

STATE UPDATE

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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

You are on your way to a new and, I hope, a successful year. At the organizational meeting we talked about preparing a budget, calendar, and getting your personnel report (365) put together. These are all useful tools for the upcoming year.

Let's think of the upcoming year as a long trip. Would you just start driving and not know where you are going? A map tells you the places you are going to visit and when you are getting there. A council calendar does the same thing. It gives you your events and when you will be conducting them. Would you go on a ski trip in July? The calendar will help make sure your events are at the right time and have the resources available once you mesh it with the parish calendar. This will help to reduce scheduling conflicts and make sure you have the resources for your events. Get with your priest to make sure he is behind the programs you are supporting and find out what programs he would like you to focus. It also makes sure your events are spread out enough that you aren't burning out your volunteers.

Would you leave your wallet home? How are you going to pay for your motel (facilities), food, and gas (supplies)? Your budget tells you what to expect for event costs and what you think your proceeds will be. A budget gives your chairmen something to work with as to what they can spend. The profit target also gives them something to work for because they know what is expected of them. A budget makes sure that when it comes time for an event or you need money for a specific charity, the money is there and you aren't over extending yourself.

Will you do all the driving? You will miss the view because you are concentrating on the road and get too tired to enjoy the stops. Do you plan on running all events yourself or let your chairmen and directors help make the trip easier? You have a list of events from your calendar and a list of charities from your previous year expenses. Use these lists to generate the personnel report (365) and have names for each event.

State Chaplain's Summation

"Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Matt 9: 35-6.

Yes, brother Utah Knights, we are like sheep without a shepherd—sort of. Our former bishop and brother knight John Wester is now the Archbishop of Santa Fe and we are without a bishop. Every Catholic in Utah can be thankful for the pastoral care and leadership we received from Bishop Wester. This is especially true for the Knights. Bishop Wester was (and is) a steadfast supporter of the mission and work of the Knights of Columbus. He will be missed. We are like sheep without a shepherd—sort of.

Why do I say sort of? Because the Lord never leaves his sheep without care. He is always with us and will be with us until the end of the ages. (Matt 28: 20) We still have our universal shepherd, Pope Francis. And, Holy Mother Church foresees times when dioceses will be between bishops. This is why, following Bishop Wester's transfer, the Consultors (a group of priests appointed to advise the bishop) met and elected our former Vicar General, Msgr. Colin Bircumshaw as the administrator of the diocese until a new bishop is appointed. Msgr. Bircumshaw's role is to keep the diocese running and in good order for the new bishop. We should all keep him in our prayers as he fulfills this important role.

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These men will be doing the driving for you. Make sure they have a clear expectation of what is expected and give them the resources they need. They can round up the men, plan the program, and direct the work. That will make the trip more enjoyable for all because everyone gets an opportunity to take in the scenery and no one needs to suffer a burnout.

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State Deputy's Message (cont)

On a trip you build memories with pictures and souvenirs, and you meet new people. Why not take pictures at your event so you can build memories for everyone. Have your chairs make an event report and use the pictures. That gives you a framework to do future events if that chair is no longer available. The events can also be a tool for membership. You meet new men and they might be interested in helping with your charity. If they are there to support the event, they may be willing to join in and help to make it a bigger success. Every Catholic man you meet is a potential knight and every event is an example of the charity our order was founded on.

Let's make this upcoming year an enjoyable ride for everyone. Take it easy and plan it out well at the very start and it gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy the trip. Take your calendar and budget to your next meeting to get the council's approval and let everyone what is coming. Get your chairmen and directors ready with clear expectations and the tools to do their jobs. Your trip will be a success, you will meet many new and interesting people, and will be setting the framework to Change Lives and Save Lives. The gift of membership can help the new men you bring into the order and give them and you lifelong friends and brothers.



JVivat Jesus!

Jerry Hanten Utah State Deputy

Supreme Webinars

Over the last few months, Supreme has produced a number of live webinars that they recorded. These webinars are usually an hour long and are very informative. You don't even need to finish one after you start it; you can stop, then pick right up where you left off.

The productions each are targeted at a specific topic and a different audience, so you are sure to find one you can learn from. "Favorite" this URL. You are going to be wanting to refer to it later. As a Knights leader, knowing what is expected of others in your officer corps is good, so watch everything you can.

<http://kofc.org/un/en/membership/membership-webinar/index.html>

Or, from the Supreme home page, scroll down and click Fraternal Training Webinars.

State Chaplain's Summation (Cont.)

Often I and my brother priests are asked, "When will get a new bishop?" The answer I give is. "I don't know. But probably within 9 to 12 months." It might be even sooner. Pope Francis doesn't like to leave dioceses vacant for long. It is a safe bet that even now recommendations for the new bishop are being prepared for the Holy Father.

The best and most important thing that we can do is to pray each and every day for a new bishop. There is a beautiful prayer in the Missal for the election of a new bishop: "O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen" Perhaps, we could make this a part of our families' daily prayers.

We should also not fail to pray for our order in the State of Utah that we will welcome and support our new bishop with the same fervor and generosity that we showed to Bishop Wester and his predecessors

Fr. Erik Reichsteig
Utah State Chaplain

Helpful hints

Need printing? The Knights of Columbus has a corporate discount available at FedEx/Kinkos. You will need to be able to prove you are a Knight, so, carry your member card with you and when you place your order and let them know you would like the Knights of Columbus discount.

Business cards might be helpful. You can get 500 full color business cards at vistaprint.com. It's simple, quick, and sure beats making sure you have pen and paper to write down your phone number or address. There are other vendors like overnightprint.com and gotprint.net, but I've tried Vistaprint (their return address labels are also very helpful).

Need to scan form 100s? Need to make other PDF files? Have an Android phone? Try Fast Scanner. It is a free app for your phone. You take a picture with your phone, and the app turns it into a beautiful PDF that you can email. Did I mention it is FREE?

Do you have some tips and tricks you would like to share with your brother Knights? let Andy know and we'll have more in coming months.

The Silver Rose

The “The Silver Rose is Coming”, “The Silver Rose is Coming”. The Silver Rose tradition started in 1960 as Operation Rose with Columbia Squires who carried a rose from Canada, across the United States and presented it at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. Last year the Silver Rose was presented to Pope Francis at St. Peter’s Basilica on Dec. 12 at the Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Silver Rose has gathered Knights and Columbian Squires from Mexico, the United States and Canada under the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

This year six Silver Roses travel through North America exemplifying Knights of Columbus devotion to Our Lady and commitment to the Culture of Life. Our rose starts its journey in Alberta, Canada and then travels from state to state down the West coast. It is scheduled to arrive in Utah on September 20 from Arizona and leave October 11 when we pass it on to Colorado. The final stop for our Silver Rose will be in Texas where it passed on to Mexico for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. A prayer service or Mass is said in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at each stop by the participating councils and parishes. The prayer is not just for the unborn but for the preservation of Culture of Life.

Contact your District Deputies immediately if you are interested in joining in the Program this year. We have 11 districts but only have the Silver Rose for 21 days which is 2 days per district. The Silver Rose has prayer books and programs which travel with the Rose. The program booklet (#4851) can also be downloaded in pdf form from the Knights of Columbus website:

www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/church/sr-4841.pdf

Help me in this powerful prayer for life. Whichever council has the Silver Rose in your district, participate and help by being present at the celebration. Get on the schedule to pass the Silver Rose from council to council. This is truly an international program that lets individual councils participate on the local level but the results are global. The plan is to start the journey in St. George, travel up the center of the state to the north areas. It will end its journey through Utah on October 11 when we pass it along to Colorado.



Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Hanten
Utah State Deputy

State Secretary's Corner

Membership, membership, membership. Why? The answer is simple and complicated, but perhaps best explained by using an analogy.

When you go to the doctor, what things do they do every time? One of them is taking your blood pressure. Why? Because it is a cheap, easy way of discovering problems. Problems that are causing your high blood pressure such as diet, stress, or glandular issues and problems that your high blood pressure causes, like kidney disease and strokes. It is important, to find these causes and complications BEFORE they get to be difficult to manage.

Like your blood pressure, membership is easy and cheap to measure. Not reaching out to your parish, not publicizing what you do, not having enough programs are some causes of membership issues. Not recruiting leads to officer and member burnout; the same men are doing most if not all the work.

The fraternal survey is only submitted once a year. Councils submit audits twice a year. It can take a year and a half to pick up a trend when the reporting periods are so far apart. Membership numbers can be tracked daily if necessary

Council health is one reason why there is a lot of pressure to recruit. One other is that Supreme has been doing the work it has been doing for over 130 years. They know that literally hundreds of fraternal organizations have collapsed because they ignored attracting new members. The most important reason for recruiting is that is there SO MUCH need out there. Kids need coats. Babies need saving. People of all ages need wheelchairs. The hungry need food. Our Priests need help with the parishes, raising money and improving the facilities. Catholic men need a purpose, a structure and support to become better fathers, husbands, and contributing to the betterment of the world.

With more members we can better do what we are called as Catholic men; serve our fellow men. With more members we have less burnout, fresh ideas, and contribute to the betterment of the health of our families, our parishes, our communities, and our diocese. In doing these things we make the world a better place.

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State Program Updates

Clergy Appreciation Dinner: The Padre Pio Assembly #2636 Invites you to join us for dinner Honoring Our Clergy and Religious from St Ambrose, Lourdes, St Catherine's and St Mary's at Saint Mary of the Assumption Thursday, the 13th of August 2015, 1505 White Pine Dr, Park City, UT 84060
Reception at 6:30 P.M Dinner at 7:00 P.M. Dress is Business Casual
Rev. Msrg. Robert Bussen – Honoree. Tickets: Call David Hughes 801-274- or Dick Hall 801-891-9792

Special Olympics: Dine to donate coming up Wednesday August 19th at Famous Dave's in Jordan Landing. Council 7961 is sponsoring this even which lasts from 11AM to closing time. You have to have a coupon to get your food purchase credited to Special Olympics. A coupon is available on the state web site at www.utahknights.org

The **State Soccer Challenge** is scheduled for early October. Make sure you get your kits 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

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. Planning now ensures success months from now.

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