



Utah State Update



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

As I'm sure you are fully aware Lent has started and the start of this season is always a difficult time for me personally. By this time, I've already given up on my new year's resolutions which for me is normally trying to give up something or be better (sound familiar) and then I'm supposed to do the same thing that I just failed at for Lent. I hate failing! But I also appreciate failing and going through Lent every year because I realize I'm only human and I'm not perfect. Lent helps me to reflect on that and how I can be better and hopefully by Easter I have formed new habits or truly become a better person.

I saw several things this year and heard from our parish priests to "not give up chocolate" but to find something that truly helps us grow in our faith. I have one more suggestion, and that is to help evangelize and to help others grow in their faith along with you. What better way to do this than helping a man join the Knights? Where, alongside you, the new member can grow in his faith, serve our communities, and help protect his family.

I challenge you to invite at least one man to join the Knights of Columbus during this Lenten season. Even though Lent has already started, it isn't too late to make this one of your Lenten promises.

We have had some great activity around the state since the Midyear Meeting and I thank you. Even if our councils couldn't do an in-person activity we've still had action in getting forms complete and communicating to members. As an example, we had 26 councils submit the Special Olympics report and had total contributions of \$13,409. That is awesome, thank you. Several councils have been able to hold an in-person activity like "to go" burritos or drive through meals for fund raisers. This is needed, thank you and keep up the good work. We are still practicing our faith and participating in things like stations of the cross and helping our pastors and parishes. Thank you and God bless you.

Despite the pandemic I know almost all our councils have still done something this year so please make sure to get your state award submissions in. These are due March 15th, this is a hard deadline and I will not accept a late submission. We had a virtual training in January about submitting the awards; we followed up in February with another training on how to combine PDF documents for your award submissions (along with how to use social media). I am willing to help, reach out if you need it.

Convention update: Be on the lookout for more information to come, but we have decided it will be in our best interest to hold the convention virtually. I desperately want to meet with you in person and our COVID-19 numbers are getting better, but we aren't out of the woods yet. We still have limitations on how many can meet in person and I want us all to be as safe as possible. We had two extremely successful state meetings virtually this year and I'm confident our convention will be successful as well virtually.

Last item, we need you on the state team! If interested in running for state office, please announce your intentions to run. If you have what it takes I encourage you to run for office, any office, including State Deputy! If you would like to be a State Officer and feel you can make the Utah State Knights of Columbus better, please run for office!

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
(Virtual) State Deputy



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Offered in Solidarity
with Pope Francis

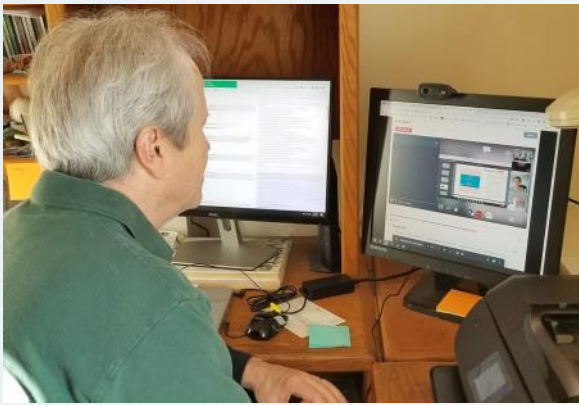


THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH.

The month of March is dedicated to [St. Joseph](#). The entire month falls during the liturgical season of [Lent](#) which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

March 19, the **Solemnity of Saint Joseph** is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus. If you are Irish (who isn't?), [Saint Patrick's feast](#) (3/17) is another cause for a joyful celebration. On March 25, the feast of the [Annunciation](#) is celebrated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR



This year's 25th Annual **Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair** was a huge success. For the first time, the Science Fair was held virtually. There were 100 students from grade five through 12 from over a dozen Utah Catholic schools. We had 78 judges that included Knights of Columbus members from across the state, family members and friends. We had a lot of great comments over all about how the virtual judging was easy. Dr. Christine Celestino and her staff were able to resolve the bumps encountered. A big thanks to Dr. Celestino for organizing the virtual judging.

The Knights sponsored the Science Fair by providing all the trophies and ribbons and cash awards to the winners. The Knights also covered some costs for the shirts for the students. The [Intermountain Catholic](#) in the February 19, 2021 edition has a great article on the Science Fair including all the winners. Another article was published on the [Young Scientist of the Year](#). The trophies were delivered by Dr. Celestino to all the winning schools where the students were presented with their trophy. I want to thank all the judges for their time during the videoconferences judging. This was a great team effort by all and resulted in a successful Science Fair.

The sponsorships that many of you and your councils and assemblies have committed to is important to the funding of the Science Fair. We fell short on the monies collected for the Science Fair this year. With the COVID-19 problems, we understand the hardship it has to the fund raising for the Knights. We need your continual sponsorship from those who have committed to the Science Fair. If councils or assemblies cannot continue with the commitment for the 2021 fair, please let us know so that we can seek out new sponsors. Thanks to all of you for your support of the Science Fair.

Joe Ligori
Science Fair Chairman

2021 STATE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP CANCELED

Due to the continuing issues with the Coronavirus Pandemic, we will not be able to hold a State Free Throw Championship again this year. For those who were able to conduct council level contests, thank you. Saint Ambrose Council No. 15418 awarded certificates and basketballs to their top winners.

We look forward to a better year ahead.

Ron Mecham
Free Throw Championship, State Chair

Note: Additional photos of the Council 15418 winners are online at the state council website ([click here](#)).



MARDI GRAS BINGO—COUNCIL 5214

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021, members from Council No. 2014 assisted the students of Saint Francis Xavier Regional School in Kearns, celebrate Mardi Gras with three games of BINGO. The games were livestreamed into each class room from the gymnasium. It worked out very nicely, and the students (200 of them) had a great time! Facemasks were worn, and social distancing was practiced.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We are on the tail end of our third quarter. 2020 seemed to drag on, but our Fraternal Year feels like it kicked into hyperspeed in 2021! (That's just a little shout out to our Star Wars fans.) We are all filing reports, meeting deadlines, planning for the new Fraternal year, and prepping for convention time. That is just our Knightly work load. We also have jobs and families. Spiritually we are completely in the season of Lent. Before you get overwhelmed take a moment for three of my favorite spiritual exercises.

- As you start your day notice God's creations around you (fresh snow, mountains, critters, coffee, sunlight, family members).
- Lent is not always about what you give up, but what you can give more of. My Wife taught me this from being an RCIA candidate and then a sponsor for two years. I can pray more, be more charitable, **give the gift of membership**, and spend more time doing God's work.
- I have Knightly Brothers throughout the entire world. My current Brothers help me achieve goals, be charitable, be patriotic, and my potential Brothers will do the same and keep our order "ALIVE".

Brothers, we have taken the lemon of 2020 and certainly made lemonade. Great work everyone! I am excited to report growth again this month. Please note below. Guys, no matter what you may have given up for Lent, please say one extra prayer, do one extra charitable event, and try to give the gift of membership to at least one new Brother Knight this Lenten season.

Where does Utah stand?

Actual New Member Growth is **60**, our New Member Growth Goal is **200**.

Councils with new Members this year is **17** (of 37 total councils).

Share this link with someone interested in joining the Knights www.Knights.NET

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MARCH 15TH—MANY DEADLINES!

Did you notice what was missing from the calendar on the right? Award Submissions (and other deadlines)!

- ◆ The seven (7) council award submissions are **ALL** due on (or before) **March 15th** to the State Deputy.
 - ◇ Faith in Action programs in each of the four categories (Community, Faith, Family, Life),
 - ◇ Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, and Chaplain of the Year!
- ◆ State Scholarship applications are due to Chuck Dover.
- ◆ Fourth Degree Assembly "To Be A Patriot" submission goes to District Master Dick Hall.
- ◆ Council comments on resolutions 1-9 are due to State Advocate Frank Carmona.
- ◆ Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest entries from the District Deputies to Bill McCauley

About those awards: Don't count yourselves out because of the pandemic — all of us were impacted by it! Need more information on the various award submissions? Review the Jan. 25 State Training "[How to Write State Awards](#)" at www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State. Also, the February 22 State Training covered how to combine PDFs. After reviewing your council programs for the award submissions, it's a good time to check your progress on the Columbian Award. The *recently updated* [SP-7 Form](#) is online at www.KofC.org/forms and is one of the items for the State Training on March 22 (link in the calendar to the right, or see page 8).

BREAKFAST BURRITOS TO GO—COUNCIL 11246

Support & Defend Life This Lent as Part of Your Journey with Jesus.

Breakfast Burritos prepared by Council 11246 are offered every Sunday through Lent to benefit *Saint Martha's Baby Baskets*. Your \$5 donation lets you select (a) Bacon, (b) Sausage or (c) meatless burrito; all burritos include egg, cheese, and potato. Pickup up outside the Christ the King Media Center in Cedar City after 8:30 Sunday Masses. Order in advance online at www.kofc11246.org or by completing a paper order form available in the Church Gathering Space.

David Webb, Grand Knight
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www.UtahKnights.org



Any Day	www.kofc.org/ceremonials
MM/DD	Event/Activity
2/17—3/28	40 Days for Life www.40daysforlife.com
3/3	123 Live Ceremonial by Council 5502 in Bountiful
3/6	Diocesan Lenten Retreat (Virtual)
3/6	Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification hosted by New
3/14	Family of the Month Due! Only Use Form 10784 !
3/15	Award Submissions Due! (see list on this page)
3/17	Saint Patrick's Day
3/18	TBD Supreme Webinar
3/19	Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
3/22	Form 10784 and new SP-7 State Training Registration Link
3/24	Chrism Mass @ Cathedral
3/25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
3/28	Palm Sunday
3/29	Founder's Day!
4/1	Holy Thursday
4/2	Good Friday www.KofC.org/GoodFriday
	Family Promotion
4/3	Holy Saturday
4/4	Easter Sunday
4/5	Easter Monday
4/10	Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification—hosted by Utah District Master Dick Hall
4/11	Divine Mercy Sunday
3/14	Family of the Month Due! Only Use Form 10784 !
4/24	Virtual MS Walk

THE CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Congratulations to the state winners! The top essay from each grade was submitted to the final round of judging at the supreme council.

First Place Winners: Peterson Rooney (8th grade, Council 15418), David Leon-Moreno (9th grade, Council 10733), Andrew Shackelford (10th grade, Council 7961), Osci Vega-Sandoval (11th grade, Council 10733), Juan Antonio Garcia, Jr (12th grade, Council 10733).

Second Place Winners: Harmony Levi (8th grade, Council 10733), Jennifer Aquino (10th grade, Council 10733), Jenica Kohl (11th grade, Council 12181).

Third Place Winner: Boston Samuel (8th grade, Council 5214).

THE KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to the state winners! The top poster from each group was submitted to the final round of judging at the supreme council.

First Place Winners: Eliza Gagnon (K-2, Council 15418), Christina Jensen (3-5, Council 15418), Hugo A Moreno, Jr. (6-8, Council 5214).

Second Place Winners: Mia Rickerd (K-2, Council 6010), Alyson Martinez (3-5, Council 6010), Caitlin Roney (6-8, Council 15418).

Third Place Winners: Olivia Mancini (K-2, Council 10733), Aaliyah Alvarez (3-5, Council 10733), Luis Alejandro Hernandez (6-8, Council 6010).

First place winning posters pictures here.

Click an image for the state website photo gallery to see all the state winners..

www.UtahKnights.org/photos



SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST (UTAH STATE COUNCIL CONTEST)

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

2021 STATE CONVENTION REMINDERS

For any breaking new and updates, visit the State Convention webpage at www.UtahKnights.org/State-Convention

What do you need to know for a virtual convention?

- The convention committee (District #11) is still putting together a convention (advertising) booklet. The deadline for the advertising content and funds is **March 31st**. The form is available online (see the link above), and there are several options. Including a new **FREE** option for a Knights business directory, and a **reduced price** half-page black and white ad option for councils and assemblies!
- The usual "hospitality room" donations aren't necessary, as there won't be a hospitality room. Extra donations to the scholarship (Dollars for Scholars) and ultrasound (Shots for Tots) funds are appreciated, those go to the State Secretary (Bill Kelly).
- There are no hotel rooms to reserve, no meals to select, and no payment necessary for either.
- Letters of Intent should be out today (March 1st). There's nothing wrong with some competition, don't be shy about running for office!
- Councils do need to select and register their (two) delegates and (two) alternates. Take extra care entering the email addresses as they will be important with the virtual convention. This needs to be done weeks in advance, so the delegates can be assigned to committees (they meet in advance of the virtual convention).
- The proposed state budget should be voted on by your council in advance of the convention. State Treasurer Ryan will send it in the next two weeks.
- Councils should also vote on the resolutions submitted for the convention, so the council delegates properly represent their council. If a resolution needs to be submitted for the convention, they are due today (March 1), as the bylaws stipulate 60 days in advance of the convention.

Looking for **confidential information**? Did you try www.UtahKnights.org/secretcy ?



IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently (through 2/27/2021) or who had not been reported previously:

Council 5502

Erik Mathiesen, 9/22/2020

Council 6010

Victor DeCaria, 1/4/2021

Council 6147

Max Aragon, 2/25/2021

Council 14399

Ernest Bertagnolli, 1/23/2021

Carl Santoro, 1/26/2021

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 when a member dies, please remember to also send a note to let Bill Kelly know at StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org

UTAH KNIGHTS

FREE

BUSINESS LISTING

We're doing it! Let's start a business directory of brother Knights. If a Knight has a public-facing job, where brother Knights can support that business, let's do it! Send in your information as follows below.

Yes, it is Free! We are working out the details of how to include it in the 2021 State Convention booklet and have it available on UtahKnights.org

Business Name
Brother Knight
Type of Service (30 character limit)
Address
Phone Number

The information needs to be in before March 31st. Send it to UtahKnights.StateConvention@gmail.com

STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights, it is hard to believe it is March already and finally last week we had our first measurable snow storm. We may be getting near to turning the corner on this pandemic as numbers are starting to decline and the COVID vaccines are slowly but surely being fielded. Continue to promote the "Leave No Neighbor Behind Program" helping out our clergy, and parishioners while keeping yourselves and your families safe so once this terrible thing is gone, we can move out and perform the great works of Christopher Columbus.

Of particular note this month was the Knights support to the Diocesan Science Fair. Many thanks go out to Joe Ligor, Ryan Gravely and the 73 knights who served as judges to make this event a great success story for this year. Several of our councils conducted drive thru breakfasts and fish fries to bring parish communities together to raise needed

funds that support Knights' causes while minimizing public contact. Please continue to meet either online or in person; new and innovative ideas are surfacing that will enable us to continue the pursuit of our good works.

The convention will soon be upon us on April 30th and May 1st. I need your help during your council meetings in March to select your primary and alternate delegates. On Feb. 13, I sent out an email to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries that included an online Cognito form (fillable) for you to easily submit your delegates. Please get these in as soon as you can so I can form the convention committees. Another convention item is per capita. As I write this letter, there are 9 councils who have not paid their FY20-21 State per Capita.. I must remind councils that per capita payment is required to be seated at the State Convention. Thanks to the 25 councils who have made payments. In addition, the State is seeking council contributions for the Christopher Fund, the Bishop's Vocations, the Bishop's Culture of Life Funds and the Scholarship Fund for our year end contributions in these areas. current contribution status is listed below. Lastly, please review State Advocate Frank Carmona's draft resolutions and provide comment or input on potential new ones.

Several administrative reports still require submission. On the Form 1728, Fraternal Survey, we currently sit at 31/34 on submissions. Thanks to those of you who got these in on time as this report is necessary for your council's eligibility for the Star Council award. On our semiannual audit report, we have 26/34 submitted. I realize that this report is more challenging than the rest as it involves number crunching. However, this report is necessary for us to stay straight with the IRS. So even if you have not submitted these reports, please get them in as soon as you can to get credit.

Now, for the monthly report on cash flows. Charitable contributions year to date are as follows: Bishop Vocation \$640; Bishop Culture of Life \$100; Military Chaplains \$200; MS Walk \$25; Native American \$2565; Scholarship \$721; Science Fair \$2730; Special Olympics \$3155; Ultrasound \$10,605; Vets Assist \$100; and Wheelchair \$100. Total contributions through end of February 2021 now exceed \$35K. Special thanks my brother knights for your untiring generosity and the activities that your councils conduct to provide support to these important charities.

Again, thanks for your assistance on these matters, and if any of you have any questions or issues please reach out to me at 801-541-7770, utkofcstatesecretary@gmail.com or kellywbill@msn.com.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Kelly
Utah State Secretary

OFFICER ELECTIONS

All council officers, except the Financial Secretary, Lecturer and Chaplain, shall be elected annually, by ballot, at a regular business meeting held between the first day of May to and including the fifteenth day of June each year, and with the exception of the Trustees who shall serve for terms not to exceed three years. Said officers shall hold their offices for the term of one year from the first day of July following, and until their successors are elected and qualified. **State Officers are elected at the state convention, and you should consider running!** All council and state officers must be members in the third degree.

"TO WHAT DEGREE"

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS AND VIEWS



District Master

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Father Dominguez Assy. #1144

Serving Councils: 5214, 7961,
8350, 10304

Father Escalante Assy. #1146

Serving Councils: 1136, 8606,
9561

SOCKS FOR HEROES

Dick Hall and District Marshal Richard Vigor delivered socks to the VA in Salt Lake City. Unlike person-to-person distribution held in previous years all sock were delivered to the VAVS personnel. Due to COVID-19 rules the VAVS must do the distributions individually to the veterans. They were very appreciative of all the socks. We had 11 cases with a total of over 1,100 pairs delivered to VA in Salt Lake, 194 pairs delivered to Saint George and 235 pairs delivered in Ogden. See photo of VAVS coordinator Alma Datcher and MFD Dick Hall loading socks onto carts



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



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

JOIN THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE—BECOME A SIR KNIGHT!

Congratulations again to the New 4th Degree Sir Knights from the January 16, 2021 Utah District Virtual Degree Exemplification, our first! The Honoree was Sir Knight Karl VanMaren. Here is the corrected list of the new Sir Knights: Fr. Francis Hung Le (Co 5214 Assy 1144), Deacon David Osman (Co 13297 Assy 2577), Deacon Jeff Allen (Co 13297 Assy 2577), Andrew Beck (Co 10733 Assy 2393), Anthony Barry (Co 6739 Assy 3758), Bruce Baron (Co 15418 Assy 2636), Chuck Mitchell (Co 5502 Assy 3586), Daniel Eatchel (Co 9849 Assy 1429), Daniel Quintanilla (Co 14764 Assy 2636), Daniel Weber (Co 10733 Assy 2393), Erik Brown (Co 7961 Assy 1144), Harry Holoboski (Co 6739 Assy 3758), Herrold Egger (Co 10733 Assy 2393), Joe Alires (Co 5214 Assy 1144), Michael Nafus (Co 5502 Assy 3586), Paul Lupo (Co 5502 Assy 3586). Not sure which council or assembly is which? Visit www.UtahKnights.org/directory for the full listing.

The registration information for the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification (to join the fourth degree) is linked on the state website at www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/ (on the right, just below the picture). The New Mexico district is hosting on March 6; Utah is hosting on April 10 and June 12.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Don't forget the Utah KofC Scholarship Fundraiser Prize Drawing is still ongoing. Prizes are \$500 (1st), \$300 (2nd), and \$200 (3rd). Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10 and are available from Faithful Navigators, Grand Knights and Former Vice Supreme Master Chuck Dover Jr. (PSD). The drawing will be on April 30, 2021; so please return tickets and funds to Chuck Dover Jr. by April 15th. If you can't find a ticket send a check written out to Knights of Columbus (note it's for the Scholarship Raffle on the memo line) with your name and phone number to me and I'll fill them out and enter them for you.

Vivat Jesus!
God Bless America and Viva Christo Rey!!
Richard (Dick) F. Hall
UtahDistMaster@gmail.com
Utah District Master, John H. Reddin Province
www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/

www.KofCuniform.com to purchase the official dress uniform.

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Past State Deputies and
Fourth Degree Knights of Utah

*Annual
Charity Scholarship
Fundraiser*

DONATION
\$10.00 per book of 12 tickets

PRIZES

FIRST	\$500 Cash
SECOND	\$300 Cash
THIRD	\$200 Cash

DRAWING HELD APRIL 30, 2021
WINNER NEED NOT BE RESENT TO WIN.

Council Membership Goal Percent as of 2/21/2021

Council	Grand Knight	Location	% QUOTA
9849	Michael Sweetland	St James/Ogden	140%
5502	Joe Nesi	Bountiful	100%
12181	R. Scott Lewis	Draper	73%
5214	George Jockisch	Kearns	50%
602	Rene Contreras	Cathedral	40%
777	Jerry Bedel	St Joseph/Ogden	33%
10733	Louis Mandrigues	St George	33%
12959	Cory Meacham	Logan	33%
14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	Riverton	33%
14764	Richard Green	St Catherine UofU	33%
16127	Richard Houghton	Hill AFB	33%
7961	David McDonald	Saint Joseph the Worker	25%
9731	Anthony Moore	Magna	25%
1129	Robert Dieringer	Park City	0%
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%
10304	Reyes Montoya	Taylorville	0%
11246	David Webb	Cedar City	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%
14399	Mike Dannenmueller	South Ogden	0%
15418	Paul B Buckley	St Ambrose	0%
15741	Unassigned	Our Lady of Guadalupe	0%
16006	Unassigned	Sacred Heart	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	Copperton	0%

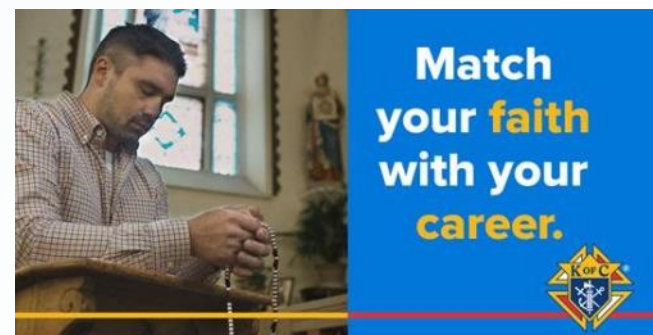
Looking for updated recruiting status information?

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.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES PERCENT OF MEMBERSHIP GOAL as of 2/21/2021

District	Name	YTD %
1	Andy Beck	90%
3	Larry Page	60%
2	Paul Tinker	46%
8	Mark Meredith	33%
6	Mike Middlemiss	31%
9	Brian Duncan	6%
4	John Chavez	0%
5	Larry Zubel	0%
7	Tim Soran Jr.	0%
10	Mark Dylla	0%
11	Frank Lesar	0%



Work for a company founded by a Catholic priest on the path to sainthood. To learn more about becoming a Knights of Columbus field agent, click here www.kofc.org/en/our-careers/insurance-agent-careers.html Match your **faith** with your **career**.

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

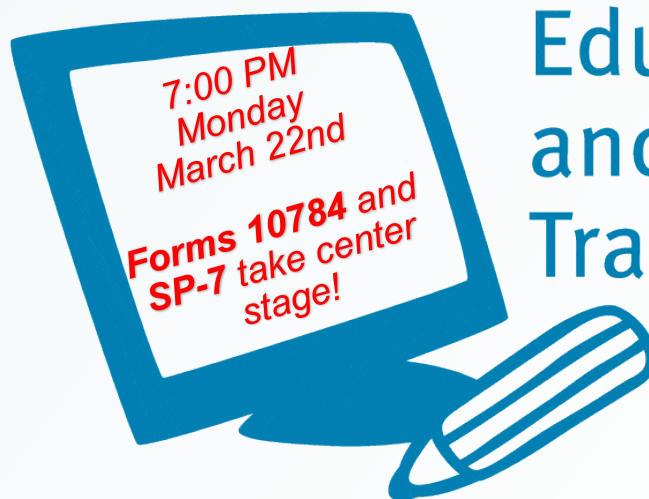
<https://www.carmelslc.org/home-made-candy-and-jam-by-the-carmelite-nuns/>

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>



Education and Training



State Training on Monday, March 22: Form 10784

The registration link is forms.gle/t6gWxMsVxjS3ij958 for the March 22nd training on Fraternal Programs Report Form 10784 (and SP-7).

Come and learn more about this form that replaced over a dozen other reporting forms! Visit www.KofC.org/fiaforms to see the form.

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 already covered with links to previous sessions recordings and resources.

Next Supreme Webinar is Thursday, March 18th at 6:00 PM. The topic is (still) TBA. Register online at www.kofc.org/webinar

All Knights are encouraged to register for the new KnightCast series at www.kofc.org/KnightCast; the first one was on 2/25 and is available online.

FAMILY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The January 2021 report wasn't received, so no update on the winners this month. They did confirm that the Form 10784 is now the **required** form for submitting the Family of the Month to Supreme (before the 15th of each month). It's found online at www.KofC.org/fiaforms along with a short video explanation on completing the form. State Trainer Jerry Angus will be covering the form (again) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22. Visit www.UtahKnights.org/training for the registration link to that live webinar (or see page 8).

After you submit the Form 10784 online, you will receive an email with a PDF copy of your submission (copies are also sent to council's Grand Knight and Financial Secretary), please forward the PDF to me at tsoran@judgememorial.com, and a copy to Utah.State.Deputy.Forms@gmail.com

Visit www.KofC.org/Family to review Supreme's recommended programs for fulfilling the Family category of the "Faith In Action" program model. I was proud of how many Utah Councils took advantage of the Family of the Month (FOM) program over the last six months. Also, I would encourage that each Council plan ahead for the possibility of COVID-19 restrictions continuing for the next several months.

One form that wasn't replaced by the 10784? The **Family of the Year** nomination form! Now is the time to complete it, the submission deadline to State Deputy Nick Nielson is March 15th. [Form 10608](http://www.KofC.org/fiaforms) is available at www.KofC.org/fiaforms

Pax Vobiscum!

Timothy Soran, Jr.
District 7 Deputy
Utah Family Director

ABOUT OUR STATE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications are due March 15th. Make sure you give your applicants enough time to gather the information required to make the application complete. The entire application, the process, and the checklist are on line at the state website. Go to www.UtahKnights.org, click on "[programs](#)", and then click on "[scholarship](#)". The link to the application package (a 7-page PDF) is in that section, with all the requirements listed on page 3 of the application.

You should find all of the answers you need, but should you need more clarification please call me at 801-971-1487. If I don't answer please text me (at the same number). If your question is, "Can I have more time to deliver the package?" The answer is, "No!" **All applications must be post-marked by March 15th or hand delivered to**

Utah State K of C Scholarship Chairman
c/o Chuck Dover Jr., PSD, FVSM
6170 Hathaway Street
Taylorsville, UT 84123.

In 2020 there were 15 students that applied, representing 12 councils with three winners selected and awarded prizes of \$3000, \$2000 and \$1000.

I have been asked, "Where does the scholarship fall under programs for awards?" This depends on how you promote it. Be creative to find the best fit for how you choose to promote the scholarship. Some Examples:

FAMILY:

- 1) Are you seeking to have the applicant of a modest family income apply?
- 2) Are you trying to help the child of a widow?

COMMUNITY:

- 1) Educated citizens help build up the community. Our youth today will be our leaders tomorrow.
- 2) Community activities by the student are covered on the application.

FAITH:

- 1) Does your student stand out helping in the parish? (Altar server, youth group, religious education, etc.)
- 2) The application requires a letter from the parish pastor. He can affirm the involvement.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this program in the past and to those who continue to support the program. A special thanks to all of the students who apply for our state scholarship.

Vivat Jesus!
Chuck Dover Jr., PSD, FVSM

Looking to help support the scholarship financially? See page 6 for information about the **Prize Drawing Tickets**, or send a donation directly to State Secretary Bill Kelly (just indicate on the check it's for the state scholarship).

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Information on this month's challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori is available online at www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/february-2021.html Please let the editor know you if would like the details of the challenge included each month, that hasn't been requested yet.

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PRAYER HOUR

Celebrate the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney through a special prayer hour open to the whole parish. Built around the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, the prayer hour features writings from recent popes and reflections on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney. The prayer hour is a way for the entire parish community to invoke the blessed founder of the Knights of Columbus and to be inspired by his life and legacy.

The information on this new prayer service is online at www.kofc.org/McGivneyPrayer and includes several resources including a 20-page prayer booklet (with instructions) at www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/blessed-mcgivney-prayer-hour/11157-blessed-michael-mcgivney-prayer-hour-booklet.pdf If you're holding one virtually, let's get it on the state events calendar!

Idea: We're in Lent. One of the spiritual exercises for Lent is to pray. This is a prayer service. You can invite the parish. Prospective Knights might attend. You could invite them to join (as the State Deputy requested back on page 1 of this newsletter).

SIR KNIGHTS IN THE NEW UNIFORM ARE NEEDED!

Sir Knight of the Fourth Degree, please get your new uniform! You will never know when the opportunity arises to provide a Honor Guard! We recently had one for the funeral of an amazing priest. He is the embodiment of a *Remarkable Story of Forgiveness and Healing* in a tumultuous world.

A last-minute honor guard was provided for the funeral of **Father Ubald Rugirangoga** at the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was a missionary priest from Rwanda working out of the Diocese of Green Bay Wisconsin. While ministering in the Jackson Hole WY area when he contracted COVID in October 2020. He was transferred to the University of Utah Hospital for treatment. He continued with hospitalization for treatment of a lung disorder from which he ultimately succumbed. His life's story of Forgiveness is remarkable and a peek into it can be found in these obituary links. Recommend reading at least these. Those I have talked to, some that knew him and they positively believe he will be a saint. His remarkable autobiography is available online. I found it on Amazon. The title is "Forgiveness Makes You Free: A Dramatic Story of Healing and Reconciliation from the Heart of Rwanda".

An obituary for Father Ubald in "The Compass", the Official Newsletter for the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin is online at www.thecompassnews.org/2021/01/rwandan-priest-who-celebrated-masses-in-diocese-dies another obituary from Starks Funeral Home www.starksfuneral.com/obituary/2564-yv2fx3zayx (includes a photo slideshow video).

Doing further study of Father Ubald Rugirangoga's life I obtained and read his book "FORGIVENESS MAKES YOU FREE". Here is a brief overview of his book and I heartily recommend obtaining your own copy and take the time to read and internalize his dramatic story of healing and reconciliation. My takeaway from this book was to rethink what is the Eucharist, i.e., what did I say it was as opposed to what internally I believe it is. To my surprise I had to reconcile the differences I found upon this examination.

You will find that his encounter with the baptismal education process with a blind woman which lead him to the realization that we become blind to God. Paraphrasing "We can hide ourselves for others, but we cannot hide truth from ourselves or from God". After these insightful chapters on forgiveness come "HIS GIFT." Father Ubald worked for healing physical and spiritual, as one day during his healing prayers he was given the insight to realize that someone had been healed, not through him but through prayer to Jesus. Father Ubald held healing services with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed in the Monstrance. He would move through the crowds holding the monstrance high and healings would take place due to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Father Ubald reviews his life from his childhood, losing and finding his faith as a seminarian, becoming a priest, his pastoral role, up to the Rwandan genocide. Then comes the flight from Rwanda to Europe, healing at Fatima, with ultimate returning home to Rwanda and sharing his gifts with Rwanda, the United States and the world.

The last chapter is a Guided Meditation with Father Ubald. He provides the five spiritual keys to freedom.

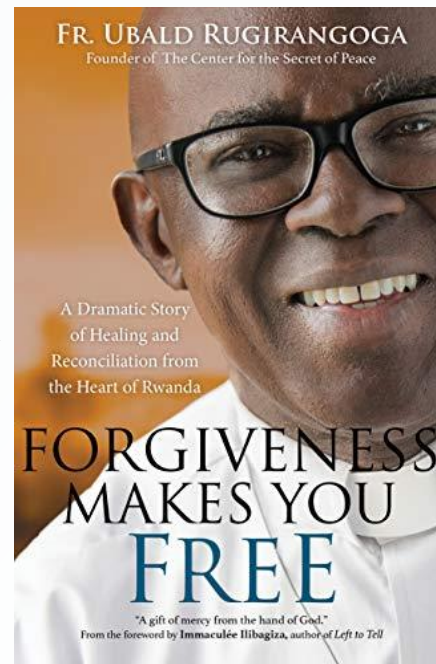
"I have traveled all across the world. I have seen many souls encounter the healing touch of Christ in the Eucharist, and I have witnessed people receive spiritual and even physical healing by opening their hearts to Christ." — Father Ubald

It was a privilege to participate in Father Ubald's funeral honor guard. Advance preparations made it possible. If you're not a fourth degree member, now is the time to join and become a Sir Knight (see page 6). If you are a fourth degree member, keep your uniform ready. If you don't have the new uniform, order it online at www.kofcUniform.com

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Hall

Utah District Master



THE UTAH MARCH FOR LIFE CAR PARADE ON STATE STREET

The Utah March for Life Car Parade went from the Utah State Capital down State Street to Sandy on Saturday, January 30, 2021.

Utah District Master Dick Hall and Utah State Life Director Bob Van Parys (both members of Padre Pio Assembly 2636) along dozens of others attended the 2021 Car Parade held as the March for Life event for social distancing purposes. The event started with the blessing of the cars by Utah State Chaplin Rev. Erik Richtsteig at Saint Ambrose Parish in Salt Lake City. Following the blessing, was Mass with Father Erik prior to leaving for the State Capital assembly area.

A rally area in front of the capital provided a gathering point. Also, the new Pro-Life Ultrasound Van was present to view. This van will be staffed by an ultrasound technician, counselor and van driver. The driving area is separated from the work area for privacy. The Utah State Council is currently in the fund raising phase to provide the ultra sound machine by May 2021. As of 2/24, State Secretary Bill Kelly had received \$9,600 towards our goal of \$15,500. John Wainscott has also put out a request for volunteer drivers; use the contact form at www.UtahKnights.org/knight/John-Wainscott/ for more information.



KTALK RADIO 1640 AM provided the airtime to cover the Pro-Life Car parades in Salt Lake City and Saint George.

The Salt Lake City rally started at the state capital and proceeded down to 90th South in Sandy. There were over 500 cars and trucks in all decorated with Pro-Life Yellow Flags, balloons, banners, and American flags. We received lots of recognition from numerous cheering groups all along the parade route. The rally drive time was around 2 hours.

Pictured at the end of the rally are (left to right) Life Director Bob Van Parys and his wife Elizabeth, District Master Dick Hall and his wife Jane.

Note: They only removed their masks for the photo.





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Dear Brothers,

This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. We remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. This has not been easy for many of you. When it began we wondered how we would be able to help our brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—"stay-cation" with the family was more the norm. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other. With that in mind, I would like to thank all of you that attended Brother Joe Jordan's Webcast in February. Hopefully, there was something for all of you in terms of your financial well being. In addition, I would like to congratulate Council 12181 for winning the \$250 for having the most attendees at a Fraternal Benefit Event.

Last but not least, this month we are introducing the "Raso Riddle of the Month". Each month there will be a "riddle" or question at the bottom of the newsletter. Be one of the first 10 to call the office toll free at (833) 732-5632 ext. 3 with the correct answer and you will win a prize for your spouse or significant other. Each month will be different, so stay tuned!

We are thankful to all of you. Many of you met with your agent this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was our pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you recommendations. We look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact us if you have any questions; we are here to serve you and our members families.

We pray you will be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

The Raso Agency

Raso Riddle of the Month: Why might Joe Jordan and Father McGivney have a special appreciation for Saint Patrick's Day?



Utah Field Agents
Matthew McCarthy and
Gene Trombetti proudly
show off the new wall
decoration in their
downtown Salt Lake City
office.

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