

# STATE UPDATE



## UTAH KNIGHTS OF

## COLUMBUS LEADERS

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### State Deputy's Message

We have now begun a new year and many of councils have some new people in leadership positions. I hope you have established your goals and are well on your road to success. When you think of success do not think just of the charity you can support but of the members, your families, and your community. They can all benefit by the sharing of service, working together as brothers on a common cause, and the joy and pride that we develop.

The programs we support or provide “**Change Lives and Save Lives**”. We can take pride in our accomplishments and right now you and your officer team are setting yourselves for the success of the upcoming year. Some councils take the summer off but right now you should be using your officer team to prepare for the upcoming year. You and your officers should be mapping your route to success.

At the Organization meeting, we talked of how you measure your success during the upcoming year. I hope you have begun your journey to success as a leader and a council. Some of what we discussed is setting yourself up for success and how we do that. We discussed some aids to achieve that success were a budget, calendar, and picking your team to lead your programs.

A budget is something businesses large and small use and even households benefit with a budget. A budget is a tool which sets up how you will run your council. Your budget is a means of measure and you can use the previous year's incomes and expenses to set reasonable targets. It contains your list of charities, how much you plan to give, and how you plan to support that charity. It can streamline your meetings because with a budget you know how much you can spend and have approved it so you won't need to bring it up at every meeting on an individual basis

A calendar sets up when you plan to have your events, fundraisers, and other activities. You can fit into your parish calendar so you are not in conflict with your parish or priest and his goals. You can make sure you have the resources to have a successful event. You can

### State Chaplain's Summation

I saw the following quote from Henri Nouwen that I found very beneficial. I am quoting it in its entirety.

“Those who are waiting (in Scripture) are waiting very actively. They know that what they are waiting for is growing from the ground on which they are standing. That's the secret. The secret of waiting is the faith that the seed has been planted, that something has begun. Active waiting means to be present fully to the moment, in the conviction that something is happening. A waiting person is a patient person. The word “patience” means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in the belief that something hidden there will be manifest to us. Impatient people are always expecting the real thing to happen somewhere else. The moment is empty. But patient people dare to stay where they are. Patient living means to live actively in the present and wait there.”

*Henri Nouwen, “The Spirituality of Waiting”*

**Rev. James Blaine**

Utah State Chaplain

schedule facilities and make sure you have the manpower and your chairs know when to start planning. It can also make sure you spread out your events so you aren't crowding too many events in a short time. You also want to make sure you do not forget the social aspect of our brotherhood and reward you members and their families socially with events to strengthen that bond.

Your Personnel Program Report 365 is due to Supreme on August 1. A vital cog in your council success is having the right person as chairman. When you prepare the budget and calendar you have a list of items and events which means you also have a list of leadership positions. Some of these are easy because they did the job the previous year. For others you have an opportunity to develop new leaders within your council. Remember that the State Council and your District Deputies are a resource so do not neglect that avenue.

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Membership is a vital key in everything you do. You have the members who joined to help support the charities and by getting them involved you don't worry about retention. New members give the additional manpower so you don't burn out the men you already have. New members also bring new ideas and energy to improve and possibly increase the charity we provide. We have been talking "**One New Member per Council per Month**" for a few years now. Always remember that this is more of an idea than a goal. It reminds us we should be looking for opportunities all year long to share the benefits we receive from knighthood.

Use the time you have now to make your year a success. What I have talked about are tools and there are a lot more tools you can use. We can all take pride in our charities and the work we do. As leaders we have the responsibility to provide the charity but we also must give our membership an avenue to fulfill their goals through those charities.

Good luck in the upcoming year and let's make this a year we can remember and reflect on with pride..

Vivat Jesus.



Jerry Hanten

State Deputy

### From Our Supreme Knight

A central teaching of the Second Vatican Council is that every Christian is called to holiness. And since the family is the primary community in which a person matures, it is clear that the Christian family should be a place in which we are helped to grow in holiness.

For this reason, when the Christian family takes up the task "to become what it is" — a living icon in our world of God's own communion — the family stands at the heart of the Church's mission of evangelization. And when the family responds in this way to the design of the Creator, it truly becomes a "domestic church."

In the months ahead, the Knights of Columbus will launch a new initiative in which I invite every Knights of Columbus family and council to participate. Titled "Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive," this initiative will help our families better become what they are called to be.



### Silver Rose

The **Silver Rose** is a program supported by the Supreme office and is a method of active participation. It is a relay where the silver rose is passed from state to state in support of life.

The "Running of the Silver Rose" tradition began in 1960 as an initiative of the members of the Columbian Squires, the youth arm of the Knights of Columbus. The roses, symbols of unity among the peoples in the Americas, are also symbols of the pro-life movement of which the Knights is heavily involved. The program's devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe stems from the fact that she is considered the patroness of the pro-life movement. The rose's final destination is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Each part of the bouquet has an important meaning. The five roses (one of the three is a bouquet of three roses) represent the five decades in which this tradition has been in place. The seven guides carrying the roses represent the sacraments of the Catholic faith and the ways to approach God. The thorns represent all the efforts and sacrifices of the Columbian Squires and Knights of Columbus along the way. And the strong stem represents faith.

Of the six roses traveling throughout the order, our rose began its journey in British Columbia and will finish in Laredo Texas where all the roses will meet. As it travels through the state of Utah, a prayer service for the sanctity of life is performed. Please contact your District Deputy to see what you can do to provide support for this worthy cause. We will be receiving the Silver Rose from Arizona on August 24<sup>th</sup> and passing it along to Colorado on September 14<sup>th</sup>. During this period, the rose will travel around Utah and we will show our active support for the sanctity of life.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to share in this Order wide endeavor.

## Immediate Past State Deputy's Message

Thank all of you for the support and encouragement that you've given me and your state officers. I know at times it seems like all we are saying is recruit, recruit, and recruit some more, your right we do. Our membership here in Utah these past two years has grown by over 500 men, we are at 3410, if we continue to ask every eligible man to join our order, and we may reach 5% of the Catholic male population in Utah.

The programs we support are a reflection of our Catholic values and our order's main principle, charity, and that comes from caring hearts. I've mentioned "The Power of One" many times and believe that one person reaching out to another and that person reaches out and so on and so on. This success will catch on with thousands of men helping each other.

Knights of Columbus are stewards of our church, we give of our time, we share our talents and we give of our treasures. Remember to also give of yourself in prayer. We all need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and other religious. Brothers, we welcome our newest Priest, Father Jorge Roldán and welcome home Father Christopher Gray from Italy. Both these men are fellow brother Knights.

Father Jonathan Kalisch, O.P., director of Chaplains and Spiritual development wrote: The role of the chaplain to assist our brother Knights in ensuring that every activity of our councils look beyond any self-referential limits to the frontiers of those on the margins, both material and spiritual – especially those activities that bring the Gospel "to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him." Our brother Knights are called to live the missionary spirit that faithfully proclaims the Gospel of Love by a witness that attracts and evangelizes through the example of fraternal communion. Utah Knights of Columbus have this dynamic relationship between charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and leads us forward towards the new evangelization in our order. We encounter God's perfect charity, unity, and fraternity in the holy Eucharist, the great sacrament of our Lord's heart.

Vivat Jesus,

Robert Massé, Jr. IPSD

## State Secretary's Corner

Nobody knows everything. It would take an ocean to contain all that I don't know about the Knights of Columbus. But, when I need to know something about our order, its history, procedures, members, and other things, I have a pretty good idea of who to ask to help me get to where I want to go. These good men are as far away as my phone.

There is no shame in ignorance. Being ignorant simply means there is something you don't know. Being ignorant is a matter of circumstance. Remaining ignorant is a matter of choice. If there is something you want to know about the Knights, whether it be ordering, event planning, membership recruitment, allowable dress for a degree team, and more, there is a whole group of men who would be glad to help you; your district deputies and state officers. We have been where you are now; we know what it was like to be a council officer and suddenly being the go-to guy on a dozen new fronts. The good news is with the knowledge you seek in hand, you can achieve wonderful things; helping improve your council, parish, and community. YOU can change lives and save lives.

State officers change jobs every two years and if we did not have the previous office holder to help us ease into our new position we would all be hurting. I can tell you from current experience that without Jerry Hanten to lean on when moving into the State Secretary position I'd be going crazy right now. That's one reason why I do what I can to help Rick Kump out with his new treasurer duties, and Rick has helped Greg Keller, and Greg, Sean Wink.

In our 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplification we are urged to help our fellow man because, in part, we may need help ourselves in the future. Your district deputy and state officer team takes this responsibility seriously. We have all asked for help in the past, and now it is our turn to give.

Vivat Jesus!

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## State Program Updates

The **State Soccer Challenge** is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 20th. For updates, look for an email or visit the state web site. Contact: Patrick Dougherty, [patrickdougherty123@comcast.net](mailto:patrickdougherty123@comcast.net) 801-870-0178.

The **State Poster Contest** is just around the corner. This is an easy, simple program that can build a lot of support for your council and its events in your parish.

The **State Essay Contest** - Sponsor the Essay Contest at schools in your communities and in your parish CCD classes. The essay contest is a creative way to encourage young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Faith. For both the essay and poster contests, contact: Tom Giron, [giron58@msn.com](mailto:giron58@msn.com) 801-867-3347.

**Coats for Kids** is entering its fundraising stage. Council funds? Great! Fundraising in the parish? Even better? Try passing the hat at a bingo or, with the approval of your pastor, making a pulpit announcement. Start now by collecting gently used coats and plan fund raiser(s) to purchase coats this fall for distribution in December. Contact: Ray Lopes, PSD and Coats for Kids Chairman, 801-550-8353 [rrsknj@msn.com](mailto:rrsknj@msn.com)

**Special Olympics:** Supreme Knight Carl Anderson formally announced a donation to cover the costs of athletes from the United States and Canada during their time in Los Angeles for next year's Special Olympics World Games. The Knights' \$1.4 million sponsorship will cover the costs of food, transportation and entertainment for every athlete from the two countries during their time in Los Angeles.

Utah Knights will be hosting a dine to donate event at Texas Roadhouse Monday, August 25th. Visit the state web site at [uthaknights.org](http://uthaknights.org) for more information

The **Silver Rose** relay will be in Utah August 24 through September 14. This unique program supporting the culture of life is detailed earlier in this update. Contact your District Deputy for more information.

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