# Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Universal - Young People in Africa That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their



## State Update

## own countries. Offered in Solidarity

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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

## State Deputy's Message

Here's a great story about one council's efforts to come together for fellowship, team building and training. Specifically, in preparation for a Supreme Council webinar on "Council Officer Duties Quick Start Training", the officers of St Rose of Lima Council 6010 in Layton decided they would all gather together for the training. The plan was to spend the evening sharing a meal, conduct an officer's meeting, then participate in the webinar with all the officers present. Grand Knight Dennis Martinez contacted me with their idea and plans. This was an opportunity I couldn't pass up to notify Gary Nolan, Fraternal Mission Department, Vice President for Fraternal Education, Training and Ceremonials about 6010's plans. Mr. Nolan, who leads the Supreme webinars, immediately responded back with "Please send me the council members and I'm going to mention some of the councils that are meeting together like that this evening. Thank you!".

As the evening of this event unfolded, the officers met for hamburgers with all the fixings, held their officer's meeting then concluded with the Supreme training which covered all the officer's positions. At the beginning of the presentation, Gary Nolan informed all the participants throughout the world this particular training session had the most Knights registered than any previous webinar. At the conclusion of the session, Gary Nolan personally provided a shout out to "Council 6010 in Layton Utah" for gathering together and participating as the council officer team. Consequently, I highly recommend councils consider this "get together" approach for future training. Congratulations to GK Dennis Martinez who spearheaded the planning and DGK Rick Hartle for opening his home for the Knights to gather (picture below).

Next, these numbers just released from Supreme. 2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide. The survey of charitable giving also showed that monetary donations increased \$8 million from 2016 (+4.5 percent) and service hours grew by 527,550 (+0.7 percent). Year-over-year annual growth in both categories has been consistent over the past two decades. Where do these numbers come from? They are gathered from all the forms, reports and audits that our councils submit. When the information is not submitted, the council's contributions of resources and charitable hours are not captured. That's why it is important to submit the paperwork.

Lastly, regarding membership growth...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. "We have a moral obligation to invite all eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus." Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

Vivat Jesus!

Sneg Keller Greg Keller Utah State Deputy





## "TO WHAT DEGREE"

## Fourth Degree News and Views

#### Thank You

The Utah Knights of Columbus and the John H. Redding Province would like to thank you Worthy Former District Master V.J. Simonelli for all the hard and dedication not only to the Fourth-Degree Knights of the order and to all the Knights of Columbus members in the Utah order. You have served as an example of a great leader and a mentor to all. PSD Andy stated that "V.J. is the hardest working Knight in Utah" and he was right on the money. Once again Brother V.J. Simonelli thank you for all you did, all you do, and all you will continue to do. We love you and God Bless you...

#### The Patriotic Degree Exemplification Team

Rick Kump Greg Keller Joe Nesi Ron Meacham William T. McCauley Stacey Yeager Andy Airress Karl VanMaren Vince Toscan Joe Garcia Todd Holzhauser Chuck Dover, Jr. Bob Masse, Jr. Patrick Dougherty Fr. John Evans Dan Castelli



## "Sir Knight is more than a title...it's an honor."



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#### John H. Reddin Utah District Marshals

Thank Worthy District Marshals for all you did for FDM V.J. and all the support you showed him traveling to the different councils and assemblies to help promote the order. You are the leaders we see at the honor guards and funerals, the leaders who stand tall to be that example for all the generations to follow. Thank you and God Bless you...

District Friar: Rev. John S. Evans Chief District Marshal (East): SK Todd B. Holzhauser

District Marshal (North): SK Dan A. Castelli District Marshal (South): SK William Lund

District Marshal (West): SK Stacey A. Yeager District Marshal (South East): SK Richard Vigor

#### Faithful Navigators

Assembly #2577 Faithful Navigator is now SK William T. McCauley

#### Fourth Degree Programs

**Fourth Degree Scholarship Fund:** All Assemblies and their FN/Comptrollers should have the \$10 booklets FVSM Chuck Dover Jr. mailed out to you. Please pass those around to your members and mail back the payments to the address listed on the envelopes.

**Bilingual Fourth-Degree Exemplification:** November 3rd, 2018 Assembly 3586 and Council 602 will be hosting an English/Spanish Exemplification at the Cathedral of the Madeleine in SLC. Get the word out to your Spanish speaking members.

**Flag Pole Dedication:** All Fourth-Degree members are invited to the flagpole dedication at the Carmelite grounds before the Carmelite Fair. Please come in Classic Regalia or the New Uniform. The ceremony begins at 8:30 am.

#### Quotes

"Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results."

Yours in Christ,

## Francisco "Frank" Carmona

Master of the Fourth Degree

## State Secretary's Corner

## Be Not Afraid

First some administrative things to make you aware of, there are 7 councils that have not submitted their Chosen Officer report (185) to Supreme, and 9 that have not sent a copy to the State. There is also 3 Assemblies that have not sent in their Chosen Officer report (186) to the state. I need this info as soon as possible so I can send out Per Capita Billing and complete the directory.

I had an amazing time at the Supreme convention! One of the things that sticks out to me was the membership seminar on Monday where a State Deputy from another jurisdiction spoke about Online Membership. He admitted he wasn't on board at first and had his concerns. After a few months seeing success and growth, his mind was completely changed and he now finds the value in meeting men where they are (online). This is an amazing way to bring in men to our order and then after they pass a council's admission process, a great way to grow your councils. But this tool only works if you use it.

Success story, council 14399 recently got active with a Facebook page for their council. This new activity got someone interested, and he reached out. The council spoke to the interested candidate and referred him to join online. The candidate joined online and stated he was interested in transferring to that council. The council admission committee "met" and approved the transfer, set a date for an admission degree and within 4 days held the admission degree and had a new member. The Grand Knight sent out a great email to his council explaining the process and how he was amazed how easy it was. The best statement in his email was "times are a changing."

Be not afraid, last month this was part of a gospel reading and the pastor of the church I was attending gave a great homily. His homily hit home for me in regards to the Knights and this new Online Membership program. The pastor talked about change, and to be not afraid of change. Without change you have the status quo, and while the status quo is easy it will lead to not being relevant. Not being relevant with new programs or activities will lead to a decline in recruitment. Decline in recruitment leads to the STGs (same 10 guys) because as people change or priorities change or availability to participate in events change, it will reduce the number of members to run your programs and do the good works we do as Knights.

We must make recruitment a priority to stay relevant, to not burn out the STGs, and to grow. If you aren't growing eventually the council will die out. Why did you join? Did you join a group that will die out or not be around for you, your family, your community? Or did you join to give back, to grow in faith, to belong or have a sense of fraternity with a brotherhood of friends?

Be not afraid... I am with you. Trust that God is with you, will guide you and help you if you are open and not afraid to act, to change. Don't fear change, change is the only constant and the thing that will help us grow. Be not afraid to use this new tool of Online Membership. If you have questions email or call.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson State Secretary

## **Upcoming Degrees**

N:de Nelson

## **Admission Degrees**

9/14 — Hill Air Force Base, Ogden. Chapel Annex. 6pm-7pm, candidates arrive at 5:45pm

10/2 —St. Francis of Assis, Orem. 7:30pm—8:30pm, candidates arrive at 7:00pm

## Formation & Knighthood Degrees

9/8 —Time and Location TBD

10/13 —Tentative, Time and Location TBD

## **Patriotic Degrees**

11/03

-BILINGUAL Cathedral of the Madeline. Information will be posted on utahknights.org

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL PLEDGE OF AID TO MIDDLE EAST CHRISTIANS

8/7/2018

CEO ANNOUNCES NEW INITIATIVES AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

BALTIMORE — Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson today announced \$3 million in charitable gifts, highlighting the K of C's commitment to Catholic and Christian communities around the world.

The gifts – one to a new Catholic school in Baltimore and one to a housing complex for Christian refugees in Iraq – build on the record amounts of financial and volunteer support that members of the Knights of Columbus provided in 2017.

"We will continue to change lives and that by doing so we will continue to change history," said Anderson in a report to approximately 2,000 participants of the Knights' 136th international convention at the Baltimore Convention Center.

The Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus and individual councils contributed \$185 million in charitable contributions, an increase of 5 percent from the previous fraternal year. Individual Knights contributed 75.6 million man hours, an increase of 500,000 and an average of nearly 39 per member.

#### **New Regional Community School**

Anderson announced at the convention that the Knights would donate \$1 million to help complete the first Catholic elementary school opened in Baltimore City in 61 years. K of C Supreme Chaplain William Lori is the archbishop of Baltimore.

Anderson said the school is an extension of the work of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born American saint, whose efforts in Baltimore and elsewhere focused on providing an education to the poor. "Our tradition of American parochial schools can be traced directly to her," Anderson said.

The K-8 school will be more than 66,000square feet and hold 500 students. "It is sure to become a landmark that will serve (Continued on page 4) (Continued from page 3)

students in an area of Baltimore that has not had access to a non-public school in many years," Anderson said.

## Persecuted Christians in the Middle

Anderson also announced a \$2 million gift to complete the McGivney House, a 140-unit apartment building in Erbil that will provide housing for Syriac and Chaldean Catholic families. The Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus will provide \$1 million, and Anderson challenged Knights councils to raise an additional \$1 million.

The McGivney House is named after Knights founder Father Michael McGivney. The money is needed to complete the project and provide key services such as water, electricity and air conditioning.

Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund has committed more than \$19 million to aid persecuted Christians in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region.

At the 2017 Supreme Convention, Anderson asked Knights to raise \$2 million to help rebuild Karamles, a Christian village in Iraq that had been devastated by ISIS. Contributions exceeded that goal.

"Our work in Iraq has brought a message of solidarity and of hope," Anderson said. "It is a message that today no Christian community is an island. Every Christian is 'a piece of the continent.' Every Christian is a member of the Body of Christ. No Christian has been abandoned by the Lord and no Christian should be abandoned by us."

## Membership Memo—Diving Into the New Year

Our order is dependent on growth and it is every Knights responsibility to help with that growth. We as a State have been tasked to grow by 230 members this year and when you break it down we need 19 new members per month to reach our goal. As of this writing we should be at 38 new members but we are currently at a negative 9. We have taken some losses and we expect this to happen throughout the year.

Gentlemen the summer is now over and it is time we got started getting men to help us be the strong supporter of our faith within our parishes. The time is NOW. As I stated at our organizational meeting, don't wait until the last minute. We should be talking to our priests to schedule a membership drive and the sooner the better. September and October are crucial to our Order so let's get our drives scheduled and get us moving in the right direction. The State Officers and DD's are willing to help in any way we can. Just ask and we will be more than happy to come to your drives and assist.

We are getting better on scheduling Admission degrees but currently we only have one scheduled for the remainder of August. Who is going to be the next council to have an admission degree?

Vivat Jesus,

James McManaman Utah State Treasurer, Membership Director statetreasurer@utahknights.org

## 136th Supreme Convention

The 136th Supreme convention was held in Baltimore, Maryland the week of August 6th. Utah was well represented, in attendance were: State Deputy Greg Keller, Immediate Past State Deputy Andy Airriess and wife Giselle, State Chaplain Father Erik Richtsteig, State Secretary Nick Nielson, Council 1129 Grand Knight Chuck Hodell, District Master VJ Simonelli, Past State Deputy Bob Masse and wife Denise, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator Rafael Castillo and wife Laura, and Council 5214 member Jeff Zidek. We were also fortunate that Father Eleazer Silva (pastor of Sacred Heart), Father Jorge Roldan (Pastor of St Peter and Paul), and Deacon Doug Bidegar could join us.

Monday there was some sightseeing and a meeting on Membership that provided some great insights and ideas, such as utilizing Online Membership and recruiting from activities.

Tuesday's opening mass was amazing. There was some 2500 Knights and family members in attendance. More than 100 members of the hierarchy and other clergy concelebrated the mass. Nick Nielson recalled seeing "around 12 Cardinals, 58 Bishops, and too many priests to individually count." The opening procession was something to behold and took approximately 10 minutes just to have the hierarchy and clergy process in. "It was truly moving and beautiful" said Nick Nielson. Later in the day was the opening meeting where a Papal greeting was read and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson gave a great opening address announcing the Order's accomplishments and continued commitment to bring Christ's charity to millions. This year's theme is Knights of Charity. Tuesday night was the States Dinner and is always a good time, sharing the company of our brothers from around the world and each state's song was played/sung for all to enjoy.

Wednesday included a few meetings and Awards highlighting some jurisdiction's accomplishments. Wednesday

night everyone from Utah joined together for a meal and good company.

Thursday was the closing meetings, which included final voting, and passing of resolutions.

Afterwards everyone went back to their jurisdictions, energized and ready to grow the order founded on our first principal of Charity.



## Council % of Membership Goal as of 08/21/2018

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
8350		57%	9561	Michael E Hacking	0%
14399	Wilber Meier	14%	9731	Gabino Chacon	0%
12181	Steven Thatcher	11%	9849	Wayne Bauer	0%
602	Tim Doubt	0%	10304	Gary "Pete" Sorensen	0%
777	Gerald "Jerry" Bedel	0%	10733	Thomas Kelly	0%
1129	Charles Hodell	0%	11246	Pat Mc Donald	0%
1136	Al Christiansen	0%	11479	Larry Page	0%
2611	John Flores	0%	11812		0%
5214	Phil Garcia	0%	12264	Stephen Gillette	0%
5347		0%	12959	Cory Meacham	0%
5502	Wayne Welninski	0%	13297	Timothy Soran	0%
6010	Dennis Martinez	0%	13646		0%
6147	Tim Peczuh	0%	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	0%
6739	Barry Stine	0%	14764	Benjamin Frost	0%
6966	Michael Carmody	0%	15418	Dick Hall	0%
7401		0%	15741	Jose Palestino	0%
7961	Andy Airriess	0%	16006		0%
8606	John Mau	0%	16127	Alan Gibson	0%

## District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 08/21/2018

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
6	Jerry Angus	21%	11	Frank Lesar	0%
3	Dan Reading	8%	8	Harry Polland	0%
2	Ray Salazar	0%	9	Billy Sandoval	0%
4	Frank Carmona	0%	10	Peter Abercrombie	0%
5	Cole Stapley	0%	1	Dan Castelli	0%
7	Art Grant	0%			

## **Happenings**

9/2-9/7 — Eucharistic Adoration – Saint Vincent de Paul Parish. Please join our parish community for 40 hours of adoration Sept. 2-7:

Sunday, Sept. 2, 12:30 - 4:45 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Thursday, Sept. 6, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Friday, Sept. 7, 9:30 am - 4:15 pm followed by Benediction.

For information, contact Ildiko Haycock, St. Vincent de Paul Parish office, 801.272.9216.

- 9/4 —Catholic Church teachings on the death penalty. 7:00pm, St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center. Fr. John Norman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, will speak on the Catholic Church's teachings on the death penalty in St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center's gathering space. All are welcome.
- 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.
- —Carmelite Fair. The Carmelite Nuns are hosting their annual Fair on Sunday, Sept 16. This event provides the Nuns with their primary source of income for the upcoming year. Donations are being accepted and can be made in the form of new items or gift cards for the Silent Auction, Live Auction or General Store, the purchase of raffle tickets for the car or other raffle items, participating in the 5K Run the morning of the event, or a monetary contribution to the Nuns. Items can be dropped off at the Monastery at 5714 Holladay Blvd or mailed in. Come join the fun and attend the Carmelite Fair. For more information contact Sherry Walker at 801.718.8312.
- 10/5 —Religious Appreciation Dinner. 6:00pm—9:00pm, Jeremiah's Restaurant (Ogden). Religious Appreciation Dinner hosted by Msgr. Cushnahan Assembly 1429 at Jeremiah's Restaurant I15 and 12th St Ogden. www.jeremiahsutah.com

\$22/meal (Yankee Pot Roast or Atlantic Grilled Salmon). Cash bar available.

RSVP must be received by Friday, September 28, 2018 so that proper count can be provided to restaurant. Andy Beck: andybeck427@gmail.com, 909-731-4584 call/text

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## Insurance Assurance—Peace of Mind

Can your family survive without you?

It is an uncomfortable question, but an important one. How would your wife replace your income? What would happen to the house? How would your children pay for college?

As fathers, it is our job to make sure our families are well protected and well prepared. Of course, this duty — along with all of the other responsibilities that come with the vocation of fatherhood — can appear overwhelming. Our vocation begins to feel like a burden; it seems we will never again experience peace of mind, let alone financial protection.

Fortunately, as members of the Knights of Columbus, you have exclusive access to a tremendous set of fraternal benefits that can help you to achieve peace of mind and provide the protection that your family needs and deserves.

Life insurance is a powerful tool that — properly structured — can help you secure your family's future. As a Knight, you have access to a whole host of life insurance products that can be either permanent or temporary (called "term").

## "As fathers, it is our job to make sure our families are well protected and well prepared."

Permanent life insurance is the Knights of Columbus' signature product. It provides money to your family when you die and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's dynamic.

Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It's simple and straightforward.

Both are designed for peace of mind.

#### Who needs it?

Life insurance may be an ideal solution for you if you are interested in:

- Providing money for your final expenses to remove the burden from your family.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of your untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Enabling your loved ones to pay off your personal debt like credit card or auto loan debt should you pass away suddenly.
- Leaving a donation to a charity or special interest after your death.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes that occur after you die.

Knights of Columbus life insurance products are flexible to fit your needs.

As fathers, we simply want the peace of mind that comes with knowing our families will be okay. With a well-designed life insurance product, peace of mind is possible. By doing business with the Knights of Columbus, you have the added comfort of knowing that you are supporting a Catholic organization and business that invests ethically and gives generously.

September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to contact your Knights of Columbus field agent and lay out a plan to help obtain peace of mind for you and your family.

Contact us today to learn more about our products.





## State Programs Update

### September 2018 State Program Report

#### **Program Spotlight - FAITH IN ACTION:**

- \* Faith in Action replaces Surge with Service. You will need to educate yourselves with Faith in Action in order to stay on top of your reports this year. There are several ways to do this; Visit kofc.org for information and resources, attend the Webinars that are available, continue to use Catholic Information Service (CIS) as a continuing resource, and reach out to your State Officers for additional help and understanding.
- \* Gentlemen we may not be ready but it is time. Fall is around the corner, and this brings many of our amazing programs. Now is the time to order your Church Drive Kits. You also need to discuss at your Council meeting how many coats you would like to order this year for Utah's children, and send in your order and payment. Orders are due September 15th. Thank you in advance for your participation.
- \* The Soccer challenge is also upon us. Make sure you have ordered your kits and be attentive to your emails. Additional information with dates and locations will be coming.

**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