



# Knights of Columbus®

## 2020 State Convention Meeting Greg Keller, Utah State Deputy Virtual Convention Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:07 pm – 3:07 pm

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#### State Officers:

State Deputy (SD) Greg Keller  
State Chaplain (SC) Father Erik Richtsteig  
State Secretary (SS) J. Nick Nielson  
State Treasurer (ST) James “Mac” McManaman  
State Advocate (SA) William “Bill” Kelly  
State Warden (SW) Ryan Graveley  
Immediate Past State Deputy (IPSD) Andy Airriess

## Sunday Afternoon Business Session (Virtual)

[2:00 PM] Delegates are still being called by the FLS system.

[2:06 PM] Forty (40) delegates answered, just under 60 total participants on the phone line.

[2:07 PM] **SD Greg Keller:** Good afternoon Brothers, this is State Deputy Greg Keller. Welcome to the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Utah State Council, and I now call this meeting to order. As we open this virtual meeting, I would like to ask our State Chaplain Father Richtsteig to open with a prayer.

[2:07 PM] **State Chaplain Father Erik:** [Prayer for Protection in time of Pandemic.] In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[2:09 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you Father Erik.

There are a few announcements I need to make as we proceed with this virtual meeting:

- We know this will be a unique experience for all of us, including your state officers, so I am grateful for your patience.
- Only delegates with proper credentials, as well as Past State Deputies, have the right to speak during this meeting. This is the same as “floor rights” during a typical state meeting. If someone with the proper credentials wishes to speak, please hit \*3 (star 3) on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Note that you may be contacted so that we may know your intention to alert me when to recognize you. This will especially be important during the nomination and election processes.
- Please do not mute your phone, the system automatically mutes participants. This will speed up the process when being recognized to speak. Again, please do not mute your phone.
- The Minutes of the 2019 State Convention, and all Reports of Committees, Reports of Officers and Program Chairmen, Resolutions, and the Budget for the next fraternal year have been distributed for your review prior to this meeting.

- Our goal is to complete the required business in less than 90 minutes, so many items typically covered at a live state convention will be abbreviated, or eliminated. I ask that everyone, especially delegates, stay connected until we have concluded the meeting.
- If you are dropped, please rejoin this call-in progress, by dialing 877-228-2184 and enter event I.D. 119380.

**State Deputy Greg:** Due to the circumstances of this virtual State Meeting, I have asked our State Secretary Nick Nielson to serve as our Credentials Committee.

I have also appointed State Advocate Bill Kelly to serve as our parliamentarian for this virtual meeting.

To start this year's state convention, we will now hear Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's address to the Utah State Council and delegates. Brother Anderson.

[2:11 PM] ***Message from Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight:***

Brother Knights, it is good to speak to you in these challenging times. I applaud you for holding your convention via teleconference. The Coronavirus pandemic has changed our daily lives, but it will not change our commitment to fraternity. This is not the first pandemic the Knights of Columbus has faced. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and again in 1918, we remained strong and active as sickness spread. What was true then is true now. Why? Because we have remained true to the principles of the order. I have said before that "where there is a need, there is a Knight." This is a time of great need, and once again we must stand together to meet it. We have the financial strength to address the suffering we see around us, but more importantly we have the fraternal strength to do the great works of charity these times demand. As leaders of your jurisdiction, you have the responsibility to mobilize our efforts. Thank you for what you have already done. It is impressive. Your councils and your brother Knights will continue to look to you for leadership. Continue to show them the Knights of Columbus way to put their faith into action.

In March we launched our new initiative "Leave No Neighbor Behind," to respond to this pandemic. It calls on all Knights to support our brothers, to support our parishes, and to support our communities, to feed the hungry and participate in blood drives. You and your councils are the lynchpin of this order-wide effort to leave no neighbor behind. I would ask you to begin with the brothers in your council. Please contact every one of your members. Do they need a helping hand in some way during this pandemic? During this time, no brother Knight should feel forgotten or left behind by the brothers of his council; and we should have the same approach to members of our parishes and our neighborhoods.

At the start of holy week, we announced a multimillion-dollar campaign to support food banks in the United States and Canada. We are providing urgent support to the hardest hit communities and the neediest among us. Our initial commitment of \$1,250,000 is only the first phase of this campaign. Many councils and individual Knights have contributed to our effort, and this important work will continue in the days ahead.

In addition to our charity, we are also standing strong for unity. With our churches experiencing serious financial strain, the order has established a \$100,000,000 church loan fund, for dioceses in the United States and Canada, that will offer dioceses a \$1,000,000 line of credit. This will help them weather the serious economic impact to the crisis.

In Rome, the order is making it possible for the Vatican's Bambino Gesù hospital to create a dedicated treatment area for infants inflicted with the coronavirus. We were proud to sponsor the pope's

holy week broadcasts, including his historic *Urbi et Orbi* blessing city of the city of Rome and of the world in response to the pandemic. Pope Francis has called on all Christians to unite their voices to heaven and I urge every Knight and his family to pray our Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic. As the crisis continues, the need for charity and unity will continue to grow. The same is true of fraternity.

With all in-person Knights of Columbus meetings and events canceled for the foreseeable future, we are finding new ways to bring our brother Knights together. This convention is a sign of what's possible and the Supreme Council will continue to provide guidance and support. We have expanded our monthly **Knightline** email to a new weekly leadership, and each email contains practical and spiritual resources for our brother Knights and their families. Our insurance agents and customer service team also remain available to help members with any insurance or related financial needs they may have.

The challenges are great, but our determination to overcome them is greater still, and as we move through this pandemic together the Knights of Columbus will be there. We will leave no neighbor behind, and we will forge ahead together as brother Knights. I believe our response to this crisis will rank among the order's finest hours. This fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus reached two million members. This is an historic milestone, and I thank all the brother Knights who made this possible.

The day I was elected the Supreme Knight, I said we have a moral obligation to offer the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible catholic man. Father McGivney's gift to us, of this wonderful organization, was never intended as a gift for only a few. It was always meant to be shared. Now, nearly 20 years later, I believe this more strongly than ever before. The more men who join, the more lives we will transform and communities we will serve. The more men we have, the more we will do for our parishes and the more catholic families we will strengthen. Now a key component of our efforts going forward will be our new exemplification ceremony. It has already received an overwhelmingly positive response, as well it should. It teaches our lessons of charity, unity and fraternity in a way that is compelling and grounded in the rich history of the order. It will make it easier to bring men into our ranks, and for those men to serve as council officers. This new ceremony provides a gateway to inspire the next generation of Knights and strengthen councils across the globe. Now it is available in a virtual format, when in-person ceremonials are not possible. Men join the Knights of Columbus for the benefits of belonging to our great catholic brotherhood. The principles of charity and unity change lives for the better every day, and every day we fulfill Father McGivney's dream of offering catholic families financial protection they can depend upon, to our commitment to insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights. The secret of our impressive growth is simple, through the spiritual genius of Father McGivney, we have found a way to transform friends into brothers, brothers who are committed to one another. Today the Knights of Columbus offers catholic men a path of Christian discipleship, a path marked by the guideposts of charity, unity and fraternity. To be the path we walk, not just one day a week, but 24-7.

You can be proud that the business aspects of the order have consistently been rated Superior and that we successfully compete, not in spite of, but because of our commitment to catholic principles. Last year our agents issued nearly \$9 billion in new insurance. We continue to have more than \$100 billion of insurance in force protecting the financial future of our council families. As leaders of your jurisdiction, remember that your general and field agents can be your best partner in working to grow the order; and we should all remember that our insurance program and our charitable work arise from the same source: our responsibility to provide for our families and for those in need.

Last year our brother Knights gave more than \$185 million to charity and volunteered more than 76 million hours. We fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, donated more than 8,500 wheelchairs, and put coats on the backs of more than 117,000 children. I am proud that earlier in this fraternal year, brother Knights from Mexico and the United States came together to provide food, water and clothing to displaced families along the border and especially to women and children. These efforts are in keeping with our long

history of defending the downtrodden and the marginalized. We continue our efforts to rebuild Christian communities in Iraq; and when it comes to defending the right to life, the Knights of Columbus continues to lead the way.

Just over 10 years ago, we launched a new initiative with the goal of placing 1000 ultrasound machines in crisis pregnancy centers. We've not only met that goal, we've exceeded it. Today we have placed more than 1,200 ultrasound machines in those centers; and if each ultrasound reduces the number of abortions by just one each week, then we will have saved more than 60,000 children in the coming year. Think of that: 60,000 children saved. As I have said before, this is the greatest humanitarian achievement in the history of the Knights of Columbus, but there is still much more for us to do. We must continue to rescue the unborn, until that time when their lives are once again protected by law.

In all we do, we seek the charity that evangelizes. The Lord has called us to be His witnesses, and especially to be His witnesses in our homes and in our parishes. This is why, several years ago, we launched the "Building the Domestic Church" program. This is why we started our "Faith in Action" initiative. These programs deserve the attention of every council, and so does our powerful new video series "Into the Breach". Today I ask that every council promote these programs. During this pandemic, when Catholics are spending more time than ever at home, our programs to build up "the church of the home" are needed more than ever.

Our history is one of which we can all be proud. Today nearly every jurisdiction can boast 100 years of fraternity and charity. This year marks another milestone in the history of the order: 100 years of charitable service and love to the successor of Peter. Recently, the supreme officers and supreme directors traveled to the eternal city where Pope Francis received us in a private audience. That pilgrimage commemorated the first Knights of Columbus audience with Pope Benedict XV in 1920. In his message to us, Pope Francis praised our faithful witness in defense of life, our support for persecuted Christians and all our charitable efforts; and he also thanked us and now I quote him "for our unswerving devotion to the successor of Peter." And I would ask you to pay particular attention to these words of Pope Francis. He said "in our world, marked by divisions and inequalities, the generous commitment of your order to serve all in need, offers especially to young people an important inspiration to overcome a globalization of indifference and build together a more just and inclusive society." I also believe that every bishop in your jurisdiction could say the same about your work.

My brother Knights, the Knights of Columbus is needed today more than ever before. Not only to confront and overcome the coronavirus pandemic, but to protect our church and to ensure a future of faith for our children and our grandchildren. My sincere hope is that, amidst all these challenges, we grow closer to one another and to the Lord and that each of us will love more profoundly our principles of charity, unity and fraternity and we will live lives as Pope Francis has said, worthy of the high call that God has given us. May the Venerable Father McGivney and Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us all. Vivat Jesus.

[2:25 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you Worthy Supreme Knight for your message and leadership.

We are very pleased and honored to have Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly participating in our meeting today as the Supreme Council Representative, and at this time I call on Brother Patrick for his message.

[2:26 PM] **Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly:** Thank you Worthy State Deputy Keller. It's a real honor for me to speak with you and your state team and all the Knights of the great state of Utah on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. As the supreme representative to your convention, I bring greetings from the Knights of Columbus – Utah State Virtual Convention Minutes (May 3, 2020).

Supreme Council, but more than that, I bring our gratitude. As you just heard from the Supreme Knight, we are thankful for the leadership of the Utah Knights. Even before the coronavirus pandemic, you were leaders in so many ways, and especially in charity.

The Supreme Knight mentioned many of our accomplishments as an order: insurance sold, dollars donated, hours volunteered, unborn lives saved, and hearts changed. Behind these numbers are the many contributions of Knights throughout the state of Utah. You, and the men you represent, gave over \$164,000 and nearly 423,000 service hours to charity over the past year.

Stories of the good works of Knights in councils across Utah have made their way to Supreme. The pro-life work of Bishop Scanlan Assembly 2393 in Saint George was recognized when they presented the Silver Rose to a mother and a child at Saint George Catholic Church in the past year. Utah Knights collected stuffed animals from parishes in the Salt Lake Valley, gathering over 3000 stuffed animals to be delivered by emergency personnel and victim advocates to children in crisis. Saint Olaf Council 5502 in Bountiful continued sponsoring their quarterly dinners for veterans and families at the Salt Lake City Fisher House, an organization that provides military families a place to stay while their loved ones are being treated. And more recently during the pandemic, Father Stephen Tilley, Chaplain of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181 in Draper heard confessions from his Jeep Wrangler. So, on behalf of the Supreme Council, I applaud the Utah Knights for this work and for all your charitable work. But this commitment you have to charity shines even brighter in a time of pandemic.

You have all experienced the needs of your councils, parishes, and communities have multiplied in the past two months, but so have your efforts to meet those needs: from groceries delivered, to monetary donations, from calling the isolated, to comforting those who grieve, from blood drives to food banks, in so many ways – large and small – you have shown the best of the order. You have acted not out of regard for self, but out of a deep desire to serve and sacrifice for the sake of others and that's what I'd like to address this morning – not so much what we do, but who we are as catholic men and as Knights of Columbus. It has been said that circumstances reveal men and that's true; when times are tough, you see what a man is made of, weather he is weak or strong, weather he is selfish or selfless. But I would take that phrase a step further. Yes, it is true that circumstances reveal men, but these are not normal circumstances. We are living in a time of crisis, and a crisis reveals Knights. As Knights, what is our duty during this difficult time? The answer can be found in the new exemplification ceremony, there we hear that a Knight is and I quote “willing to sacrifice himself for others, especially the weak and the poor.” My brothers, that is the essence of our calling – not just to be men, but to be men for others. Our job is to be the steady pillars of the church, our parishes, our communities, and even our country. And the second aspect of our unique calling is to be leaders of men. If not us, who? Our parishes and our families need us like never before. This was true before the pandemic, but it's even more true now, and that is what Leave No Neighbor Behind, our program, is all about. With millions of people cutoff from their normal lives, and so many finding themselves suddenly unemployed, they're casting about for a helping hand to assist them through this difficult time. This is what the Knights were founded to do: to strengthen catholic men, and catholic families. We are the leaders who families can count on. We are the leaders who they can trust. When our friends, families and neighbors look at us, they should see someone who will find a way – or make a way – to get the job done. Someone who will step into the breach and stay in the breach, until the battle is won. And why is that? Because we are grounded in something higher than ourselves. We lead because we rely on the way, the truth, and the life that is Jesus Christ. We rise to every challenge because we are men on a mission. Our Christian witness is everything in this moment of crisis, and our ability to lead is a direct reflection of our willingness to serve; and now more than ever we are called to put our faith into action. We do so by meeting the needs of those around us. We must go where the vulnerable are and not wait for them to come to us. Our greatest witness is our willingness to be men for others, to go the extra mile, to be

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there for the sick, the needy, the worried and the forgotten. The truth is more people are suffering today than at any point of most of our lifetimes. In this moment, we are called to step into that breach and to reach out to those most in need, with assistance yes, but also with hearts of gratitude and with words of hope and encouragement. Of course, you all know this. In so many ways you are already leading the way as Knights of Columbus and as catholic men and as followers of Christ. Your witness serves as an inspiration to me, and to the many others around you. As this crisis continues, I encourage you to lean on each other and to lean on us. Use the resources provided by the Supreme Council. We are here to help you in your work. As the Supreme Knight mentioned, we are providing timely spiritual resources and launching new initiatives such as our “Into the Breach” video series, the “Faith in Action” program model, and as I have said, our “Leave No Neighbor Behind” initiative. Remember, we are here to encourage you and to amplify your efforts for the good of others and for the greater glory of God. These are challenging times, but there is also reason for great hope. The day is coming when this pandemic will pass, and when it does, our work will not be over. We are called to be leaders in all things and at all times. And so, our sense of mission and our purpose must not fade, instead it must grow stronger. At Supreme, we are resolved that the witness of the Knights of Columbus will only grow stronger. You, and all the Knights of Utah, give us confidence that this is the case and that the order will continue to flourish. And as the Supreme Knight said, I truly believe this will be among our finest hours and if this is our foundation, imagine the heights we can reach in the days and the decades ahead. Father McGivney would be proud of you. It is my privilege to call you brother Knights. And together with the Supreme Knight and the entire Supreme Council, I thank you for stepping into the breach today and in the days ahead. Thank you. Vivat Jesus, and I now yield the floor back to the worthy State Deputy.

[2:35 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you very much Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for your message and for being with us today.

At this time, I will call on our State Chaplain the Very Reverend Erik Richtsteig for his report to the meeting. Father Erik.

[2:35 PM] **State Chaplain Father Erik:** My dear brothers, it has been a rather odd Easter, has it not? But during this time of darkness in some ways, the light of Christ and the gospels shows even more brightly and I’d like to thank you all for allowing your light to shine; and this thanks is not just from me, but from my brother priests and for our bishop, Bishop Solis. The Knights have really stepped up during this time of “Coronatine” and helped so many of us in so many different ways. Particularly I was thinking of how many different councils helped their parish on Palm Sunday to make sure people had access to the blessed palms and that made a lasting impression and I know there are things that don’t make the press that are being done every day, and every moment of every day, not just to help the order, but to help our parishes and help our diocese and help our communities. So thank you very much for being that living sign of Christian faith and Christian charity to the state of Utah, and I’d encourage you to continue reaching out because as this thing draws on, even though we’re starting to get a little bit of opening, it’s really difficult for a lot of people, particularly those who can’t go anywhere, or who feel isolated, so get/be creative. Think of all the different ways that you could do this. It has been observed that in wartime we don’t get to fight with the army we want, we get to fight with the army that we have. We don’t get to fight on the battlefield we want, we get to fight on the battlefield we have. And so our Lord has given us this time and this place to live our His Gospel and so, just ask for His help and do what you can and realize that you may initially think that something is weird, and it’s never going to happen, and we couldn’t do this, but we can

do it and we can step up to the plate and really be helpers in spreading the Gospel among those who are most in need as our Supreme Knight and Deputy Supreme Knight have said.

I'd like to remind you all that God is always present, you know, even though you can't always go to Mass, we can pray and it reminds me of one of my classmates at the seminary, Father Tien. Father Tien was a monk at Mount Angel, but before that he was in a seminary, a minor seminary, in Vietnam during the fall of Saigon. When the communists took over, the seminaries were closed and they were sent home. So, Father Tien and his brother both resolved to pursue their vocations and they knew that they had to get out of Vietnam, so they were going to get on a boat and they were caught by the authorities and his brother was shot on the beach. He survived and recovered, but both of them were sent to a year in solitary confinement. If you ask Tien about what it was like, he'd say "oh, it was wonderful. It taught me how to pray." Just in awe, with that kind of faith, but he knew that God was present with him and eventually he was able to, as soon as he was released, he got on another boat. After spending time fighting off pirates, and all sorts of other things, the passengers of his boat were rescued by the Philippine Navy on Easter Sunday, and he came to the United States, and he became a priest. He passed away from cancer a few years ago, but his example I think is one for all of us, that wherever we find ourselves, the Lord is always with us and so realize you're always in my prayers. If there is anything I can do to help you, please contact me in any way that you can. Vivat Jesus.

[2:40 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you Father Erik. Your comments are inspirational and are greatly appreciated. I would like at this time to call upon our General Agent Ken Huard for his address to the delegates. Brother Ken.

[2:40 PM] **General Agent Ken Huard:** Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Revered Fathers, Supreme Representative and Brother Knights, thank you for giving me the time to address you briefly during this historical virtual convention. This is an unprecedented time for all of us and on behalf of all the agents and myself, please be assured first and foremost our agency's thoughts and prayers for you and your families are first. An agent's primary role is to be there for his brothers, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is any way we can help you during this time. I want to assure you that our agency and all Knights of Columbus business and charitable functions are operational. Agents have transitioned to meetings and conducting business with members via Skype. This transition has been a great convenience for members. We are finding that both members and agents are really enjoying this new experience and we're planning to incorporate that into our standard practices once we move past this pandemic. The Supreme Council has shifted its business operations too, and have been working remotely since mid-March. This is a time I know when many of you have more financial concerns than usual: maybe you're concerned about volatility, maybe you need help to have access of more of your cash that's tied up in other places, maybe you're thinking about adding insurance, maybe you're looking for a new career, as always the Knights of Columbus stands ready, by design by Father McGivney himself to help protect your financial future. Just this past month at the height of the economic uncertainty brought upon by the Coronavirus, S&P Global Ratings published a report showing the Knights of Columbus as being tied for the most financially strong life insurer in all of North America. That's a reality made possible only by our strong catholic guiding principles and by the tremendous support and trust that you show us each and every year. If we didn't have those things, we'd never be able to weather storms like these where trusted partners are needed more than ever. So, as we turn the page, God willing, from this moment and to the next, I want to personally invite you to have a conversation with us. I want to personally thank you and especially your State Officers for their support and their collaboration this past year. You know we are all fraternalists, just as the successes of our insurance business ought to be points of pride for all of us, we are so incredibly proud of the work

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that all of you to help support our church, and our communities. You are a beacon of God's joy and God's charity to Utah and we're honored to work with you and for you. We are excited to tackle this next fraternal year together.

I'll close with a personal observation. I ask all of our members to contact us, sit down with us, let us review any kind of insurance, or any kind of questions that you may have – especially during this epidemic, and the financial crisis that we're running into. We're here for you. Give us a call, reach out and we'll be there. Thank you for your time. I hope to see you all soon and Vivat Jesus.

[2:44 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you Brother Ken and your Field Agents for helping us take care of our families both now and into the future. At this time, I call on our State Secretary for the Report of the Credentials Committee.

[2:44 PM] **State Secretary Nick:** In reviewing the list of delegates based on information provided by our councils, and cross checking this with the members that have joined us today for this virtual meeting, I have the following number of delegates to report:

6	State Officers
1	Immediate Past State Deputy
<u>46</u>	Delegates
<u>53</u>	Total Voting Delegates (See Addendum 1: Official Voting Delegates to the State

Convention).

[2:45 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you brother Nick. Without objection the roll of delegates submitted by the Credentials Committee will be the official roll of voting members for this state meeting.

Without objection, the rules will be suspended and the following shortened Order of Business will be adopted:

We have already completed the major events leading to this point and now we will proceed with the following topics:

- Approval of 2019 State Convention Minutes
- Reports of Committees
- Reports of State Officers and Program Chairman
- Nomination and Election of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of Alternate Delegates to the Supreme Council
- Consideration of Resolutions

At this point we have had no considerations of amendments to the State Council Bylaws.

- New Business
- 2020-2021 Annual Budget
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment

[2:45 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** At this time, we will proceed with the approval of the Minutes of the 2019 State Convention which have been distributed prior to this State Convention by our State Secretary Nick Nielson. Are there any corrections to the minutes? Seeing none, there being no further corrections to the minutes, the 2019 Minutes are approved.

[2:46 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Now, we will proceed with the Reports of Committees. As the various reports of the committees have been distributed prior to the State Convention by our State Secretary, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in this year's minutes.

[2:46 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Let us move onto the Reports of Officers and Programs. Also, as the various reports of the state officers and program chairman have been distributed prior to the State Convention by our State Programs Director Ryan Graveley in the Annual Convention Report, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in this year's minutes.

[2:47 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** At this time, I have a big shout out to the Convention Committee led by District Deputy #10 Pete Abercrombie. The committee had everything planned for this year's State Convention before we were shut down due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, the convention book was still assembled and printed. Thank you to Peczuh Printing for assembling and printing the book with no charge to the state. The distribution of the convention books is planned for the Organization Meeting in late June. Because there were limited expenses incurred by the committee before the live convention was cancelled, and a majority of donors and contributors let their donations stay with the committee, those remaining donations will be provided to the Bishop for the Diocesan Development Drive to help worthy causes across the state.

I will ask our State Secretary if there is an update to the Report of Credential Committee.

[2:48 PM] **State Secretary Nick:** Thank you worthy State Deputy. The number of delegates has not changed. We still have

6 State Officers

1 Immediate Past State Deputy

46 Delegates

53 Total Voting Delegates

[2:48 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you worthy State Secretary. We will now proceed to the election of officers for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. Please note that nominations previously submitted to me will be considered as seconded nominations made to the floor for consideration of that respective position.

It is important that voting delegates follow the instructions on how to vote. The voting will be anonymous. The system that we are using records the votes but does not show how that particular delegate voted.

Remember that only credentialed delegates and Past State Deputies have rights to the floor, and you must be recognized to speak.

If someone with the proper credentials wishes to speak, please hit \*3 (star 3) on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Note that you may be contacted so that we may know your intention to alert me when to recognize you. Please do not mute your phone.

Nominations presented from the floor today will be restricted to the straightforward format as follows: *"My name is Joe Delegate, from Council Number #, and I nominate Jim Knight for the position of State fill in the blank"*

Even though we are using an electronic polling system for the vote, in case of an unforeseen issue, I have appointed Immediate Past State Deputy Andy Airriess as the judge.

[2:50 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** As noted in various communications I have sent the past two weeks and, in the guidelines, distributed and posted on our state council website, the following nomination was submitted for the position of State Deputy – Nick Nielson. Are there any other nominations for the office of State Deputy? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Deputy? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Deputy? Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection the State Secretary will cast one ballot for Nick Nielson for State Deputy for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020. Congratulations brother Nick.

[2:51 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** We will now move into the State Secretary election. Again, as noted in various communications I have sent the past two weeks and, in the guidelines, distributed and posted on our state council website, the following nomination was submitted for the position of State Secretary – Bill Kelly. Are there any other nominations for the office of State Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Secretary? Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection the State Secretary will cast one ballot for Bill Kelly for State Secretary for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020. Congratulations brother Bill.

[2:52 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** The next item of business will be the State Treasurer election. As noted in various communications I have sent the past couple weeks and posted on the state website, the following nomination was submitted for the position of State Treasurer – Ryan Gravely. Are there any other nominations for the office of State Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Treasurer? Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection the State Secretary will cast one ballot for Ryan Graveley for State Treasurer for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020. Congratulations brother Ryan.

[2:52 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Next election will be for State Advocate. Once again, as noted in various communications over the last couple weeks and in the guidelines posted on our state council website, the following nomination was submitted for the position of State Advocate – Frank Carmona. Are there any other nominations for the office of State Advocate? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Advocate? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Advocate? Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection the State Secretary will cast one ballot for Frank Carmona for State Advocate for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020. Congratulations brother Frank.

[2:53 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Finally, as noted in various communications I have sent the last couple weeks and, in the guidelines, distributed and posted on our state council website, the following nominations were submitted for the position of State Warden – Alex Tarazon and Michael Derrick. Are there any other nominations for the office of State Warden? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Warden? Are there any other nominations for the office of State Warden? Nominations are now closed.

At this time, we will proceed to the balloting for the position of State Warden. Balloting will be open for two minutes – press 1 for Alex Tarazon, or press 2 for Michael Derrick. Once again, press 1 for Alex Tarazon, or press 2 for Michael Derrick. Please note that if you feel you selected the wrong number, re-vote and the application will record it accurately.

[2:55 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** We have 1 minute and 30 seconds left. Once again, we're voting for State Warden. The two nominees are Alex Tarazon and Michael Derrick. Press 1 for Alex Tarazon, press 2 for Michael Derrick. Once again, if you feel you selected the wrong number, just re-vote and the application will record it accordingly. You have one-minute left. We're voting for the position of State Warden. If you've just come in, press 1 on your phone for Alex Tarazon, or press 2 for Michael Derrick. If you feel you selected the wrong number, just re-vote and the application will record it accurately. We have 30 seconds left. Once again, press 1 for Alex Tarazon, or press 2 for Michael Derrick.

The balloting has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon our State Secretary for the results.

[2:57 PM] **State Secretary Nick:** Thank you worthy State Deputy. With a total of 50 ballots cast, the majority of the vote went to Alex Tarazon who will be our State Warden for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

[2:57 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you worthy State Secretary and congratulations brother Alex. Now that the state officer elections have been completed, we still have some more business to do. I want to start out by saying when we started the planning for this convention, Utah was entitled three delegates to attend the annual Supreme Convention. Your State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy are automatic delegates. However, due to the large number of members suspended this year, we have now fallen below the minimum membership threshold allowing the third Associate Delegate. The state was informed by the Supreme Secretary on 30<sup>th</sup> of April, stating the Utah State Council is currently entitled to **zero** Insurance Delegates and **zero** Associate Delegates. This is a big step backwards in Utah's representation at the Supreme Convention which is based on the state's total membership as of 1 April 2020.

OK, so now the councils have cleared their books, and the only way to go is up. Let us strive to take advantage of bringing more Knights into the Order using our new tools of online membership and online exemplifications. But we have not done this yet brothers. This year has plenty of time to go and we have plenty of opportunities to bring in new brothers. I'm looking forward to rebuilding year next year and to carry on the great work of the Knights in Utah. Let us all take an active role in growing our councils.

Now, let us move into the election of the alternate delegates to the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council currently scheduled for the first week of August in Washington D.C.

[2:59 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Let us start with the Alternate to the State Deputy. As noted in previous communications I have sent out in the past two weeks and in the guidelines distributed and posted on the state council website, the following nomination was submitted for the Alternate Delegate to the State Deputy – PSD Chuck Dover Jr. Are there any other nominations for the Alternate to the State Deputy? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed. Since there are no more nominees than the position to be filled, without objection, the State Secretary is directed to cast one ballot for the following delegate: PSD Chuck Dover Jr.

[3:00 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Let us continue with the nominations for Alternate to the Immediate Past State Deputy. As noted in previous communications I have sent in the past couple weeks and in the guidelines distributed and posted on the state council website, the following nominee was submitted for the Alternate Delegate to the Immediate Past State Deputy – PSD Andy Airriess. Are there any other  
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nominations for the Alternate to the Immediate Past State Deputy? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Being none, nominations are closed. Since there are no more nominees than the position to be filled, without objection, the State Secretary is directed to cast one ballot for the following delegate: IPSD Andy Airriess.

[3:01 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** I now ask the two alternate delegates please email the state secretary your full name, the membership number, your council number, your date of birth, and phone number. The State Secretary's email is StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org. Thank you.

[3:02 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** At this time, we will proceed with this year's nine Resolutions which were previously provided to the Utah Leaders and reviewed and updated by the Resolutions Committee. Brother Bill.

[3:02 PM] **State Advocate Bill Kelly:** Worthy Supreme Representative, Father Erik, my brother Knights, about two weeks ago we conducted a committee meeting and we approved the resolutions that I hope all of you had the opportunity review. We have no amendments to any of our by-laws. As everyone is aware, we recently published in January and updated by-law pamphlet. If any of you have not received that pamphlet, just let me know. I have a box here, was hoping when we met in person that I would be able to catch up with your councils and give you your pamphlets, but it looks like we're going to have to defer that or send it out in the mail.

Do we have any objections to the resolutions that have been proposed by the committee? Do we have any objections to the resolutions proposed by the resolutions committee? Do we have any objections to the resolutions proposed by the resolutions committee? I'll wait 30 seconds to see if I get anything on the screen here. Hearing no objections, worthy State Deputy, I move that we cast one unanimous ballot for the adoption of the resolutions as published and distributed to the councils in Utah.

**State Deputy Greg:** Worthy State Advocate, the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee is adopted. (See Addendum 2: Resolutions Presented at the State Convention). Thank you and thank you worthy State Advocate Bill for chairing the Resolutions Committee.

[3:04 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Let us proceed to New Business.

A new business topic is the adoption of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year Budget for the State Council. As the budget has been distributed previously and approved by the Budget Committee, without objection it will be accepted as presented and included in this year's minutes (See Addendum 4: Approved Utah State Council 2020-2021 State Budget).

Thank you, worthy State Treasurer Mac for chairing the Budget Committee.

Thank you, worthy State Secretary, and now State Deputy Elect Nick, for your diligence preparing for this virtual convention and chairing the Credentials Committee.

Is there any other business to come before the Convention? *You can hit \*3 and be put in the queue.*

Seeing that no one has any further business to come before this convention, I will now call on our State Chaplain Father Erik to lead us in prayer for the Canonization of the Venerable Father McGivney. Father Erik.

[3:05 PM] **State Chaplain Father Erik:** In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

O God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor which I now present (*silently*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

[3:07 PM] **State Deputy Greg:** Thank you Father Erik for spending your time with us this afternoon and congratulations to the new state officers next year.

The next major meeting and gathering of the Utah State Council will hopefully be the Organization Meeting in late June at St Olaf's in Bountiful.

Since there is no other business, this meeting is adjourned. I thank everyone for your patience and time this afternoon. Thanks for your participation this afternoon and take care of yourself and your neighbor. God Bless and Vivat Jesus! Good afternoon.

[3:07 PM] Meeting adjourned!

ATTEST: SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

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WILLIAM I. KELLY  
UTAH STATE SECRETARY

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KARL A. VANMAREN  
UTAH STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**ADDENDUM 1: Official Voting Delegates to the State Convention**

1. The following table provides the 53 voting delegates who participated in balloting for the State Council Officers and Resolution for the State Virtual Convention conducted on May 3, 2020.

<b>Council</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
State	Richtsteig, Erik Rev.	State Chaplain Delegate
State	Keller, Greg	State Deputy (SD) Delegate
State	Nielson, Nick	State Secretary Delegate
State	McManaman, James	State Treasurer Delegate
State	Kelly, Bill	State Advocate Delegate
State	Graveley, Ryan	State Warden Delegate
State	Airriess, Andy	Past SD Delegate
602	Contreras, Rene	Council Delegate
602	Johnson, Tom	Council Delegate
1129	Pellegrine, Bob	Council Delegate
1136	Tarazon, Alex	Council Delegate
5214	Jockisch, George	Council Delegate
5214	Vargo, Chad	Council Delegate
5347	Fuller, George	Council Delegate
5502	Bouley, Joe	Council Delegate
5502	Nesi, Joseph	Council Delegate
6010	Martinez, Dennis	Council Delegate
6010	Neid, Joseph	Council Delegate
6147	Colosimo, Joe	Council Delegate
6147	Peczuh, Tim	Council Delegate
6739	Barryll, Anthony	Council Delegate
6739	Goonan, Thomas	Council Delegate
6966	Alessandro, Chad D	Council Delegate
6966	Wainscott, John	Council Delegate
7401	Zubel, Dante	Council Delegate
7401	Zubel, Larry	Council Delegate
7961	Anglin, Michael	Council Delegate
7961	McDonald, David	Council Delegate
9731	Chacón-Escárcega, Gabino	Council Delegate
9731	Moore, Anthony	Council Delegate
9849	Beck, Andrew	Council Delegate
9849	Sweetland, Michael	Council Delegate
10733	Decker, Earl	Council Delegate
10733	Mandrigues, Louis	Council Delegate

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11246	Rhoads, Randy	Council Delegate
11246	Webb, David A	Council Delegate
11479	Bachiller, Ray	Council Delegate
11479	Page, Larry	Council Delegate
12181	Lewis, R. Scott	Council Delegate
12181	Thatcher, Stephen J	Council Delegate
13297	Cabana, Gary A	Council Delegate
13297	Grant, Arthur A	Council Delegate
14239	Diaz, Robert	Council Delegate
14239	Gray, William	Council Delegate
14399	Girres, Gary	Council Delegate
14399	Meier, Wilber	Council Delegate
14764	Green, Richard	Council Delegate
15418	Hall, Richard	Council Delegate
15418	Steffen, John	Council Delegate
16127	Gibson, Al	Council Delegate
16127	Houghton, Richard	Council Delegate
17140	Aerts, Alexander J	Council Delegate
17140	Montanez, Gerardo J	Council Delegate

2. The following councils seated only one delegate at the virtual state convention on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020: 1129, 1136, 5347 and 14764.

3. The following council seated no delegates at the virtual state convention on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020: 777, 2611, 8350, 8606, 9561, 10304, 11812\*, 12264, 12959, 13646, 15741\* and 16006\*.

\* - Denotes inactive councils.

4. Ray Lopez, Supreme Regional Growth Director and Karl VanMaren, Utah Executive Secretary, served in the roles as screeners for the Utah State virtual. Ray and Karl were responsible to authenticate the delegates participating in elections and the motions brought forth to the virtual convention floor. The screeners were non-voting members during these proceedings.



**ADDENDUM 2: Resolutions Presented and Passed at the State Convention**

**RESOLUTION #1  
SALUTATION TO POPE FRANCIS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT WE, the Knights of Columbus of Utah offer our prayers, support and sincere heartfelt appreciation to our Shepherd, His Holiness Pope Francis and that we continue to keep him in our minds and hearts that he may attain great success as our spiritual leader; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we should carry out his values and resound them in our daily lives as strong Catholics; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we extend our appreciation and support of our spiritual leader; locally, nationally and worldwide and offer prayers for him through Blessed Mother Virgin Mary and her rosary; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that we pray and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon His Holiness Pope Francis and that he be granted good health in continuing his spiritual leadership of our Church throughout the World.

**RESOLUTION #2  
SALUTATION TO THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT WE, the Knights of Columbus of Utah, offer our prayers, support and heartfelt appreciation to our Supreme Chaplain, the Most Reverend Archbishop William E. Lori, for his spiritual guidance and his great examples of our founder the Venerable Servant of God, Reverend Michael J. McGivney, in motivating the membership of our Order to be a strong, unified, Catholic, Family organization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we pray and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon him, and that he be granted good health in continuing his spiritual leadership of our Order.

**RESOLUTION #3  
SALUTATION TO MOST REVEREND BISHOP OSCAR SOLIS  
SHEPHERD OF THE DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT WE, the Knights of Columbus of Utah and our families, offer our prayers and support for our Shepherd of the Diocese of Salt Lake, Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we join in prayer and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon him that he be granted good health and wisdom in continuing his spiritual leadership of the Diocese of Salt Lake; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we join in prayer and ask the blessing of Almighty God to shine upon all Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Salt Lake that they will continue to be our guides in faith and leaders of our church here in Utah.

**RESOLUTION #4**  
**SUPPORT FOR CANNONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF**  
**GOD, FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT WE, the Knights of Columbus of Utah, offer our continued support and pledge our prayers for the cause of sainthood of our founder the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney. As Knights of Columbus we should ever be mindful of the spiritual guidance, vision, and conviction of Father McGivney in founding our Order; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we offer prayers and support for spiritual guidance in assisting the Postulator and those individuals who labor for the cause of his Sainthood. We ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon them and that they be granted good health as they continue in their efforts for the cause of our founder and patron that he soon be elevated to the altar of God; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we continue to support and encourage every Knight in the Order to enroll in the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild. May perpetual light shine upon him!

**RESOLUTION #5**  
**SALUTATION TO THE SUPREME KNIGHT, THE SUPREME OFFICERS AND BOARD OF**  
**DIRECTORS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT WE, the Knights of Columbus of Utah, offer our prayers and pledge our support to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Officers and to all the members of the Board of Directors. We pray that they be fair and prudent in guiding and motivating the membership of our Order to be a strong, unified, Catholic, Family, Service Organization as set forth by our founder, the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we all join in prayer and ask for the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon our Supreme Knight, the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors and all leaders of our Order. We pray they may be granted good health and wisdom in continuing in their leadership.

**RESOLUTION #6  
SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY**

**WHEREAS**, our military service men and women are deployed around the world. Some of these deployments include hostile and unstable regions which place them in harm's way especially while the United States is currently at war; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these men and women serve leaving behind their families, friends and loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, these men and women serve willing to give everything, including the sacrifice of their lives if necessary, to preserve our democratic way of life and our freedom; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Columbus continue to support and encourage these men and women who serve, our Veterans, and all others who have served, by offering our prayers and gratitude to them. We pray they be strong and find consolation in their selfless service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that along with our prayers, the Knights of Columbus continue to reach out and provide service at veteran's facilities, hospitals, and functions and especially care for those who have served and now live confined in care facilities.

**RESOLUTION #7  
SUPPORT FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS AND ALL OF OUR CLERGY**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus of Utah, offer our prayers for religious vocations and support seminarians of our diocese through the RSVP program and our vocation endowment fund; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the spiritual guidance and great examples of our bishops and priests in strengthening our faith by the example of their lives. We renew our commitment to them and pledge to be "In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests"; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, we will continue to support our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop Oscar Solis, our Vicar General Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw, and all the clergy of our Church and our diocese both financially and spiritually; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, we show our appreciation for these religious men by holding Degrees of our Order in their Honor and giving them recognition at clergy appreciation dinners; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we pray and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon them, granting them good health as they continue their ministry of spiritual guidance in the name of Christ.

**RESOLUTION #8**  
**PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY AND CANONIZED POPES SAINT**  
**JOHN PAUL II AND SAINT JOHN XXIII**

**WHEREAS,** THE Knights of Columbus proudly proclaim to be “In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests” and to support religious vocations; and

**WHEREAS,** we are mindful of the great leadership our Church has been afforded by the vocations of so many faithful men and women. We thank them and pray for them, especially those who have served and are now deceased; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** we remember and show our appreciation to the saintly lives of our late Holy Fathers, St. John Paul II and St. John XXIII and the impact their lives had upon the World and the recognition and honor they brought to the Catholic Church; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** we, sons of the Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, ever look to the saintly lives of both Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII as examples of how we should live our life. They stand as beacons of hope for the oppressed and rays of light for the faithful. May the perpetual light shine upon them!

**RESOLUTION #9**  
**SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND ILLNESSES**

**WHEREAS,** there have been numerous natural disasters, illnesses and a Pandemic in our nation and around the world this past year; and

**WHEREAS,** we, the Knights of Columbus are committed to provide continued support with our programs, through our prayers, and special donations; and

**WHEREAS,** we ask God to comfort and help all of those who have lost family and loved ones. We ask God to extend his healing touch to those who suffer; comfort them; lift their spirits; restore their faith; calm their hearts and mind; sustain them in recovery; give them hope, peace, understanding and strength to persevere and trust in the Lord in these trying times as they rebuild their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** we thank and honor the courageous rescue and relief workers as they reach out to people in need. We ask God to guide their hands giving them wisdom and strength to assist those who struggle to survive; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that those of us who are not able to help in person, reach out financially and spiritually in prayer. We pray for mercy, peace and healing for all who have suffered personal injury, loss of family, and are in need of food, clothing, shelter and safety. We pray that God grant wisdom and stamina to the leaders of these areas to begin the rebuilding process and restore the calm of peace. May the victims know they are in our hearts and prayers during these trying times as we commit ourselves to provide support and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon them that they may find hope and strength in Christ.

**I, William I. Kelly, State Advocate for the Utah State Council of the Knights of Columbus attest that the nine preceding resolutions were passed at the virtual State Convention Meeting held on line on May 3, 2020.**

### **ADDENDUM 3: AWARDS ANNOUNCED AND PRESENTED AT VIRTUAL STATE AWARDS CEREMONY**

The following Utah State Council Awards and recognitions were presented during an online ceremony on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL**

1st Place is \$3000.

2nd Place is \$2000.

3rd Place is \$1000.

#### **Participants (15), Councils Contributing (18)**

Jaime Everado Gomez – 602

Madeline Klement – 602

Anthony Esparza – 5347

Anna Grace Barry – 6739

Madison Claire Hanna – 6966

Gabriel John Trujillo – 9731

Kallie Meismer – 11246

Erick Tapia – 11246

Beverly De Niz – 12181

Kristine Deffner – 12397

Peter Larrabee – 13297

Amy Tekverk – 14399

Pauline Simonson – 15418

Louis Robert Valles – 15418

Samantha Labarko – 16127

#### **Knights of Columbus Endowment Scholarship Winners**

\$1000 – State Endowment

Anna Grace Barry, Stansbury High School Saint Marguerite's Council 6739, Tooele, UT

\$2000 (Second Place) Council 602 Columbian Society Endowment Scholarship

Madeleine Grace Klement, Judge Memorial High School, Salt Lake City, UT

\$3000 (First Place) Council 602 Columbian Society Endowment Scholarships-

Dan Higgins, PSD Memorial Scholarship

Jaime Everardo Gomez, Jr., Judge Memorial High School, Salt Lake City, UT

## **ASSEMBLY (4TH DEGREE) “TO BE A PATRIOT AWARD”**

### Submissions

Assembly 1429, Reverend Monsignor Patrick M. Cushnahan

Assembly 2577, Reverend Thomas J. Meersman

Assembly 3586, Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Pollock

### **“To be a Patriot Award” Winning Entry**

#### **“Wahlen Veteran’s Home Beatification Service Project”**

Assembly 3586, Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Pollock

Faithful Navigator Andy Beck

## **FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM**

### **FAITH AWARD**

### Submissions

5214 Carmelite Holy Hour

6966 Lenten Bingo & Fish Fry

9849 Monthly Rosary

12181 Ignatian Spirituality Retreat

13297 Men Alive - In the Spirit

15418 Adopt-a-Parish

### **Faith Award Winning Entry**

#### **“Adopt-A-Parish (Iraq)”**

Saint Ambrose Council 15418 Salt Lake City

Grand Knight: Dick Hall

### **FAMILY AWARD**

### Submissions

5214 Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets for Less Fortunate

6739 Michael DeHerrera Memorial Golf Tournament

9849 Altar Server Appreciation Day

11479 Christmas Poinsettia Remembrance Family Award

### **Family Award Winning Entry**

#### **“Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets for Those Less Fortunate”**

Bishop Hunt Council 5214 Kearns

Grand Knight: George H Jockisch

## **COMMUNITY AWARD**

### Submissions

5214 Evangelization through Apologetics - Guest Speaker  
6739 Two AED Machines  
6966 Free Throw Contest  
9849 Christmas Greenery Sales  
11479 Dinner and Bingo  
12181 Blue Mass and Breakfast

### **Community Award Winning Entry**

#### **“Two AED Machines”**

Saint Marguerite's Council 6739 Tooele  
Grand Knight: Thomas M Goonan

## **LIFE AWARD**

### Submissions:

11479 Parish Respect for Life Ministry  
12181 March for Life 2020  
13297 Novena for Life

### **Life Award Winning Entry**

#### **“Novena for Life”**

Saint Vincent de Paul Council 13297 Holladay  
Grand Knight: Gary A Cabana



## **CONTRIBUTIONS AND PARTICIPATION RECOGNITION**

### **RSVP Participation and Contributions – \$20,550.00**

Seminarians (13): Alberto Carrillo, Andre Sicard, Anthony Shumway, Br. Thaddeus Frost, Brian Schumaker, Chrysostom Mijinke, Dominic Sternhagen, Jaime Zuazo, Jose Luis Gomez, Michael Thomas, Oscar A Marquina, Sergio A Chavez, Tristan P Dillon.

Assembly (1)/Councils Supporting (21): A2393, C777, C1129, C1136, C5214, C5502, C6010, C6739, C6966, C7961, C9731, C9849, C10733, C11246, C11479, C12181, C12959, C13297, C13646, C14399, C14764, 15418.

### **Special Olympics Donations - \$10,945.40**

Assemblies (3)/Councils (18): A1146, A1429, A2577, C602, C777, C1136, C5214, C5502, C6010, C6739, C6966, C9731, C10304, C10733, C11246, C11479, C12181, C12264, C14399, C16127, State - \$5,945.40  
Supreme Council Donation - \$ 5,000.00

## **TOTAL BISHOP/SALT LAKE DIOCESE CONTRIBUTIONS - \$9,186.00**

### **Christopher Fund Contributions - \$3,236.00**

Councils (16): C1129, C5214, C6010, C6739, C7401, C9561, C9731, C9849, C10304, C10733, C11246, C11479, C13297, C14399, C14764, C15418 - \$905.00  
Supreme Council Fund Interest - \$2,331.00

### **Vocations Fund Contributions - \$3,450.00**

Councils (20): C1129, C1136, C5214, C6010, C6739, C6966, C7401, C9561, C9731, C9849, C10304, C10733, C11246, C11479, C12181, C13297, C14399, C14764, C15418, State

### **Culture of Life Fund Contributions - \$2,500**

Councils (19): C1129, C5214, C6010, C6739, C6966, C7401, C9561, C9731, C9849, C10304, C10733, C11246, C11479, C12181, C13297, C14399, C14764, C15418, State.

### **Diocesan Development Drive (DDD) Donation from Convention Committee - \$2,045.00**

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **Chaplain of the Year.**

**2019-2020 Utah Knights of Columbus “Chaplain of the Year” Monsignor Terence Moore**  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181  
Saint John the Baptist Parish, Draper

### **Family of the Year**

#### Nominations

5214 - Raphael Castillo Family  
6010 - Scott Rich Family  
6966 - Chris Hanna Family  
9849 - Michael Sweetland Family  
11479 - Kevin MacGilvery Family

**2019-2020 Utah Knights of Columbus “Family of the Year” Kevin MacGilvery Family**  
Saint Thomas More Council 11479  
Saint Thomas More Parish, Cottonwood Heights

### **Knight of the Year**

#### Nominations

5214 - Jerry Angus  
6010 - Alton Fisher  
6966 - Dan Munding  
9849 - Alfred Hollywood  
11479 - Chuck Grahmann  
12181 - Gregory "Kim" Gold

**2019-2020 Utah Knights of Columbus “Knight of the Year” Sir Knight Jerry Angus**  
Bishop Hunt Council 5214  
Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Kearns

## UTAH STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## State Deputy's Report

Greg Keller, State Deputy

### PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Welcome my brothers to the 113th Convention of the Utah State Council of the Knights of Columbus. We are a family organization, and we are a family; a family of brothers. We hold each other up, we pray for each other, help each other, and count on each other for help. We do all these things while we help answer the prayers of others. We are after all, each of us, brothers in Christ.

This second year as State Deputy has been interesting and challenging. Starting on 1 July, the historic change to retire the classic Regalia and switch to the new Fourth Degree uniform took effect. A new uniform, the same mission. Over the course of this past year, we have grown many of our annual programs such as the Diocesan Science Fair, Coats for Kids, Ultrasound Initiative, and Special Olympics. We have changed the way we do business in the state, and we have changed our means of communication. The world is changing quickly and we have to change quickly to adapt to it.

How we do things has changed at an accelerating rate. Everything is electronic now. Why? Because if it isn't, we'll never attract the young members we need to keep our Order moving forward. The Faith in Action program that Supreme rolled out over a year ago is such a change. Some of it is new wrapping, but the primary thrust of the program is aimed at the young members and their families and what they want and need most, faith building, family affirming, Christ-centered activities.

Then came March. Between COVID-19 and earthquakes, the world changed. Social distancing, teleworking and stay at home became our daily routine. One of the casualties of the pandemic was the transition to virtual meetings, but we will work together and get through these challenging times. This year's state convention was dramatically changed to an abbreviated online meeting with none of the social gathering we all look forward to every year.

As we finish the fraternal year strong, let's always keep in mind all the good we do, the good that we may never see, the lives we will touch, and the lives we will change and save. I've never had a more rewarding vocation than the one I have right now. Being a part of the Knights and getting to know you, fighting the good fight every day of the year, and growing our charity by growing our order has been a memorable experience for me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Keller  
Utah State Deputy

## State Secretary's Report

Nick Nielson, State Secretary

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and my Brother Knights,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your State Secretary this past year. As your State Secretary I completed all of my duties to the best of my ability including: all assessments were invoiced in a timely manner, all receipts of funds were created and given to the State Treasurer along with all warrants were created and transmitted for payment of debts of the Utah State Council. The financial records kept by me as the State Secretary are in conformity with the accounting software maintained by the State Treasurer, James "Mac" McManaman.

During my second year as State Secretary I have continued to build upon previous and make new improvements to some of our procedures. For example, the transition was made to an electronic filing system for our warrants and receipts last year and that system continues to be refined. It allows electronic transmission of those documents between the State Secretary and State Treasurer and helps us use our accounting software more effectively assisting with the annual review/audit. Last year the state council assessments were transitioned to being done electronically and continues to be refined. This allows us to track them more effectively throughout the fraternal year but also helps provide some historical reference for future years.

A couple of recent improvements were transitioning to some online forms, one for the Necrology and Perpetual Memorial book information and another for the convention delegate certification form. Both improvements have made the state more efficient, but also made the submitting this information more user friendly and timely for council leadership. I continue to maintain the state "Dashboard" I created last year that is used for tracking membership and council status which provides a tracking system on our website for councils and districts.

As we are coming to the end of this fraternal year during this time of crisis with the COVID-19 virus, I pray that we all come out of this safely. While I would not have wished this on us here in Utah or anywhere, I would like to focus on the good that can come from it. I believe this crisis has and will force us to change, some of those changes are challenging but some of them I believe will benefit us; moving us forward in how we communicate, use technology, recruit, and how we serve our communities. I hope you embrace the positive changes and continue making the Utah State Knights of Columbus the amazing organization it is; providing charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism to all.

Thank you for all your support this year and in the future. May God Bless you all, your families, and the great work you do through the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Nielson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nick Nielson, Utah State Secretary

## REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY ON THE REGULARITY OF CREDENTIALS

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and my Brother Knights,

In accordance with Article II, Section 1 of the Knights of Columbus Utah State Council By-laws, the records of the State Council indicate that a total of eighty-two (82) are entitled to seats in the State Council, assuming all assessments levied against the individual councils have been paid (per Article II, Section 4).

They are as follows:

Supreme Knight	1
State Officers	6
Immediate Past State Deputy	1
Delegates	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>

Respectfully submitted,



Nick Nielson  
Utah State Secretary



## State Treasurer's Report

James “Mac” McManaman, State Treasurer

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and my Brother Knights,


As your State Treasurer, it is my duty to keep true and accurate accounts for monies received and distributed monies in accordance with the State By-Laws. I have made sure that all deposits into and payments out of the State Council Account were made in a timely manner.

Last year's audit report was prepared by Haynie and Company and we were found to be practicing good financial procedures. This report was received by the Supreme Council and was found to be in compliance and the information provided was added to the records of the Supreme Secretary's office. At the conclusion of our current fraternal year the state books will be sent to Haynie and Company for completion of our annual audit.

As your State Treasurer I have continued the direction of previous State Treasurers looking for ways to improve and better serve our councils and the state. This year has presented new challenges and as State Treasurer I have worked with the other State Officers to meet our commitments, plan for the future and adapt to the new normal in our world today. We have made every effort to control spending and serve the needs of our councils. This year we lost quite a few members and it has had an impact on our State income. The budget I have sent to the Grand Knights for approval has all our needs addressed without having to increase per capita. We are using reserve funds that were made possible by limiting our spending knowing this shortfall was coming. I know each council is experiencing the effects of COVID-19 and our inability to meet and raise funds. This has been felt across the board and the State Officers have worked hard to minimize the impact this virus is having on all of us. Our plan is to work through this together with the adjustments that allow us to continue to provide our parishes, priest and our Faith the support Knights are known for. This budget will be reviewed, finalized and approved at the State Convention.

May we all continue to do God's work as faithful men of the Knights of Columbus and in doing so honor the vision of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

Vivat Jesus!!



James McManaman  
State Treasurer

James McManaman  
Utah State Treasurer

## State Advocate's Report

Bill Kelly, State Advocate

Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, State Officers and my Brother Knights,

I would like to thank all of you for supporting the 113th State Convention, your Parish Communities and your State Council. I sincerely appreciate you providing me the opportunity to serve as your State Advocate and the support rendered during the past two Fraternal Years.

2020 has started off to be a challenging year as a result of the COVID-19 virus for numerous people including the Knights around the world. This event and others have hurt us on growing membership to offset losses within the State; 386 losses in FY19-20. However, on a positive note, your retention efforts on 599 Knight intent letters have resulted in retaining 213 members (35.6%). Therefore, to prevent losses from occurring in the future, I encourage you to reach out at least quarterly to your entire council by phone, text, email and snail mail to maintain contact. Over 33% of the state retention letters that I sent out were returned due to bad addresses since the Post Office only forwards mail for three months.

In Safe Environment, we stand at 68% compliant across the State. Thank you to those GKs and FSs who submitted their Form 365s and motivated members within their council to complete this training. To attain 100% by year end, we need 27 Knights to complete the training. This is key to ensuring that our Youth have a Safe Environment when we support their activities.

Other activities I supported this year included active membership on degree teams and candidate registration for the Patriotic Degree. I renewed our State Liability Insurance Policy and acquired Liability Insurance Coverage riders for several councils. I have worked with councils for EIN acquisition, 990-N tax filings, and incorporating council EINs under the Supreme Council. And last but not least, I revised and published an updated State by Laws Guide and prepared the 2020 resolutions for this convention.

Again, this year, many of you voiced concerns on several issues and hopefully I addressed them in a timely manner to your satisfaction. Throughout the year, I interfaced with the Supreme Advocate's Office and Membership Records to clarify protocols to bring items to a closure.

Hopefully with your support, I look forward to serving as your State Secretary next fraternal year. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve you on the State Council for the last two years. After this terrible pandemic, I look forward to getting back to work supporting our core principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and rebuilding Utah as a leading Jurisdiction in our beloved order. God Bless all of you my Brother Knights to you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

*Bill Kelly*

Bill Kelly, Utah State Advocate

## **State Warden's Report**

Ryan Gravely, State Warden

Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, State Officers and my Brother Knights,

Wow! My two years as State Warden has flown by. There is still so much that I would like to accomplish. I want to thank all of my Brothers for giving me this opportunity. It has been great working with you and your Councils.

We got off to a strong start. I was bringing equipment to many events such as ceremonials, meetings, distributions, youth activities, marches, etc. Looking back at the calendar some months we had an event every week. I am proud of all the great things the Utah Knights had going on in order to grow their Councils and provide for their communities.

It is so strange not to gather with your Brothers and friends for this long. I can assure you; all of the gear is stored and ready for action. I will be there with it as soon as we can all get back to our events that we have become so used to doing in the name of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

If there is anything I can do to help please don't hesitate to call. I will do what I can to assist you. We should all use this time, to continue to plan for future events. Be thinking about equipment and supplies you may need. Let me know of anything that the State Team may not have. I can look into getting us equipment and supplies now, so we have them whenever that next event may be.

Thanks again Brothers, for this opportunity to be a part of your lives and to do great works with you.

Vivat Jesus!

*Ryan Graveley*

Ryan Graveley

Utah State Warden

## **District Master's Report**

Francisco "Frank" Carmona, District Master – Utah

### **John H. Reddin Province – Utah District Biannual Meeting 2018-2020**

The Health of the Patriotic Degree in this District is excellent. The change of leadership and the appointment of a New Vice Supreme Master made things a little more nerve-racking. Once we learned that our New Vice Supreme Master was PSD Richard Espinoza from New Mexico, the uncertainty went away. Working with VSM Espinoza as a District Master made the communication approachable and straightforward. The Utah District was on task to meet the membership goal we, unfortunately, just like all the other events in the State of Utah and across the county, the Forth-Degree has been put on hold. In 2018-2019 the Utah District was able to accomplish our goal of 100% membership, two out of four in our province. For the Fraternal Year 2019-2020, we held one (1) regular Exemplification that resulted in 14 new members into the Fourth-Degree. The Exemplification in March was canceled due to the Pandemic; we are awaiting word from The Supreme Master if our two remaining Exemplifications will be revoked or not. The two remaining Exemplifications scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by our New Assembly 2577 for Clergy only and one on June 13<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Assembly 1144. We currently have 12,375 members in the John H Redding Province of those 1,112 members of the Patriotic Degree in Utah, down 8% from last year. We are 20% of our goal of 78 New Sir Knights. Utah has the highest percentage of Sir Knights to Knights in the Order at 33% of our members are Sir Knights. At most of the Exemplifications, we had a robust attendance of Knights in the Forth-Degree Uniform and as witnesses. At the banquets, we have continued the traditions from both Former Masters by including in our ceremonies for the MIA/POW, Knights appreciation (Award of Merit), roses for our wives, memorials for recently deceased Sir Knights, and a flag presentation given to the class honoree.

### **Honor Guard and Color Corps Activities:**

Since the retirement of the Classic Regalia, honor guard participation is down about 75% because most Sir Knights do not have the Fourth Degree Uniform. I encourage every able Fourth-Degree Sir Knight to get the uniform and begin participating as we did in the past. There is no reason for us not to be visible and active in events like Confirmations, First Communions, parades, and many other Masses.

The Patriotic Degree is involved in many projects. Our commitment to the Special Olympics continues. We have a large number of participants in the opening flag ceremonies; several more Knights in their attire take part in a "High Five" upon the entrance of the athletes, and most Councils and Assemblies offer financial support to the athletes. We continue to support the Fisher House at the George Whalen VA Hospital. Bishop Solis is a big supporter of the Knights. He encourages men to become members of the Order and his Priests to become Fourth-Degree members. Assemblies are involved in parades, Memorial presentations, VAVS, and sponsor banquet and other events for our Veterans.

Many events have been canceled or postponed because of the pandemic; First Communions, Confirmations, parades, and special masses after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. We cannot conduct a virtual honor guard, so those events are on hold. Before our events were canceled, we participated for the second time in our newest exhibition, "Tim Tebow's Night to Shine."

The Patriotic Degree members continue to support their Sir Knights at funeral Masses and vigils for our members and their families; Clergy retirement Masses and celebrations; State meetings including the organization, mid-year, and convention; Pro-Life marches, rosaries, and Masses; Flag Day ceremonies throughout the State; and parades/festivals (Veterans Day, Draper Days, Taylorsville, St. Patrick's and others). The Utah District continues to grow and be involved in many of the Patriotic events and parish activities in the state.

We continue to offer a Resolution of Condolence to the family of our fallen Sir Knights; we have also participated with the US Military in celebrating a landed knight and current service members. The involvement of the District Marshals and District Master in our honor guards has elevated to new heights. The Utah District team, known as **"The Regulators,"** has taken honor/color standards.

Retiring of the Classic Regalia at the State Convention in 2019 was a high light that spread across the KofC world; thanks to DM Stacey Yeager, this event was suggested to all District Masters in our order. It is new ideas like these that make The Utah District stand out from the rest; we are united and work together to keep it bright for liberty's sake.

### **MEMORANDUM**

#### **Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus**

##### ***ARTICLE XII COLOR CORPS Section 41:***

The Establishment of **(a)** Assembly may henceforth establish a uniform drill corps with the approval of the Master of the District, and such unit shall be known as "Fourth Degree Color Corps of \_\_\_\_ Assembly." **(b)** A Color Corps may participate in exemplifications, religious, and public functions only with the consent of the Master. The Master shall have full control of the Color Corps in his district, except as from now on, provided and shall be held strictly accountable for such unit. **(c)** The Faithful Navigator shall appoint a Commander of the Color Corps for his Assembly. One and only one Commander shall be appointed.

- The District Marshal is a representative of the District Master, and since the District Master shall have full control of the Color Corps in his district, so shall the District Marshals.
- M. Todd Holzhauser is the Chief Marshal of the Utah District and second in control of the Utah District.
- M. Stacey A. Yeager is the Marshal in control of all the District training; all color corps training is to be coordinated through him.
- District Marshals will be in command of all Assembly or District Color Corps when they are in attendance in or out of there areas whether the District Master is there or not.
- Color Corps Commanders will take control of the Color Corps when there is NO District Marshal in Attendance, whether the District Master is in attendance or not.

#### **Continuing with the Three (3) New District Programs**

##### **Socks for Heroes**

We have launched a "NEW" Statewide District Campaign to help our homeless US Veterans. Just as the State Council has the program "Coats for Kids," the Utah State Assembly is introducing to you to "Socks for Heroes." Our goal is to collect as many "NEW" pair of socks to hand out to our homeless Vets, one pair or two at a time. A team of Sir Knights from around the state, together with our active US Military Members, will be stationed at St. Vincent's mess hall for the homeless in SLC on Thanksgiving to pass these out. For those of you Active Military, Veterans, In-Active Military, Hunters, Fisherman, First Responders, and Outdoorsman, you know the importance of dry clean feet. Please join in collecting Socks for Heroes by passing out the word to your place of employment, parishes, and bring this up at your council/assembly meeting in "Report of the 4th Degree". Chances are you have a 4th-Degree member at a council meeting that also attends assembly meetings who can bring those socks and give them to the FN, Marshal, or UTDm. I thank you all for your support and love for our US Veterans. In two (2) years, we have donated over 12,500 pairs of warm socks to our US Veterans who are struggling. Great job, team.

### **American Patriot Service Corps**

APSCNP.org is the charity to achieve this mission. Simply put, APSC assists veterans and their surviving spouses apply for pension and health care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. We know of the difficulty Ailing process to the VA. We've heard of the countless claim rejections because of red tape. The frustrations of vets' families seem insurmountable. APSC cuts through the paper maze by assisting vets, explaining, and submitting claims submission at no charge! A 501c3 charity since 2011, APSC assistance yielded over 110 million dollars in approved claims with almost twice that many claims currently pending. Knights will join forces with APSC by assisting in locating those-in-need – vets, families, and widows and by pledging fundraising efforts to “serve those who served us!”

### **Kids in Crises Stuffed Animal Drive**

The Utah District introduced KIDS in CRISIS Stuffed Animal Drive. This allowed all Councils and Assemblies to participate with the various Law Enforcement agencies and Fire Departments at having asked for our help. We collected NEW or gently used Stuffed Animals of all colors, shapes, and sizes for donation to Utah Law Enforcement and Fire Departments for Kids in Crisis. Police Officer and Fire Fighters carry around these stuffed animals in their vehicles to provide them to Kid in Crisis when they show up for a house call, accident, or violent situation in attempts to calm children down. Three Ex-Law Enforcement Sir Knights from different assemblies will have spearheaded this new project in Utah. In 2019 we donated over 3500 pairs of stuffed animals to Police agencies, medical personal, and firefighters in bad areas. They were very receptive and loved the fact we did this for the children. This year should be great again.

### **Three District Master Candidates 2020-2022**

- Richard “Dick” Hall PFN, PGK, FDD
- District Marshal Daniel Castelli PFN, PGK, FDD
- District Marshal Richard Vigor

### **District Resolutions**

No resolutions where presented by the Assemblies to the District Master.

### **District Changes, Challenges, and Highlights**

#### **Challenges**

- COVID-19
- Promoting of the Fourth-Degree Uniform (Feathers are out, Berets are in) and having members attend our events, funerals, and masses. (Participation)
- We committed to be present at every Mass of the Resurrection in the passing of a Sir Knight and presenting the Resolution of Condolence to their family. We lost a total of 21 Sir Knights since I was appointed in September 2018.

#### **Highlights**

- Continue a relationship and communication with Bishop Oscar Solis
- Continue the use of Swords in the Cathedral of the Madeline
- Donating over 12,500 pairs of socks to Veterans at the various VA locations
- Giving over 3500 Stuffed animals to children under stress
- Helping Veterans obtain their benefits with APACNP.ORG

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- Participating in the Provincial News Letter
- Participation with New Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinoza
- We are working together with the State Deputy and his Officers on Knight Projects.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees
  - Attending State Officers Meeting
  - Combine Degrees
- We established a monthly meeting with the District Marshals to discuss ways to improve the Fourth-Degree, what works and what does not work, and what we need to change to improve the overall structure of the Fourth-Degree.
- Visiting of seven (7) assemblies and their members
  - (3) other Assemblies I am coming your way
- I attended the Provincial Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 2019.
  - Meeting New VSM Richard Espinoza
- We attended many Color Corps functions
  - Special Olympics opening ceremonies
  - Memorial Masses for our fallen Sir Knights
  - Memorial Day Mass
  - Confirmations and First Holy Communions (on hold)
  - Christmas Eve Masses
  - Blessing of New Churches and rededication
  - Mass for the Unborn
  - A Night to Shine with Tim Tebow
  - Lenten Retreat Mass with Bishop Solis
  - Chrism Mass (Canceled)
  - VA Hospital Last Roll Call Color Guard
  - Divine Mercy Mass
  - And many more events

On a personal note, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as District Master since September 2018. In that time, I have attended many Councils and Assemblies meetings, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremonies, and two Provincial Meetings. Each month we submit an article for the Utah State's Newsletter and JHRP News Letter to keep the Knights informed. I also meet monthly with the State Council and the District Marshals. Since I was appointed the Utah District Master, I have attended over 100 events statewide. I love our team District Team "The Regulators" and what they do, stand for, and how they work with others and helping where we can to fulfill goals. I will miss you all that the end of my term on 30 August 2020, but I do hope you show the new District Master the same love and support you have shown me throughout the years.

I would like to take a moment and thank the person that allows this to be possible for me; Anabel Carmona, my beautiful wife. As she gives up my time so I can spend it with you all; Thank you, and God bless you, my love. I love you, Anabel!

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

*Francisco "Frank" Carmona*

Utah District Master

## Insurance Agency Report

Ken Huard, General Agent



Utah Field Agents (Gene Trombetti, Carlos Lira & Matt McCarthy) are listed on the Utah State Council website at <http://utahknights.org/insurance/> along with council assignments and their contact information.

## State Chaplain Emeritus' Report

Fr. James Blaine, State Chaplain Emeritus

My dear fellow Knights:

I send all of you my best wishes during this Easter Season. These days have certainly been a challenge to all of us and it looks like we have many more to face. I am sure that all of you miss having public Mass and especially receiving Holy Communion. I strongly encourage you to watch Mass on the various medias. Even though it is not the same certainly there are spiritual benefits. Also continue to pray, especially the rosary. Mary is watching over all of us. Never give up on God! God is always with us even during this time of testing.

God's blessing be upon all of you!

*Fr. James Blaine*

Utah State Chaplain, Emeritus



## **DISTRICT REPORTS (01-11)**

### **District 01 Report (777, 5347, 9849, 12959)**

Dan Castelli, District Deputy

#### **Council 777, Saint Joseph Parish, Ogden**

They provided assistance to a jail ministry.

They conduct an ongoing rosary at a local Abortion Clinic.

Provided ushers to all Masses. Provided financial assistance to Seminarians.

They were not able to do as much with the New Priest change over.

Gerald Bedel, Grand Knight.

#### **Council 5347, Saint Henry Parish, Brigham City**

They continue to support their parish as well as Santa Ana Mission in Tremonton. They did have a difficult start due to unfilled Officers positions. Reports not on time. They keep the new Social Hall clean. Member participation was very low.

George Fuller, Grand Knight.

#### **Council 9849, Saint James the Just, Ogden**

Council 9849 is a well-established and well-organized council, serving the northern part of Ogden, Pleasant View, North Ogden, Harrisville, Plain City and Farr West Marriott-Slaterville. Our year started off strong, but our efforts have definitely been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. We are looking for new ways to help our community and keep in contact with each other as we move forward in this social distancing environment.

Increasing membership was a primary goal for our Council this year. Unfortunately, we will most likely not reach our goals for this Fraternal year. The inability to attend Mass, hold social gatherings, and personnel changes at our Parish have had impacts on our Council that we hope to overcome once life returns to normal. On the positive side, we have had several brothers who have been inactive return to support many of our Council activities.

Council Officers have strongly supported St James the Just Parish and our community. Many have stepped up to fill vacancies in both Council and Parish groups and committees. This spirit of volunteerism is indicative of one of our Council mottos, "Many Hands Make Light Work."

The Council Officers successfully submitted all reports in a timely and established manner. As we approach the 2020 Utah State Convention and end of the Columbian year, we remain positive and look forward to 2020-2021!

District Deputy Dan Castelli has been instrumental in supporting our Council- facilitating, guiding & organizing. As a Past Grand Knight, he has provided much expertise to Council 9849's current first-year GK, Michael Sweetland. The 2019-2020 Columbian agenda, supported by many members, is highlighted as follows:

#### ***CHURCH/FAITH***

- Maintaining Religious Liberty
- Seminarians
- Religious Education
- Vocations Projects
- Choir

## Knights of Columbus – Utah State Council

- Right to Life support
- Lenten Fish Fries: funded, cooked & served during 1<sup>st</sup> three Fridays; cut short due to COVID-19
- K of C Breakfasts: donated to several charities
- Monthly Church Rosaries prior to Masses
- Council provides extraordinary ministers, ushers, lectors and RCIA instructors
- Boutique & Food Fest Support: Parish's main fundraiser which raised over \$42,000
- Installation of Council 9849 Officers at Mass
- St. James the Just Building Fund donations
- Christopher Fund donation
- Bishop Fund for Vocations donation
- Bishop Fund for Culture of Life donation
- Bishop Fund for Scholarship donation
- Military Chaplain Fund donation
- Religious Appreciation Dinner: funded dinner for Parish's 3 Deacons/spouses
- Active in Church maintenance & grounds
- St. James the Just Boy Scouts donation
- Catholic Schools Scholarship Fund

### *COMMUNITY*

- Food for the Poor: local and worldwide support & donations
- Coats for Kids: fund-raising donated approximately 500 coats
- Basketball Free Throw Championship
- Special Olympics Support: High Five support & donations
- Scholarship Fund to St. Joseph Catholic High School
- Catholic Community Services supporter & donations
- Food for Families
- George E. Wahlen Veterans Home

### *CULTURE of LIFE*

- Coast-to-Coast Rosary
- Maintain the Parish Memorial for the Unborn
- Utah March for Life
- Supreme Culture of Life
- St. James the Just Parish Culture of Life
- Rosaries for the Unborn
- Assisted the elderly
- Sponsored 2 Red Cross blood drives
- Fighting legalizing assisted suicide

### *FAMILY*

- Cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for the Parish Family Picnic
- Submitted Family of the Year

### *COUNCIL*

## Knights of Columbus – Utah State Council

- Monthly Council 9849 Business Meetings
- Monthly membership Retention Meetings
- State function supporter: bi-annual, mid-term and other meetings attended by several Council members
- State Convention Supporter
- Christmas Trees & Wreaths annual fundraiser

### *TOTALS:*

- Volunteered 17,372 hours of service
- Donated \$29,812 to charitable causes: Community, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth Activities

Michael Sweetland Grand Knight.

### **Council 12959, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Logan**

They started slowly.

Reports not on time.

Had breakfast fundraisers for different causes.

Had short lived Fish Fry's.

On a sad note their Pastor left the Parish to return home.

Lack of Council member participation made things even harder.

Corey Mecham Grand Knight.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Castelli

Dan Castelli, District Deputy 01

## **District 02 Report (602, 5502, 12264, 15741, 16006)**

Ray Salazar, District Deputy

### **Council 602, Cathedral of the Madeline, Salt Lake City**

For over 100 years 602 has been the sole sponsor of Catholic Day at Lagoon. 2019 was another successful event.

The Council hosted a monthly Bingo Night.

They served Coffee and Donuts once a month after Mass.

They donated to Coats for Kids.

### **Council 5502, Saint Olaf, Bountiful**

5502 Knights were asked to provide manpower for the Annual End of School Hot Dog Lunch. They grilled and served up enough Dogs for the St Olaf's School including Friends and Family.

They sponsored a "Fish with a Pro" fundraiser. The winner got to spend the day with a Bass Pro Fisherman who is a member of the council plus they were outfitted with all the gear necessary and got to take it home with them.

Knights from the council along with SK's from Assembly 3586 cleaned headstones at a local cemetery.

For the 4th consecutive year Knights have volunteered at the Greek Orthodox Church to "carve" turkeys the week of Thanksgiving.

They continue the tradition of providing and serving Veterans and their families who are living at Fisher House.

Their Annual "Baby Bottle" campaign raised money to support the State Council Ultrasound campaign.

Their October Blood Drive had 26 Donors scheduled, 33 Donors total. Considered a success by the ARC (American Red Cross).

They also donated to Coats for Kids.

### **Council 12264, Saint Patrick, Salt Lake City**

The Knights from this council were once again the "go to Ministry" for the annual Parish Carnival.

They also helped with repairs with one of the Parish Meeting Buildings.

Their Annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry was once again well attended.

Proceeds earned help support the Parish.

They also donated to Coats for Kids.

### **Council 15741, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Salt Lake City**

### **Council 16006, Sacred Heart, Salt Lake City**

Because both of these Councils have been inactive/suspended most of the year I have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ray Salazar*

Ray Salazar, District Deputy 02

## **District 03 Report (11479, 12181, 14239)**

Unassigned, District Deputy

### **St Thomas More Council 11479, Sandy – 159 members**

Grand Knight: Larry Page, Deputy Grand Knight: Mark Koltiska, Financial Secretary: Gene Avilla

- Several Council 11479 Fourth Degree Knights supported the annual Right to Life Mass by joining the Color Corps for the Mass. In addition, supported various religious activities by joining as Color Corps for funerals, Masses, 1st<sup>t</sup> Communion, and Confirmation.
- Each month, we select a Family of the Month, and present an award certificate at our monthly council meeting.
- Every month we select a Knight of the Month and present him with a certificate at our regular council meeting.
- Each year just prior to Christmas, Council 11479 reviews an updated list of parishioners' relatives who have died and we place them on the Parish memorial list.
- The Christmas Luncheon is the largest fundraiser weekend of the year for the Ladies of Saint Thomas More. A number of our council Knights work with other men from Saint Thomas More to act as waiters with all tips received donated to the Carmelite Nuns.
- Every Christmas Season we hold an annual holiday party for our Knights, members of the Parish Staff, the Saint Thomas More Parish Council, the Finance Council and their families to promote community.
- The council's Book Sale provides an opportunity for parishioners to purchase used books at a significant savings during our Book Fairs.
- Seminarian sponsorship for Jose Luis Gomez.
- Provided financial support to the Parish's Vacation Bible School, Pre-school and Childcare.
- Child sponsorship through the Unbound Program, sponsor two children in the Philippines.
- Support Lenten Fish Fries, the Annual Parish Picnic and Semi-Monthly Bingos.
- Avid supporters of the local Carmelite Order.
- Knights hold key positions on the Debt Reduction Committee, the Financial Council, Bingo Committee, Parish Council and the Childcare Board.
- Each year we hold a Knights' Mass in which all ministers, including the Priest, were active members of the council.
- We are a formidable force in the kitchen of St Thomas More. From small services to catering and hosting large events like Fish Fries, our Saint Patrick's Dinner, the Bishop's retreat, RCIA retreats, we provide a significant service to our Church, and to many guests!
- Drug Awareness Program posters involved all the elementary grades at Saint Thomas More.
- Demonstrated honed skills in older youths above the elementary grades level at the Free Throw Championship.
- Provided Science Fair judges.
- The Knights championed the Parish Garage Sale from the setup, the actual sale of donated items, to the eventual teardown and cleanup, donating the residual items to Refugee program, Big Brothers and Sisters, plus various other community programs.
- Various groups for which Knights made their presence known: Spans from the Youth Music Group to the Teen Group, Vacation Bible School, the Childcare program and the Pre-School curriculum of the Parish.

**Mother of Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181, Draper – 259 Members**

Grand Knight: Steven Thatcher, Deputy Grand Knight: Scott Lewis, Financial Secretary: Bill Kelly  
Council 12181 has been busy filling up Columbian Award activities since July 2019 that included:

- Faith Activities included monthly parish Rosary, Seminarian RSVP, Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Spread the Light of Christ Advent Blessing, Church Lights and Parish Ignatian Spirituality retreat.
- Family Activities included Council pool and Christmas parties, Coats for Kids Taco Dinner, Family of the Month/Year, Citizenship Essay, Christmas Family Movie Night, Free Throw Championship, Youth Poster contest and Lenten Fish Fry.
- Community activities included Parish Picnic, Veterans Day breakfast, Durable Goods Program (AMIE), Parish Community Fall Bingo Event, Blue Mass and breakfast, Special Olympics and parishioner moves. In addition, we jointly supported the Fisher House Golf Tournament with Assembly 2577 Councils.
- Life Activities included October Life Chain, Novena for Life, Rosary for Life and Mass for the Unborn., Seminarian support to Alberto Carrillo.
- The council actively supports the youth: Confirmation Rosaries, Boy/Girl Scouts, Parish Youth Group, Christmas Polar Movie Nigh and the Science Fair.

**St. Andrew Council 14239, Riverton - 30 members**

Grand Knight: Chris Barrera, Deputy Grand Knight: William Gray Financial Secretary: Bob Diaz  
Some of the activities that council 14239 held during the year were:

- Hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual St Valentine's Day Celebration raised \$527 for council and programs.
- Hosted the Ed Goffaux Social to honor our departed Sir Knight Ed Goffaux, raised \$216.
- Hosted with Women's Guild a Paint Night fundraiser for parish and council, raised \$424.
- Hosted social after mass to honor our Veterans, no cost to Veterans and Parishioners.
- Members of our council assisted the Parish with the annual Church Festival Fund Raiser.
- Members of our council assisted the Parish and school for the Mardi Gras Fund Raiser. Council members donated baskets, worked set up, food prep, dealing and tear down. Raised \$442 for council programs.
- Members of our council worked at the Saint Andrew food pantry.
- Members of our council work with Pro-life and were a part of the March for Life.
- One of our members is the lead for Pro-life activities at our Parish.
- Set up a contact list and have contacted our fellow brothers to see how they are doing and if they need any assistance as part of the Leave No Neighbor Behind program.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Kelly*

Bill Kelly, Acting District Deputy 03

## **District 04 Report (1136, 8606, 9561)**

Richard Vigor, District Deputy

### **Council 1136, Father Escalante, Provo/Orem**

No report.

### **Msgr. Edward F. Dowling Council No. 8606, Saint Peter, American Fork**

No report.

### **Father Dominguez Council 9561 – St. Andres Parish, Payson**

#### Church

- Council sponsored the Stations of the Cross and hosted Lenten soup suppers afterwards
- Donated funds and supported Parish's Thanksgiving Dinner Program for the needy
- Donated funds to the Military Chaplain's Scholarship Fund
- Donated funds to the Bishop's Vocation Fund
- Council members serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers
- Council led a "Food for Families" and a "40 cans for 40 days" drive to collect non-perishable food items and donated more than 1,000 lbs. to a local food pantry
- Provided Santa and candy for the Parish Christmas Party
- Council members helped maintain the Parish grounds and facilities
- Council routinely donates funds to the San Andres' Church Refurbishment Fund
- Partnered with the San Andres Women's Society to host multiple Funeral Luncheons for deceased Parish members

#### Community

- Collected / donated funds and supported the Coats for Kids program in Utah County
- Funded and put together gift bags for distribution at the Payson Veterans Home
- Council members volunteer service at Payson Veterans Home
- Council sponsored Award for the Diocese's Science Fair
- Partnered with other councils and assembly in Utah County to sponsor a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Billboard
- Volunteered at the Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

#### Culture of Life

- Maintained the Memorial to Unborn at Payson Cemetery
- Donated funds to the Bishop's Culture of Life Fund
- Council led America Needs Fatima Rosary for the Culture of Life

#### Family

- Sponsored an English and Spanish "Building the Domestic Church" kiosk at the church

Respectfully submitted,

***Richard Vigor***

Richard Vigor, District Deputy 04

## **District 05 Report (2611, 6147, 7401)**

Cole A. Stapley, District Deputy

**Council 2611, Saint Anthony, Helper**

**Council 6147, Msgr. Giavonnoni, Price**

**Council 7401, Bishop Scanlan, Vernal**

**No Report Submitted.**

## **District 06 Report (5214, 7961, 8350, 10304)**

Jerry Angus, District Deputy

Mike Middlemiss, District Warden

### **Saint Francis Xavier Council 5214, Kearns**

St. Francis is working to reach their recruitment goal, but with COVID-19 like other councils recruiting is slow with a Country wide Pandemic however they might reach their goal. Council meetings are very well attended, and has transitioned to zoom meetings having more than 12 people. Programs, and raising monies for special events has been outstanding, not worthy is family food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Father Francis attends meetings regularly, is supportive of all of the Knight's efforts and provides spiritual guidance. This Council hosted a District 6 new exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity done in the parish chapel and was very well attended. They actively support the Family and Knight of the Month programs. They are hosting a well renowned evangelist Speaker, as a men's retreat. Monies donated go to the Nuns at Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and their church. There bingo night is a model for other Parishes to follow, however that is now on hold. They contribute to the Nuns at Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary monthly and provide a rosary adoration. They have 125% for insurance and have not yet met their recruitment quota but are in line for the Columbian Award.

### **Saint Joseph the Worker Council 7961, West Jordan**

St. Joseph's is a promising Council that made 100% of their quota for new members. Monthly Council Meetings attendance has increased due to new members and the very supportive Pastor. Fr. Javier is very supportive of the recruitment of new members, the Hispanic congregation and provides spiritual guidance. The Council supports many programs, taking over bingo, raising monies for special events and they contribute their services to help others. They contribute to various funds, such as, Christopher, Vocation, Cultural of Life, Military, Bishop and Scholarship Funds. A Seminarian is also supported by this Council. They are in line for the Star Council and Columbian Awards.

### **Saints Peter & Paul Council 8350, West Valley**

St. Peter & Paul is an upcoming Council that has not achieved their quota for new members for the year. They have used this year and the rebuilding year by suspending all non-active Knights. The monthly Council meetings are starting to be well attended, while building a new council, however changing to social distancing meeting is a new challenge. Fr. Francisco Pire's is very active and is supportive of the Knights programs and provides spiritual guidance. New Programs selling tamales, burrito and Wendover Bus trip after Masses have increased involvement by the Hispanic members. They Support a Seminarian. They may not achieve Star Council and Columbian Awards with the rebuilding year.



**Saint Martin de Porres Council 10304, Taylorsville**

St Martin's is a very active Council that has not achieved 100% recruiting yet and the Council meetings are well attended. Father Jan is very supportive and provides spiritual guidance to the Knights at each Council meeting. This Council actively support the Youth of the Church, Special Olympics, Carnival, Oktoberfest, Annual Boutique, Italian Dinner, and Knight of the Month, Family of the Month, Holy Family Prayer Services, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program and Bingo. They contribute to various funds, such as; Christopher, Vocation, Cultural of Life, Military, Bishop and Scholarship Funds. They also support a Seminarian. They may not be in line for the Star Council and Columbian Awards.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jerry Angus*

Jerry Angus, District Deputy 06

## **District 07 Report (6966, 13297, 3646)**

Art Grant, District Deputy

Tim Soran Jr., District Warden

District 7 consists of 3 councils. Corpus Christi Council 6966, Sandy; St Vincent de Paul Council 13297, Holladay; and The Child of Jesus Council 13646, Midvale. These councils are very active in their parishes and communities.

### **Council 6966, Corpus Christi Council, Sandy, Utah**

*Grand Knight: Michael Carmody; Deputy Grand Knight: Chad Alessandro; Financial Secretary: Kevin Lopez*

- Held a Culture of Life Breakfast to support the unborn.
- Held a Vocations Breakfast to support the Diocese Vocations efforts.
- Hosted 3 Blood Drives at Blessed Sacrament this year.
- Helped set up the Christmas Tree's and the environment for the Christmas masses.
- Three Lenten dinners were held to encourage attendance at Stations of Cross
- The council assisted the parish CCW with the Garage Sale and Boutique.
- The Knights cook and setup for the annual parish picnic which is well attended.
- Setup/cleanup for the Parish Advent party.
- Continue to provide encouragement and monetary assistance for Seminarians.
- Many members act as Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, and serve on every committee in the Parish.
- Supplied and manned the produce stand at the Carmelite Fair. This is a very big endeavor for the council each year with the reward being the benefit to the Carmelite Sisters
- Sold Christmas Cards for 3 Weeks during Advent to encourage parishioners to Keep Christ in Christmas
- Every Blessed Sacrament Parish ministry is represented by Council 6966. The Council helps the school HSA with the yearly Spaghetti Dinner...the Knights are in charge of cleaning up after the free dinner.
- Held a Lenten Food Drive that collected over 800 lbs. of food for the needy.
- Purchased a box of Coats for Coats for Kids.
- Supported the Special Olympics with a monetary donation.
- Several Knights provide rides to mass for those that can't drive.
- Held a Parish Needs breakfast.
- Hosted a Free Throw Championship for the youth at Blessed Sacrament School-67 kids!
- Donated money to the CCW for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- Provided a "Santa" for the yearly children's Christmas Party.
- Knights assist at the Parish BINGO.

### **Council 13297, Saint Vincent de Paul Council, Holladay, Utah**

*Grand Knight: Gary Cabana; Deputy Grand Knight: Ed Deffner; Financial Secretary: Art Grant*

#### **2019 Activities**

- Many members act as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Catechists, and serve on Parish committees.
- Provide Parish coffee and donuts after morning Masses 2 Sundays each month
- Hold Rosary after 11:30 am Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday month.
- Held a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification at our Parish, July 8
- Retirement celebration for 4<sup>th</sup> degree knight, Jess DeOllos, of St. Vincent de Paul Parish and School, July 28
- KofC *Backpack Bonanza* drive for school children, Jul 6 – Aug 17. Delivered to CCS and needy families.
- Supported the Carmelite Fair, Aug. 10-11. Helped with Setup, Food script and committee people.
- We displayed and sold tickets for the Carmelite car.
- Supported the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Picnic, August 25. We cooked, served food, emptied garbage's, cleaned up and put away items used.

## Knights of Columbus – Utah State Council

- Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast, September 22
- Held a Red Cross blood drive, September 21
- Coats for Kids Drive, collected and delivered items to CCS for distribution, September 28 – October 26
- Supported Annual Parish Retreat, October 5
- Wine and Cheese, Pie and Coffee after evening Masses, October 19, 20
- Supported State Soccer Championship, October 20
- Supported Parish Halloween Party, Oct 26 with decorations, a spaghetti dinner and drinks also clean up.
- Initiated a new Parish ministry “Men Alive in the Spirit” with Fiesta Night, October 16. Held meeting for 8 consecutive weeks.
- Supported the Annual Marine Corps Ball, November 16
- Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast, November 17
- Keeping Christ in Christmas Essay Contest for Parish School, November 25 – December 6
- Send monthly monetary assistance to our assigned seminarian

### **2020 Activities** (All subsequent KofC and Parish activities were cut short with COVID-19 pandemic)

- Provide Parish coffee and donuts after all morning Masses 2 Sundays each month
- Hold Rosary after 11:30 am Mass on each 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday months.
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, January 13 – 16
- Sponsored *Novena for Life* January 21– 29, (Placed white crosses and banner in front of church in January).
- Personal Items Drive, products were delivered to CCS, January 25 – February 25
- Held a Red Cross blood drive, January 18
- Held a Ministries Appreciation Dinner for Parish, January 18
- Supported Ordination Celebration for Deacon Jeffrey Allen, February 9
- Assisted St. Jude’s Parish in moving to new building, February 16
- Held Parish Fish Fry Lenten dinner and put on Stations of the Cross, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Held only two Sunday (after 5pm mass) rosaries for Lent before we had to stop.

### **Council 13646, The Child of Jesus Council, Midvale, Utah**

*Grand Knight: Charlie Millard; Deputy Grand Knight: Vincent Alamo; Financial Secretary: Anthony Gutierrez*

- We hold Bingo 2 times a month. We take a break in the summer but it goes for at least 9 months out of the year. We host the bingo as well as sell food and drinks.
- We cook breakfast for the Parrish once a month. (At least 9 to 10 months out of the year.)
- Every Sunday, Gilbert picks up expired food from Trader Joe’s and delivers it to the Parish Hall to help feed families in the parish and any homeless people that show up. (If Gilbert can’t do it one week then another Knight will pick it up.) Trader Joes also donates flowers to decorate the church every week.
- We help with the set up and take down of the parish Summer Festival. The knights donate \$500.00 toward the festival and volunteer selling hamburgers and hotdogs, beer, and soda.
- We send our seminarian \$50.00 per month to help.
- During Lent the Knights have a Fish Fry on most every Friday. Only two this year.
- If allowed, we will be helping with the Midvale Cinco de Mayo this year. (Set up and the Bingo on Friday)
- We say the rosary weekly together and held an adoration of the Eucharist and hope to keep this going.
- Many members act as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Catechists, and serve on Parish committees.

Respectfully submitted,

*Art Grant*

Art Grant, District Deputy 07

## **District 08 Report (10733, 11246)**

Mark Meredith, District Deputy

**Council 10733, Vic Giasson, Saint George**

**Council 11246, Father Joseph Valine, Cedar City**

**No Report Submitted.**

*Mark Meredith*

Mark Meredith

District Deputy 08

## **District 09 Report (6739, 9731, 11812, 17140)**

Brian Duncan, District Deputy

Alex Aerts, District Warden

**Council 6739, Saint Marguerite, Tooele:**

Grand Knight: Tom Goonan

Membership up 150%.

The council has been active in the following:

- On track for Star Council
- Initiated the Annual Mike DeHerrera Golf Tournament in Support of St. Marguerite's School and Veterans.
- Spearheaded AED & First Aid kit fundraiser for the Church & School
- Manned a weekly drop off station for Parishioners to donate to the church during the pandemic.
- Coats for Kids
- Handmade Rosaries for Confirmation students.
- Sponsored a 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in September.
- Held an Emergency Preparedness Community Seminar
- Sponsored QPR – Suicide Prevention Training.
- Italian Sausage food Booth at Parish Fall Festival
- Free Throw Championship, 5 participants.
- Soccer Challenge; 7 participants.
- Christmas Food Bank Drive; 6 Knights assisting in filling Tooele Food Bank Shelves. Successful in getting \$80 in monetary donations and 1138 pounds of food.
- Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Book Contest 38 entries with prizes 0-8 years 1st=\$50.00/2nd=\$30.00/3rd=\$20.00 and 9-14 years 1st=\$50.00/2nd=\$30.00/3rd=\$20.00.
- Lenten Fish Fry's served over 300 people; 20 Knights participated
- 40 Cans for 40 Days collected 882 pounds of food for Tooele Food Bank; 5 Knights assisted
- Supported the Carmelite Fair.

**Council 9731, Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna:**

Grand Knight: Anthony Moore

Membership up 50%.

The council has been active in the following:

- Took over Annual Community 4<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast in the Park
- Remodeled the Parish Kitchen

- Added a 2nd Heating unit to the Social Hall
- Bingo 12x
- Coffee and Donuts 12x
- Unity Festival Security
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Valentines Wives Dinner
- Participated and Sponsored at the Las Posadas
- Sponsored Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- Family in Need for Christmas
- Church beautification (Paul Marquez)
- Fix and maintain heating and cooling in the whole church
- All Souls Feast
- Coats for Kids
- Backpacks for Kids
- Food and Monetary donation to the Carmelites
- New sign for the church
- New Christmas light for the church
- Snow removal
- Our 50/50 at BINGO goes to many charitable places as well as many other families in need

**Council 11812, Saint Felipe, Wendover:**

INACTIVE

**Council 17140, Immaculate Conception, Copperton:**

Grand Knight: Alex Aerts

Membership up 100%

The council has been active in the following:

- Chartered the Council
- Coats for Kids
- Support the Food Bank, 6 Knights once a quarter
- Collected over 650 pairs of socks for “Socks for Heroes”
- “One Rose, One Life” Campaign
- Staff the monthly Bingo at the parish. 405 nights each month!

Respectfully submitted,

***Brian Duncan***

Brian Duncan, District Deputy 09

## **District 10 Report (6010, 14399, 16127)**

Peter Abercrombie, District Deputy

Mike Dannenmueller, District Warden

District Highlight:

The three councils which comprise District 10, two Councils received the Columbian Award and one Council the Star Award presented during this fraternal year.

Hosting the 2020 State Convention. The Coronavirus Pandemic changed the parameters in which this year Convention is being held. Virtual!!!

### **Council No. 16127, Deacon Doug Sliger, Hill AFB, (Star Council)**

- The council stays involved in the local and base communities.
- Coats for Kids, the council purchased \$1,200 in coats which was specifically purchased for each individual child.
- The Angle Tree and diaper program. The council donated \$400 to purchase diapers.
- Special Olympics: Donated \$500.00 to support two Olympians
- Sponsors a Knight Fishing Derby for Base Youth
- Prison Ministry: Council Members conduct Bible Studies with inmates and distribute Spanish language Bibles
- Maintains the Youth Baseball field savings thousands of Youth Funding

### **Council No. 14399, Holly Family, South Ogden, (Columbian Award)**

- Sponsored the On-stage Ogden Association event where Veterans receive a free admission into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert.
- Combating Hunger in by collection food for the local food banks
- Central Collection point for Northern Utah Coats for Kids program where over Thousands of dollars are collected and coats are purchased and distributed at Catholic Community Services
- Special Olympics, sponsoring Olympians

### **Council 6010, St. Rose of Lima, Layton**

- Coats of Kids, the council purchased over 350 coats and distributed them to the Catholic Community Services, Davis Co School Foundation and to Harbor House shelter
- Helping Hands by serving lunch at the Saint Vincent De Paul Homeless shelter
- A continuous success is the Council's Easter Egg Hunt/Scramble where 6,000 eggs are distributed
- Combating Hunger Habitat for Humanity by collecting money and donating food item to the local food bank (Fish 'N Loaves)

Respectfully submitted,

***Peter Abercrombie***

Peter Abercrombie, District Deputy 10

## **District 11 Report (1129, 14764, 15418)**

Frank Lesar, District Deputy

John R Steffen, District Warden

Councils in District #11 reported on are as follows:

- Council #1129 St. Mary's, Park City
- Council #14764 St. Catherine of Siena / Newman Center, Salt Lake City
- Council #15418 St. Ambrose, Salt Lake City

District #11 continues to strengthen its commitment and dedication to church, parish, school, and community. They respond to challenges and commitments including charitable requests. The Knights of this District reflect what members of the Utah Knights of Columbus do and perform. While undertaking many different charitable activities, the Knights of District #11 have strengthened their faith and religious beliefs by leading by example.

As active Knights of Columbus, we are becoming better persons, better fathers, husbands, brothers and Catholics.

### **Council 1129, Saint Mary of the Assumption, Park City**

- Planned the parish 2020 St. Patrick's celebration party which was cancelled due to COVID-19
- Led Lenten *Stations of the Cross* on Fridays
- Supported the Utah *March for Life* event in January 2020
- Advent Fair
- Religious Ed for kids and adults
- Serving as guards at St. Lawrence mission children's CCD
- Held Parish Golf Tournament in September 2019
- Replacing missalettes in parish church twice a year
- Maintenance of White Pine Canyon church and Old Town chapel
- Working at the parish food bank
- Serving on parish council
- Support of seminarians thru the RSVP program
- Donated to *Special Olympics; Bishop's funds*
- Every month, purchase food for, prepare and deliver 500 sandwiches to CCS SLC food pantry
- Maintain Kiosk for *Building the Domestic Church*
- Meet & lead bi-weekly Men's Spiritual meetings
- Held Admissions degree exemplification
- Provided Knights to staff first ever District 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree exemplification
- Held several monthly Breakfasts after Sunday Mass

### **Council 14764, Saint Catherine / Newman Center, Salt Lake City**

- Sent candidates to Admissions Degree ceremony at St. Ambrose.
- Held a Fall Welcome Cookout for the parish in conjunction with our Installation of Officers
- Held a Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle to raise money for Dominican vocations (RSVP)
- Created and donated a parish prayer bulletin board for loved ones serving active duty in the military
- Tended bar at parish "Fruit of the Vine" wine tasting fundraiser
- Held two Lenten Fish Fry events
- Provided Knights to staff first ever District 11 2nd Degree exemplification

**Council 15418, Saint Ambrose, Salt Lake City**

Consecration to the Holy Family observance was set up within the parish. Modifications were made to conduct the program via home studies due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Youth events –

- *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest was conducted to children ages 6 to 14. Prize money was awarded.
- Judges for Science fair at Cosgriff School
- Judges and prizes for Science fair at Judge Memorial HS
- Basketball Free Throw Championship was conducted for all boys and girls age 8 to 14
- Supported Boy Scout annual turkey raffle
- Support of 2 seminarians thru the RSVP program

Donated to –

- *Special Olympics*;
- Supported the Carmelite Fair by selling tickets for their Car raffle, coming in first place for tickets sold. Council members trained to support the nuns by manning assigned booths at their Fair
- *Bishop's funds*

*Christian Relief for Persecuted Christian in the Middle East*

- Adopt-A-Parish Program to support St Elia Al-Heiri Chaldean Catholic Church raised target goal of \$2,500
- A Cross made by Middle Eastern artisans was procured and sold to support the Christian relief fund.
- A Madonna and Child wood carving was purchased as a raffle to support Middle Eastern Christian relief. s.

Community Service –

- *Coats for Kids* made funds to purchase of 13 cases of coats plus 60 coats were collected for the infant to 5.
- Lenten Fish Fry and Soup Dinners were hosted and coordinated; these were a resounding success.
- To welcome Father Erik Richtsteig procured flag poles and stands with eagle and cross pole tops
- The Pregnancy Resource Center Ultrasound was supported via a regular monthly donation program.
- The council sponsored (2) Red Cross blood Drives; we gathered at least 23 units for each drive. Council participated in the Annual Utah State KofC and Channel 13 Blood Drive and the Murray Red Cross Center
- *Food 4 Families* with over 4,500 pounds collected for CCS soup kitchen.
- Additionally, acquired and donated 7 pickup loads of food for 44 families at Western Estates Mobile Home park affected by the Magna earthquake
- Conducted annual garage sale to support *KofC Charities*
- Supported *St Martha Guild* with food, diapers and Clothing for needy mothers and infants.
- Joined with the St Ambrose Pro Life Council to *March for Life* at the state Capitol
- Received requests from CCS for 2 wheelchairs for wheelchair-bound people whose chairs failed them.

To support District 11 2021 State Convention, GK Dick Hall proposed and reviewed 7 venues

Religious support –

- Using FORMED study guides, weekly Monday morning religious studies were led by a Knight who coordinated sessions September through Lent
- Joined with Catholic Utah to support a retreat featuring Jon Leonetti. Council made monetary donation to support food. Members made coffee and joined their families in the retreat.
- *Novena for Life* was conducted with a weeklong event following the KofC Novena for Life program format
- Set up & maintained *Kiosk for the Domestic Church*
- Vocations Crucifix Program – October, November, February, March



## Knights of Columbus – Utah State Council

State Mid-Year Meeting was hosted by the council. Arrangements were made for the meetings on Friday and Saturday. Breakfast and Lunches were served, and a caterer was recommended and retained by the state council

### Council Recruiting

- Held several Admissions degree exemplifications for our candidates and other councils
- Provided Knights to help staff first-ever District 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree exemplification
- To support the new KofC 1-2-3 Degree Exemplification a team was created and (2) practice sessions were conducted. We are supporting Supreme online effort with new candidates & advancements.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank Lesar*

Frank Lesar, District Deputy 11

## **State Program Chairmen & Director Reports**

### **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman: SK Tom C Giron**

The **Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** is for students in grades 8 – 12 (each grade is judged separately).

This year we had participation from one Council. Congratulations to our winner.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - 1<sup>st</sup> place: A.J. Lefort, Council 12181

Information about the essay contest can be found online at <https://www.KofC.org/Essay> (including the theme, which may change from year to year).

The new timeline of the essay contest requires state winners be sent to the Supreme Council for international judging by December 31<sup>st</sup>, to meet that deadline council winners should be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

For 2019-2020, essays were submitted by Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181 (Draper), all of them from 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Graveley*

Ryan Graveley, State Warden

**State Program Director**

### **Coats for Kids Chairman: Vacant**

Coats for Kids 2019 had many distributions across the state during the months of November and December. Utah Knights worked extra hard gathering new and gently used coats to be distributed.

Distribution events as well as coats handed out were up this year, from past years. Keep up the great work Brother Knights.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Graveley*

Ryan Graveley, State Warden

**State Program Director**

## Ceremonials Director: SK Karl A. VanMaren, FDD

Brother Knights,

Ceremonials have been interesting this fraternal year. Everything was fine until November. Remember what happened? The Supreme Council announced the new “Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity” and previewed it at the State Deputy meeting in Orlando, and also invited the State Ceremonial Chairmen (from the USA and Canada) to Orlando to witness it and receive information the day after the State Deputy meeting. It was quite the whirlwind trip, I left Saturday night (11/23), we met Sunday afternoon (11/24) and Monday morning (11/25), and I was back in Utah by that same night.

Right away we knew this was a game changer. I think I called it the “biggest change to ceremonials in the history of our order.” Why? **The new ceremonial exemplification is no longer secret!** Families are invited to observe as men become Knights of Columbus. The combined ceremonial is quick (a little more than half an hour, depending on how many candidates), and ceremonial robes are no longer used. Actually, most of the props from the former individual 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremonials are also no longer necessary. They did omit was how to salute, and what the number of gavel raps mean during a meeting – just help the new members with those at the meetings.

Knights were excited about the new ceremonial, while also having a sense of nostalgia about the former ceremonials. To ease the transition, the Supreme Council let each State Deputy decide if/how the new ceremonials and previous ceremonials would be used. State Deputy Greg Keller let us know that here in Utah, we’re welcome to use the new one as soon as we’re ready, while also allowing the former ceremonials – if there was a need for them.

To further accelerate the change, State Deputy Greg Keller also had me to order the supplies to put together two “ceremonial kits” for councils/districts to borrow as needed. The ceremonial baldrics took the longest to arrive (ordered on 2/4, received on 3/9). With the increased demand the ceremonial baldrics were on back order for weeks, but requests are still being accepted and processed at [www.KofCSupplies.com](http://www.KofCSupplies.com) with shipments happening as the items are restocked. They shipped the fibers and cables right away, and we used them on 2/20 at Saint Thomas More in Cottonwood Heights along with borrowed ceremonial baldrics.

The six ceremonial baldrics along with a crucifix, fibers and cable, prayer cards, and copies of the scripts (in English, Spanish and French) will be in a carrying case clearly labeled as property of the Utah State Council, along with a reminder to whom it should be returned. The *State Ceremonial Chairman* will have one of the kits, and the *State Warden* will have the other. Councils will still need to provide the “Candidate Kit” that includes the rosary and lapel pin.

There are still some supply items that the Supreme Council will update. Later in 2020 we’re expecting new honoree certificates (and scrolls), and a new Constitutional Roll will be available in a book format which should make it even easier to use. Use the supplies you have.

It didn’t seem like it at the time, but the new ceremonial was available fairly quickly:

- January 11<sup>th</sup> – previewed the new ceremonial (via video) after the State Council’s mid-year meeting at Saint Ambrose in Salt Lake City. The initial FAQ document was shared at the meeting.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – English script (PDF) available, along with the updated FAQ.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> – French Script (PDF) available, along with the updated FAQ.
- February 7<sup>th</sup> – Spanish Script (PDF) available, along with the updated FAQ.

If you’re looking for copies, the scripts (and FAQs) are available through Officers Online at <https://www.kofc.org/oo> and the video (with the shorter introduction by Supreme Knight Anderson) is online at <https://videos.kofc.org/exemplification>.

Exemplifications of the new Ceremonial (taken from the ceremonial calendar):

- Council 6010, February 4<sup>th</sup>, English, Saint Rose of Lima Council welcomed three new Knights.

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- Council 11479, February 20<sup>th</sup>, English, advanced a dozen members (including a priest).
- Council 5214, March 1<sup>st</sup>, English, 2 new members, 12 advancing.
  - District Deputy Jerry Angus organized the ceremonial supplies in a hard, plastic case for easy transport.
- Council 14399, March 10<sup>th</sup>, English, 3 members advanced.
- Council 602, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Spanish, *canceled*.
- Council 15418, March 29<sup>th</sup>, English, *canceled*.
- **Supreme Council, April 16<sup>th</sup>, English, Virtual/Online. Looking for 1000 candidates.**
- Council 1129, April 25<sup>th</sup>, English and Spanish, ***on hold***, will probably be rescheduled.
- Council 5214, May 16<sup>th</sup>, English and Spanish, at Maronite Church in Taylorsville.

### Reminders:

- **Joining the Knights can still be done online at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).** They should indicate they want to join your council (make sure they have the council #), then it's easy to transfer them into your council ***after*** they go through the new ceremonial. This is done by the Financial Secretary through member management on officers online [www.kofc.org/oo](http://www.kofc.org/oo)
- **Please assemble your council team!** For those that already have, thank you. Live ceremonials aren't that difficult (unless we're having a global pandemic). Live interaction helps with the message delivery and shows the ceremonials are significant. There are only a handful of speaking parts – and no memorization is required!
- **Practice is essential**, especially the interactions with the warden and candidate registration.
- **The District Deputy should add your exemplifications to the state ceremonials calendar.** Provide him all the useful information:
  - Date, candidate registration time (allow 15-30 minutes) and start time.
  - Location (including building and room for registration and the ceremony itself)
  - Contact person (name, email, phone number), for anyone with questions.
  - Honoree
- **The District Deputy still files the Form 450 to report on the ceremonial.** Please make sure he's invited. If he is unable to attend, provide the details for the report. [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms) has the form (so you can see what information is required). As it says on the form, copies still go to the State Deputy (use [Utah.State.Deputy.Forms@gmail.com](mailto:Utah.State.Deputy.Forms@gmail.com)) and the State Ceremonial Chairman.
- **Sending the Form 100 to Supreme for new, reactivated and transferring members is now optional.** Enter the information from the Form 100 into the Officers Online website using the new "Candidate" tab and keep the paper form in the council's files. This new option was announced on 3/31, and the video instruction was included in the 4/2 webinar. As usual, the recorded webinar is available at [www.kofc.org/webinar](http://www.kofc.org/webinar).

Respectfully submitted,

*Karl VanMaren*

Karl VanMaren, Ceremonials Director – Utah

## **Community Director: Tim Lozano**

This is my first year as the Community Director as of fall 2019. My goal was and is to continue funding these honorable programs that support the financial and medical needs of the healthcare community and those effected by MS. As you will read in my report it was a noteworthy and challenging year. The 2 major events that the Community Director helps the State with our Annual American Red Cross Reach Out Utah Blood Drive in December 17, 2019 and the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk on April 25, 2020.

### **December 17, 2019: The Annual Red Cross Reach Out Utah Blood Drive**

The Blood Services Division of the American Red Cross relies on the Knights of Columbus to provide the of staffing for eight 'Blood Ambassador' positions and ensure a steady flow of blood donors from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. This year the Red Cross had a goal of 300 units of blood and collected 294 units of life saving blood! That was a total of our Utah blood donation centers, Salt Lake, Orem, Layton & St George. They expected a lower number of donations for the Reach Out Utah Blood Drive in Salt Lake because they had a blood drive at that location in November.

Jessica the Market Manager commented,

"We are very pleased with the results and the success of the event overall! The Knights of Columbus are a big part of that success and your volunteerism with us each year is highly valued and appreciated!

"It was great seeing all of the Knights that day! It is always a pleasure and so much fun to be able to have you all there and hang out with you".

Thanks to all that donated blood. The Red Cross informed me that every unit of blood can save three lives, that means our volunteers hard work and dedication combined with other locations has the ability to save 882 lives in Utah. We had 22 plus K of C volunteers and combined provided 80 hours of service. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of time the Knights put forth at this annual event, again thank you brothers.

### **April 27, 2019: The MS Walk 2018 in West Jordan**

At the time of writing this report the MS Walk and donation efforts from the Knights will not be complete. I'm excited to see if anymore councils can contribute financially to this fight against MS. A parishioner at St. Joseph the Worker, Laurie Allen donated an Avon Products basket with over \$673.00 of valued items again for us to raffle off, a huge thank you to her. I have taken the basket to different council events (Bingo, meeting, wife's dinner) to sell raffle tickets. Unfortunately, with the pandemic that reached the US in Late February and all parish and Knights of Columbus supported events cancelled until further notice. I was able to raise some money to contribute to this great cause. In the name of unity and fraternity a big thank you to the councils that allowed us to come to their event. We will be combining the donations from the councils, and the Avon Basket Raffle to help find a Cure for Multiple Sclerosis, as of this report we have \$730.00 donated. The MS Walk will have taken place on April 25th and I look forward to walking with my brothers virtually to show support of this debilitating disease. A huge 'THANK YOU' goes out to all the virtual walkers that will participate this year. Please plan next year a line item in your council's budgets to donate or to do some fund raising to this worthy cause and life-long battle for those living with MS.

Respectfully submitted,

***Tim Lozano***

Tim Lozano, State Community Director

## Faith Director: SK John R Valdez

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers and Brother Knights for the State of Utah;

These recent months have challenged us in many ways. Yet, they allow us to focus on what is truly important in our lives. Reflect on what doors you may have locked in your lives, or stones across the tomb that are keeping the love and mercy of our Resurrected Jesus from coming into our lives and those of our families.

Have Faith in God and hope for better days and continued good health so that we can be as charitable as we can to those who are less fortunate.

Vivat Jesus!

*John R. Valdez*

John R. Valdez, Faith Director

## Fisher House Chairman: SK Rayfel M Bachiller, FDD

### Fisher House Report for 2020

Another year has passed and our continuing support of the Fisher House demonstrates our Knights' commitment to this very worthy patriotic cause. Since our convention the Fisher House has received literally thousands of dollars to improve life military families.

Lastly on behalf of the Fisher house, our Vets and their families Thanks for loyal support over the years. I hear on a regular basis and see the appreciation in the families who call Fisher House their home away from home. Knights of Columbus made this dream a reality ... and keep it at the forefront of our important charities. Our brotherhood made it possible, our teamwork continues to support it and our patriotic dedication shows our care and commitment. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism... that pretty much says it all!

On behalf of Fisher House and the families of veterans... thanks so very much!



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eyes of

Semper Fidelis,

*Ray Bachiller*

Ray Bachiller, Fisher House Chairman

***Fisher House ... because a family's love is good medicine!!!***

## Free Throw Chairman: SK Ron R. Mecham, FDD

This year's state Free Throw Championship was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were plans to reschedule, but the competition has been called off for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Graveley*

Ryan Graveley, State Warden

**State Program Director**

**Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator: SK Rafael Castillo**

**No Report Submitted.**

**Life Director (State): SK Robert C. Van Parys**

THE 5TH ANNUAL UTAH MARCH FOR LIFE: was held on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 1:00 pm at the Utah State Capitol. This was the largest SLC march by far. Many Utah Knights were there with their families. The march was also led by the Knight's Honor Guard and Bishop Oscar Solis.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Graveley*

Ryan Graveley, State Warden

**State Program Director**

**Marian Prayer Program Chairman: SK Jason D. Adams**

**No Report Submitted.**

Notes: Utah has two icons that are ready to travel. Please contact Jason to schedule the visit to your parish!

**Membership Director: SK James “Mac” McManaman**

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and my Brother Knights,

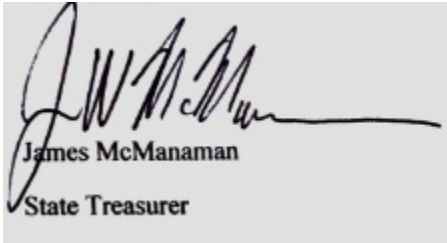
We as Knights are the defenders of the faith and recent events have made this difficult. COVID-19 and the inability to meet and raise funds have put Catholic beliefs to the test. Add to that the purging of our rosters and the State of Utah membership has taken serious losses. This has an impact on our ability to support our parishes, priests and our community. With less hands we cannot do what we once did. This virus is another hit to our Order and now is the time for all of us to step up.

I have attended events, given speeches and offered advice to councils during a meeting or membership drive.

Those councils doing well have given others ideas to continue to find fellow Catholic men that will help us support our priests and parishes. I have continued to distribute information on upcoming degrees and been supportive member of degree teams. As the director I have continued to be involved in sharing information that may help us grow the Order further allowing us more opportunities to support our programs.

Knights need Programs and Programs need Knights. Let us keep striving to support our priests and parishes and forever being on the lookout for others that share our passion to do God's work.

Vivat Jesus!!



James McManaman  
State Treasurer

James McManaman, State Treasurer  
Membership Director

## **Newsletter Editor: Brian Duncan, DD#9**

New issues of the “Utah Knight” Newsletter are posted to website’s homepage at [www.UtahKnights.org](http://www.UtahKnights.org) at the beginning of every month. If you have something to add, the deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> for the following month issue.

Respectfully submitted,

***Brian Duncan***

Brian Duncan, Editor, “Utah Knight” Newsletter

## **Online Membership Chairman: SK Nick Nielson**

Last fraternal year (2018-2019) was the first full year of the ability to have Online Membership and we achieved online membership goal which helped our overall state membership. This fraternal year we set our goal for online membership to be 15% of our total intake goal which was 240.

The goal works out to be just over 3 online members per month, and for 6 of the of the 9 months this fraternal year we met or exceeded that goal, thank you for your efforts. At the time of our state convention we had brought in 24 online members which was 62% of our goal this fraternal year. For the state of Utah, 84% of the men that joined online were interested in joining a local council. We have had 75% of those interested complete the transfer process. The remaining men are still interested but we need to coordinate a time when they can attend a degree.

I believe the growth we had with online membership has been organic and generated by men wanting to join the Knights but haven’t had the chance to do in person. With minimal effort and additional support of online membership from the councils I believe we can grow exponentially and better positioned to serve our communities. As we close out this fraternal year and during this time of social distancing, we can utilize Online Membership as a tool to help gain new members quickly rather than having them wait, and then we can schedule a Degree at a time that works best for the candidates and when we can meet again in person.

The other great news is that Supreme is now holding a combined degree online. This will provide the opportunity to have men join online and then still be able to transfer into your local council while we are not able to meet. This process is a great way to still provide the opportunity to men to join the Knights of Columbus and give them a way to connect with our councils. Regarding the “paperwork” for transferring an online member or having them go through an online degree is very easy and efficient. The new process is all done through Officers Online and several Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights have commented that the sign up and transfer process was much easier than the traditional Form 100. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Online Membership Chairman. I am happy to report that Online Membership has been very successful here in Utah and with your efforts it can be even more.

Respectfully submitted,



Nick Nielson, State Secretary

Online Membership Chairman



## **Perpetual Memorial Fund: SK Nick Nielson**

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and my Brother Knights,

The Perpetual Memorial Book is a way to remember and pray for our deceased brother Knights, family, and loved ones. The names are written into the book and it is carried to the Alter or appropriate place of honor at all the Masses associated with state meetings of the Utah Knights of Columbus; namely the Annual meeting/State Convention, Organizational/Kick off meeting, and the Mid-Year meeting. This is a means to remember those who have gone before us while other fellow Knights are present.

For a name to be placed into the book, a twenty-dollar suggested donation per name is appreciated. For the past 3 years all the money given toward the Perpetual Memorial book has been placed in the Utah Knights of Columbus Scholarship fund. This year the process for submitting the names was improved by use of an online form which could be filled out by a council or an individual. In addition to the process improvement the donation for adding a name can also be paid online through that same form.

I am happy to report the Perpetual memorial book has been present and prayers have been said at every meeting this fraternal year. Last year at convention time there were 43 names added to the book. This year there were 24 names added. Please keep our departed brothers and loved ones in your prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Nielson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nick Nielson

Perpetual Memorial Chairman

## Necrology Report

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and my Brother Knights,

This past year we had 32 brother Knights pass away that were reported to the State Secretary. In respectful commemoration of their lives, I submit these brothers to the 2019-20 Necrology report. May they rest in peace.

**Council 1129**

Francis Smith  
Bernard Wilson

**Council 5214**

Dave Udy

**Council 5347**

Jerry Hartman

**Council 5502**

Edward D Brophy

**Council 6010**

Deacon John C Weis  
Lawrence S Sisneros  
Johann A Ott

**Council 6147**

Frank Peczuh  
Joseph Leshnak  
John Skiff Jr.  
Victor Herrera

**Council 6739**

George J Brown

**Council 7961**

Patrick Dougherty

**Council 9731**

Ernest Colosimo

**Council 9849**

Erwin Weil  
Antonio Salazar

**Council 10733**

Darrell Nelson  
Deacon John Gorman  
James Bacus  
Ronald Matteucci

**Council 11246**

Leo Huppert  
James Gilbert  
Donald Vannatta  
Jerome Demack

**Council 11479**

Robert A Lilly  
Robert "Bob" Meyer

**Council 13297**

Christopher P Venhaus

**Council 14239**

William R. Rich

**Council 14399**

Donald F Dean

**Council 15418**

Charles Calfo  
John Welsh

Due to there not being an in-person state convention and an accompanied memorial Mass, the state will coordinate with a local parish and hold a Mass in these fallen brothers' honor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nick Nielson, Utah State Secretary

## Poster Contest Chairman: SK Tom C Giron

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** had participation from two Councils. Congratulations to our winners.

Age 5-7: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Giselle Hernandez, Council 6010

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Candela Anderson, Council 12181

Age 8-10: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kevin Olivares, Council 6010

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Olivia Acero, Council 12181

Age 11-14: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Luis Hernandez, Council 6010

Program information is online at <https://www.kofc.org/Christmas> (click “Resources” after reviewing the general “Keep Christ in Christmas” action steps). Remember this particular program allows participation from some of the youngest of artists! The three age divisions are Age 5-7 (grades K-2), Age 8-10 (grades 3-5), Age 11-14 (grades 6-8).

The **Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest** has two categories: Alcohol Awareness and Abuse, and Drug Awareness and Abuse, each with two age divisions (Ages 8-11 and 12-14). ***This year we had no entries.*** With the change to the Faith in Action program model, “the choice was made to remove this program as a Supreme-recommended program. However, this does not prevent councils from continuing to promote the program or its intent to our youth.”

*Ryan Graveley*

Ryan Graveley, State Warden

**State Program Director**

## Program Director: SK Ryan S Graveley

As you read through our 2020 Convention reports you will sense all sorts of emotions, not just a report of how things went. You will sense sadness, disappointment, pride, frustration, achievement, and many others. We can honestly say this has been a year like no other. We are a program driven Fraternity. Not being able to carry out those programs brings on the sadness, and frustration.

At year onset, we cranked out some very successful events. Participation was up along with positive results from the events. We were just doing what we are trained to do, and having success. A sense of achievement.

Reading through the reports, you will see a few are missing. You will also see short reports and some long reports. Overall, the 2020 Convention Reports are mostly complete. This tells me we have not given up. Chairmen are planning for future events; they are planning how to do things differently.

Grand Knights, Chairmen, and all of us leaders are putting our Faith in Action. We are not just going to sit and wait. We do virtual meetings so we can keep operations going. We are brainstorming activities that can be done and still follow social distancing guidelines. Our programs are not lost. We just have to adapt, get out of our comfort zones, and march on. Times like these are when new ideas are generated and additional or newer programs are created.

Vivat Jesus!

*Ryan Graveley*

Ryan Graveley, State Warden

**State Program Director**

### **Promotional Sales Chair: SK Art A Grant, FDD**

The “Honest Abe” shop will be raising prices in the near future. If you would like the shop to visit your event or ceremonial, please contact Art Grant.

### **Round Table Chairman: SK Nick Nielson**

This year only 1 round table was reported to Supreme for the Utah State Knights of Columbus. This is down from the 6 reported last year, and 22 from the year before that. Round tables are a vital part of serving our communities; especially where those communities don’t currently have a council, are not large enough to support their own council or have an ethnic community that would benefit from having a Knights of Columbus presence. Next year and moving forward I hope councils will take status of the communities they serve and evaluate if a round table can be utilized to expand their service or reach out to and provide a Knights of Columbus presence where needed.

Respectfully submitted,



Nick Nielson, State Secretary  
Round Table Chairman

### **Science Fair Chairman: SK Alfred P Martinez**

**No Report Submitted.**

### **Silver Rose Chairman: SK Mark R Meredith**

The Silver Rose Program is on hold right now until further notice. The prayer service booklet is available in PDF format in the “Resources” section of the website.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/silver-rose/4841-silver-rose-prayer-service-booklet.pdf>

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark Meredith*

Mark Meredith, Silver Rose Chairman

### **Soccer Challenge Chairman: SK Michael Derrick**

The State soccer challenge was held October 20, 2019 at St Vincent de Paul Church. The event started at 2:00 p.m. With check-in starting at 1:30 p.m. Michael did a great job planning for and hosting this year's soccer challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Graveley*

Ryan Graveley, State Warden  
**State Program Director**

### **Special Olympics Coordinator: SK David Matyjasik**

**No Report Submitted.**

## State Scholarship Chairman: SK Chuck Dover, Jr., PSD, FVSM

Dear Brother Knights,

Who could have ever imagined the events that have unfolded since the midyear meeting? Simply unbelievable! They are ongoing each day and unfold like the pages of a novel. Unlike the plot or story in a book, these are real. We must place trust in our caregivers, first responders, doctors and nurses. We must have hope that the scientists and doctors working for a vaccine and a cure will soon have the answers.

The following individuals have applied for our scholarship from their respective councils.

<b>Council</b>	<b>Student Name</b>
602	GOMEZ, Jaime Everardo Jr.
602	KLEMENT, Madeleine Grace
5347	ESPARZA, Anthony Larrel
6739	BARRY, Anna Grace
6966	HANNA, Madison Claire
9731	TRUJILLO, Gabriel John
11246	MEISMER, Kallie Marie
11246	TAPIA, Erick Nieto
12181	DE NIZ, Beverly
12397	DEFFNER, Kristine Marie
13297	LARRABEE, Peter Mychal
14399	TEKVERK, Amy
15418	SIMONSON, Pauline Jean
15418	VALLES, Louis Robert
16127	LABARKO, Samantha Marie

I continue to promote our state scholarship program. The world needs brilliant and educated individuals to face life's many obstacles. When I looked over the applications this year I was amazed at the caliber of these young people. They truly are the hope for the future.

The success of our scholarship program is the joint success of councils, assemblies, and individuals who are committed to give to a cause that in time will give back to society many times over. I can't thank you enough for your support in selling raffle tickets and in making donations to the program. I would like to acknowledge the council, the parish and the people of Cedar City for leading the state in raffle sales for the second straight year. It is so incredible that in such a small city away from the larger populations of the state they could achieve sales equal to nearly one person out of every thirty-four in their city purchased a raffle ticket. Simple math, Cedar City is home to just over 33,000.

I have most willingly agreed to remain the scholarship chairman for next year. You are in my prayers daily.

God bless America! Vivat Jesus!

With Warmest Regards,

***Chuck Dover Jr.***

Charles E. Dover Jr. PSD, FVSM, State Scholarship Chairman

## **Veterans Affairs Chair: SK Joe Bouley**

Worthy Brother Knights!

The Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) committee sends you warm greetings! Along with my deputy representatives' PSDs John Wainscott and Sid Cowand, we continue to make significant progress in providing our veterans with quality program services, monetary support and in-house support.

The VAVS, located at the Salt Lake City VA Hospital, consists of numerous organization reps who all have a common goal of support for our Utah veterans. Our Knights of Columbus brothers and their families provided support through such activities as the veterans fishing day, the Fisher House golf tournament and supporting our Utah Veterans Homes.

Other activities included assembling and distributing hundreds of gift bags to VA patients, providing dinners to Fisher House guests, providing Honor Guards for flag ceremonies and distributing thousands of socks to our needy veterans at the VA Hospital.

This year we increased our number of badged VA Hospital volunteers. We saw a significant increase in non-monetary donations as well as monetary donations. Volunteer hours also increased by 23%!

Any Knight or family member, including students needing service hours, can volunteer at the VA Hospital – please contact myself, John or Sid, for more information.

VIVAT JESUS!

Fraternally Yours,

*Joe Bouley*

Joe Bouley, Veteran's Affairs Chairman ~ [balijo@aol.com](mailto:balijo@aol.com) ~ 801-309-9149

## **Vocations Chairman: SK John R Valdez**

Worthy State Deputy, State Council and Brother Knights of Utah;

This year has been a busy year of coordination with our State of Utah Knights of Columbus Councils and our seminarians to ensure our seminarians are being contacted and supported by our Councils. Final figures of support are still coming in.

The seminarians have been in contact with me and report they are grateful for all of the personal and financial support the Councils have been extending to them and look forward to a great new Fraternal Year.

Respectfully submitted,

*John R. Valdez*

John R. Valdez, Vocations Chairman

Knights of Columbus – Utah State Virtual Convention Minutes (May 3, 2020).

## **Webmaster (www.UtahKnights.org): Chris Hood**

Have you noticed the changes to the state website at [www.UtahKnights.org](http://www.UtahKnights.org)? Most have been behind the scenes: The directory part section has had some fine tuning. The recruiting scoreboard has had some stuff removed that was never used in the frontend to make it easier to use. Multi-language capability has been added to the site so pages can be shown in Spanish. Pages still have to be translated before adding the language switch. Other current projects include migrating the gallery from Flickr, building an app connected to the site and replacing the calendar plugin.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **PAST STATE DEPUTIES**

## **ADDRESSES TO CONVENTION**

### **SK Michael T. Cosgrove (1984–1986)**

I joined the Fr. DeSmet Council 5347 in Brigham City in 1965. I was elected State Deputy in 1984 and served through 1986. I am one of five Knights from the Brigham City Council to serve as State Deputy: Vince Kelly, 1972-1973, Tom O'Grady, 1978-1980, Robert Lavery, 1986-1988, Rholland Lange, 1994-1996.

I was, at that time, the youngest to be elected to serve as Utah State Deputy and the youngest State Deputy representative at the Supreme Convention. At that time, Utah had eleven councils. When I completed my term, we had thirteen.

The State now has thirty-six councils. Fr. Richard Blenner and Fr. Thomas Meersman promoted their Knights as a State Chaplin in all the State Conventions and attended state officer meetings during my tenure. They also attended many of the Supreme Conventions. It is important that the parish priests are supported by the local council. Thirty-six councils! What a wonderful growth you have accomplished

The history of the Knights in Utah was researched by Past State Deputy Frank Becker and published in book form (in 1986.)

In 1980 the Provo council 1136 spearheaded a project to place a large iron cross on the Dominguez Hill at the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon. All councils across the state helped fund this project. With the support of the State of Utah and the efforts of the Utah National Guard helicopter team, the cross was dedicated in May of 1981. This project emphasizes what the Knights can accomplish when we work together.

Degree Teams were needed throughout the state. First, Second- and Third-degree teams were created by PSDs Tom O'Grady and Frank Becker. The Brigham City Council 5347 formed a Third-degree team which traveled throughout Utah and by requests to Idaho, Wyoming, and Nevada. The new degree teams are now encouraged to have families participate and new growth and interest will be the next step to promote our Order.

Our wives and children have in the past been our mainstay of our work in Utah. My own children have benefited from attending the Supreme Conventions and meeting children of all ages from throughout the world. This experience had opened the door to help them realize how widespread the Knights of Columbus work to promote our faith. I have been blessed to have your support to represent the Utah Knights these past sixty years and will continue to do so. I trust that your meetings to be held now for voting for the new Knights of Columbus Utah Council goes well. Good luck and God Bless.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Cosgrove, PSD



## **SK Joseph B. Ligorì (1996–1998)**

Worthy State Deputy; Worthy Chaplain; Worthy State Officers and Delegates

Another successful year for the Knights of Columbus in the State of Utah. The delegation of your State Officers has proven to guide the Knights in the correct direction.

Over the last 22 years since I was State Deputy the goals of the Knights remain the same and even more so with opening up the degrees to involve family members. The Knights stand strong in family and their Faith. In this time of great change, the Knights stand strong supporting each other for a changing future. Let us remember what our Order stands for and continue the good works of the Order. Stay safe and strong.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Ligorì, PSD

## **SK Charles E. Dover Jr., FVSM (2006-2008, 2009-2010)**

These past few months have been filled with many challenges and have placed great hardship on our global society. It is not unlike previous times in history when mankind has been challenged. Fortunately, even at my age, I am far too young to have witnessed such past times. I cannot imagine the mindset of those who endured the reality of World War II. It is unthinkable to lose 75-80 million people from the face of the earth in just 6 years. Such was the case in WW II.

I believe human beings are resilient and when working in a unified effort mankind will survive this current challenge. If history repeats itself then we too will survive this current world pandemic. To be in a position to be a part of this healing process we must do our part. Likewise, other challenges have been mounting in the undercurrent of society. Though they are not life threatening, they should be of importance to us. How do we turn the tide of the current trend to turn away from God and leave His Church? How will we build up our ranks in the Knights of Columbus in the future? The answers to these questions begin within each of us.

It is not enough to simply ask a man to join us. We must show him why he should stand with us. We must lead by faith; we must lead by example; and we must seek God's help. We must stand to our duty and uphold our Catholic faith and our principles. We have an opportunity to set a new course of action. With our newly elected officers we set a positive course with a positive tone. If Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are truly exemplified by us all, we will achieve the success we desire.

I pray for my family and friends every day. I want peace of mind and warmth in my heart. Each of you, I'm sure, long for the same. Together we are strong and with Christ we are even stronger. Let's not leave Him out of the equation. May God bless our endeavors and lead us to the success we desire.

Until we meet again in person, you are in my prayers. God bless America! Vivat Jesus!

With Warmest Regards,

Charles E Dover, Jr, PSD

## **SK Ray L Lopez (2010-2012)**

I am sorry that this year we are not able to meet and share our fraternity at our annual State Convention. I look forward to this event every year to see and visit with so many of my Brothers. Although we can't meet in person this does not diminish our fraternal bonds. We now see how important it is to keep and maintain our precious bonds, even a phone call to a Brother Knight is welcome. We look at this Easter and see parallels with the first Easter. The disciples were locked in their houses, and fearful of the world outside. But like them we have each other to lean on. We have the love of our Mother Mary, and the love of, and our faith in, the Risen Christ Jesus.

Hopefully we will never have to experience something like this again, but we have seen innovations which will make us better able to cope with a changing world. We have seen councils calling every member, helping in social distancing collections, and distributions of the palms. Councils are also assisting in providing food to the vulnerable, encouraging blood donations, and so much more. This is what we are capable of and what we do best.

My Brothers, when this pandemic is all over, remember the need for our fraternal bonds and the community we all hold dear. Remember the need to maintain contact with our Brother Knights. Remember the need to recruit more men and their families into the Knights of Columbus. Remember the need to attend Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist. Use the innovations to strengthen your councils and programs, such as online meetings and communications to enhance the council experience. We have the new ceremonial which allows our families to fully participate in the experience of the Knights of Columbus. Yes Brothers, when we return to normal, we will be better prepared to go forward.

So, my Brother Knights, continue to keep doing the work that is so needed by the world, and know that you are needed by your communities, parishes, and your own Brother Knights. Keep up your hard work and keep inviting men and their families into our order. We really do change and save lives.

Yours Fraternally.

Ray Lopez PSD

## **SK Jerald P. Hanten (2014-2016)**

State Deputy, State Officers, Past State Deputies, Brothers:

The 2020 state convention is definitely a change from the past but this is no normal year. Our State, Our Country, Our World is reeling from a life altering pandemic but the world has suffered before and has recovered. We are here for our families, our faith, and our communities and this means we look close to home for the opportunities now. We also must be the leaders we have always been and be ready when the recovery starts and the new normal develops.

I have always said the convention is a place to renew old friendships and exchange ideas. Every council has a unique perspective on the charities they support and how they operate. Do not let this convention be any different. Do not let the last two months dictate what is remembered at this convention. Since the last convention, there were ten months of charity preceding the pandemic and these triumphs must be recorded and remembered. Be proud of your accomplishments and make this year when you blow your horns. Let people know what the Knights of Columbus are about do not get lost in the shuffle.

The state council has worked hard to make this a memorable convention and we have a means to exchange ideas. Do not fail them and not participate. Be active in the exchanges and take the ideas back to your councils. The sessions will not be forgotten as they can and will be recorded so you can use this to bring the exchanges to your councils. Use this convention as a springboard to the upcoming year as the recovery starts and people want to get out and reacquaint themselves with their neighbors and friends. A lot of people have been affected and we must be ready to help fill the needs of those still feeling the pinch. The losses can be personal with loved ones sick or lost. They could be monetary with the economy. In whatever case, we need to there and to step up.

In closing, do not let the last few months dictate your year. Be proud of what you have done all year and make sure others know what it is you do and have done. Stay active and ready because the need is there now and even more will be needed as we start the recovery. Anticipate what will be happening and help get things moving to normal life with your families, your church, and your communities. Charity is our first tenant but remember in unity we can accomplish great things and our brotherhood is something you can take personally because we are all a part of the family of God.

Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Hanten, PSD

## **SK Andy Airriess (2016-2018)**

This year has certainly been unique, hasn't it? We have faced challenges as never before, challenges new to everyone and new to our order. Not being able to do what we usually do in the way we are accustomed, everything from meetings to programs, has been a great strain on not only our parishes who depend on us, but our councils and individual Knights too. The entire last two years, from new 4th Degree Uniforms, online membership, new degrees, new program models, and now social distancing, has been quite the upheaval.

Our latest challenge, COVID-19, has been tragic for many. But, combined with all the other ways we have been forced to change, I know it has us on the verge of awakening a sleeping giant. We have shaken the cobwebs from the way we "have always done things" as we have adapted, changed, learned, and innovated. We have grown in ways we find hard to explain and quantify.

We are going to do great things, and very soon. There has never been a better time to be a Knight because we are more prepared than ever to lead our families, parishes, and communities in what we have discovered these past few months; that the family is the core of society. In the building of the family through prayer, service, and love is, as Pope Francis recently wrote, "a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others."

The Domestic Church initiative recently launched by Supreme was almost prophetic in its timing, preparing us for when we would be forced to celebrate our faith at home for months on end surrounded by our families. Let us continue to embrace its principles to build our families, our parish families, and our family of Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Airriess, PSD