



# STATE UPDATE

## UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

### State Deputy's Message

One of the highlights of the recent Supreme Convention was hearing that the Knights have five new councils in France. Along with Poland, The Ukraine, Lithuania, and Korea, France is important new ground in spreading our message of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

How has our order expanded into these countries? Is it because Supreme decided that we should be there and started councils? No. Our expansion into these countries began when Bishops and Archbishops from those countries saw what a difference Knights have made in the homes, parishes, and communities in other countries and contacted Supreme to find out how they might get Knights in their home countries. It is as Supreme Knight Carl Anderson calls it, recruitment by attraction. If we are the kind of men that other men want to be associated with, then recruitment is a lot easier. In fact, others will clamor to join us. Others like Poland, The Ukraine, Lithuania, Korea, and France already have.

What is it that these Bishops see in us? A dedicated, loyal, CATHOLIC organization that strengthens family life by involving men more in their families and the church; a hardworking, faithful group of men who inspires others to greater good; and a prayerful, reverent, loving attitude that demonstrates and promotes the principals of our faith. Who would NOT want a group of men such as ours in their country? Well, OK, Iran, I'll give you that.

If all the bishops in foreign lands want what the Knights promise, who are we to deny OUR bishops and priests the same flowering of Catholicity in our own country, state, community, and parish? I know

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### Master's Musings

The title of Sir Knight is more than just a title. The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus is committed to the preservation of the Church, the Order, and the many nations where Knights serve. We stand where Christ would have us, as examples of His presence in the world. If the sanctity of life, family values, and true religious freedom are to survive, democratic nations need a greater commitment from people of faith. Fourth Degree Knights make that commitment. Fourth Degree Knights hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable. This means working to keep God in the civic arena. It means supporting and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty and of course, serving the life of the Church. Fourth Degree Knights are committed to building lives of character.

As a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight in good standing now is time for you to consider reaching even further with your faith. It is time for you to consider the Patriotic Degree. If you are interested, speak with the Financial Secretary or Fourth Degree representative for your council. Our next Patriotic Degree Exemplification will be on November 12, 2016 and will be held at St. Thomas More in Sandy, Utah. We have information and forms for download on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree website at <http://utahknights.org/fourth-degree/>.

We need to welcome our new District Master, VJ Simonelli. I am sure you will support him in the same manner you have supported me for the past four years.

In closing, remember that **PATRIOTISM is leaving the world in good hands.** *Only be careful,*

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## State Deputy's Message (Cont.)

I am a better man for my involvement with the Knights of Columbus. My wife would be the first to agree with me. I would guarantee that you feel the same way about yourself. Why are we denying to families in the places we already serve stronger families led by more faithful men? Why are we denying more charity to the needy in the same places? We are denying better families, parishes, and communities with every many we do not ask to join the Knights of Columbus.

That man who you have been wondering about asking? Ask him. That wife who has influence on her husband? Give her some information about the Knights. But the best thing that you can do is be the kind of man other men want to be around. By being that kind of man, other men will gravitate to you and you will ensure the continuing success of your council because you will have provided the example by which leaders who follow you will model themselves. It starts with you.

The rewards are led by the satisfaction that you will have left your council a better place by your being a leader. There are also the incentives from Supreme that we in Utah using to give the top recruiters in the state \$100, \$50, and \$25. These rewards are given out every three months.

Vivat Jesus,  
Andy Airriess, State Deputy



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## Master's Musings (Cont.)

*and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. ~ Deuteronomy 4:9.*

The most compelling question that every Christian man must ask is this: What am I doing today that will be an influence for Jesus Christ in the next generation? We cannot hold on to the world, we can only hand it off to others. It's as if you are a father with your arms wrapped around your young son's shoulders, helping him get the feel of the bat. Swing and miss. Swing and connect. Swing and miss. There is no glory in that moment – only hints of glory as a pattern is established. It may be years before your son can swing for the fence. Someday, though, he will stand at the plate where the balls come hard and fast. It's a game where they call real strikes, and some men strike out. When your son hits that home run in the game that counts, you may not be around to see it. But there will be a piece of you in that swing. That's your reward for leaving the world in good hands. ~ Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks

What kinds of activities can your Council or Assembly engage in to leave the world in good hands?

*A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble. ~ C.H. Spurgeon.*

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America! "Thanks for the memories" and courtesy you have shown Maria and me over the past four years as we have traveled the state and province in your name.

Sincerely,

William T. McCauley  
District Master - Utah



## State Secretary's Corner

### Planning for Success

Success planning begins with your council coming together and reviewing the past, in order to effectively plan and implement programs to be men that practice charity, unity and fraternity.

Goals should always be better than your best, but achievable.

State the objective to be implemented and analyze the challenges. Develop workable solutions, build a strategy and most important manage your time. **PREPARE FOR SUCCESS!**

In your monthly meetings have a purpose and create an agenda with your focus on the goal of earning your STAR COUNCIL AWARD.

Plan with a SMART Goal attitude.

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Realistic
- Time-sensitive

Much of this month's article came from a recent webinar that I attended. I would like to share some council officer resources with you. Your State Team wishes all of you success!

- [kofc.org/Surge](http://kofc.org/Surge) – With Service Programs
- [kofc.org/Star](http://kofc.org/Star) – Star Council Award Components
- [kofc.org/Recruit1](http://kofc.org/Recruit1) – Recruitment Video Resources
- [kofc.org/DomesticChurch](http://kofc.org/DomesticChurch) – Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parishes information
- [kofc.org/ChurchDrive](http://kofc.org/ChurchDrive) – Conducting a Parish Recruitment Drive
- [kofc.org/Join](http://kofc.org/Join) – Information about joining our Order
- [kofc.org/Webinar](http://kofc.org/Webinar) – Registration and webinar archive

Food for Thought:

*"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."*  
Ronald Reagan

## Helpful Tips

Sometimes members pass away and you are unaware of it. I recently was looking at one council roster looking for a specific member. I did not find him, but I did find the name of a member whose funeral I went to a couple of years ago.

Try doing this: Print copies of your membership roster while hiding some info like their member number and degree dates, and info other than their name and address. Review the list with members of your council who do not regularly attend meetings but who know a lot of people in your parish. Older members might be best for this. Ask them if they know of anybody on the list who may have passed away. If they see someone, note the birth date of the deceased. Do a web search on the name of the passed member and get confirming info from an obituary. To do this, I typically search for the name of the member in quotes and include the words obituary and Utah, so:

"John Smith" Obituary Utah

would be the search. Then, use Member Management to enter the deceased member's info.

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## State Secretary's Corner (Cont.)

As a reminder start planning your Orderwide Church Drives in October now. Also the next Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) degree will be at St Thomas More on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Formation degree will start at 1:00 PM and the Knighthood degree will follow. Please see the state website and calendar for more information.

Make sure your council is on the path to earning Star Council Award.

Vivat Jesus!  
Rick Kump



Utah State Secretary

### State Program Updates

- **Carmelite Fair** – Make plans to attend Sep. 18 from 11 AM – 5 PM. 5714 Holladay Blvd, Salt Lake City [www.carmelslc.org](http://www.carmelslc.org)
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program** encourage greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, order a program kit at [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org) or contact Greg Keller for additional information [gregory.keller@ngc.com](mailto:gregory.keller@ngc.com)
- **Soccer Challenge** Order kits/materials from Supreme (#SC-KIT). Contact Pat Dougherty for more info, [patrickdougherty123@comcast.net](mailto:patrickdougherty123@comcast.net) 801-352-0697
- **Essay Contest** Order kits from Supreme (#EA-KIT) incorporate Catholic Schools and Religious Ed programs at your parishes, contact Tom Giron [giron58@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:mderr548@gmail.com), 385-444-8143
- **World Day of Prayer for Peace** (Sept 11) contact Greg Keller for more info [gregory.keller@ngc.com](mailto:gregory.keller@ngc.com) or visit Supreme website <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/community-activities/world-day-of-prayer-for-peace.html#/>
- **Ultrasound Initiative**/Park City Pregnancy Help Center, trying to raise another \$9,000 to reach \$18,000 by September, has your council made a donation? Contact John Wainscott [wains@sisna.com](mailto:wains@sisna.com)
- **Supreme Webinar** – Building Council Momentum with Frequent Ceremonials, Sep. 17 12-1 PM; Admission Degrees, Effective Church Drives and Recruiting Techniques, Conducting Council Meetings that are productive and well attended, and Best Practices for Committee Operations that build council successes.
- **Upcoming October events:** Charitable Service Outreach Week 1-9 Oct, Hold Council Church Drives 8-9 and 15-16 Oct, Order Christmas Poster Contest Kit (#CPC-KIT) by 13 Oct, Council Admission Degree Week 17-23 Oct, Order Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT) 29 Oct. All contest kits can be ordered by calling 203-752-4016 or visiting [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms)

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