’s work.

This fraternal year please make membership a priority, not just a priority but a focal point for your council. Discuss it often in your meetings, and keep it in your mind during every event you do. Membership 365 is a change in attitude and the realization that everything you do is recruiting.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Warden

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention

NATIONAL LEADERS: That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

Insurance Assurance

PEACE OF MIND

Can your family survive without you?

It is an uncomfortable question, but an important one. How would your wife replace your income? What would happen to the house? How would your children pay for college?

As fathers, it is our job to make sure our families are well-protected and well-prepared. Of course, this duty — along with all of the other responsibilities that come with the vocation of fatherhood — can appear overwhelming. Our vocation begins to feel like a burden; it seems we will never again experience peace of mind, let alone financial protection.

Fortunately, as members of the Knights of Columbus, you have exclusive access to a tremendous set of fraternal benefits that can help you achieve peace of mind and provide the protection that your family needs and deserves.

Life insurance is a powerful tool that — properly structured — can help you secure your family’s future. As a Knight, you have access to a whole host of life insurance products that can be either permanent or temporary (called “term”).

Permanent life insurance is the Knights of Columbus’ signature product. It provides money to your family when you die and builds cash value while you live. It’s guaranteed. It’s dynamic.

Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It’s simple and straightforward.

Both are designed for peace of mind. So contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today and lay out a plan to help obtain peace of mind for you and your family.

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State Program Updates

See all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state. <http://utahknights.org/>

- **Silver Rose program.** Brother Paul Simon has been coordinating the Running of the Rose throughout the state of Utah. Visit the web site as the schedule will be posted on the home page as soon as it becomes available.
- **4 July:** Order Soccer Challenge https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/soccer_kit_p.pdf and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/essay_kit_p.pdf Materials.
- **6 July:** Assembly 2577 Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner. Reception at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. Will take place at St Thomas More, 3015 Creek Rd, Cottonwood Heights. Registration flyer on state home page.
- **31 July:** 5th Sunday Rosary. To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, Knights and their families and other parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary as a corporate body every time a 5th Sunday occurs during a month <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/church/5th-sunday-rosary-program-kit.pdf>. This is also a Church Activity for the *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7)
- **1 August:** Remember this upcoming deadline: - *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) http://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/service_personnel365_p.pdf.
- **7-13 August:** Knights of Columbus Family Week. Visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/family-activities/family-week.html#/> for information on planning your council's participation. Family Week is a special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of the family through programs that strengthen the parish community and unite Catholic family life.
- **Coats for Kids program:** When families struggle to clothe their children with warm coats in the winter, The Knights have helped meet this basic need through the Coats for Kids program. For the past seven years, councils and assemblies across Utah have purchased new winter coats for children at a discount and distributed them to children in need in their local communities. It's time to start your charitable giving efforts so warm coats can be distributed as early as November. Get your parishes involved in providing donations and helping with the distribution. For coat orders https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/coats_for_kids_p.pdf.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT - Building the Domestic Church. *"The family as domestic Church is central to both the work of the new Evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes – also the future sustainability of the Order"* Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight. Building the Domestic Church is one concrete way that the Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Francis, can offer "holy and loving families" for the Church's mission of evangelization in our time. Order and distribute Building the Domestic Church – The Family Fully Alive (#10162) brochure to each member in your council <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/domestic-church/building-domestic-church.pdf>. Also, visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/parish-programs/family-fully-alive.html> for complete details on this most beneficial and worthy program.

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