



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

The Military Chaplain's Scholarship fund is history. Over \$1.5 million has been raised to get more chaplains in the military while also getting more priests into our parishes. The fundraising has ended. How did we accomplish it? Knights like you in councils like yours worked to make it possible. Who was most successful? Supreme says the top five state jurisdictions are, in descending order, with Utah in 34rd place at the bottom of the list below:

Florida	\$163,199.35
Texas	\$130,575.94
California	\$119,624.65
Washington	\$71,952.69
Arizona	\$60,270.60
Utah	\$19,237.33

That is impressive, I am sure you will agree. Utah is nowhere close, right? Let us look again, this time at the amount donated per Knight in the state:

Florida	\$3.76
Texas	\$1.22
California	\$1.96
Washington	\$5.53
Arizona	\$4.53
Utah	\$5.62

Sort of changes your view, doesn't it?

Utah did better than every top five state. If Texas had raised as much as we did per Knight, they would have raised a whopping \$600,000. If we had raised funds at Texas' level, we would have donated just \$4,200.

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District Master's Note

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you at the beginning of our 2017-1028 Fraternal Year. Congratulations to all the elected officers.

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplifications

We have five Fourth Degree Exemplifications on the schedule. They are as follows:

1. 9th September 2017 at St. Henry Church in Brigham City.
2. 18th November 2017 at Sr. Francis Xavier Parish.
3. February 2018 in St. George.
4. April 2018 at St. John the Baptist.
5. June 2018 at St. Joseph the Worker.

Special News Bulletin

I have a challenge for every assembly. The assembly that brings in 50 new candidates to join the Fourth Degree at any one of the above locations will receive \$1,000.

Provincial Meeting, 16th September 2017

As I stated last month in the StateUpdate , I am very excited that out of the four states that make up the John H. Reddin Province, Utah will be hosting the Provincial Meeting. State Deputies, District Masters and other dignitaries from New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona, including our own Utah State Deputy and District Master will be attending the Provincial Meeting.

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Holy Father's Prayer Intention

LAPSED CHRISTIANS: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the lord and the beauty of Christian life.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

State Deputy's Message (Cont.)

Now Texas Knights are a special breed, they donate millions to charity every year and managing that state is a Texas-sized task. I know I would not be up to it. This is only an example that favors us.

What does this mean to you and your council? Two things. First, it demonstrates that when everybody works together, as everybody in Utah does, like all the Knights in Texas and all the other states do, we can achieve miraculous things like raising a million and a half dollars for chaplains' scholarships. This is a powerful example of unity. Second, we all know Knights in our councils who work an amazing number of hours. Every council has them, and they are treasures. They are the Texas of our council. We have other Knights who simply cannot put in the hours that your "Texas" Knights do, but they put in all they can, and when they work, they give their all. These are your "Utah" Knights. Treasure these Knights too; they give you all they can. Make sure they are appreciated and honored as much as your "Texas" Knights

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

District Master's Note (Cont.)

Each Vice Supreme Master will bring forth all information discussed at the Fourth Degree Supreme Master's Meeting and share the information at the Provincial Meeting. The Provincial Meeting is a great way to learn more about the Fourth Degree. The Vice Supreme Master has a full agenda for us. As soon as I receive the Provincial Meeting Agenda, I will post it on Utah's state website. One of the main topics on the agenda will be to focus on our mission of the Fourth Degree. I would strongly encourage every District Marshal, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Comptroller and all elected assembly officers to attend this important Provincial Meeting. In addition, any Fourth Degree member is welcome to attend. You will learn first-hand all information pertaining to the Fourth Degree.

Please help me to get the word out for the Provincial Meeting. When it comes to attendance, the more the merrier. And of course the more that come the more enlightened they will be of our direction and the changes to come. I truly hope to see you there!

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

Yours in Christ,
VJ Simonelli
Utah District Master



New Sir Knight - Steven Folks, 22 years old, Assembly 1146

This past June we held a Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Ambrose Church. There was a new candidate named Steven Folks. Right after the Exemplification Sir Knight Steven Folks borrowed a set of regalia and participated in the Honor Guard for the mass and the banquet. Kudos to our new Sir Knight, oh, by the way Sir Knight Steven Folks is the grandson of Ray Folks and belongs to Fr. Escalante Assembly #1146.

RELIGIOUSLY DEVOTED AND PATRIOTICALLY PROUD. GLORY AND HONOR TO GOD AND DUTY TO COUNTRY.

State Secretary's Corner

What does Retention really mean?

It was with great pleasure seeing you at our mid-year meeting. I just wish we had more time to visit with one another. It seemed like the day screamed by and I wasn't able to visit with everyone. With that being said, the one thing that impressed me is your desire to be there and interact with your fellow brothers and learn how we can do things a little better. You are the leaders of our Order!

Our State Deputy gave us a clear membership goal of what he wants us to accomplish this fraternal year. To accomplish this we must recruit and hold Admission degrees. One Admission degree per district per month is very reasonable and doable. Please start now, if you wait as a council you will fall behind.

If we are to meet our membership goals . . . retention in our councils must also be a factor!

Retention starts at recruitment...

Make sure your new Knight and his family feel welcome. Make sure someone from your council goes with him to Formation, Knighthood, and finally our Patriotic degree.

Knights need programs...

Our members need programs to feel engaged, valued and energized. Are all members and families invited to participate? Have a variety of programs that appeal to all ages and personalities. Do you listen to new ideas and programs?

Retention Team....

I would suggest the Deputy Grand Knight or any person appointed by the Grand Knight. I would also recommend all three Trustees and any members who personally know the knight. A team approach is best and build a strong committed team focused on saving the member.

The Financial Secretary should not be on the retention committee for these reasons:

- The Financial Secretary has the responsibility to look after the Council's "Financial" health.
- The Retention Chair has the "Fraternal" duty to look after the best interest of the member.

Personal Contact is Critical....

Talk to them face to face at Mass or a home visit. A phone call with an extended conversation if out of state.

Does he know...?

You can be a Knight and not come to a meeting or even be active. Changes in life come up such as shift work or second jobs. He may have other commitments come up: Coach, Church position etc. Let them know to keep their membership active and get active when things change. At least come to some of the social functions.

Your State Team wishes all of you a very successful fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!



Rick Kump
Utah State Secretary/Membership Retention
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Membership Memo

The first month of the new fraternal year has now past. Thank you to the councils that started the year off with an Admissions degree in July. At the Organizational meeting the Grand Knights that were in attendance agreed that WE CAN hold at least one Admission Degree per district per month. That works out to your council holding a minimum of four Admission degrees a year, this is very achievable don't you think? If we do this we will hit or exceed our goal for membership for the state.

July was a little short, we didn't do one per district. We had a total of five scheduled Admission degrees, that means we fell six short. I'm hoping we can gain some ground and make those up in the next couple of months. Don't wait, work with your District Deputy and schedule them. As of right now we only have five scheduled for August.

We, as leaders must hold ourselves accountable. I ask you, as a leader, are you doing this? Are you actively growing our order in membership, charity, and service to our community?

My message at the organizational meeting is and will continue to be throughout the year, is that membership 365 is a mindset that we are focused on recruiting all the time. It is always a good time for charity and service, which means it is always a good time to ask a man to join the Knights.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Warden

Annual Transition

With the start of the new fraternal year, many forms need to be turned in to Supreme, regardless if there were any changes in officers or service personnel.

Report of Officers Chosen (Form 185) was due July 1st, 10 councils that have not yet submitted this form.

The Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) is due August 15th, 18 councils still need to do this.

These can be filled out by the Financial Secretary or by the Grand Knight, in fact training on how to do this through Member Management for Grand Knights was given at the organizational meeting. If you need assistance, please contact State Warden Nick Nielson at statewarden@utahknights.org. Also the Utah State Council directory cannot be completed unless the State Secretary receives a copy of these forms as well. Please send those to Rick Kump at statesecretary@utahknights.org.

Audit Due in August

This period's *Semiannual Council Audit Report* (#1295) are due at Supreme Council headquarters by Aug. 15. If council trustees have not yet submitted these forms, make sure they send them immediately to the Fraternal Mission Department. The forms may be accessed at kofc.org/forms or in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436).

Upcoming Degrees (Please see State website calendar for degrees)

- Admission Degrees
 - **8/8/17** – St Francis Xavier in Kearns, at 6:00 PM
 - **8/16/17** – St Olaf in Bountiful, Registration at 6:00 PM
 - **8/16/17** – St Mary in Park City (Old Town Church), Registration at 6:00 PM
 - **8/19/17** – St George, Registration at 6:15 PM
 - **8/23/17** – St Vincent de Paul in SLC, Registration at 6:30 PM

Notes from Knightline

New Heights in Giving

Supreme knight announces Order's record-setting donations and volunteer hours

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus again set records for charitable giving and hours volunteered, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told Knights of Columbus jurisdiction leaders during the opening business session of the 2017 Organizational Meeting of State Deputies.

“We reached new heights in 2016,” the supreme knight said. According to the figures from the 2016 Fraternal Survey, Knights gave \$177,500,673 in charitable donations. This is a more than \$2.4 million increase over the 2015 donations. In addition, the Knights volunteered 75,112,694 hours to charitable initiatives, up from the 2015 total of 73 million hours. *(Continued in Knightline)*

Finalize Your Plans for K of C Family Week

Celebrate families as the backbone of community and the heart of Christian life

As you finalize your plans for Knights of Columbus week — held this year Aug. 7-13 — be sure to advertise your event through social media, parish bulletins, council and parish websites, and local TV and radio. And — as the event is taking place — don't forget to post photos and videos using the hashtag #KofC! Celebrate families as the backbone of community and the heart of Christian life. For ideas, visit kofc.org/familyweek. *(Continued in Knightline)*

Three Steps to Get Your Membership Committee Organized

Planning is the key to your council's membership drive. Start by choosing your membership committee. Choose Knights who are enthusiastic, detailed-oriented, good planners and able to put ideas into action. Members who have experience in sales, advertising or marketing and who are comfortable speaking in front of people would be great additions. Your field agent should also be a part of your membership committee.

After choosing the members you want on the committee, follow these steps:

Step 1. Appoint a membership director to oversee all membership programs and recruitment activities. Next, appoint a recruitment committee of three or more Knights, based on the recommendation of the membership director. Then, divide the director and committee members into two-man recruitment teams.

Step 2. Appoint a retention chairman, retention committee and insurance promotion chairman (preferably the council's insurance agent). The membership director, committee chairmen and committees set goals and plan specific recruitment, retention and insurance promotion activities for the entire year.

Step 3. Finally, set membership goals (e.g., exceeding a certain membership quota, achieving Star Council, breaking a previous council recruitment record, etc.). Be sure to identify and schedule recruitment methods that best suit your council's goals and create a full schedule of First Degree exemptions.

Get the ENTIRE council involved. Even those who do not recruit directly might suggest prospects to the membership committee.

For the rest of these and other stories, go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/resources/leadership-communications/knightline.html>

State Program Updates

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

- **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 info 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.
- **Carmelite Fair** – Make plans to attend Sep. 17 from 11 AM – 5 PM. 5714 Holladay Blvd, Salt Lake City www.carmelslc.org
- **Coats for Kids program** -When families struggle to clothe their children with warm coats in the winter, councils throughout Utah 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, please Contact Michael Derrik; mderr548@gmail.com for ideas and info.
https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/coats_for_kids_p.pdf
- **Soccer Challenge**- Order kits/materials from Supreme (#SC-KIT) Contact Mike Anglin, michael.anglin@gmail.com 801-562-2155 for more info.
- **Essay Contest**- Order kits from Supreme (#EA-KIT) and start planning before school starts, Contact Tom Giron giront58@msn.com 801-867-3347

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.

Fraternal Leader Training Webinars. Join the Supreme 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. Have you missed any of the previous Fraternal Leader Training Webinars? Don't worry, they are still available in the ON Demand Webinar Portal <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/membership-webinar.html>.

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