



Utah State Update



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year (again) and Merry Christmas! Brothers we did it, we made it to 2021. This past year has had its challenges to say the least but I would like to thank you for your support and efforts. The question now is what can we do with 2021?

Despite 2020's challenges we have done some amazing things and I think it is important to reflect on those to know what we can do moving forward. The challenges we have faced are opportunities if we look at them as such and act on them. One prime example was the windstorm we had, the chaos and damage allowed the Knights here in Utah an opportunity to come together and support our Carmelite sisters. Over the course of 3 Saturdays, we had 50 plus Knights and family members come together to do the manual work of charity. I was so moved seeing over 20 councils represented. We also combined efforts with Supreme and were able to donate \$8,000 to assist them, and that number continues to increase as we are still collecting donations.

The Native American community was hit very hard by the Coronavirus and the Knights in Utah again took this challenge as an opportunity. Our council in Cedar City has made several runs over to an area hit very hard by this pandemic bringing thousands of pounds of food and supplies; and our council in Magna took their own trip to support another area affected. At the state level we collected donations from councils and individuals and were able to give over \$6,700 to help in this time of need.

While the pandemic forced us to change the way we do things for our Coats for Kids distributions, we still found other ways to support our Utah community and gave out over 750 coats. This was more than we gave out last year; and we also raised more money than in previous years totaling just over \$7,000.

These are just 3 examples of things done, with your support, at the state level; and I'm sure there are many more examples at the local level of things you are doing like a drive through spaghetti dinner in Vernal, breakfast burritos to go in North Ogden, or coffee and donuts outside and socially distanced in Taylorsville. We will be discussing things like this at the Midyear Meeting and I hope you share your successes and ideas with the entire state.

Our state Midyear Meeting as you know will be held virtually on January 9th; I think we had an amazing kick off Organizational Meeting virtually back in June and this Midyear Meeting should be equally as good. If you have not registered yet there is still a few days and you can register by clicking this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/20-21UTMidYearMtgRegistration>

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Midyear Meeting and making this year one of our best ever despite the challenges we face. Let's focus on what we can do, not what we can't. Thank you for all you do and will do!

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
Utah State Deputy



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Offered in Solidarity
with Pope Francis



THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

The Holy Name of Jesus, is celebrated on January 3. The first ten days of January fall during the [Christmas](#) liturgical season, which has the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of [Ordinary Time](#), which has the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2021: UTAH CAR PARADE

On Saturday, January 30, 2021, at 11:00 AM, there will be a "March for Life Car Rally". It will start at the Utah State Capitol parking area and proceed down State Street to Sandy, Utah. Approximate time to drive from the State Capitol to Sandy will be 2 hours. Time will depend on the number of vehicles in the rally.

Those participating in the rally should be at the State Capitol between 9:30 – 10 AM so that we can gather together in one area to organize our vehicles. The Knights, with their family and friends, will assemble as one big group. Please try and car pool for the rally and decorate your vehicle with Pro-Life signs or other appropriate, non-offensive, signage. Our support as Knights of Columbus for this March for Life Car Rally is paramount in support and protection of the unborn child.

Radio Station KTALK, **1640 AM**, will be broadcasting the guest speakers during the car rally.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 801-602-4405, or check the website at www.March4LifeUtah.org

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Van Parys, PGK, PFN
Utah Life Director

OTHER 2021 LIFE ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 17, 2021, 2:00 PM, **Bilingual Rosary for Life** at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Salt Lake City.

Friday, January 22, 2021, 6:00 PM, Diocesan Extended Novena for an End to Abortion concludes with a **Mass for the Unborn and Ceremony of Light** at the Cathedral of the Madeline. Fourth Degree Honor Guard requested.

January 21-29, 2021, **Novena for Life**. The USCCB Novena is open to everyone, and you can register to receive daily prayer reminders (by text or email) directly on their website at www.9daysforlife.com

Collecting funds for an ultrasound machine for the Pro-Life Utah mobile van. Send donations to State Secretary Bill Kelly (address below).

JUDGES NEEDED FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR

The 25th Annual **Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science and Engineering Fair** will be held online this year on Saturday, **February 6th**. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This new format will allow students to continue to strive for excellence in science and engineering, while allowing for student and judge safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students will be invited to upload their projects as presentation slides (PowerPoint slides or a similar format) onto a virtual fair website. Judges will be assigned to specific projects and provided with a schedule of remote interviews for the day of the fair. A quick video showing how judging will look on the day of the fair is found here: <https://youtu.be/qHZbj0FAdng>

As is the case with many things in our schools, the virtual fair is a new process for all of us. We appreciate your patience as we adapt to keep the science fair running through the pandemic. If you are interested in helping us by serving as a judge for our virtual fair this year, please register (**by January 28th** if possible) on the website at: <http://ut-dsef.zfairs.com/> ("Create Account" section on the right side).

We encourage judges to judge from home if possible. However, if you are interested in judging but do not have adequate computer or internet capabilities at home, we will provide access to a limited number of computers at Juan Diego Catholic High School (300 East 11800 South, Draper) on the day of the fair. In the online registration, you will be asked to select whether you are able to judge from home or whether you need to use a computer at JDCHS.

The [fair schedule](#) and judging [rubric](#) (instructions), [guidelines](#), and the last year's [program and awards listing](#) are available on the judges page of the science fair website at <https://sites.google.com/skaggscatholiccenter.org/diosciencefair/judges>

Note: Councils, Assemblies, and individuals sponsor the various trophies and cash awards at the fair; it's not part of the state council budget. Please don't delay in sending your donation check to **State Secretary Bill Kelly** (11533 S. Thornberry Court, Draper, UT 84020). If your council donated last year and is unable to this year, please let Bill know as soon as possible. New donors are always welcome.

Thank you and we appreciate your willingness to help this year!

Joe Ligori, PSD
Science Fair Chairman
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Editor's Note:

The first registered Science Fair judges for 2021? **Joe Ligori, Jerry Angus, and Dick Hall**. What else would you expect from the chairman, the Utah Knight of the Year, and Utah District Master of the fourth degree? **They're only the first 3% of the 100 judges needed.** As this fair is virtual, Knights from around Utah are welcome to be judges from their homes; as well as their wives, adult children, and friends. Rumor has it the internet goes as far south as **Saint George**, east to **Vernal**, and north to **Logan**, with connections along the way. We're checking on **Tooele**, but our volunteer hasn't made it the 300 miles back to give his report.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

December 28, 2020

Where does Utah stand?

New Member Growth Goal is **200**; Actual New Member Growth is **44**
Councils with new 2020 Members **13** (of 37 total councils)

- The use of "Online Membership" is one of our strongest tools right now. Technology is preferred amongst younger men. It is also preferred during this time of the pandemic. Promote this tool with your council. Be ready to contact prospect Knights that have shown online interest and want to join your council.
- Share this link with someone interested in joining the Knights
<http://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/about-membership/index.html>

Review incentive tracking at <https://utahknights.org/recruiting/>

Monthly Council Challenge (padfolio and pen to each)

- Jul: GK SK George H. Jockisch (5214); Recruiter Bill Kelly (12181)
- Aug: GK SK George H. Jockisch (5214); Recruiter Eric T. Domyan (14764)
- Sep: GK Mike Sweetland (9849); Recruiter Nick Nielson (5502)
- Oct: GK Joe Nesi (5502); Recruiter Joe Bouley (5502).
- Nov: GK Louis Mandrigues (10733); Ray Lopez (1136).
- Dec: GK Mike Sweetland (9849); Recruiter TBD.

Fast Start (Q1): Council 9849 (At the council's request, \$250 to Coats for Kids instead of BBQ)

Top Grand Knight (\$50)

Q1: Scott Lewis, (12181)

Q2: TBD

Insurance Challenge (\$250 for charity)

Q1: Council 7961 (Coats for Kids)

Q2: TBD

Quarterly Best Performing Council (\$100 to parish/priest)

Q1: Council 602 (Cathedral Parish)

Q2: TBD

Top Recruiter Per Quarter (\$100)

Q1: N/A (minimum not met)

Q2: TBD

District Deputies (\$50)

Q1: Andy Beck DD#1

Q2: TBD

I will see you Brothers at the Midyear meeting!

Ryan Graveley

Utah State Treasurer

State Membership Director

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VIRTUAL MIDYEAR MEETING

The Midyear Meeting on January 9th will use the GoToWebinar software. Below is a preview of the controls you'll see, so you'll know what to look for when you join the meeting. Your camera stays off, and your microphone should be muted most of the time. Ask questions at any time using the Questions/Answers text box. Questions from other Knights also appear there with their questions. Use your computer to join the meeting. It has a bigger screen than you phone, and that will be helpful in viewing the presentations (PowerPoint slides & video of presenters).

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/20-21UTMidYearMtgRegistration>

The image shows a screenshot of the GoToWebinar interface. On the left, there is a vertical toolbar with icons for back, mute, video, and a hand icon. Annotations with arrows point to these icons:

- An arrow points to the back icon with the text: "Clicking here will open or shrink your dashboard"
- An arrow points to the hand icon with the text: "Here is the 'Raising your Hand' tool for the live Q/A (do not use until the live Q/A)"

 The main window shows the webinar controls, including a list of attendees (24 of 1001 max), a questions/chat box, and a question being asked: "what does the triangle mean?". Below the question box, it says "This is where you type your Question". On the right, there is a text box with the instruction: "Type your questions here. (Answers also appear here)". At the bottom, it says "Knights of Columbus - GoToWebinar Training" and "Webinar ID: 840-756-235". A status bar at the very bottom indicates "This session is being recorded." and the GoToWebinar logo.

www.UtahKnights.org



Any Day www.kofc.org/ceremonials

MM/DD Event/Activity

12/31 District Deputy
Semi-Annual Report Due
(Form 944)

1/1 Solemnity of Mary, the
Holy Mother of God

1/3 or 1/6 EPIPHANY

1/8 Midyear Meeting for State
Officers & District Deputies

1/9 DEADLINE: Essay Contest
(DD submits to State)

1/9 Midyear Meeting for Utah
State Council.

1/10 Baptism of the Lord

1/14 Family of the Month Due
Form

1/15 DEADLINE: Keep Christ in
Christmas Poster Contest
(DD submits to State)

1/16 Virtual Fourth Degree
Exemplification

1/17 Bilingual Rosary for Life

1/21 Supreme Webinar Can Do
Strategies for A Successful
Second Half

1/22 Diocesan Mass for the
Unborn & Ceremony of
Light (at Cathedral)

1/25 Utah Training Webinar
How to Write State
Awards

1/29 March for Life
(Washington, DC)

1/30 March for Life Utah
Car Rally

1/31 Fraternal Survey Due
(Form 1728)

1/31 Free Throw Report Due
(Use Form 10784)

1/31 Special Olympics
Partnership Profile Report
Due (Form 4584)

1/31 DEADLINE: Substance
Abuse Awareness Poster
Contest (to councils)

2/6 KofC Diocesan Science Fair
- Judges Needed!

Below is information from state chairman Bill McCauley who handles the Essay Contest and our two Poster Contests. All of these contests are open to both boys and girls. Questions may be sent online at www.UtahKnights.org/knight/William-McCauley/

THE CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

01/09/2021 — District Deputy sends the district's winning essays (one per grade) to Bill McCauley for state judging.

01/28/2021 — State winning (first place) essays submitted to Supreme Council.

Looking for more? www.kofc.org/essay

THE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

01/15/2021 — District Deputy submits (first place) winners to State Chairman Bill McCauley for state judging.

02/15/2021 — State (first place) winners are announced & submitted to Supreme council.

03/15/2021 — International winners announced (estimated date).

Looking for more? www.kofc.org/christmas

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST (UTAH STATE COUNCIL CONTEST)

The Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to ages 8 — 11 and 12—14. The contest has two category divisions: "Alcohol Awareness and Abuse" and "Drug Awareness and Abuse". This is no longer a program through the Supreme Council, so visit the state website for materials (guidebook, entry forms, etc.) www.UtahKnights.org/programs/#state_poster_contest

Timeline:

1/31/2021 — Councils receive posters for the contest.

Select 1st/2nd/3rd in each age group & category.

Announce winners and award prizes from council.

2/21/2021 — Council first place winners to District Deputy (one for each age group & category).

3/15/2021 — District Deputy submits (first place in each age/category) winners to State Chairman Bill McCauley for state judging.

4/15/2021 — State (first place) winners selected for each age/category.

Pro Tips: The 1/31 deadline can be adjusted by the council, as long as council winners are to their District Deputy by 2/21. DD can be flexible about the 2/21 deadline; the district winners need to be selected and submitted by 3/15.

Entry forms can be distributed after Mass at the parish, or through your local catholic school.

Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and a check for \$25, \$20, or \$15 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning posters in each age group and category.

ADOPT-A-PARISH BY COUNCIL 15418



District Master Dick Hall, Past Grand Knight of Saint Ambrose Council 15418 is shown here with the icon Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. The icon was presented to the Saint Ambrose Council and the parish by Greg Keller, PSD for work done over the last three years.

The council's efforts included \$25,500 to rebuild homes in the Iraqi city of Karamles a project sponsored by Supreme to help Persecuted Christians in the middle East. Following that effort, Council 15418 and Saint Ambrose parish worked to support Father Wael Al-Shabi and the Saint Elia Al-Heiri Alhei Chaldean Catholic parish in the diocese of Baghdad. This is a pilot project known as Adopt-A-Parish through Supreme KofC. The council raised \$2,500 last year for support of Father Wael. The goal this year is to raise another \$2,500. There is a web site where anyone may aid in support of the cause. This web directs all funds to help Fr Wael. All credit card charges are covered by Supreme so 100% of funds donated go to the Fr Wael.

https://donate.kofccharities.org/Iraq_15418 PLEASE NOTE the **Iraq_15418** section of the URL does require the underscore (which is difficult to see when the link is underlined).

There is a KofC "Prayer for Persecuted Christians" prayer card with the icon image ([Item #10740](#)) and an accompanying Marian Prayer Program booklet ([Item #5050](#)).

STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

My Brother Knights,

I hope that you, your family and friends experienced a very joyous and blessed Christmas. As we now move forward in 2021, let's now look at ways to continue our good works of the order to our Parishes and local communities. Hopefully, soon we will get this COVID-19 pandemic in check and move forward to some sense of normalcy in the next few months where we can promote the good works of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Over the last month and a half, I have had the privilege to participate with you my brother knights at six Coats for Kids' distribution locations throughout the Salt Lake Valley. Although these events had lower than expected attendance, the State in total distributed more coats in Utah than we have in prior years and we reached out to more communities who are need throughout the state. A shout out to brother Frank Carmona, and the Grand Knights who made this a very successful program this year.

As an update to our charitable contributions, here is where we currently stand at the end of December: Native Americans \$2565; Carmelite Nuns \$5,795; Coats for Kids \$7,839; Ultrasound \$579 and Special Olympics at \$2,050. Thank you, my brother knights for your kindness in supporting these important charities.

One thing I need help from Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries this month is acquiring data for and submitting the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 that is due on Jan 31. Please email your council membership, the form 1728A worksheet, if you have not already done so, to get the information back to complete and submit the report to Supreme on time (due by January 31st). Please cc me a copy. As a reminder, this is a required form to meet your Star Council Award requirement.

In the administrative area, I would like to mention a few items. Hopefully, most of you have sent out your council per capita assessments to your membership by now. With this, I would like to encourage council officers to budget for the four state funds: Christopher Fund, Vocations Fund, Culture of Life Fund and the Scholarship Fund. These funds go to critical programs in our diocese and we need your continued support. There are still 7 councils than need to submit their semiannual audit (Form 1295-1, Due August 15th) from the prior period (January 1—June 30). Also, need some help on updates to Service Program Personnel Reports (Form #365) so we may get our Safe Environment Training Program compliant.

Again, thanks for your assistance on these matters, and if any of you have any questions or issues please reach out to me. I look forward to meeting with all of you on January 9th for the Midyear Meeting.

Vivat Jesus

Bill Kelly

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Quick Links to items mentioned in the State Secretary's Report

Coats for Kids www.UtahKnights.org/2020/11/coats-for-kids-2020

www.KofC.org/forms has online versions and/or PDF links for:

- > Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728
- > Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet #1728A
- > Semiannual Council Audit #1295 (due 8/15 and 2/15)
- > Service Program Personnel Report #365
- > Columbian Award Application # SP-7 (part of the Star Council Award)

Safe Environment Report is in Officers Online at www.kofc.org/oo

IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently (11/25 — 12/24).

Eternal rest grant upon them and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray a Hail Mary in honor of these Knights after you read the list.

In addition to the council's Financial Secretary notifying the supreme council, please remember to inform State Secretary Bill Kelly when a member passes away.

Name	Council	DOD
Ken Stracke	11479	12/8/2020
John Burgess	10733	11/29/2020
Marco Rojas, FDD, PGK, PFN	8350	12/12/2020
Louie Tan	10733	12/21/2020
Gary Thompson	14399	12/24/2020

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP GOAL PERCENT as of 12/23/2020

Council	Grand Knight	Location	% Quota
9849	Michael Sweetland	St James/Ogden	100%
5502	Joe Nesi	Bountiful	50%
12181	R. "Scott" Lewis	Draper	45%
602	Rene Contreras	Cathedral	40%
777	Jerry Bedel	St Joseph/Ogden	33%
1129	Robert Dieringer	Park City	33%
10733	Louis Mandrigues	St George	33%
12959	Cory Meacham	Logan	33%
14764	Richard Green	St Catherine UofU	33%
5214	George Jockisch	Kearns	25%
7961	David McDonald	St Joseph the Worker	25%
11246	David Webb	Cedar City	25%
1136	Alex Tarazon	Provo/Orem	0%
2611	John Flores	Helper	0%
5347	George D Fuller	Brigham City	0%
6010	Dennis Martinez	Layton	0%
6147	Tim Peczuh	Price	0%
6739	Thomas M Goonan	Tooele	0%
6966	Chad D Alessandro	Blessed Sacrament	0%
7401	Warren Feldt	Vernal	0%
8350	Jose Munoz	West Valley City	0%
8606	Rogelio Castaneda Jr	American Fork	0%
9561	Michael E Hacking	Payson	0%
9731	Anthony Moore	Magna	0%
10304	Reyes Montoya	Taylorsville	0%
11479	Danny Schoenfeld	St Thomas More	0%
11812	Unassigned	Wendover	0%
12264	Larry Martinez	St Patrick	0%
13297	Edward Deffner	St Vincent de Paul	0%
13646	Charlie Millard	Midvale	0%
14239	E. "Chris" Barrera	Riverton	0%
14399	Mike Dannemueller	South Ogden	0%
15418	Paul B Buckley	St Ambrose	0%
15741	Unassigned	Our Lady of Guadalupe	0%
16006	Unassigned	Sacred Heart	0%
16127	Richard Houghton	Hill AFB	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	Copperton	0%

DISTRICT DEPUTIES PERCENT OF MEMBERSHIP GOAL as of 12/23/2020

District	Deputy	% Quota
1	Andy Beck	70%
8	Mark Meredith	44%
3	Larry Page	33%
2	Paul Tinker	31%
11	Frank Lesar	30%
6	Mike Middlemiss	15%
4	John Chavez	0%
5	Larry Zubel	0%
7	Tim Soran Jr.	0%
9	Brian Duncan	0%
10	Mark Dylla	0%



Dear brothers ... let us imitate the Magi: looking upwards, setting out, and freely offering our gifts.

— Pope Francis

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2018

Full homily from the Papal Mass

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180106_omelia-epifania.html

Looking for updated recruiting status information?

www.UtahKnights.org/recruiting/

See all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state online!

Current events listing at www.UtahKnights.org/category/current/

or visit www.UtahKnights.org/events/ for the complete list.

"TO WHAT DEGREE"

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS AND VIEWS



Dick and Jane Hall

District Master

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Sir Knights and Brother Knights All,

A Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Utah District is scheduled for January 16, 2021 at 10 AM. The Form 4 (application) and the \$50 exemplification fee are due to DM Dick Hall by January 10th. Details on the state website (links to the flyer with the dress code, the application form and directions on how to complete it). Check with your local Faithful Navigator to see if there is a **satellite viewing location** near you (where small groups of about five (5) candidates can be together, depending on the parish restrictions in place), individual candidates and Sir Knights are also welcome to view the ceremonial remotely at home.
www.UtahKnights.org/2020/12/fourth-degree-exemplification-16-jan-2021

Don't forget the **State Scholarship Fund Prize Drawing** to be held in May 2021. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10. Check with your Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator for tickets. More tickets are available from State Scholarship Chairman Chuck Dover, Jr. dovca@hotmail.com

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on December 11, 2020 at the Cathedral of the Madeleine Salt Lake City. It was a very festive occasion indeed. The evening started out with a mariachi band performance and sing along, followed by recitation of the rosary, Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Oscar Solis, Bishop of Salt Lake City and concluded with the Aztec Dancers performance in honor of Our Lady. The Utah District provided an honor guard for the Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe during the performances and for Bishop Solis during the Mass.



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



Father Dominguez Assy. #1144

Serving Councils: 5214, 7961, 8350, 10304

Father Escalante Assy. #1146

Serving Councils: 1136, 8606, 9561

Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

Serving Councils: 777, 5347, 6010, 9849, 12959, 14399

Carbon Assy. # 1570

Serving Councils: 2611, 5663, 6147, 7401

Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393

Serving Council: 10733

Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577

Serving Councils: 6966, 11479, 12181, 13297, 13646, 14239

Padre Pio Assy. #2636

Serving Councils: 1129, 14764, 15418

Saint John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock Assy. # 3586

Serving Councils: 602, 5502, 12264, 15741, 16006

Msgr John J. Sullivan Assy. # 3758

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731, 11812, 17140

Visit www.KofCuniform.com
for the Official Dress Uniform of
the Fourth Degree.



Left: Utah District Master Dick Hall standing guard.

Below: Honor Guard members FDM Frank Carmona, CCC Gunny Stephenson and DMS Stacey Yeager.



Note: Masks were worn in compliance with local COVID-19 rules.

Utah District Socks For Heroes has started. Fund raising has gone past \$1,000. A new source for gripper and regular sock has been found providing over four (4) times the purchase power from the previous year. Pictured (at right) are District Master Dick Hall and Utah District Deputy 11 Frank Lesar, member of Padre Pio Assembly 2636, Park City, Utah. Pictured are the first two (2) cases delivered for this campaign in 2020. The new source is www.WholesaleSockDeals.com; they also provided free shipping on our orders. Deliveries to VA locations and shelters will start in January 2021. Send any Donations to District Mas.



Vivat Jesus!
God Bless America and Viva Christo Rey!!
Richard (Dick) F. Hall
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Utah District Master, John H. Reddin Province

www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/

Donate to Carmelite Sisters



Support the Carmelite Sisters!

Without Masses, their altar bread business doesn't have many orders during this time of pandemic.

Remember, the main financial support of the monastery is the Annual Fair, which is normally held on the third Sunday in September, was **canceled for 2020** due to the pandemic. KUTV2 report.

For their assorted home-made Candy and Jam

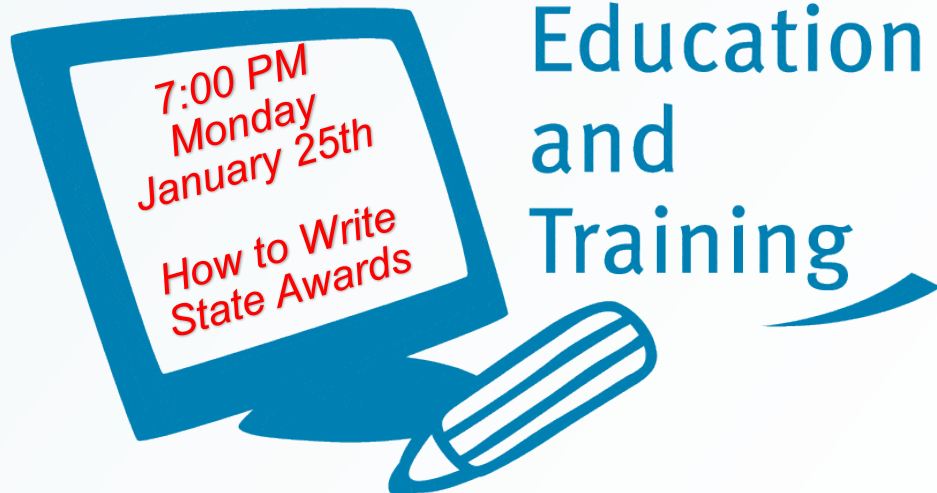
<https://www.carmelslc.org/home-made-candy-and-jam-by-the-carmelite-nuns/>

Donate through PayPal on their website homepage

<https://www.carmelslc.org/>

Donate through the Knights of Columbus Utah State Council

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/UTKofC/SupportTheCarmeliteSisters>



State Training on Monday, January 25th: How to Write State Awards!

<https://forms.gle/zx4Uvr2hFVQoigbb7> is where you can register for the January 25th session on writing your state award submissions. Due by March 15th, there are several state awards that councils can submit to win: Chaplain of the Year, Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, and the best programs in the Faith-In-Action categories of Community, Faith, Family, Life; and the **To Be A Patriot** award to a fourth degree assembly.

On the 4th Monday of most months, Jerry Angus, State Training Director, coordinates training on various topics. *What else would you like to know more about? Now is a great time to suggest training subjects for 2021! No topic too big or too small!*

Visit www.UtahKnights.org/training for the full list of topics, and links to YouTube with the GoToMeeting recording videos,

Supreme Webinar on Thursday, January 21st at 6:00 PM: [Can Do Strategies for A Successful Second Half](https://www.kofc.org/webinar). Register at www.kofc.org/webinar

FAMILY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Worthy Brother Knights,

Supreme has chosen **Palmer Masumbe-Netongo** and family, Council 11479 (Cottonwood Heights) as the Utah Family of the Month winner for November 2020 from the submissions received by December 15th.

Every month, Supreme selects families for special recognition, including sending a special gift for the family. One family winner is selected from each state. The odds are good! Utah only has 37 councils! Hopefully participation will increase this month.

July 2020: 5502, 11479 & 13297. Winner was Robert S. Gomez Family of Council 5502.

August 2020: 12181. Winner was the Guy Allen Family (only submission).

September 2020: 5502, 9849, 12818, & 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was Rich Atkins Family of Council 9849.

October 2020: 5502, 9849, 11479, 12181, & 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was James Chris Cage Family of Council 13297.

November 2020: 11479 & 13297. ([Full report.](#))

Be sure to submit the form **before** the deadline. Submissions are accepted early, but not late! The PDF form is available online, and it's short and has the directions on page 2. Need help? Just ask me.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/programs/family-of-the-month-year/10668-family-of-the-month-form.pdf>

Usually the Grand Knight fills out the form online, then PRINTS it as a PDF, and then attach the saved "printout" in your email message. Simply "saving" the file from the website usually results in a BLANK copy of the form. Send your submissions to:

Supreme - FraternalMission@kofc.org; State Family Director - tsoran@judgememorial.com; Your Council's File (Financial Secretary)

Vivat Jesus!

Timothy Soran, Jr.

District 7 Deputy

Utah Family Director

OTHER FAMILY PROGRAMS

Looking for other Family Program ideas?

All of the supreme council recommended family programs are detailed online at www.kofc.org/family

That's just one way we show our faith in action www.kofc.org/FaithInAction

Wondering **how to conduct programs remotely**? A new guide is available!

www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/11139-remote-program-supplement.pdf

NEW GUIDELINES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS ***NEW***

Did everyone see the webinar from the supreme office on the new council meeting guidelines?

The webinar was held live on December 17, 2020 and the video recording is available. If you missed it, or want to watch it again, just click the "Watch and Learn More" button on the webinar's page (you will need to register if you haven't already) but don't overlook the resources also listed on the webinar's page at www.KofC.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/121720.html Here are three of the most useful:

- **The Guidelines for Council Meetings** www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/method-conducting-council-meetings10318.pdf
- **Frequently Asked Questions** www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/for-members/new-guidelines-for-council-meetings-qa.pdf
- **Fraternal Operations link** www.kofc.org/FraternalOperations (more information on meetings, protocol, virtual events, etc.)

The webinar itself has some additional "downloadable resources"

[Printer Friendly Council Meeting Agenda](#) (1 page)

[Printer Friendly Grand Knight's Script](#) (3 pages, for the council meeting)

[Printer Friendly Officers Planning Meeting](#) (1 page)

What's that? Two agendas? Yes! They're emphasizing the **two meetings your council has each month** "Council Meeting" and "Officers' Planning Meeting" (open to all members), and the items that belong in each. As the 40-page guide (Item 10318) might be a bit much for some to print, it is available from Supplies Online; it shows \$12.79 for UPS Ground shipping of the "free" item. The recommendation is read it online (link above), and print the short guides for use at the meetings. Let the council Advocate study the multiple pages on the proper use of motions.

WATCH & LEARN MORE

FOURTH DEGREE STUFFED ANIMAL CAMPAIGN

The Utah District stuffed animal campaign was successful with the gathering of 650 animals. The response from first responder was not a little disappointing in that they had many donations from other sources. On the bright side the animals were enthusiastically received by the Marines **Toys for Tots** program. Pictured (left to right) are District Master Dick Hall, a Papa Murphy employee, and District Marshal Richard Vigor at the drop off.



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Information on this month's challenge from the Supreme Chaplain is available online at <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/january-2021.html>. Want it included here? Please let the editor know you if would like the details of the challenge included each month.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ICON PROGRAM



There are some COVID-19 related adjustments to our new Saint Michael the Archangel prayer service for the Pilgrim Icon Program. Considering the nature of the Pilgrim Icon Program, Supreme has determined it would be better to wait to launch this program when members can meet face to face. For this reason, it was decided that it is best to delay the launch of this Icon program until the next fraternal year (which starts July 2021).

Icons are a physical manifestation of a sacred reality, and there is real grace to being in physical proximity of the blessed image for this program. To launch the Saint Michael prayer service during a time when many Knights and their communities cannot safely participate in person would be a significant loss to the program. This delay is understandably frustrating for many of our councils who may have been expecting to host the image of Saint Michael starting in January, and that this delay leaves a void in our Faith program line-up.

However, this news offers an opportunity as well. Supreme has nearly completed a new Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour resource which will help us honor our newly beatified founder and continue to seek his aid together. This prayer hour, which is designed for remote participation, will serve as a substitute for the Icon Program for this fraternal year. Detailed instructions and a recording of the prayer service will be made available to you this coming January.

As always, our goal for faith programs is to promote public devotion and to strengthen our Catholic faith. I look forward to accomplishing this goal with you — for now, virtually, but with the hope that soon all our programs will once again be safe to run in person.

I will provide any additional information regarding this new Pilgrim Icon Program as soon as I receive it. The plan, depending how many Icons we receive, will be to rotate (about monthly), by District, starting from the North and working South. The Districts can distribute between councils or pool their resources to make the best use of their time, resources and locations.

Vivat Jesus!

IPSD Greg Keller

Utah Icon Program Chairman

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/marian-icon-prayer.html>

Editor's Note:

We're also looking into using our current **Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians** icon to host a virtual prayer service open to everyone. Watch for more information — it's coming soon!

NEED TO MEET WITH YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE AGENT?

How do you setup a meeting? Contact your field agent! On page 12 is the list of which councils each agent serves along with their contact details. It's also online, just visit www.UtahKnights.org/insurance

There are now three ways to meet with your agent to review your needs and policies!

1. **Meet virtually using Skype.** Unlike the other options, no masks are required during virtual meetings.
2. **Meet in your home.** The time-honored practice of your field agent coming to you. This option is available no matter where you live in Utah. Even if you move to Arizona, that's not a problem, we know a guy! Again, for safety, everyone should wear a face covering (mask).
3. **Meet at the new agency office!** 824 E South Temple, Suite 4, Salt Lake City, UT 84102 is the new office for the Utah Field Agents (both Gene & Matthew). Please remember to call ahead — your agent may be out of the office, meeting with another Knight and his family.



Utah Knights of Columbus Midyear Meeting Agenda Saturday, January 9, 2021 10 AM – 2:30 PM Held Virtually

Session 1: 10:00 AM – 12:10 PM

10:00 AM Opening Prayer
10:05 AM Pledge of Allegiance
10:05 AM State Deputy Opening Remarks
10:08 AM State Chaplain Remarks
10:18 AM A Message from the Supreme Knight (video)
10:38 AM Supreme Representative Opening Remarks
10:43 AM Star Council
Requirements www.KofC.org/star
Status
10:53 AM **Break** (5 minutes, no more)
10:58 AM Membership Campaign Review
11:08 AM Goals and Incentives
11:18 AM Issues and Opportunities
11:28 AM Conducting Programs Virtually
11:38 AM Faith in Action Programs
Life
Faith
Family
Community
12:08 AM Start video: "Knights Around the World"
12:10 AM Recess for Lunch

Rev. Erik J Richtsteig, State Chaplain
Alex Tarazon, State Warden
Nick Nielson, State Deputy
Rev. Erik J Richtsteig, State Chaplain
Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight
Ray Lopez, PSD, Regional Growth Director
Bill Kelly, State Secretary

Ryan Graveley, State Treasurer
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Nick Nielson, State Deputy
Alex Tarazon, State Warden

(Video will play during lunch break)
(Lunch not provided.)

Session 2: 12:45 PM – 2:30 PM

12:45 PM Meeting Comes to Order
12:45 AM Forms and Reports
12:55 AM Form 10784
1:00 PM Safe Environment Compliance
1:05 PM Insurance Team – Partners in Driving Growth
1:15 PM Fourth Degree
1:25 PM Second Half Membership Preview
Online Membership
Transferring Online Members
1:35 PM **Break** (5 minutes, no more)
1:40 PM Guidelines for Council Meetings ([10318](#))
1:45 PM Ultrasound
1:50 PM State Convention 2021 Update
1:55 PM Exploring Your Why
2:15 PM Supreme Representative Closing Remarks
2:20 PM State Deputy Closing Remarks
2:25 PM Closing Prayer ([Canonization of Blessed McGivney](#))
2:27 PM **Meeting Adjourned.**
2:30 PM Fraternal Time
Informal Questions and Answers

Nick Nielson, State Deputy
Bill Kelly, State Secretary
Nick Nielson, State Deputy
Ray Lopez, PSD, Regional Growth Director
Nate Raso, General Agent
Dick Hall, Utah District Master
Ryan Graveley, State Treasurer

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Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/20-21UTMidYearMtgRegistration>. It's easy! Even PSD Rholand is registered!
More information (and any agenda updates) www.UtahKnights.org/2020/12/virtual-midyear-meeting-09-Jan-2021



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

In a World that has seemed to be turned upside down in 2020 there is more than ever a need to have our hopes and dreams for 2021 focused on The Catholic Difference.

What does it mean, “Discover the Catholic Difference?” Is it just a marketing slogan or is there real meaning behind it?

Let’s look at that at several levels. Our Catholicity as an organization forms all that we do. Our Order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; as a Catholic business we also have core values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence and Respect. In all our dealings we try to embody those values in the field and at our Supreme Office.

Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits is managed by our investment department colleagues, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. They manage that money, now amounting to more than \$26 billion, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ socially responsible investment guidelines. We will not invest in companies that engage in abortions, producing abortifacient drugs, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning or pornography. Our Asset Advisors prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. That’s a Catholic Difference!

Our charitable contributions of more than \$187 million last year went to a wide variety of organizations. Many were Catholic, but some were not. We give money to support worthy causes and we do that, not because *they* are Catholic, but because *we* are Catholic. That’s what our faith calls us to do; Sirach 40:17 tells us that acts of kindness and charity last for an eternity. We are supporting victims of genocide in Syria and other places in the Middle East. We have placed more than 1000 ultrasound machines in all 50 states and saved more the 1 million lives. We financially and spiritually support seminarians, disaster victims, Special Olympians and many others. All this from the profits of our insurance program and investments and the contributions of members. That’s a Catholic Difference!

And speaking of the insurance program, let’s talk about the “Discover the Catholic Difference” there. Here are a few examples: First, our products are designed with our members’ needs in mind. For example, I’m not aware of any other company that offers a Spousal Waiver of Premium benefit...and there is no additional premium for that! Second, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. Third, we offer Disability Income Insurance to blue collar workers as well as white and grey collar workers. We recognize that it’s not just the affluent that need that coverage. Fourth, we still meet with brother knights and their families in their homes if they prefer; it might be more convenient for them. Fifth, young children; we want to make sure a member has the opportunity to protect their insurability with life insurance that has a guaranteed purchase option. Sixth, our fixed-rate annuity has a minimum guarantee for life, meaning a member will always make money on his money. Seventh, our Supreme Office is currently developing new products to meet even more needs of our members...so stay tuned! Now that’s the Catholic Difference!

Vivat Jesus!

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FREE MONEY! Is Your Council Up For The Challenge?

Each quarter, the Utah council having highest percentage of council attending online fraternal benefits presentations wins **\$250 for charity** from General Agent Nate Raso. The results are still being tallied to see which council won in Q2. Has your council scheduled your next **Fraternal Benefits Seminar (FBS)** with your field agent? The Founder’s Award (and Star Council Award) require **two FBS’s this fraternal year**, so you could even win twice!

Related resources: www.kofc.org/star and (for publicity ideas) check out form 11077 www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/11077-fraternal-benefit-seminar-form.pdf

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