State Update

State Deputy’s Message

With four months behind us, we’re starting to gain some traction with our recruiting and program efforts. With regards to recruiting new members, the month of October was right on target with 19 new members joining our ranks. Overall, we’re about 50% behind our goal to bring in new men to help us offset the inevitable losses we experience due to suspensions, withdrawals, transfers and deaths. As reported last month, we only had six (out of 36) councils reporting any membership additions. This month, the recruiting councils have grown to 13.

Congratulations to Councils 9731 Our Lady of Lourdes - Magna (117%), 10304 St Martin De Porres - Taylorsville (100%), 15741 Our Lady of Guadalupe - Salt Lake City (100%), 1136 Father Escalante - Provo (60%), 8350 Saints Peter and Paul - West Valley City (57%), 14399 Holy Family - South Ogden (43%), 16127 Deacon Sliger - Hill AFB Base (33%), 5502 St Olaf - Bountiful (29%), and 13646 St Theresa of the Child Jesus - Midvale (25%). These nine councils are leading the charge. By the way, Online Membership is working great. Seven new members have signed up using this new method.

One of the best tools we all have at our disposal is the utahknights.org web site. Want to know about upcoming events, it’s on the Home page. Want to know how we’re doing with growing the Order and Star Council status, it’s on the Recruiting tab. Want to know about upcoming Degrees and Events, Forms, Programs, the Directory, Insurance, and the Fourth Degree, it’s all on the web site. Please use this valuable tool to stay tuned to what’s going on in our state.

We had some wonderful programs take place in October. Among the highlights were the Coast to Coast Rosary, the Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies and Fall Sports Classic, the State Soccer Challenge, and the Council 5502 annual Steak Fry. Looking forward, there will be additional Special Olympics Dine to Donate opportunities, USMC Ball for Fisher House, Coats for Kids distributions, essay and poster contests for the kids and much more. Once again, refer to the utahknights.org web site for details to keep your council involved with programs. Programs and membership go hand-in-hand.

Another annual event I really look forward to is the Priest Convocation which was recently held at St Mary of the Assumption in Park City. What the heck, over. Knights at the Convocation? Fortunately, State Council officers have the opportunity to serve snacks and refreshments while mingling with our Bishop and Priests between Vespers and their evening meal. What a great opportunity to get to know our Priests from all over the state. They’re dedicated men, and we should be proud to serve them. As Karl Anderson stated in his recent letter to Chaplains and Brother Knights calling for actions in response to the sexual abuse crisis, he outlines the roles that Chaplains and Knights should play. “We can help to rebuild our Church in several ways. Above all else, Knights - and our chaplains - must embrace love of God and love of neighbor. This is Christ’s great commandment and the founding mission of our Order”. Let us support and pray for our Priests as we stand together in solidarity.

Also for your planning purposes, the State Mid-Year Meeting will be held on Saturday, 5 January 2019 at the Cathedral of the Madeline. All Knights are invited.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller
Utah State Deputy

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

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Special points of interest

ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST COUNCIL!

Immaculate Conception,
#17140  in Copperton, UT
“TO WHAT DEGREE”
Fourth Degree News and Views

As of my last newsletter we had the opportunity to meet in Denver, Colorado for the Provincial meeting on September 8, 2018. I am glad to report that all the District Masters were in attendance. Much was discussed on the topics of membership, programs and reports and how to better engage the membership to recruit new members and to ensure that once a new member joins, there are programs to keep the member interested.

Programs are an important aspect of keeping members interested and engaged in the Patriotic Degree and without programs why would a member want to continue being a member of the Patriotic Degree.

At the Provincial Meeting I asked each District Master to put in place 4 programs, one per quarter that all assemblies could get involved in thus if every assembly did one program per quarter all assemblies could have met the required needed to earn the Civic Award.

Donate funds to the Military Scholarship Fund

If every assembly donated just $100.00 we could raise $14,600 per year of course if an assembly can donate more that would also be appreciated as well.

Veterans Day
Conduct a parish drive to collect toiletries for veterans at the VA hospitals or homeless veterans or hold a dinner and encourage the local parish members to support the dinner.

Marching in the Veterans Day parade is also a good one.

Adopt a Vet and or family
During the holidays we can adopt a veteran from the VA or a family of a deployed member of the Armed Forces, if you have a military base near by. You can do this for Thanksgiving and or Christmas or any other time of the year.

How about sending Christmas Cards to veterans at the local VA Hospital or better yet visit a vet at the VA hospital.

If each assembly sent 10 Christmas Cards to a Veteran at the VA we would have sent 1,460 cards that could be enjoyed by a veteran.

John H. Reddin Website
Thanks to the help of District Master Frank Carmona we created the John H. Reddin website that could be used by District Masters to add information about what is going on in their districts. So if any assembly has information and or pictures they would like to share please send it to your District Master and they in turn can submit to be included in the website:

www.jhrp.org

New Uniform Issues
If any Sir Knight that ordered a new uniform back in August, September and or October of last year and have not heard back from Knights Gear please get with your District Master so we can get to the bottom of this issue.

As always, I would like to thank each one of you for your hard work and making the John H. Reddin Province the best it can be. I am honored to serve as your Vice Supreme Master.

Yours in Christ

Michael H. Kingman

Michael H. Kingman, PSD
Vice Supreme Master
John H. Reddin Province
State Secretary’s Corner

Sharing Why You Became a Knight.

Administrative notes, we have 3 councils that have been suspended (not paying Supreme Per Capita and not submitting the semi-annual audit for multiple periods). We have 4 councils that have not submitted their Chosen Officers (Form 185) report, and 13 councils that have not submitted their Program Personnel (Form 365) report. We have recruited 45 new members this year, that is 19.57% of our annual goal. I share the stats/facts so you know where we are as a state, not to be negative but so you know where we are as a state and what needs to be done.

I want to say thank you for allowing me to be a Knight and I want to share with you one of the reasons I joined the Knights (I have many... if you would like to know more of them ask me!). But before I share that reason I would like to explain. I hear the comment from DDs and councils the message of the State is “recruit, recruit, recruit” ... but that isn’t the message. This implies we want you to recruit just for recruiting sake. This isn’t our message. My message is to SHARE. Share the Knights with others, share the opportunity to be a part of the Knights.

I joined the Knights to be an example to my kids of how to live my faith and to give back to my community. The Knights have not let me down on this and I would like to share a recent thing that happened to prove this. My daughter just started college and made some new friends. Through these new friends she found out about a homeless shelter for youth and about some of their needs. She decided to take on a project where she and her friends would provide a Thanksgiving dinner for the youth staying at this shelter. Normally they get “TV dinners,” the frozen meals you put in a microwave. I am so proud and moved by my daughter’s actions and the fact that she matched those funds with personal donations, and now she has more than enough money to provide the dinner. As I stated earlier, thank you for allowing me to be a Knight and for being the example you are. Now I encourage you to share why you are a Knight with someone who isn’t. Share the opportunity to be a Knight and let’s grow and do more!

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielsen
State Secretary

Upcoming Degrees

Admission Degrees
11/14 — St. Mary if the Assumption (new church), Park City, UT. 7pm-8pm, candidates arrive at 6:30pm

Formation & Knighthood Degrees
2/21 — WEEKDAY DEGREE St. John the Baptist, Draper, UT. 7pm-8:30pm, candidates arrive 6:30pm

Patriotic Degrees
3/23 — Information will be posted on utahknights.org
Well gentlemen the new year is 1/4 over so let’s stop and ask ourselves if we are where we thought we would be at this time?

Are we where we should be?
What can we all do to make the order better?
We are coming up on our busy season and the holidays are fast approaching. How did your church drives go?
Did we use the resources we had available like State Officers, Letter in the bulletin from our priest or reuse the letter from the Bishop?

Let’s take the time to really assess ourselves. I know I can do more to serve you and I need to communicate with all of you better. I need to get out more and offer assistance. Let’s go into the holiday season with a goal of getting better as Knights and to become better Catholic men.

Vivat Jesus,
James “Mac” McManaman
Utah State Treasurer, Membership Director
statetreasurer@utahknights.org

From the Editor: The Purpose of “The Good of the Order”

A letter from our Regional Growth Director, PSD Ray Lopez:

My Brother Knights.

I am home. After 6 weeks in the hospital with 4 surgeries, 2 trips to the ICU and more, I am finally home. I still have a very long road to recovery ahead of me but being home is a big step.

I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, flowers and the prayer blanket. I am blessed to belong to the Knights of Columbus. There were times when I would despair and feel this would never end and I had nothing else, but then I remembered that Knights all over Utah and other states were praying for me, and my family. I could see our Knights like a mighty army with council banners fluttering in the wind behind me and supporting me in the battle ahead, and I had hope. I can’t thank you enough.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNjUIeaVIx0

A special thank you to IPSD Andy Airriess who sent out updates, checked in with Becky and who brought me the Blessed Eucharist every Sunday.

I am blessed by you and can’t thank you enough for you, your councils, and your family’s prayers for me Becky, and my family in this time of need and hope. I am proud to be your brother Knight of Columbus.

May God Bless you, your councils, and your families.

I now ask you to pray for my brother and fellow Knight Fermam Lopez who is in McKay-Dee Hospital with heart problems., and my wife, Becky, On Wednesday, Nov. 7th she will have a cancerous mass removed. It is only 7mm and the outlook is positive, but I know first hand the power of prayer.

I am truly yours Fraternally.

Ray Lopez PSD

We are all aware of the power of prayer. Every month we should be ending our Council Meetings with The Good of the Order. Since I reformatted the monthly Newsletter, and included a Good of the Order section, I have asked for your submissions for The Good of the Order. To date, the only person who has ever submitted a name for The Good of the Order is IPSD Andy Airriess. Don’t you feel that all of our Brother Knights could benefit from the prayers of a “Mighty Army”?

My Brother Knights and esteemed Officers, again I ask you: Does any brother present know of a member of this council, or an unassisted brother of the Order, sick or in distress?

Please send submissions to trever.hinckley@outlook.com. Submissions received by the 25th of each month will be included in the Good of the Order.

Vivat Jesus!

PGK Trever Hinckley
November 2018 State Program Report

Program Spotlight - Coats for Kids:
• Brother Knights, It is time to get your coat pledges in. Please send all coat pledges and money to State Secretary, Nick Nielson by October 31st. If you have any additional questions feel free to call Ryan Graveley, Program Director 801-835-0450. Thank you to your Council for your generosity and hard work regarding this very important program.

• The State Soccer challenge was a success October 21 at St Joseph the worker in West Jordan. Thank you to the following participating Councils: St. Marguerite’s Tooele, St. Francis Xavier Kearns, and St. Francis Assisi Orem. Special thanks goes out to Jerry Angus District Deputy 6, and Randy Rendon Soccer Challenge Chairman for the planning and preparation that it took to make this event a success.

• I would like to recognize the Councils that submitted families for the September Family of the Month: 1034, 11479, 12181, 13297, and 1136. Our Utah Family of the Month winner was the Joseph Hauzen family for council 1136.

Ryan Graveley
State Warden
Program Director

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Utah.State.Deputy.Forms@gmail.com -- use this one when submitting ANY form to Supreme that has a place for the "State Deputy" copy (either on the form for automatic submission, or when sending in a form through your email). Several state officers have access and can quickly check of forms have been submitted. In a pinch, you could use the State Deputy address through UtahKnights.org, but only he would see it. If you use State Deputy Greg Keller’s work address, the PDF attachments never make it to him! (It’s true. Try it yourself with something trivial and see what happens. Of all the types of attachments to block, I had a hard time believing PDF made the list, until I saw the reply message explaining it didn’t go through.)
Insurance Assurance—What Happens If You Live?

The Security of Long-Term Care Insurance

Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there’s a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about “what ifs.” For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get into an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It’s not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something doesn’t happen? What happens if we live?

“So what?” you say. “I won’t need long-term care.” But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care services during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of $83,000 for private nursing home care and $60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don’t usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays for long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that’s only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family’s resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement. That’s why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that’s why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget. You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides, as well as specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home. You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

Should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program. There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. I can help explain your options.

Contact your Knights of Columbus Agent today to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care. After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don’t want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.

Long Term Care insurance contracts contain certain exclusions, limitations, and other terms. Your contract and licensed Knights of Columbus field agent can provide you with complete details. The Knights of Columbus reserves the right to ask questions about your health and review your medical records. Benefits are subject to underwriting. Premiums may increase.


Contact us today to learn more about our products.