

STATE UPDATE



UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

The Supreme Convention was extremely rewarding and fulfilling. It was gratifying to see the support we have from the clergy with the presence of over 95 Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops and several hundred priests. It's inspiring to hear of the \$173,550,680 of charitable giving and the 71,560,617 hours of service in 2014. This shows the dedication that we Knights have to "Save Lives and Change Lives" and Utah is not an exception as we were recognized in the top 10 as volunteer hours per member in 2014.

Our support of the Church is unfailing. Last December Supreme Knight Carl Anderson presented the interest from the Vicarius Christi Fund of \$1.6 million to the Holy Father for his personal charities. Carl also contributed an additional \$400,000 to assist in the efforts for persecuted Christians in the Middle East. During this meeting the Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated and a Silver Rose was presented to the Holy Father. This was one of the six that I talked about last month and the program we will again be participating in September and October. Talk to your district deputy to make sure you can participate in this worthwhile program.

We did hear a lot on the plight of the Christians in the Middle East. In Iraq the Christian population has dropped from 1.5 million to less than 400,000. In Syria almost 10 percent of the population is Christian but violence to Christians has caused a refugee crisis. Thousand have fled for their lives to escape forced conversion and martyrdom. Refugee camps exist in Jordan and Lebanon and the Knights of Columbus Christian Relief Fund has contributed over \$3 million to assist our brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria.

We also have our fronts here in Utah. Last week was the rally at the state capitol in support of efforts to defund Planned Parenthood. The agenda of this organization is to use funding from state and federal government sources to promote pro-choice. Planned Parenthood supplies our youth with

State Chaplain's Summation

The Supreme Convention is always a great experience. This year's in Philadelphia was no exception. It is a pleasure and eye-opening to meet brother knights, priests, and bishops from all over the world. This year one of our Masses was celebrated according to the Byzantine Rite of St. John Chrysostom. (Remember, all of the Catholic Church is not Latin Rite. There are over 20 different rites in the Catholic Church. Here in Utah, we have St. Jude's Maronite Catholic Church in Murray. Catholics of all rites are welcome to attend Mass there and receive Communion.) If you get a chance to attend Supreme, do so!

In addition to the great social and spiritual opportunities, there are great speakers. Last year, we heard from Gary Sinise about his conversion to the Faith and his efforts to help veterans. This year, we heard from two bishops, one from Syria and the other from Iraq, about the plight of Christians in the Middle East. (More about that next month.) We also get to hear from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson about the state of the Order and about the Order's priority for the upcoming year.

As chaplains, we have a special meeting every year and each year Carl Anderson speaks to us about those priorities before everyone else. This year he outlined three: knights as subjects and objects of evangelization, aid to Christians in the Middle East, and religious freedom.

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contraception, literature that exploits their sexuality, and then completes the circle by providing abortions while they use government funds to do this exploitation. They promote programs which end lives in the womb. Our ultra-sound programs promote life for the unborn child, for the mother, and for the families which can be built with the new lives brought into our world. The latest communication from the Pregnancy resource is that 85% of the women receiving an ultra-sound have chosen life.

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State Deputy's Message (cont)

We had the Memorial Mass in which we recognized the men who have promoted the charity and service the Knights provide. Not the least of those recognized was our own PSD Wilson Thomas. Wilson's accomplishments as a knight are well recognized in our state and were again recognized by the Supreme Council at this Mass.

We need to continue the service and help of the men who came before us. To do this we need new men and new ideas to help this service grow. Some councils take the summer off but children are back in school and all the council should be going in full swing. Spread the joy of your membership in the Knights of Columbus by recruiting new men and getting the men we have enlisted busy. Get your chairmen and directors busy with their plans and schedules to make your programs a success. Give the gift of membership and bring new men and their ideas into the order and give them and you lifelong friends and brothers. I have yet to meet a man who cannot say his membership did not make him a better husband, father, or man due his association with men of the Knights of Columbus.



JVivat Jesus!

Jerry Hanten Utah State Deputy

It's Not Too Early!

For getting started on Columbian Award applications. Yeah, your read right! For getting so you won't be forgetting.

You've done some programs already, right? While their memory is ripe in your head, and you haven't forgotten where the pictures are document what you have done. Simply keep a list juttred down in your fraternal success planer.

If the program is particularly good, write it up now, that way you won't be hurrying around trying to get the entry for the state program awards completed either!

Imagine how smug you will feel in March when you can simply email the entry to the State Deputy without having to stay up all night to get it done.

You can thank me when you are standing in front of the assembled masses accepting your award at the next state convention.

State Chaplain's Summation (Cont.)

Knights as subjects and objects of evangelization. What in heaven's name does that mean? It is really a simple concept. Simple but very important and profound. Knights need to be evangelized and to evangelize others. We need to receive the Gospel and spread the Gospel to others. This is true of every Christian, clergy or lay, Pope or Grand Knight. We all need to receive the Gospel more profoundly. None of us knows it all. None of us lives it perfectly. Some may think that they learned everything in catechism. Not so! There is a continual need to learn more about the Faith and then to put it into practice in our lives.

This is especially true as Knights. Part of being a knight is growing in the Faith. We are blessed to live in a time when there are so many opportunities to learn more about the Faith. Many parishes have great Bible studies and adult faith programs. Many of these are national programs like the Great Adventure Bible Study or the Symbolon program. Wouldn't it be great if councils in our state became part of and helped their parishes make this happen? Both receiving and then passing on the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Erik Reichsteig

Helpful hints

Need volunteers For an activity? Here are a couple of related things that might work for you.

Working man-to-man is the best way. This solution works well for men who have not been active in your council for a while. Either on the phone or maybe at Mass, invite the Knight to an event such as "Frank, we need your help on the 17th, do you think you could give subject of your effort a couple of hours? If he can't make it, ask about a different event. If the answer is still no, tell him you will ask again later, or if he changes his mind, to call you.

Let's say you need 4 Knights for an event. There are always one or two Knights you can count on to volunteer, but nobody wants to be the first to sign up. Talk to one man before your meeting and ask him to volunteer when you ask the group. Once one man volunteers, others are more willing to follow. Set up one man in advance for every 5 you need for the project.

Keeping ALL your Knights busy and involved is the best way to stop retention problems before they start.

4th Degree

My congratulations to all of you serving a new post this fraternal year. The Patriotic Degree is the strong visual component of our Order and we look forward to assisting all of you. Charles E. Dover, Jr., our current Vice Supreme Master completed his term on August 31. We thank him for his leadership and friendship over the past years. The new VSM is Mike Kingman, PSD, FM from Arizona. I will be meeting with him at the Provincial Meeting in New Mexico in September.

We will have one Clergy Exemplification this year: October 14 for Priests and Deacons, scheduled at St. Francis Xavier in Kearns, beginning at 7:00 PM. There will be three regular Exemplifications: November 14, at St. Francis Xavier, April 2, 2016 at St. George Church in St. George, and June 18 at St. Olaf's in Bountiful. The Exemplifications will start at 1:30 PM this year, with Registration at 12:30. We also have two dinners scheduled: Special Olympics on January 30 and Fisher House on March 19, 2016. The District Meeting will be held at St. Thomas More in Sandy, March 19, 2016.

By now, each GK should have assigned a 4th Degree member of their Council to represent them at the Assembly business meeting. This allows a greater flow of information among all the Councils in each Assembly. This person can also give the 4th Degree Report at the Council meeting. Keep your Sir Knights active in your Councils. We are dedicated and will help out as much as we can. We can be especially helpful in retention and mentoring newer Knights.

In your budget planning, please remember the Military Chaplains Fund. The State of Utah owes \$5,000 to the fund this year. We need the assistance of every Council and Assembly to reach this commitment.

As you know, each Assembly has an objective to increase their membership by approximately 8% this year. You can break that out by Council, but at the Kick-Off Meeting I challenged each Council to advance three new Sir Knights this fraternal year. Talk to your Clergy and current officers; advance members to full Knighthood in the 3rd degree; and give all your 3rd Degrees the opportunity to learn the lesson of Patriotism in the 4th Degree.

I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock Assembly No. 3586 in Bountiful. This new Assembly will support the Councils from St. Olaf's (5502), St. Patrick's (12264), Our Lady of Guadalupe (15741), and Sacred Heart (16006).

I pray that we all have a fun, exciting, and caring Fraternal Year. Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Bill McCauley, District Master

State Secretary's Corner

It seems like a funny time of the year to talk about passing the torch to the man who will replace you. But it really is the best time. A couple of months before you leave office seems like the best time, but it is actually far too late.

When it comes time to pass the torch, what will you pass? If you wait until May you will have to scramble to remember those things that you did in months past and hurry to put things together. You will invariably miss some things. Start putting things together now and when the elections take place, you will be ready to do the hand off.

When should you do the handoff? At least June 1 next year. That gives the person assuming your office a month to read through your material and to become more familiar with it. That will allow your council to hit the ground running when the new fraternal year starts.

What should you hand off? Whatever it is that will help your replacement do their job better. You have accumulated a lot of knowledge in you term and you will accumulate more before it is over. Things like handy email addresses, navigating around the state and Supreme web sites, tips on working with the parish council and other parish organizations, your District Deputy's quirks, the State Secretary's favorite kinds of dark chocolate. Things like that.

Encourage other officers in your council to do the same thing. As your new officers take office in years to come, your council will not have to come to a stop as everybody takes their new positions. Instead, the transition will be more like someone else slipping into the driver's seat without even having to change gears, and charitable activities of your council will cruise right along, maybe even accelerating.

What's that you say? Nobody helped you when you took office? How about you start the culture change in your council today. It won't happen overnight, but it is certainly the kind of thing brothers, in the kindly upholding of one another, do.

Being in state office, I am in debt to State Deputy Jerry Hanten for what he has done to provide material to educate me as I have assumed the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. I would not have done as good a job without his foresight and help. Don't you hope that those who assume your office in the future think kindly of you too?

Andy Airriess

Utah State Secretary

Silver Rose Schedule



The Silver Rose, emblematic of the Culture of Life efforts of the Knights of Columbus, makes its way from Canada to Mexico. One of six roses, our rose starts in Western Canada, moves from council by council, down the west coast then to Utah from Arizona. We then hand it off to our brothers in Colorado from where it will make its way to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico.

| September | | October | |
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| Sat 19th a.m. St John the Baptist | p.m. St Therese | Thu 1st a.m. St Henry | p.m. St Joseph |
| Sun 20th a.m. St Therese of the Child | p.m. San Felipe | Fri 2nd a.m. St James the Just | p.m. St Rose of Lima |
| Mon 21st a.m. Christ Prince of Peace | p.m. St Peter & Paul | Sat 3rd a.m. Holy Family | p.m. St Thomas More |
| Tue 22nd a.m. St Francis Xavier | p.m. <i>open</i> | Sun 4th a.m. Blessed Sacrament | p.m. St Vincent's |
| Wed 23rd a.m. St Marguerite | p.m. St Catherine | Mon 5th a.m. St Martin de Porres | p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes |
| Thu 24th a.m. Sacred Heart | p.m. Sacred Heart | Tue 6th a.m. St Andrew | p.m. St Francis of Assisi |
| Fri 25th a.m. St Ambrose | p.m. <i>open</i> | Wed 7th a.m. St Peters | p.m. St Andres |
| Sat 26th a.m. <i>open</i> | p.m. St Mary | Thu 8th a.m. St Anthony | p.m. <i>open</i> |
| Sun 27th a.m. Cathedral | p.m. Cathedral | Fri 9th a.m. Notre Dame de Lourdes | p.m. <i>open</i> |
| Mon 28th a.m. <i>open</i> | p.m. <i>St Olaf</i> | Sat 10th a.m. <i>open</i> | p.m. Christ the King |
| Tue 29th a.m. <i>open</i> | p.m. St Patrick | Sun 11th a.m. St George | |
| Wed 30th a.m. <i>open</i> | p.m. St Thomas Aquinas | | |

State Program Updates

The **State Soccer Challenge** is scheduled for early October at Judge Memorial High School, so you have to complete this program in September. Make sure you get your kits in time now so order them now: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/youth/soccer/support_materials.html

The **State Poster Contest** is just around the corner. It is a simple, easy, inexpensive program that can build your council's interaction with the parish and the parents of the children who participate. Order your support materials here: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/youth/poster/support_materials.html

The **State Essay Contest** - Is also just around the corner. It is also a simple, easy, inexpensive program that can build your council's interaction with the parish and the parents of the children who participate. Order your kit here: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/youth/essay/support_materials.html

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest** - Is also just around the corner. Very much like the state poster contest, it is also a simple, easy, inexpensive program that can build your council's interaction with the parish and the parents of the children who participate. Order your kit here: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/church/christmas/support_materials.html

With all the above programs, and the support of your pastor, present certificates to the winners at Mass. A great way to give recognition to the winners, provide great visibility for the council, and will be much more of a recruiting tool.

Coats for Kids Think about how you can have your parish participate and make this year's Coats for Kids drive better than last year's. Our Northern councils and the state council are both planning for an earlier distribution than last year, so start your fundraising early. Let's make this year's drive so much better than last year's success.

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