State Update

State Deputy’s Message—New Year = New Initiatives

First of all, I want to thank all the Brothers who attended the Organizational Meeting on 7 July at St James the Just in Ogden which kicked off our new fraternal year. We also had in attendance our State Chaplain Fr Erik Richtsteig, Membership Program Coordinator Ray Lopez, and District Deputies. I also want to thank GK Wayne Welinski for providing training to the Financial Secretaries. Along with some standard reports and information delivered for the benefit of the membership, two new initiatives were provided that are of great importance starting this year, namely Faith in Action and Online Membership.

Ryan Gravely, State Program Director, presented the new Faith in Action program model. “This model is an evolution of the Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative that was introduced in November 2015,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson wrote in a letter to state deputies April 6. Faith in Action, the supreme knight explained, “embodies a simplified overall program structure, featuring four instead of six categories.” It includes a strong call to action and focuses on programs in four categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life. Councils must know the new model reduces the requirements to earn the Columbian Award which recognizes excellence in programming and charitable outreach by completing four programs in each of the four categories. To earn the award, there is one required program in each category designed to enrich the spiritual life of the council, family and community. Specifically, these are the Spiritual Reflection Program, Consecration to the Holy Family, Helping Hands, and a Novena for Life. We must all understand and put into practice this new program model. For additional information about the new Faith in Action program model, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit kofc.org/faithinaction.

Nick Nielsen, Online Membership Chairman, presented this new initiative. This new fraternal program seeks to help the Order maintain sustainable long-term membership growth by providing the opportunity for membership throughout the modern man’s life cycle. This streamlined alternative helps acclimate men to the Order. Once a man has joined online, we will then work to incorporate him into a council and get him fully integrated with its activities. Here’s some pertinent information from the supreme web site https://www.kofc.org/en/members/online-membership/index.html#. You can find more specifics on what Online Membership does, and does not do, on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Let me beat the membership growth drum again. Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership also allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith.

Why did we join the Knights? Hopefully, it was to strengthen our parishes, give back to our community, grow in our faith and gain exclusive access to top-quality insurance products to financially protect your family. It’s up to us to provide all Catholic men the opportunity to become Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller
Utah State Deputy

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention

Universal—The Treasure of Families
That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Offered in Solidarity
with Pope Francis

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Special points of interest

- 08/01—Report of Service Program Personnel (#365) is due
- 08/15—Semi-annual Council Audit is due
- 08/19—Catholic Day at Lagoon
“TO WHAT DEGREE”
Fourth Degree News and Views

Thank You

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as Utah’s District Master for the past two years. I would like to thank the following for their support, dedication and commitment to the Fourth Degree. All served with distinction.

The Patriotic Degree Exemplification Team

Rick Kump               Andy Airress               Chuck Dover, Jr.
Greg Keller             Karl VanMaren            Bob Masse, Jr.
Joe Nesi                Vince Toscan              Patrick Dougherty
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“Sir Knight is more than a title...it’s an honor.”

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Fourth Degree Program Book

A special thanks and gratitude to Sir Knight Ray Bachiller of Phillip P. Know Creations Graphics for preparing and printing the Program Books for all our Fourth Degree Exemplifications.

Special Announcement

The Cathedral of the Madeleine has appointed Jeremy Castellano as the new Administrator. Jeremy replaces Arlita Llenares, who served as the Cathedral’s Administrator for 25 years.

Quotes

“Excellence is not an act. It’s a habit.”

Yours in Christ,

V.J. Simonelli

Master of the Fourth Degree

Memorandum from Dennis J. Stoddard, Supreme Master,

Ref. Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund

“It has come to my attention that the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA has lost the financial support of a major annual contributor to the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program.

I believe this to be the most important charitable program the Fourth Degree has ever led for our Order and once again I am asking for your support of this program, the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund.

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State Secretary’s Corner

Forms, forms, forms!!!

Thank you to all the councils that have sent their Chosen Officer Report Form 185 to me. At the time of writing this I have received 25 council officer reports. Just 11 more to go. You can send your report to utah.state.deputy.forms@gmail.com or to me at statesecretary@utahknights.org.

Why is this so important to get to me? I can’t complete the state directory and we don’t know who to communicate with without these. In years past the directory wasn’t sent out until the end or after the first quarter, that is a quarter of our fraternal year without having this valuable tool and my goal is to get it out quicker.

I have high expectations and I hold the leaders of the councils to a higher standard. To me you have taken the job as Grand Knight or Financial secretary and have obligated yourself to do what is best for your council and our members. One of those obligations is to meet deadlines for things that are due. Chosen Officer reports were due July 1st... why did so many councils miss the deadline? Is it apathy? I refuse to believe that, I think everyone of you care about your councils and I believe it is lack of knowledge. That’s okay, as long as we work together to fix that.

That’s where I as the State Secretary come in, I can help... all you need to do is ask. In fact, that is where all the State Officers and District Deputies come in... we’re here to help you. If you need help please reach out. In addition to DDs and State officers there are some amazing resources available to you through supreme through the webinars and Officers Online (but in order to have access to Officers Online the Chosen Officers report needs to have been submitted to them).

Training is also reason why we have our State Organization/Kick Off meeting. I’ve heard the comment “if you’ve been to one you’ve been to them all,” while this perception may seem to be true because of the format of the meeting the content is different. For example, this last meeting we covered Online Membership and how to use this to your advantage and addressed the things that go along with this new way of joining the Knights. Another example is the new “Faith in Action” program service model. Our new State Warden did an excellent job explaining this, and like with anything new it will take some time from you as a leader to learn this new service model. What’s now required, how can it benefit you, what’s new, what isn’t, how does it affect your council, etc.?

The remaining 11 councils get those Chosen Officer reports to me. I’m guessing by the time this newsletter goes out we will have several councils that will not have submitted their Service Program Personnel report (Form 365) that is/was due August 1st. Let me know how we (I) can help to get these in.

Keep up the amazing things you do, hold yourself accountable, and let’s make this a great year!

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
State Secretary

The Newsletter Needs your Input

Brother Knights,

Every month, I receive articles from various State Officers and Chairmen for publication in the monthly newsletter.

Every month, I track down articles of note or interest from Supreme’s website, or other Faith Based publications.

Every month, I wish I had more Utah specific news to share. Do you have upcoming events that you would like advertised to the other councils, leaders, and Knights in Utah? Do you know of a brother Knight, or his family that could use as many prayers as possible? Do you have some knowledge, advice, or tidbit on a successful campaign, strategy, or event? Please share! Send me your submissions and I will gladly include them in the monthly Newsletter.

Vivat Jesus,

Trever Hinckley
Editor

FROM SUPREME: SPECIAL OLYMPICS: 50TH ANNIVERSARY

In June 1962, Eunice Kennedy Shriver – sister of brother Knight and President John F. Kennedy – held a summer day camp for young people with intellectual disabilities in her backyard. She was inspired to do something for this group of children after seeing limited opportunities for them to participate in athletic events. This was the revolutionary moment that eventually led to the first International Special Olympics Summer Games at Soldier Field in Chicago on July 20, 1968 – 50 years ago today – where about 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada competed.

Since the first games, the Knights of Columbus have been there. Here are the highlights of the 50 year history between the Knights and Special Olympics:

Founding members of the Special Olympics were associated with the Knights of Columbus

• Eunice Kennedy Shriver’s brother, John F. Kennedy, was a Knight. Her husband, Sargent Shriver, was also a Knight. He was a member of the Mater Dei Council 9774 in Rockville, Md.

The Knights have raised and donated more than $600 million to the Special Olympics

• The Knights of Columbus has pledged to raise $1 million in a four year period to help grow the Special Olympics in North America. The Order also pledged increased volunteer support for state and local games, as well as help to expand the program to underserved countries. The Knights of Columbus has subsequently extended that commitment through 2016.

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The Knights donated $1.4 million for the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles
- The Knights of Columbus donated $1.4 million to cover the costs of athletes from the United States and Canada who travelled to the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles.

Since 2014, Brother Knights have spent almost 4 million volunteer hours toward Special Olympics events
- In 2014, the Knights of Columbus spent a more than 800,000 volunteer hours. Every year since, the hours have increased. This past year, volunteer hours surpassed 1 million. In total, brother Knights spent 3,836,255 hours with the athletes. As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated, “We are leading the way not only in donating money, but in donating our personal time and effort.”

Visit the Special Olympics website to find out how you can help today! Also, visit kofc.org to learn more about the Knights of Columbus!

Happy 50 years to the Special Olympics!

Membership Memo—Diving Into the New Year

Well we have started our fraternal year and many of us, myself included, have taken on new roles. We are all trying to get our feet wet and we had a great Organizational Meeting. Thanks again to the Knights of 9849 for hosting the event.

Now we are looking at getting a good jump on the upcoming year. As membership director you will be hearing from me a lot and I want to help all of you be very successful. We must get our heads wrapped around your council needs and goals for the next FY. Looking at the State calendar I notice we have not scheduled any Admission degrees for July and very few in August. I understand some councils do not have meetings in July but as I stated at the Organizational meeting we can’t wait until the last minute. Please get with your DD’s and let’s get started. It is much easier to get head of your council goals then having to rush at the end of the year. The State goal is 230 this year so that breaks down to 19 – 20 a month in order to stay on track.

Like I said earlier I’m new to this position and am willing to assist wherever I can. If you would like to have myself or another State Officer come to a council meeting, membership drive or speak at a function at your parish, please don’t hesitate to ask. We want all of the councils in the State to have a great year and getting new members will accomplish that goal. When you have new Knights join your council, it will be easier to have fund raisers and assist those in need in your communities. Our Worthy State Deputy, Greg Keller’s new motto, “Many Hands Make Light Work”. The State Team wants to help make this a reality if you will just let us know what we can do and when we can help.

“Many Hands Make Light Work”

The State Council has discussed the incentives for the upcoming year but we have not finalized those incentives. As soon as we do I will be contacting everyone to let them know what we have agreed upon. I will also be updating our Star tracker on the State website so everyone will be able to look and see where they stand and what they need. I am not just talking membership and insurance goals but reports as well. Even if you have not submitted a report on time it is still good practice to complete them as soon as you can. This keeps communications going and lets Supreme know the latest information from your councils. We are updating our records to make sure all the GK’s and FS’s have been updated as well as the DD’s and the important positions that require the Safe Environment training.

Again, I would like to welcome all of you to your important positions and together we can make this a great year.

Vivat Jesus,

James McManaman
Utah State Treasurer, Membership Director
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Online Membership

What It Does
1. **Provides A Faster Way to Join** – One of the most common objections to joining the Knights of Columbus is “I don’t have time.” Through Online Membership, the join process that can take as many as two months now takes five minutes.
2. **Offers A Digital Experience** – This initiative provides a new membership experience that is tailored to younger men and busier men who may not yet be ready for council-based membership. This low-pressure, low-commitment and digital experience meets men where they are, helps to form them as Catholic men, and enables us to bring more men into the fold.
3. **Provides An Amplified Message** – The Online Membership initiative is backed by a substantial marketing campaign that will find and work to convert prospective members.

What It Does NOT Do
1. **Does not change requirements for membership.** Membership in the Knights of Columbus remains open to practical Catholic men at least 18 years of age.
2. **Does not eliminate degrees.** Men who join online are non-degreed members. Once they are ready to convert to a local council, they are required to take the Admission degree.
3. **Does not eliminate councils.** The goal of online membership is to form men for committed, lifelong and council-based membership in the Knights of Columbus. In fact, Online Membership creates a pool of recruits for local councils to engage with.
4. **Does not eliminate dues.** Online Members are required to pay $30 annual dues.
5. **Does not create a new class or type of member.** Online Members are members of the Knights of Columbus. They are non-degreed members, and they do not belong to local councils, but they are not provisional or partial members.
8/7-8/9 — 136th Supreme Convention, Baltimore, MD

8/11 — Parish Festival. Beginning with a chuck-wagon breakfast at 8 a.m. and continuing until 9 p.m. at Saint Andrew Parish, 11835 South 3600 West, Riverton. All are welcome.

8/11 — Red vs. Gold Football. 10 a.m. at Judge Memorial CHS’ McCarthy Stadium, 650 South 1100 East, SLC.

8/18 — Foursomes for Fisher House Golf Tournament. Stonebridge Golf Club 4415 Links Dr, West Valley City, UT 84120

8/19 — Catholic Day at Lagoon. Canyon Terrace. Ask for “Catholic Lagoon Day Discount” at any ticket window. Discount Single Day Passports available for $38.00 + tax = $40.60 per person (all ages)

Happenings

11:00 Lagoon Opens
12:00 Mass
3:00 Bingo
6:00 Grand Prize Drawing

8/19 — Charity Gold Tournament. to benefit Utah Catholic Schools. Sponsored by Catholic Business Network. Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. at The Ridge Golf Club. Bishop Oscar A. Solis will attend. Cost: $89 individual/ $340 foursome; includes golf, dinner and libations during dinner. Sponsors, silent auction and raffle items needed. For information, call Dr. Roland Abundo, 801-755-5700; to register, visit https://utahcbn.org.

8/25-26 — Parish Festival — Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, 624 W. Lennox St., Midvale.

9/6 — Bishop’s Dinner. Social 6:00pm - Dinner Program 7:00pm Grand America Hotel. Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop emeritus of Los Angeles, will be the speaker. For information or tickets, contact Patricia Wesson, 801-328-8941 ext. 108.
Like physical health, maintaining financial health requires frequent checkups. Financial needs are a moving target so they must be looked at periodically. We can’t treat our retirement plans with a “set it and forget it” philosophy.

The Knights of Columbus’ portfolio of protection should not be any different. Start by meeting with your local field agent. It will be a friendly encounter that will include a fraternal update and a complimentary financial checkup. Likely, the agent will look at your current financial situation and its impact on your family’s retirement goals, security and general welfare.

He also will discuss the Order’s “Tradition of Protection,” explaining our founding mission and current events. He will talk about benefits relevant to you, and explain how those benefits can augment and safeguard your portfolios. A confidential “Family Service Record” is then updated and individualized recommendations are made.

“The field agent exists solely to ensure your full financial protection.”

The field agent exists solely to ensure your full financial protection. If he finds that you are well-situated, then you have the increased peace of mind that comes from this validation. If he discovers some gap or oversight, then you have an opportunity to implement a remedy before a small problem becomes a disaster. The meeting has no risk and can be a major win.

When members obtain their protection from the K of C, they are availing themselves of exclusive benefits that non-members cannot access. These exclusive benefits not only help their families, but the good works and mission of the Order. If our members are the bone and fiber of the Order, then the insurance is the lifeblood.

Contact us today to learn more about our products.

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus Field Agent Team?

Contact Ken Huard, General Agent, at 719.219.6831 to discuss a potential career as a KofC Field Agent.

“TO WHAT DEGREE”

Fourth Degree News and Views (Continued)

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Over the past six years we have raised over 1.6 million dollars in support of the tuition assistance program to recruit and ordain Catholic priests to serve our military men and women worldwide. To date 46 men have entered the program.

As you know, there is a great shortage of Catholic Chaplains serving our military members and their families. There are 210 active Catholic Chaplains but the military needs another 800.

The need is great yet the Military Archdiocese does not have the funds to recruit and educate the many seminarian candidates willing to serve as chaplains. We need to raise an additional $400,000 by June 20, 2020.

Allow me to quote His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Military Archdiocese when he said, “What a great job the Knights are doing. Thank you so very much for this support for our co-sponsored men! Thank you, too, for all the ways you and your fellow Knights serve the Needs of the AMS. Your generosity is a tremendous blessing to us and those who serve. We are very grateful.”

In the past I have asked state councils, local councils and assemblies, ladies auxiliaries and individuals for their support. Again I ask for a minimum of $25.00 donation from all. I ask those state councils that have charitable funds available to be generous and donate what they can. Pass the “Helmet” at your next meeting or event and you will be surprised at the generosity of our members for this noble and urgent cause.

Together we can make a difference.”
State Programs Update

August 2018 State Program Report

- 1 August—Remember this upcoming deadline: Service Program Personnel Report (#365) http://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/service_personnel365.p.pdf. Please send a copy of the report to State Secretary, Nick Nielson: statesecretary@utahknights.org

- 7-13 August—Knights of Columbus Family Week. Visit http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/family-activities/family-week.html# for information on planning your council’s participation. Family Week is a special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of the family through programs that strengthen the parish community and unite Catholic family life.

- 15 August—Semi-Annual Council Audit is due.

- 19 August—Catholic Day at Lagoon. Discount tickets are $40.60 per person (any age). Mass is at 12:00 PM at the Canyon Terrace Pavilion

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-domesticchurch.pdf . Also, visit http://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/parish-programs/family-fullyalive.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.

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

For the Good of the Order

Richard Vigor (#6966)
Ernesto Ortiz (#12264)
Michael “Gunny” Stephenson (#12181)

For Men and Women in Uniform

We pray for the protection of our family members and friends serving in the Armed Forces and as first responders.

Please include these members and their families in the Good of the Order portion of your monthly council meetings.

If you are aware of a Brother Knight that should be included in this list, please forward his information to the editor: trever.hinckley@outlook.com