State Deputy’s Message

Mid-Year Meeting and Saving Lives

The Mid-Year Meeting plans have been finalized. The meeting will be held Saturday, 11 January 2020 at the St Ambrose Parish in south Salt Lake City. Grand Knight Dick Hall and the members of Council 15418 will be hosting the day’s activities. Also, this is the new home council for our Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Erik Richtsteig so we’re taking the show to him. Your state officers are looking forward to conducting this meeting and sharing the status of what’s been going on throughout the state the first six months of this fraternal year and review and make plans for the remaining six months. Agendas, meals and other planning tools have been provided to the District Deputies and state leadership.

Next, you have heard over the past few years how the Knights “Change Lives and Save Lives”. We change lives by making men better Catholics, husbands and fathers. We also save lives through our ultrasound initiative program. To that end, I’m very proud to announce the third new ultrasound machine (replacing the outdated machine) in Brigham City will be dedicated on 13 December. Two other machines are already up and running and saving the lives of the unborn in Salt Lake City and Park City. But, how are we doing as a society in changing the beliefs and attitudes to protect the innocent. Here is some information gathered by The Marist Poll during 12-17 February of this year. In just one month, Americans have made a sudden and dramatic shift away from the pro-choice position and toward a pro-life stance. The shift was led by Democrats and those under 45 years old according to the survey in the wake of efforts in several states to legalize abortion up until birth. “Current proposals that promote late-term abortion have reset the landscape and language on abortion in a pronounced – and very measurable – way,” said Barbara Carvalho, director of The Marist Poll.

In a substantial, double-digit shift, Americans are now as likely to identify as pro-life (47 percent) as pro-choice (47 percent). The February poll also found Americans more likely to identify as pro-choice than as pro-life by 17 percentage points (55 to 38 percent). Democrats moved in their pro-life identity from 20 percent to 34 percent. “The recent legal changes to late-term abortion and the debate which followed have not gone unnoticed by the general public,” said Carvalho. “In just one month, there has been a significant increase in the proportion of Americans who see themselves as pro-life and an equally notable decline in those who describe themselves as pro-choice.” This is the first time since 2009 that as many or more Americans have identified as pro-life as have identified as pro-choice. More than a third of Democrats (35 percent) as well as two-thirds of Republicans (67 percent) identify as pro-life. Independents divide (49 percent pro-life, 48 percent pro-choice).

“Arguments in favor of late-term abortion are simply not convincing the American people,” said Carl Anderson, CEO of the Knights of Columbus, the organization that sponsored the survey. “If anything, since these proposals have been unveiled, people are moving noticeably in the pro-life direction. It is now clear that these radical policies are being pursued despite the opposition of the majority of Americans of both parties.”

In conclusion, thank you all very much for your support to our Culture of Life efforts. Here in Utah, the 5th Annual March for Life at the Utah State Capital Building will be held on Saturday, January 25th at 1:00 PM. Information is currently available on the state web site calendar; please visit UtahKnights.org/Calendar.

Once again, looking forward to seeing and sharing with you at the Mid-Year Meeting on 11 January at St Ambrose.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller
Utah State Deputy

Special points of interest

The Mid-Year Meeting will be held on January 11th, one week after it is normally expected
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!

The Utah District would like to take a moment to thank you for your service!!! Thank you for staying up late while we sleep, thank you for taking out the trash while we watch football, thank you for keeping us safe at home while we enjoy time with family, thank you for the hope and freedom you have given us every day of our lives. We love all, and God Bless you!!!

SOCKS FOR HEROS!!!

Brother Knights and Wonderful Ladies, we need your help!!! We need all our efforts forth to help those less fortunate U.S. Veterans obtain a NEW pair of warm winter socks. It is cold out there, and they need our help. Last year we collected over 8500 pairs of winter socks; this year, the goal is the same or higher, and we have fallen behind. Please donate to your Assemblies and Councils so that you’re District Marshals can gather them up for distribution. Or call/text Larry Sisneros @ 801-440-8101 or Frank Carmona 801-493-9779; we will be more than happy to pick them up. The delivery of socks will be set sometime January 6th, 2020 at the SLC VA Hospital. If you are up north or down south and have local VA Homes to distribute, please keep them and distribute as you see fit, send me a sock count...

One out of three homeless people is a U.S. Veteran; CHANCES ARE ONE OF THEM SERVED OUR COUNTRY! Everyone can give a little; Mail your donations to the District Masters Fund @ 1761 W Western Charm Dr. Riverton, UT 84065.

Clergy Only Patriotic Exemplifications

When: April 22, 2020
Where: Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church 1375 Spring Ln, Salt Lake City, UT 84117
Please invite all Deacons, Priest, MSRs, and other Clergy members that are no part of the Patriotic Degree. We will provide dinner after the Degree. Open to all current 4th Degree Members to witness the degree. Faithful Navigators and Grand Knights please accompany your Clergy to this ceremony.

Requirements to advance to the Patriotic Degree are current Third (3rd) Degree Knight in good standing, $70 fee, wear a dark suit or tuxedo, tie, black shoes, dress shirt, and a completed Form 4 (NO JEANS or POLO SHIRTS).

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

Yours in Christ,

Francisco “Frank” Carmona
Master of the Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree Exemplifications

WHEN: March 21, 2020
WHERE: St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
725 S 250 E, Hyde Park, UT 84318

WHEN: June 13, 2020
WHERE: Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
4501 West 5215 South, Kearns, UT 84118
State Secretary's Corner

Persistence

We as leaders in the Knights of Columbus, as with anything we truly want to get better or accomplish, need to show persistence. The question is what do we want to accomplish? Once you know that, then you can show persistence. A few weeks ago, in the gospel we heard about a man that was persistent in his desire to see Jesus, and then heard how it paid off for that man. The priest giving the homily that week talked about how that is what we are tasked with, we need to be persistent. Persistence with prayer and our faith will be rewarded.

For me I applied this to being a Knight, we need to be persistent in asking a man to join. Everyone has that “right time” to join and when you asked last time maybe it wasn’t the right time, but if you are persistent and continue to try and grow your councils you will catch men at that “right time.”

There are 15 councils that have not recruited a new member this year. That is almost half of the councils in the state... Be persistent, new members equal new ideas and an additional help to do the great things your councils do. At the very least it will be a new friend/brother in faith.

Being persistent doesn’t just apply to asking men to join. I believe we need to do this for everything we are trying to do or that is worth doing. Here is me being persistent in regard to councils filling out forms. We have 5 councils that have not submitted their Chosen Officer report (form 185), those councils are 2611, 11812, 12959, 15741, 16006.

We have 11 councils that have not submitted their Program Personnel report (form 365), those councils are 602, 1136, 2611, 5347, 7401, 8606, 11812, 12264, 12959, 15741, 16006. Please get these submitted as soon as possible.

Council Audits (Form 1295) are due twice a year. Here is a list of the 10 Councils that need to submit the last audit that was due 8/1: 777, 2611, 5502, 7401, 11812, 12959, 13646, 15741, 16006. Half of these have missed 2 or more of the previous audits. This can put the council in jeopardy and could result in a loss of bonding.

Being persistent can be frustrating, especially when there is no change. There really hasn’t been much change in the request for these forms to be submitted or the request to help grow the order and fulfill the vision of our founder. My hope is that we all will be rewarded, and these things will be accomplished. If you need help with these forms, recruiting or church drives please reach out to me, your DD, or any of the State Officers.

Reflecting on being thankful, having just celebrated Thanksgiving with my family, I am truly thankful for you... my brother Knights. As we enter the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas, I wish you and your families all the best and please know you are in my prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
State Secretary
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

A SURE PATH FOR RENEWAL

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We should keep in mind Burke’s recommendation of prudence. In the foreseeable future, however, the most important of the cardinal virtues may not be prudence but fortitude, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines as “the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good” (1808).

And as St. Thomas Aquinas taught, fortitude is dependent upon yet another virtue: justice — certainly today, justice for the victims of sexual abuse and their families as well as justice for the People of God.

Indeed, all four of the cardinal virtues — prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance — will be necessary to achieve “correction” while preserving the unity of the Church.

In Spe Salvi, Pope Benedict further reminded us: “God is the foundation of hope. ... His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope” (31).

In the days ahead, therefore, let us rededicate ourselves to the practice of the moral virtues and pray for an increase in faith, hope and charity. In this way, we will continue to move forward, meeting whatever challenges may arise.

The Lord remains in the midst of his people, and he will never abandon us. He calls us to unity. He calls us to virtue. And in him, we will find a sure path for renewal.
Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge

WHAT IS THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN’S MONTHLY CHALLENGE?

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge is ideally done during monthly Knights of Columbus meetings, but can be done in a separate group or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

This Month’s Challenge—December, 2019

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: “A voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’” (Gospel for Dec. 8, Mt 3:1-3)

We are all familiar with the sense of panic that sets in when guests are due to arrive at our home. With people coming any minute, we rush to finish the cleaning and make the final preparations. My brother Knights, in this Gospel passage we find John the Baptist racing through the house, calling on everyone to prepare for the guest of a lifetime: Jesus Christ. This is our common task every day of Advent: to inspect every corner of our spiritual house and clean out the clutter, for Christ’s arrival is at hand. Let us pray for the grace to repent and prepare our souls for the coming of our Lord.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to fast or abstain from meat one day a week to prepare for Christ’s coming. Second, I challenge you to help prepare for Christ’s coming through the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program or by simply wishing others a “Merry Christmas.”

Questions for Reflection:

How does treating Advent as a time of repentance and preparation change how we understand and celebrate Christmas? What is one practical way you are shifting the focus from materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving this season? How can I remind others of the joy of Christmas during this time of year?
State Programs Update

* Our Science Fair and Free Throw Competition information will be coming soon. Please start planning on a Council level.
* The Holidays are upon us Brothers, use this time to do a helping hands activity or any charitable activity to ensure that a Brother or Sister of God and their Family receive the love that they deserve.
* The due date for our Catholic Essay Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is 11/29/19. Please send your entries with a completed entrant form to Ryan Graveley 7658 W. Washington Road Magna, UT 84044
* I would like to congratulate the participating Councils and winning Family of the Family of the Month awards for the month of October.

October 2019
Participants: 1136 and 10304
Family of the Month Winner
Bruce Rolie Council 1136
As of 11/1/19 Supreme will only be selecting one winner per month per State for the Family of the Month.

State Program Updates see all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state. http://utahknights.org/.

Ryan Graveley
State Warden and Program Director
What is it?

Long-term care insurance helps you pay for your extended medical needs in a nursing home facility or in the comfort of your own home.

Who needs it?

Long-term care insurance should be an important part of every family’s planning. While we’d like to think that we will never need long-term care, or that we could easily afford it the statistics suggest otherwise:

- 70 percent of people over age 65 will need some type of long-term care services during their lifetime.[1]
- 3 years is the average duration of long-term care needed per individual.[2]
- $91,250 is the average annual cost of private nursing home care.[3]
- $80,300 is the average annual cost of at-home nursing care.[4]

Traditional medical insurance programs and government medical insurance programs don’t usually provide enough help. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays for long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, with a copay after the 20th day, and only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level, and you meet state requirements.[5]

How does it work?

Knights of Columbus Long-Term Care insurance policies establish a pool of money (also known as a maximum lifetime benefit), which is determined by a number of options that you choose from (see below). That pool of money is then available for you to use to cover qualified long-term care expenses. When the pool of money is exhausted, your long-term care policy ends.

The Knights of Columbus also offers a spousal discount program, through which spouses who apply for long-term care insurance coverage together are eligible for up to a 30 percent discount.

What options do I have?

Coverage Type

- Comprehensive Coverage – Comprehensive long-term care insurance allows you to use the policy to help cover expenses at home or in a skilled nursing facility.
- Facility-Only Coverage – Facility-only long-term care insurance helps cover expenses in a skilled nursing or assisted living facility.

Benefit Period

- 3-Year – Establish a maximum lifetime benefit designed to help cover three years of long-term care expenses.
- 5-Year – Establish a maximum lifetime benefit designed to help cover five years of long-term care expenses.
- 10-Year – Establish a maximum lifetime benefit designed to help cover 10 years of long-term care expenses.

Daily Benefit

Working with your Knights of Columbus field agent, you establish the daily benefit amount that the policy provides, based on your budget and your projected need. Your daily benefit amount, combined with your benefit period, will determine your maximum lifetime benefit, all of which will affect your premium.

Elimination Period

Long-term care insurance policies come with an elimination period, which serves as your deductible or out-of-pocket amount. You can select a 30, 90, or 180-day one-time, lifetime elimination period, after which time your benefits will begin to be paid.

Additional Features and Benefits

A number of special features and benefits – often called riders – are available on Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance products. An example is the compound inflation rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit annually.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our long-term care insurance products and the safety and security that we can help provide.
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District Deputy Midyear Meeting Agenda
Friday, January 10, 2020
6:00 PM – 8:45 PM
Vaughan Center, Saint Ambrose Parish
1923 S. 2300 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84108

6:00 PM Welcome and Introductions
6:10 PM Opening Prayer
    Pledge of Allegiance

6:15 PM Dinner
    https://squareup.com/store/UT-KofC-Mtps
    $15/person (BBQ and vegan options)

7:00 PM Ladies Excused.

7:05 PM District Deputy Training
    How District Deputies Can Help Drive Growth
    How District Deputies Can Help Set the Tone on Council Experience
    How District Deputies Can Help Councils Put Their Faith in Action

8:40 PM Closing Remarks
    Closing Prayer

8:45 PM Adjourn

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8:00 to 9:00 AM Breakfast (Social Hall) \{RSVP is required\}
9:00 to 9:20 AM Rosary (Social Hall)

9:30 AM Meeting Comes to Order (Social Hall)
10:45 AM Break
12:00 PM Lunch (Social Hall) \{RSVP is required\}
2:45 PM Break

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Fr. Erik Richtsteig, State Chaplain
Ryan Graveley, State Warden
State Council Officers and Wives
District Deputies and Wives
District Wardens and Wives
Regional Growth Director, Ray Lopez, PSD
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9:00 to 9:20 AM Rosary (Social Hall)

9:30 AM Meeting Comes to Order (Social Hall)
  Warden’s Report on Membership Cards
  Opening Prayer
  Pledge of Allegiance
9:35 AM Chaplain Remarks
9:50 AM Presentation on Vocations
10:05 AM Report of State Deputy Midyear Meeting
10:15 AM Membership Recruitment, 2020 Membership Drives
10:35 AM Online Membership Status

10:45 AM Break
11:00 AM Council Growth and Delta Church Drive
11:45 AM Fraternal Benefits

12:00 PM Lunch (Social Hall) {RSVP is required}
1:00 PM Faith in Action Programs Update
  Faith, Family, Community, and Life

1:30 PM L’Arche Program in Salt Lake City
1:45 PM Report of Ceremonial Directors Meeting in Orlando
2:00 PM Financial Secretaries Breakout Training (Vaughn Center)
2:00 PM Office of Youth Protection Compliance
2:20 PM Fourth Degree Report

2:45 PM Break {and Financial Secretaries return}
3:00 PM Adopt a Parish Initiative
3:15 PM 2020 State Convention Update
3:25 PM Wrap-up Remarks
3:35 PM Wrap-up Remarks
3:40 PM Closing Prayer
3:45 PM Adjourn

5:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

6:30 PM Social
7:00 PM Dinner (Social Hall) {RSVP is required}

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Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
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Social Hall
** Business Dress **
** RSVP for meals due by Friday, 03-JAN-2020 **
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