

HOW MUCH SHOULD MY COUNCIL GIVE?

Each year it has been the custom for each council to give donations toward four major programs. The donations are given to the State Council and then at our State Convention the State Council makes these donations on behalf of the Utah Knights of Columbus to the Diocese of Salt Lake. Throughout the year we work on projects for our parishes and our communities. Once a year at our convention we take a moment and acknowledge our Diocese. There has always been some reluctance to give support by some councils and some very positive support by others. So, how much should my council give?

CHRISTOPHER FUND- for the support of our men in formation to become priests and other needs of the bishop. Funds are held at a special account with the Supreme Council. Suggestion of \$5.00 per each new member quota as stated by Supreme. If you don't meet your quota, you still have the expectation of contributing \$5.00 per quota member.

Example	
New member quota/goal	Dollar Amount
7	\$35

VOCATIONS FUND- for educating, promoting, and recruiting new seminarians for the priesthood. This fund has been used by the bishop of the diocese to help host Ordinations. Suggested contribution is on schedule below.

CULTURE OF LIFE FUND- (formerly pro-life) this fund is to uphold the sanctity of life in all stages. This fund was established to support pro-life, covering abortion and euthanasia. Its fund name comes from St. John Paul II, who urged "Culture of Life" to include upholding the sanctity of marriage. Suggested contribution is on schedule below.

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND- to provide higher education assistance to our graduating seniors. As we know our youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow. Education is more and more a necessity in the formula for success. Suggested contribution is on schedule below.

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS	
1-50 council members	\$35
51-100 council members	\$50
101-150 council members	\$100
151-200 council members	\$150
201 + council members	\$175

In reality if every council gave at the very least, the minimum suggestion for each fund, we would bolster many of the areas where our diocese has needs, especially in the area of vocations. Every council should prepare throughout the fraternal year as to how they will play their part. Each year the State Council looks forward to presenting these financial gifts to the bishop of our diocese at our convention. They are a testament to the continued support of the Utah Knights of Columbus.

Of course, there is nothing to stop your council from giving more, and we are grateful to those that do. Please include these funds in your budget and make them a part of your financial plans every year. **Please mail your contributions to the State Secretary before April 25th.**