



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

Last week we had our Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent over for our yearly visit. My wife and I had each bought a policy a few years ago and got all we could afford then. There were some gaps then, but what are you going to do, something is better than nothing, right? Now, after weighing all of the many options our agent gave us, my wife and I have great, full coverage that we can afford. We added a long term care policy and we now have the peace of mind that if anything happens to either of us, the other will be well taken care of. If anything happens to both of us, our kids will be provided for. That lets us rest easy.

But that wasn't all. We then went over retirement planning. We're doing OK, but our agent showed us some things there were really eye opening. We're not ready to get on board quite yet, but you bet we will in about a year. The plan our agent drew up is amazing. I wish I could go into more detail, but what I can tell you is that it will be great for us when we sign, and will be better years down the road. This is just part of what our brothers on the insurance side do. They are here for us, they are here for our families, and they are all about service. We are very lucky to have these men here for us. If you haven't seen your agent recently, have him come by. It will benefit you to see your agent if you have never seen him, have not seen him recently, or saw him last year. You will be honoring a commitment to your family and you will be fulfilling Father McGivney's founding vision for the Knights; the protection of Catholic families.

There is something else you can do to help your families and the families of those in your parishes as well. Employ The Knight's "Domestic Church" program in your parish. "Domestic Church" is

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District Master's Note

First Event: The Spirit of Patriotism, Join the Fourth Degree

My Brother Knights, you and I are privileged to be members of the greatest Catholic Men's Organization in the history of the church. This year, by working together we will make it greater. We will be faithful to the vision of our founder. We will build a better world **one council, one assembly** at a time.

On Saturday, March 4th, s017 we will hold an Exemplification of the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Order at Holy Family Catholic Church located at 1100 East 5550 South in South Ogden, Utah. All candidates are requested to be there on March 4th no later than 12:15 pm. The Degree will start promptly at 1:30 pm.

I have been working with a fantastic committee covering the northern part of the state for the past 2 ½ months to promote this next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, however, as of February 19th we have only eight candidates with Form 4's scheduled and also only forty reservations for the banquet dinner.

I strongly believe we can encourage more degree Knights to commit to this Exemplification of the Fourth Degree and I urge all Sir Knights to make this a priority by encouraging our Brother Knights to become Sir Knights. To become stronger in numbers, we need the support of everyone to accomplish this task. We especially need ALL Councils Grand Knights and all Assemblies Faithful Navigators to really push this Exemplification of the Fourth Degree.

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another term for “Family.” Test run in states like Wisconsin, the program has been very successful in attracting young men with families. What these families need and want is spiritual strength and reinforcement, and that is exactly what the Domestic Church program provides.

kofc.org/en/domestic-church/

Go to that link or just search for “domestic church” on the Knights Supreme web site. You will find all you need regarding the Domestic Church program there. This is the future of the Knights because it will help us recruit our future Knights. A number of Utah councils have already competed Domestic Church programs such as the renewal of vows and 5th Sunday rosary and more are planning them.

The Knights give us so many tools, so many opportunities, so many direct ways for us to improve our family and spiritual lives and to protect everyone we hold so dear. Protect your family with the divine and financial shields the Knights offer you. The Knights provide. We have to step up and take what is so generously presented to us.

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

State Convention

Date: Friday May 5th to Sunday morning May 7th

Location: Park City Marriott Hotel – 1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City Utah

Contact: John Wainscott – wains@sisna.com More information, schedules, and registration forms on the State website: www.utahknights.org Council and business advertising forms also available on the State website.

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We need everyone to work together to make this Exemplification a true success.

Mandatory Dress Code: The mandatory dress code for the Exemplification candidates will be black tuxedo, pleated white shirt, black shoes, black bow tie and black cummerbund. The tux shirt must have a plain lay down collar only. Shirt must have cuff links and shirt button studs. A candidate may consider purchasing a tuxedo rather than renting one. Tuxedo Junction located at 1231 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT, (901) 467-8216 is supportive of the Knights of Columbus. Members of the Armed Forces, Police, and Firefighters may wear their full dress uniform in lieu of a tuxedo. Priests may wear Clerical attire with collar.

The Honoree for March 4th Exemplification is Fr. Elliot, Pastor of Holy Family Church. It would be great if we Knights could pack the banquet room to show our support for Fr. Elliot.

Second Event: Installation of our new Bishop
The next major event is the installation of our new Bishop on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017. A public reception will be held on Tuesday evening, March 7th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown at City Creek (75 S West Temple, SLC).

Third Event: St. Patrick’s Day Parade St.
Patrick’s Day Parade is on Saturday, March 18th, 2017. Assemble at 9:00 AM at 4th West and 2nd North, Salt Lake City. Attire: Regalia, tuxedo and/or suite, jacket and tie. Bring the entire family to march with us. All Councils and Assemblies are encouraged to bring their Council and/or Assembly banner and march proudly with our new Bishop. Also, requesting that all assemblies bring two large bags of candy to pass out during the parade.

Yours in Christ,
VJ Simonelli
Utah District Master

State Secretary's Corner

March is our Founder Michael J. McGivney's Church Membership Drive. Details were shared weeks ago to help you plan your Church Drive. You should have your plan in place, as well a planned Admission Degree within your council will help to welcome these new Catholic men into the Order. We are looking for a few good Catholic men and need your help to find and ask them to join our Order.

Councils that recruit six or more members between January 1st 2017 and March 31st 2017 will receive a Domestic Church Kiosk & Booklet Set. The Kiosk & Booklet Set was set-up and displayed at our mid-year meeting hosted by our Magna Council. Councils that recruit twelve or more members between January 1st 2017 and June 30th 2017 will also receive a Domestic Church Kiosk & Booklet Set.

Supreme has been holding web-based training every month for the past few months. From the comfort of your chair, you can gain a ton of knowledge about the Order and why we do things at the council level. Each of these sessions is recorded for you to access after the day of presentation, so if your schedule does not allow for you to attend during the live presentation, you have access to the material afterwards. Your State Council fully supports these training sessions, and I personally have picked up a couple of new ideas by attending. The more we can learn about our Order the better we can portray our Order to our fellow catholic men and in turn show them the true value of their membership. I encourage you to spend some time with the training.

Lent is an opportunity; something that will change our habits and our lives for the better. It is a time to get our priorities in order and give up the "things" we are too attached to so there is room in our lives for truly important things. Prayer is a big part of this change as we work to improve our relationship with God and by extension, our relationship with others in our community and the world. As we seek to discipline our appetites and orient our hearts to put God first, we will be filled with a desire to help others and improve the world around us. We, as Knights, are fortunate to already have the structure in place to find ways to help others and do God's work here on earth. I encourage you to offer this gift to other Catholic men and invite them to join us in our work.

Our State Convention is coming up the 1st weekend of May in Park City. Please plan on sending your two allowed delegates to this very important meeting.

"Individual commitment to a group effort- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Vince Lombardi. Is your council on track to achieve Star Council Award?

May you be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as you journey through Lent, and may you experience the joy of this season!

Vivat Jesus!
Rick Kump



Utah State Secretary

Upcoming Degrees (Please see State website calendar for degrees)

- 4th Degree – Patriotic Degree: **3/4/2017**, 1:00 PM – Holy Family Church in South Ogden
- Admission Degrees – **3/14/2017**, 6 PM St Francis Xavier in Kearns; **3/15/2017**, 7 PM St George
- Formation Degrees – **3/25/2017**, 1 PM St Francis of Assisi in Orem
- Formation and Knighthood Degree – **3/30/2017**, 6:30 PM St Thomas More in Sandy

State Program Updates

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT – Gear up for a busy Month. Councils should be preparing for a busy month of March, both in terms of membership growth and charitable outreach. The weekend of March 11-12, 2017 features the **Council Church Drive Weekend**. Councils should be consulting with their pastor and securing permission to have pulpit announcements after all Masses on this weekend. Here's the how-to link <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/membership/recruitment-strategies/church-drives.html>. In addition, sample pulpit announcements can be found using Form #2678 regarding how to hold a Church Drive at http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/membership/pulpit_announcement.pdf. To conduct a successful Church Drive, please consult the Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual (#10237) and visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/membership/recruitment-strategies/church-drives.html>.

The **Council Admission Degree Week** is scheduled for March 20-26, 2017. Prospective members identified through the Council Church Drive should be welcomed into councils during this week. Councils should take advantage of utilizing the First Degree Video Production if they do not have a certified Admission Degree Team available. The week of March 7 through April 2, 2017 features the **Council Outreach Week in honor of Father McGivney**. All councils are encouraged to conduct charitable service projects during this week to honor our founder.

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

Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child – March 25th. The international Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child takes place on March 25. All councils should begin organizing a pro-life Mass or prayer service for that day, inviting all members of the community, including public officials and health care workers. Reach out in particular to any parents — including single mothers from your community — who are facing a crisis pregnancy, welcoming them to this special day of prayer. Visit kofc.org/prolife for more information.

New Requirement for Columbian Award: To earn the Columbian Award, councils must now conduct at least four (4) Domestic Church activities. Visit kofc.org/domesticchurch to find resources that will help your council conduct them. The current list of Domestic Church activities are as follows: 5th Sunday Rosary Program, Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Fully Alive Devotional Program, Family Week Celebrations, Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows, Food for Families, Holy Family Prayer Program, Journey to the Inn, and Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign. These are standalone categories, but can also be used in conjunction with any one of the six Featured Programs listed in the following Columbian Award categories with their respective criteria located at <https://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/council-activities/star-council-award.html>:

- Church - The featured program is the [Refund Supports Vocation Program](#) (RSVP).
- Community - There are two featured programs, [Habitat for Humanity](#) and the [Global Wheelchair Mission](#).
- Council - The featured program is [Special Olympics](#).
- Culture of Life - A council can satisfy all requirements for the Culture of Life Activities category by participating in either the Knights of Columbus [Ultrasound Initiative](#) or a local, regional or national [March for Life](#).
- Family - The featured program is the Knights of Columbus [Food for Families](#) program.
- Youth - Participating in the Knights of Columbus [Coats for Kids](#) program meets all requirements in the Youth Activities category.

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