



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

What is the best time to work on your Columbia award application? Now! Does it seem a little early? Well, yes, considering the deadline is only 10 months away. However, give me a minute.

Taking my own council for example, we are two months into the fraternal year and we have done a couple of fundraisers which are easy to track using the time-tested method of going through your council's checkbook on June 28th looking for programs. However, we have done some things that very well fall through the form SP-7 cracks if we did not record them. For example, there was a council planning BBQ in July, as well as the Silver Rose that was at the church for a whole weekend. That is a Culture of life or church program, which also qualifies for a Domestic Church program. We also had the Holy Family icon at the church for a couple of weeks, there is yet another church program that qualifies for Domestic Church. No money changed hands for the last two programs, so they could have been easily forgotten if not written down. The same thing with the barbeque, a council program. THAT is why tracking your progress on programs through the year is important. In addition to accurately cataloging your council's charitable work, it makes life a lot easier for you at the end of the year

The same thing is true of hours spent on events; the ones you catalog for the fraternal survey. You can spend the last week before the survey is due trying to figure out who did what for how many hours, or you can incrementally track them through the year.

Continued on page 2

District Master's Note

Upcoming Patriotic Degree Exemplifications Schedule

We will be holding five Patriotic Degree Exemplifications this fraternal year:

1. 9th September 2017 at St. Henry's Church in Brigham City
2. 18th November 2017 at St. Francis Xavier Parish
3. February 2018 in St. George (TBD)
4. 27th April 2018 at St. John the Baptist Church
5. 29th June 2018 at St. Joseph the Worker Church

Special Incentive

I have a challenge for every assembly. Any assembly that brings in 45-50 new candidates to join the Patriotic Degree at any of the above locations will receive \$1,000.

9th September 2017 Patriotic Degree Exemplification

I'm excited to inform you that our first Exemplification of this Fraternal Year will be held at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Brigham City on Saturday, 9th September 2017. Faithful Navigators are encouraged to visit their Councils and start recruiting as many Third Degree Knights as possible and/or will have taken their Third Degree by the Exemplification date. The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus is often the most recognized image of the Order. The greater the visibility and exposure of the Patriotic Degree...the greater the interest and inquiry into joining the Knights of Columbus.

Continued on page 2

State Deputy's Message (Cont.)

In my parish Knights, who are not otherwise active (and who don't come to meetings), are lectors, ushers, or sing in the choir. That's an hour per Knight per Mass. There are two ushers at the 9 AM Mass alone who serve at least three quarters of the time. That's 2 Knights, times 39 weeks. That's 78 church hours per year from those two men alone. Add the lectors, the Knight who sings in the choir, other Knights who serve as occasional ushers, and the 9AM Mass Knights contribute a minimum of 150 hours per year. And there are three other Masses every weekend. Add Holy Days, Holy week, Christmas season, and Knights provide at a minimum 500 hours of church activity hours every year. That is *just* at Masses!

What activities does your council do? Let's say it is a dinner. Knights go out and buy the makings? Count the hours, including driving to and from the store. The hours making and selling tickets? Count them. Cleaning up after? Count them. Did family help? Count them. The hours you count months after the event will be wildly inaccurate. The hours you count during and immediately after the event will be much more accurate and gives your council the credit it deserves for the time and effort they put in.

If you are anything like I was, how many hours were spent telling our school-aged children to regularly and incrementally get their school assignments done so they don't spend all night before it is due finishing it? It is time we take our own advice to heart and practice what we preached.

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

District Master's Note (Cont.)

This all starts by the enhancement of recruiting new First Degree Knights. Let's start fast, let's start strong, let's start together.

New Fourth Degree Uniform

The new regalia for the Patriotic Degree will be discussed at the Provincial Meeting and I will personally address the new uniform at each Assembly Meeting.

Newly Elected Assembly Officers

As Utah Master for the John H. Reddin District, I want to congratulate all new Faithful Navigators and Assembly Officers. If there is anything that I, as District Master, can do for you, please let me know. I am willing to help each and every one where I can. I, as the District Master, will work hard for you in order to place our province at the top of the Order.

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

Yours in Christ,
VJ Simonelli
Utah District Master



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

ARTISTS: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

State Secretary's Corner

“BIG ENOUGH TO SERVE, SMALL ENOUGH TO CARE”

Julie and I recently made a road trip to St. Louis and we saw this moto on a trucking company that we passed on the road.

This caused me to reflect, as we were traveling, about how true this is with the Utah Knights.

I see this with the wonderful programs and the things you all do to help your pastors and communities.

Our last fraternal year has flown by. It was filled with successes and challenges. Let us learn from it and continue wiser, stronger, and unafraid. Our mission as Knights of Columbus is to lead the way, opening the door to others, bringing them closer to Christ, and being His hands here on earth.

The average age of men in our order is around 62 years of age. We must find ways to attract and engage younger men in our Knights of Columbus family.

Don't be shy about sharing what you do as a Knight of Columbus with others. Be proud of who you are, what you stand for, and what you do for your parish, your community, and your family. Our world needs role models. I can think of no better role models than my brother knights.

Our State Deputy, Andy Airriess designed his state pin that reads, "Utah Knights, Here am I, Lord". This goes so well with this year's theme, "Convinced of God's Love and Power. The theme comes from Pope Francis World Day of Peace message. He praised those who – rather than resort to violence – are so convinced of God's love and power that they are not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth.

Take to heart these words of St. Teresa of Avila, who wrote “Christ has no body on earth but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless his people.”

Now is the time to ask Catholic men to join us as we grow our Utah jurisdiction.

My brothers you are big enough to serve and small enough to care.

Vivat Jesus!



Rick Kump
Utah State Secretary/Membership Retention
385.217.3775

Congratulations to Our Award-Winning Councils

Councils awarded for their efforts during the 2016-17 fraternal year

Columbian		McGivney			Star			
777	9849	6739	13297	9561	1129	9849	602	12181
1136	10733	6966	14399		6739	14764	5214	13297
5347	11479	7961	15418		7961	16127	6010	15418
5502	12181	8350	16127		8350		11246	DS: 9731

16th September 2017 Patriotic Degree Provincial Meeting

The up-coming Fourth Degree Provincial Meeting will be held at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 1375 E Spring Lane in Salt Lake City on Saturday, 16th September 2017 and is open to all Fourth Degree Knights. We would strongly encourage all Faith Navigators, Assembly Officers, and members to attend this important Provincial Meeting. We have blocked out hotel rooms at the Marriott Hotel in Murray. If you want to make a hotel reservation, please call 801-262-4200. The rooms are under the Knights of Columbus. For more information about the hotel as well as pictures, please refer to the following link: www.marriott.com/slcsr. If you are planning to attend the Provincial Meeting, Rev. Thomas Meersman Assembly #2577 will provide a continental breakfast and Fr. Dominquez Assembly #1144 will provide lunch. Please e-mail the Master of the Fourth Degree at vjs198@yahoo.com if you plan on attending the continental breakfast, lunch, and/or both so we can get an accurate account of who is attending.

After the 5 PM Mass, the John H. Reddin Province will be hosting a cash bar reception followed by a dinner banquet. The dinner reservation form is posted on utahknights.org. Please fill out the form and send it to the MFD V.J. Simonelli, 4152 Red Orchard Way, West Jordan, UT 84084 with your check payable to Utah District Master Fund.

State Program Updates

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

- **Carmelite Fair** – Make plans to attend Sep. 17 from 11 AM – 5 PM. 5714 Holladay Blvd, Salt Lake City www.carmelslc.org
- **5th Sunday Rosary Program** encourage greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, order a program kit at supply@kofc.org or contact Jerry Angus for additional information j.angus@comcast.net
- **Soccer Challenge** Order kits/materials from Supreme (#SC-KIT). Contact Mike Anglin for more info, michael.anglin@gmail.com 801-562-2155
- **Essay Contest** Order kits from Supreme (#EA-KIT) incorporate Catholic Schools and Religious Ed programs at your parishes, contact Tom Giron giron58@msn.com 801-867-3347
- **Coats for Kids** Start fund raising now or plans to fund raise. Contact Michael Derrick for ideas and info., mderr548@gmail.com, 385-444-8143

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>.

Membership Memo

Do you want new Knights? t our Organizational meeting, we spent a good amount of time discussing WHY we need new Knights; we discussed and did some exercises on HOW to get new Knights... but this doesn't address the question "do we WANT new Knights?"

The answer to this question is usually a resounding YES, but think about this. We may know the need (the why), but do we want? Do we want to go out and recruit; do we want to ask a man to join? In our busy lives, do we take time to recruit ourselves? Are we so focused on what we are doing we forget to recruit?

Because of all that we are doing do we think someone else will recruit, or I don't want to, or don't know how. Worse of all, do we think, "we are fine, we don't need new members."

You as fraternal leaders probably know the why and need of new members, but do we communicate or more importantly teach the want? Without the want the need is only a thought.

My brothers, we as leaders must not just show the need for new members; we must foster a mindset of WANTING NEW MEMBERS. As the famous WWII poster of Uncle Sam says, we can adapt it and all say

I WANT YOU and your family TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Membership and degree status update: In August, we had 7 Admission degrees scheduled but actually only held 2 because of cancellations. Well short of the 11 we agreed to as a State. 11 new members were brought in during August. YTD gain 27 new members, goal of 282, need 255 to reach goal. In September only 8 Admission Degrees are scheduled, we need not to cancel and we need more scheduled so work with your DD to get them on the calendar.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson

Upcoming Degrees (Please see State website calendar for degrees)

Admission Degrees

- 9/5 – St Francis of Assisi, Orem 6:30 PM
- 9/6 – St Martin de Porres, Taylorsville 5:45 PM
- 9/7 – St Joseph the Worker, West Jordan 5:45 PM
- 9/12 – St Francis of Xavier, Kearns 5:30 PM
- 9/12 – Christ the King, Cedar City 6:30 PM
- 9/13 – St Mary (old Town Church) in Park City at 6:00 PM
- 9/16 – St George at 6:15 PM
- 9/27 – St Vincent de Paul in Holladay at 6:30 PM

Patriotic Degrees

- 9/9/17 – Saint Henry in Brigham City at 12:00 PM

New 4th Degree Uniform Announced



The official dress for the Fourth Degree shall be:

- Navy Blue Blazer festooned with Fourth Degree Emblem Blazer Crest Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order buttons
- Official Fourth Degree Gray trousers
- Official Fourth Degree Necktie
- Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge worn over the left eye. (The Supreme Master Office will handle rank patches.)
- Plain White Dress Shirt – Button cuff (no French cuffs – no button down collar shirts)
- Black Socks and Plain Black Shoes, Official Fourth Degree Lapel Pin (#PG-113), Incumbent Medal of Office, Past and Former Miniature Medals above left pocket.
- Sword, baldric, gloves.

The garments of the official dress are tailored in Italy. The fabric used for both blazers and pants is woven in Italy specifically for the Knights of Columbus from a high quality super 130 wool. The blazer buttons are made in Italy. The KofC blazer patches are completely hand embroidered. The tie is Italian silk, but made in the USA.

The new uniform is to be worn as you would a business suit.

The beret is worn with the fourth degree badge placed directly over the left eye. The right side of the beret folds down toward and over the right ear.



“Peace to Our Violent World”

On the 16th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, transform tragic memories into earnest prayers for peace. If you have not yet planned how your council will observe the Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace, visit kofc.org/prayerforpeace.

©2017 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - UTAH STATE COUNCIL

State Deputy Andy Airness
statedeputy@utahknights.org

Editor Trevor Hinckley
trevor.hinckley@wintersteiger.com