



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

The Power of Knighthood.

I was at an Admission Degree a few weeks ago. There I met a Knight who I knew to be the member of a council some miles away. Let's call him the visiting Knight. I asked him why he was at this degree so far from home. He replied that his daughter's boyfriend was taking his admission degree that evening, and that the boyfriend's father was a Knight in the host council. Let's call him the host Knight. I explained to the visiting Knight that I knew the host Knight and that he was a wonderful man and a dedicated brother. Later, I had the opportunity to talk with the host Knight and after my vouching for the visiting Knight and extolling his virtues and his wonderful work for the Order, his council, and his parish, the host Knight added some details to the story. This host Knight explained that this was the first girl his son had ever brought home for dinner. While the host Knight's son talked to his father to convince his father about the girl, he noted that not only was his girlfriend a Catholic, but her Father was a Knight!

How wonderful is that? This Knight's son knew how much his father's faith and membership in the Knights means to his father and used this knowledge to convince his father regarding the qualities of his girlfriend's family.

How about you? Does your family know how much being a Knight means to you? Would they know enough about what you do; the good you do and spread? Do they know about the good works of your council, the State Council, and the immense difference we make by being a member of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world? Would they brag you up? Do they brag you up?

The only part of the Knights that is secret is our ceremonials. EVERYTHING else is not only public, we want it to be public.

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District Master's Note

Congratulations

This is to acknowledge that Padre Pio Assembly #2636 was recognized as receiving the Star Assembly Award. Congratulations to all assembly officers and assembly members.

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification

The upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday 24 February 2018 at St. George Catholic Church in St. George. All information is on the Utah State website and/or contact the Master of the Fourth Degree at 801-661-6341.

Presentation of Chalice

On Sunday, 14 January 2018 at our Lady of Lourdes Church in Magna a chalice was presented to the Gonzales family in memory of Sir Knight Richard Gonzales. The family then presented the chalice to Pastor Fr. Gally. Please remember the Gonzalez family in your prayers.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728)

"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need. Those who have nothing apart from their poverty." Pope Francis

As a fraternal society, our success and greatness is evident in the generous contributions of all facets of the order, but no reporting of such success rests in the hands of our assemblies.

Your assembly has worked hard on programs to support your parish, community, and charitable endeavors. It is because of your dedicated service and acts of charity that the Knights of Columbus is classified as a tax-exempt organization.

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State Deputy's Message (Cont.)

Just as every program is a recruiting opportunity, every good thing we do is an opportunity to attract more members to our ranks AND an opportunity to attract more people who will support our events and our charity. This includes our clergy, our parishioners, our brother Knights, and our neighbors.

How do we spread the good news about the Knights? We make pulpit and bulletin announcements. At bingo or other events, we tell people our story. In our council meetings and in communication with members of our councils, we tell the story of the many and varied ways we help others. It's not bragging, it is the right thing to do so we can help more people.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. – Matthew 5:15

Put the candle that is your council's work on its stand and you will give others the joys and blessings of giving to our wonderful programs, you will help more men to join us in our glorious work, and you will keep inactive Knights from finding a reason to leave our ranks. Also, if you are really lucky, you just might help a young romance blossom. Maybe in time for Valentine's Day.

Vivat Jesus!



Andy Airriess
Utah State Deputy

Have You Heard?

Recruiting Can Win You a Trip to Dublin!

Recruit a new member and you will be entered into a drawing for an all-expense paid trip for you and your wife to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August! The more men you recruit, the higher your chance to win. The drawing will take place July 1, 2018, and anyone who has proposed a new member this fraternal year is eligible. For information on the World Meeting of Families, please visit worldmeeting2018.ie/en/.

District Master's Note (Cont.)

This is why one of the most important reports that you will file for your assembly and the Order is the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728). This is the report that enables the Order to declare our consolidated efforts of \$173 million donated to charity and the 75 million hours of volunteer service to our local communities and parishes. However, without your assembly's input, less of this could have been accomplished.

Your assembly's hard work and generosity is very much appreciated and valued, regardless of the contribution size. When we fill out the report, you will realize how much your assembly has accomplished. Often the smallest and simplest accomplishments have the most effect.

Fourth Degree Bi-Annual Meeting

A Fourth Degree Biennial meeting will be held on Saturday, 31 March 2018 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Kearns. Further information will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your help and support and I hope you have a truly blessed and successful fraternal year.

“Sir Knight is more than a title...it's an honor.”

Yours in Christ,

V.J. Simonelli

Master of the Fourth Degree



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

State Secretary's Corner

We're Only Half Way There

During the Mid-Year Meeting held 6 January at Juan Diego and sponsored by St Theresa Council 12181, we had the opportunity to review the accomplishments of the first six months of this fraternal year and prepare for the remaining six months. I'm happy to report the meeting was well attended by many of our councils, our District Deputies, and Field Agents. State Deputy Andy Airriess recapped our achievements, but warned us to prepare for the future. We must grow and advance or suffer the fate of shrinking away. Also, several councils reported on success stories ranging from recruiting, retention, and relevant programs. Plans for the future were presented, and the importance of the inevitable paperwork was reviewed. During the meeting, thoughts of why are we here filled my head as I looked at all the faithful brothers assembled.

Allow me to review "why we're here." Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." We show love by conducting food drives and donating the food to local food banks. By volunteering at Special Olympics events and supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life, we recognize our mission and faith compels us to action. We also realize that accomplishments can be more easily be done by sticking together rather than by individual effort. You can also count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as we work to make life better in our parish and community.

As we mush ahead to complete this year, let's renew our commitment to strive and meet our goals, encourage new men to join us, and enjoy the opportunities and journey of being a Knight.



Greg Keller
Utah State Secretary

From KofC.org

STATEMENT OF CARL ANDERSON, CEO OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ON U.S. ASSISTANCE TO GENOCIDE-TARGETED COMMUNITIES IN IRAQ

1/16/2018

Several months ago, the Knights of Columbus praised Vice President Pence's announcement that American aid dollars would begin reaching Christian and other communities in Iraq targeted for genocide. Today, tens of millions of American aid dollars are now being put to work for these fragile communities - some via USAID, some via the State Department and some via the United Nations - with more planned in the months ahead. We are grateful for the actions of the American government in this regard, and look forward to continuing to work with our government and those affected by the genocide to ensure that needed relief reaches those most in need, and that these communities survive for generations to come. The importance of our government's assistance to these religious minority groups cannot be underestimated - both in terms of the hope it gives to these communities, and to their very survival. In addition, the U.S. government's actions bring America's foreign aid into line with our country's response to previous genocides and will also help defeat ISIS' overall strategy of eliminating minorities from the Middle East.

Membership Memo

I'm very excited to see us take a step in the right direction, January has shaped up to be our best month this fraternal year in regards to membership growth. Thank you for all your efforts and please keep up the good work. We still don't have scheduled degrees on the calendar (make sure you work with your DD to get those on there) but we brought in 19 new members as of January 20th with more that should record before the end of the month. As a reminder, our goal is 23 per month.

I hope your planning is going well with what you are going to do at the council level for the rest of the fraternal year in regards to membership growth, if I or any of the State Officers can help please do not hesitate to ask. One thing that I think would be very beneficial is the Supreme Webinar "Keeping Recruitment Personal," this webinar was presented live on January 31st but if you missed it all of the webinars are recorded and you can go back and watch them to help get ideas on training.

[Click here](#) to see the On Demand Fraternal Leader webinars or this link:

<https://portal.on24.com/wcc/gateway/knightsofcolumbus/1156879?showId=1156879&showCode=knightsofcolumbus>

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Treasurer

Upcoming Degrees (Please see State website calendar for degrees)

Admission Degrees

- **2/28** – St. Vincent De Paul, Holladay – Council 13297. Registration at 6:30 PM
- **3/1** – St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan – Registration at 5:45 PM
- **3/6** – St. Francis of Assisi, Orem – Council 1136. Registration at 6:30 PM

Formation and Knighthood Degrees

- **2/17** – St. George, St. George – Formation Registration at 9:00 AM
- **2/17** – St. George, St. George – Knighthood Registration at 12:30 AM
- **2/22** – St. John the Baptist, Draper – Formation Registration at 7:00 PM
- **2/22** – St. John the Baptist, Draper – Knighthood Registration at 7:30 PM
- **2/24** – St. James, Ogden – Formation Registration at 12:30 PM

Patriotic Degrees

- **2/24** – St. George, St. George, UT
 - Registration – 12:30 PM
 - Degree – 1:30 PM
 - Mass – 5:00 PM
 - Social – 6:00 PM
 - Dinner – 7:00 PM

State Program Updates

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

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT – 40 Cans for Lent. As part of the Order’s Food for Families program, councils are encouraged to conduct a 40 Cans for Lent program. This simple-to-conduct program asks each member of the council, along with the parish community, to donate one can of food for each day of Lent which begins this year on Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2018. If the council collects and distributes a minimum of 1000 pounds of food and contributes 100 man-hours of service to the program, it will satisfy all four requirements for the Family Activities category of the Columbian Award. In addition, for participating councils or assemblies, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 for every \$500 donated, or for every 1,000 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen (up to a maximum of \$500 per council/assembly per fraternal year). As presented at the Mid-Year meeting, this program also satisfies one of the Domestic Church Activities category requirements for the Columbian Award. Also, participating councils and assemblies can qualify to receive an attractive plaque by reporting activity in this program on the Food for Families Reimbursement Program Form (#10057) to the Supreme Council.

- Science Fair, February 10, 2018 8:00 AM at Juan Diego, to sign up go: <http://sciencefairtools.com/site/login>, User: diojudge2018, Pass word: judgereg2018
- Free throw contest March 4, 2018. At Blessed Sacrament Parish, contact Ron Mecham for more details at 801- 801-973-8337
- Fraternal Leader Training Webinars It is our responsibility as officers to help your new Knights understand our mission and actively engage in it. Online courses are an excellent way to learn more about the Knights.
- New Requirement for Columbian Award: To earn the Columbian Award, councils must now conduct at least four Surge with Service activities that are also designated as domestic church programs. Visit kofc.org/domesticchurch for the most up-to-date list of eligible programs and activities and to find resources that will help your council conduct them
- Supreme Program Kits - All contest kits can be ordered by visiting kofc.org/forms or calling 203-7524016

MS Walk Basket (Avon basket with almost \$600.00 of products) Raffle tickets being sold at several K of C events (\$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00), proceeds will go toward fighting Multiple Sclerosis. Contact Spencer Lopez for more information at slopez9207@gmail.com or call him at 801-554-6504.

Five Things to Tackle in 2018

1. **Aim younger:** Make a concerted effort to recruit younger men into our councils.
2. **Be more family-centered:** Develop programs that focus on families.
3. **Generate increased awareness of who Knights are and what they do:** Make it a goal that every Catholic man, no matter his age, knows who we are and what we do.
4. **Develop strong relationships with the clergy:** This should occur Order-wide, but it particularly applies in Canada.
5. **Make spirituality our key focus:** We need to embrace a masculine Catholic spirituality, making it a part of our programs and culture.

From the January, 2018 Knightline

Insurance Assurance

WHAT DOES A CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LOOK LIKE?

It's an important question to ask. As you consider all the options for your family's life insurance and financial services, you might wonder if any of them are actually unique. After all, every life insurance company sells life insurance.

However, the Knights of Columbus is, in fact, unlike any other company. We do things differently — because both our faith and our members demand it.

We call it the Catholic difference. Here are a few of the things that make us unique:

- We invest morally. The Knights of Columbus screens all of its investments according to guidelines published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We will not invest in companies that deal in abortions, pornography, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, and related endeavors.
- We support the Church. Last fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and local councils together donated \$48 million to the Church. The Order gives generously through various programs such as the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), which, in partnership with our councils, has provided more than \$67 million in scholarships to more than 110,000 men and women pursuing religious vocations since 1981. The Knights also helped to restore the facade of St. Peter's Basilica in 1999 for the Millennial Jubilee and purchased satellite equipment that has since broadcasted the recent popes' messages to the world. The Order's aid to the Vatican and the Pope is ongoing, with an annual donation from the proceeds of the Vicarius Christi fund given to the Holy Father for his personal charities.
- We put our Catholic families first. We are not a commercial company. We have no stockholders. We answer only to our members. We return a share of our profits through dividends to our participating policyholders, and we donate generously.
- We have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity in the last decade. Most of these funds are generated by proceeds from our insurance business. The proceeds have gone to causes such as pro-life initiatives, disaster relief or aid to persecuted Christians in the Middle East — wherever help is needed most.
- We put ethics first. Our corporate commitment to ethics and our ethical business practices have been applauded by the business community. Recently, the Ethisphere Institute named the Knights of Columbus a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the third consecutive year. We are currently one of only two companies to have earned the designation in the "life insurance" category.

Our members, their spouses and their dependent children have exclusive access to our insurance program. Working with your brother Knight Field Agent, you can purchase top-quality products to protect your family's future, all while knowing that you are supporting an organization that shares your faith, your beliefs and your values. More than 130 years after our venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, set our insurance program in motion, we strive to stay true to his mission and our commitment to our members and our Catholic difference. Other companies may come along and try to convince you that they are just like us. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. But on closer examination, you will find what you always suspected: There is only one Knights of Columbus. We'll be happy to get to know you better and show you that being Catholic always makes a difference.

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40 Cans: The Easy Way to Get a Refund

This Lent, help people in your community while also helping your council! It takes less effort than you might expect but has a big payoff for those in need.

Just set up a collection box in your church or parish hall, asking that each parishioner contribute one can of food for each of the 40 days of Lent. Then, sit back and watch the cans roll in.

Once Lent ends, you only need to collect the cans and deliver them to a parish food pantry or community food bank. Remember: If you collect 1,000 pounds of food, your council could qualify for a refund!*

It's so simple, why wouldn't you participate? Visit kofc.org/community for details. Or, contact Fraternal Mission at 203-752-4270.

** The Supreme Council will refund \$100 for every 1,000 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen — up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Also, by participating in a 40 Cans drive, your council could fulfill all four of the Family Activity requirements for the Columbian Award.*

Council % of Membership Goal as of 01/21/2018

COUNCIL GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
602 Jaime Gomez	188%	9849 Wayne Bauer	22%
9731 Gabino Chacon	120%	5214 Phil Garcia	20%
6739 Barry Stine	100%	5502 Paul Tinker	13%
14764 Benjamin Frost	75%	1136 Jim Arguello	0%
12181 Frank Carmona	74%	2611 Cole Stapley	0%
11246 Patrick McDonald	71%	6147 Tim Peczuh	0%
777 Ron Shick	70%	7401 Larry Zubel	0%
10733 Gene Coryell	62%	7961 Michael Anglin	0%
6010 Joe Neid	50%	8350 Joe Vrazel	0%
14399 Gary Girres	50%	8606 Gary Carrier	0%
15741 Nery Fajardo	50%	10304 Gary Sorensen	0%
1129 Chuck Hodell	44%	11812 Benjamin Trujillo	0%
6966 John Wainscott	40%	12264 Steven Gibson	0%
12959 Keith Koskan	40%	13297 Michael Derrick	0%
11479 Chuck Grahmann	33%	13646 Martin Walsh	0%
15418 Dick Hall	33%	14239 Chris Titus	0%
5347 Leobardo Galvan	25%	16006 Jose Ozaine	0%
9561 Laurence Chafe	25%	16127 Al Gibson	0%

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 01/21/2018

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
8	GEORGE D'APUZZO	93%	10	CLARK HARRIS	43%
2	RAY SALAZAR	76%	7	Art Grant	27%
3	DAN READING	60%	4	Unassigned	13%
11	FRANK LESAR	56%	5	JERRY HANTEN	0%
9	BILLY SANDOVAL	55%	6	GREG COSTELLO	0%
1	Joe Garcia	45%			

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