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Official Convention Greetings

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Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

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March 29, 2021
Founder's Day

John N. Nielson
State Deputy
Utah State Council
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Nielson:

For the first time as Supreme Knight, it is an honor and joy for me to greet you and all my brother Knights as the Utah State Council holds its annual state convention.

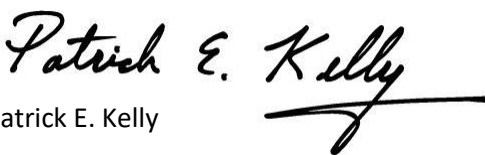
Your meeting comes after a year unlike any before it. I know you and your fellow delegates will review the toll that COVID-19 has taken on our families, our parishes, our councils and our world. Hopefully still more time will be spent on our ongoing response, especially through the Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative, which has enabled councils around the world to answer the challenge of COVID-19 with our perennial principle of Charity. I am very proud of the work that has been accomplished despite the adversity we have faced.

Amid the darkness of the past year, the Beatification of our Founder was a bright and most welcome light. As we rejoice at Father McGivney being raised to the honors of the altar, his Beatification brings increased responsibility for you, for me and for every Knight to be ever more devoted to our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We must strive to always grow in personal holiness and to be worthy heirs to the spiritual legacy of Blessed Michael McGivney.

I am deeply grateful to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and to each brother Knight who has worked so hard this past year to advance the mission of the Knights of Columbus in Utah. I am honored to serve alongside you as your Supreme Knight, and look forward to working together in the days ahead.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe guide your deliberations, and may Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Faternally,


Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D.

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May 1, 2021

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings of Christ's peace and congratulations on the occasion of your 114th Annual State Convention of the Utah Knights of Columbus. I send my good wishes and blessing for all our Knights as well as for your spouses and family members. This will be an unusual Convention this year given the pandemic we have weathered for the past year. Nevertheless, I have no doubt that the traditional fraternal spirit of the Order will be evident.

Your theme this year reflects the message of Isaiah: *I have called you by name; you are mine* (Is. 43:1). Throughout Sacred Scripture God makes it clear that we belong to Him. God has called each of us by name to live as His children to be disciples of the Good News Jesus brought to the world. Throughout Utah, in our parishes and ministries, the Knights have been faithful to that call, making your principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity evident in the life of the communities you serve.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has designated this as a year honoring Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church. The humble life of Saint Joseph has much to teach the Knights. He was faithful to God's call despite the difficult challenges he faced. Joseph was the model father who, as Head of the Holy Family, guided the Child Jesus as He *grew in wisdom and age*. He protected the Child and His Blessed Mother as they migrated for their safety. As a humble carpenter, Joseph was a model for workers, especially those who, like him, do manual labor. Joseph is indeed a powerful model for all of us in our day.

I thank and commend you for many good works of our Fraternal Order in Utah. Your respect for human life, support for our seminarians and participation in the life of our parishes enriches this Diocese. I remind you to remember in our prayers our brother Knights and their families who have gone before us, as well as those whose age or disability makes them unable to actively participate as Knights. May this year's virtual Convention be truly blessed!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D.
Bishop of Salt Lake City

State Deputy Nick Nielson



Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 114th annual convention of the Knights of Columbus Utah State Council. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure the safety of our brothers it was decided to hold the convention virtually. I'm very excited for this convention because it is unique from any other year as it is being held virtually and is open to all of our membership.

We hold our annual convention to conduct state business, to elect officers for the coming fraternal year, and to fulfill our duties as officers, delegates, and members of the Utah State Council. Although we aren't meeting in person, we will also be celebrating the accomplishments of the past year, honoring the councils whose projects were selected as the best in the state, and to renew acquaintances with great friends.

Our theme for this past year was "Upon this Rock" which was taken from the Holy Gospel of Saint Matthew: *And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.* (MT 16:18) As I had previously shared, I love the image of Simon Peter being strong enough for Jesus to build the church upon and I liked the idea of the Knights being one of the modern-day rocks upon which the church can continue to be built.

Despite the challenges we've faced this past year, we have been a rock for our communities. With our Leave No Neighbor Behind initiatives and by adapting or adding new programs and activities we have continued to serve our parishes and communities. Some of the highlights from this past year were the Mass of Thanksgiving for the Beatification of Blessed Micheal McGivney held at the Cathedral here in Salt Lake City, working on the grounds of the Carmelite monastery where we had over 50 Knights from 20 different councils, our fundraising efforts for the Navajo Strong organization helping with COVID relief, raising enough money and placing a 4th ultrasound machine here in Utah. There are too many programs and things to list, even though we were facing a pandemic we were a rock.

Thank you for all you have done this past year. I am excited to "see you" virtually at our meeting and I look forward to the Utah Knights having a strong finish to our fraternal year and an even stronger next year where we can apply the things we learned during the pandemic but start to go back to in person activities.

Vivat Jesus!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Nielson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nick Nielson
Utah State Deputy

Convention Committee Reports (2021)

Committee Assignments for Council Delegates

Per our By-Laws council delegates serve on a convention committee. Committee meetings were conducted over the weekend of April 17-18, 2021. Primary delegates unable to attend were requested to please have their alternate delegate attend in their stead. The committee chairs notified their committee members on specific virtual meeting times.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, Utah State Secretary

Credentials and Minutes Committee, State Secretary

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

On April 17, 2021 at 8:35 AM, the Minutes and Credentials Committee conducted its committee meeting prior to the conduct of the general convention meeting in accordance with (IAW) Article II of the Knights of Columbus Utah State Council By-laws. Seven (7) of 13 members assigned to this committee attended the meeting which constituted a quorum (IAW Article III, Section 4). Delegate representation included: William Kelly - State Secretary (Chair), James Arguello -1136, Joe Colosimo – 6147, Rogelio Castaneda – 8606, Rob Carlson – 8606, Earl Decker – 10733 and George Lukasiewicz -15418. In addition, the Worthy State Deputy, Nick Nielson, and the State Executive Secretary, Karl VanMaren, attended this committee meeting.

The first order of business involved reviewing the 2020 State Convention minutes. The State Executive Secretary captured the record of the proceedings superbly on May 3, 2020 and the State Secretary distributed the final version to Utah State Council Officers and Chairmen, District Deputies and Utah Councils on October 19, 2020. The committee had no objections to the published minutes document and Joe Colosimo raised a motion to include the minutes as the formal recording of proceedings (2nd – Jim Arguello) that passed unanimously.

The second order of business involved reviewing the current 2021 Utah State Convention delegate list published as of April 16, 2021, (IAW Article 2, Section 2). There was one change to a submitted credential form that involved replacing Alex Tarazon with Jim Arguello as the primary delegate from Council 1136 since a State Officer cannot serve in two delegate capacities and is only entitled to one vote.

As of April 16, 2021, there are four (4) councils who have not paid state per capita, and five (5) councils who have not submitted delegates of the 34 active councils in the State. Based on recommendation of the State Deputy and ensuing committee discussion, the committee determined that further per capita payment and credentials for seating at the 2021 State Convention must be received by the State Secretary no later than 48 hours prior to meeting convening (10:00 AM on April 29, 2021).

Based on State Council records, there are a total of fifty eighty (58) entitled delegate seats to the 2021 State Convention based on payments received from individual councils as levied by the State Council (IAW Article II, Section 4) and submitted council credential forms. The current delegate composition is as follows:

State Officers	6
Immediate Past State Deputy	1
<u>Delegates</u>	<u>51</u>
Total	58

Joe Colosimo so moved the motion (2nd Rogelio Castaneda) on the above proceedings regarding rules for follow-on delegate inclusion and current (April 17, 2021 at 8:45 AM) state delegate composition that passed unanimously. The meeting concluded on April 17, 2020 at 8:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kelly

William (Bill) Kelly, State Secretary
Minutes and Credentials Chairperson

Audit and Budget Committee, State Treasurer

I would like to thank the audit and budget committee for their time regarding the important topics of the procedure audit and proposed 2021-2022 budget. They recommend the adoption of the proposed budget as submitted and had no objections or concerns about the audit results presented.

Haynie & Company is the external company that audits our procedures. Their report showed no exceptions and was submitted to Supreme. On 9/22/2020 a letter was received by the Supreme Secretary acknowledging their receipt of the audit.

Topics of discussion during the budget committee meeting included:

Should mileage reimbursement be included in the budget?

Currently the state pays mileage per our bylaws. Over 50% of our Knights accept and appreciate the mileage. You have the option of declining a mileage payment and awarding it to a charity offered by the State. If you have a different charity in mind, you can accept the mileage and donate to the charity of your choice.

What does the 6670 "State Council Planned Expenses" category include?

This account was created to allow more visibility. Its contents used to be lumped under "Postage and Supplies," now postage and supplies can be just that. The majority of the items included in 6670 are "the usual things":

- * Pins, Coins, and Recognition items
- * Provincial meeting, as per bylaws
- * Storage unit for housing state equipment
- * State Officer Meeting expenses

Steve Thatcher (12181) moved for the budget committee to approve the budget, and Richard Green (14764) seconded. The motion passed the budget committee unanimously.

A per-capita credit for the next fraternal year is planned. It will result in a discount of nearly a third of each council's per capita. Final numbers will be realized once this fraternal year's business is complete.

Thank you to State Deputy Nick Nielson, Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren and the committee members who attended the virtual committee meeting held via GoToMeeting on 4/17 from 4:04 PM to 4:40 PM: Tim Peczuh (6147), Louis Mandrigues (10733), Steven Thatcher (12181), and Richard Green (14764). Additionally, the following committee members responded with a favorable recommendation for accepting the budget as presented: John R. Chavez (1136), Joseph Bouley (5502), Thomas M. Goonan (6739), Barry Stine (6739), David McDonald (7961), Michael Sweetland (9849), and Ray Bachiller (11479).

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Graveley

Ryan Graveley, State Treasurer

Resolutions Committee, State Advocate

A motion was made by Joe Nesi 5502 and seconded by Michael Dannenmuller 14399, that the Resolutions Committee recommended passing the resolutions 1-8 as these are the usual resolutions, we have each year, reformatted into Supreme's preferred format. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michael Dannenmueller 14399 and seconded by Joe Nesi 5502, that the Resolutions Committee recommended passing the revised resolution #9 as the revisions keep the spirit of the original resolution while making it more acceptable for the supreme convention. The motion passed unanimously.

Thank brothers George Jockisch (5214), Joe Neid (6010), Joseph Nesi (5502), Michael Dannenmueller (14399), and DD3 Larry Page for attending the virtual committee meeting on Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 2:08 PM on GoToMeeting.

Additionally, committee members Anthony Moore (9731), Luke Balster (9849), Al Gibson (16127), David Webb (11246), Danny Schoenfeld (11479), Larry Martinez (12264), Chris Barrera (14239), and Daniel Quintanilla (14764) expressed their support for the resolutions outside of the committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carmona

Frank Carmona, State Advocate

Assistant Wardens / Balloting, State Warden

No committee needed for the virtual convention.

Alex Tarazon

Alex Tarazon, State Warden

Appreciation Committee, Immediate Past State Deputy

The 2021 Virtual State Convention Appreciation Committee met via a virtual meeting, and we hereby submit a list of people and businesses to thank them for making this convention so successful.

Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis.

State Chaplain Father Erik Richtsteig.

Father James Blaine, State Chaplain Emeritus.

Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly.

Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez.

Nate Raso, Knights of Columbus General Agent.

Our local Knights of Columbus Field Agents Gene Trombetti and Matthew McCarthy.

DD #11 Frank Lesar (Councils 1129, 14764, and 15418) for being the hosting District.

Convention Committee for their planning efforts.

Council 1129 Grand Knight Robert Dieringer and brother Knights from that council.

Council 14764 Grand Knight Richard Green and brother Knights from that council.

Council 15418 Grand Knight Paul Buckley and brother Knights from that council.

PSD John Wainscott for assisting with convention preparations.

Tim Peczuh who formulated the advertising booklet.

Peczuh Printing for all the work they did preparing the Convention Book.

Advertisers in the convention booklet - please keep your booklet and thank the advertisers.

Utah Knights of Columbus State Officers and their wives.

Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren.

District Master Dick Hall.

PSDs and their wives who continue to show their support, experience, and wisdom.

To all of you brothers who attended this virtual convention to show support for the Knights throughout the state of Utah, thank you very much.

Thank you also to the Brothers who participated in this year's Appreciation Committee: Steve Sevier (6010), Art Grant (13297), and Bob Diaz (14239). Guests State Deputy Nick Nielson and Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren also attended.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory A. Keller

Gregory A. Keller, Immediate Past State Deputy

State Team Reports

Nick Nielson, State Deputy

Welcome my brothers to the 114th annual state convention of the Utah Knights of Columbus. I would like to extend my gratitude to the state team that has worked so hard to make this year a success. The state team includes all the state officers, our executive secretary, the 4th degree District master, and my state council advisor, along with the District Deputies; most of which were new to the roles they had this year. I would also like to thank all of the Grand Knights and the councils for their hard work this year, you are truly who make up the state and what we do as Knights of Columbus.

This has been a very interesting and challenging year for everyone. Despite the pandemic we as a state were able to continue the good that we do with our charity, unity, and fraternity. While some things might have been different, we were still able to hold most of our “traditional” programs and meetings, just with a few adjustments. I thank you for being willing to participate and adapt, while I prefer being in person, I think we learned a lot and found new ways to enhance our programs with a virtual aspect.

I imagine, like me, the council leadership never thought they would be in the positions they were in during a pandemic. This is not how I envisioned my first year as State Deputy, but we took what was given to us and did the best we could and were successful. While membership growth is extremely important, it is not the sole defining element to success with the Knights.

At the beginning of the year, we were successful in helping the Navajo Strong organization down in the four corners area that were facing difficulties as a result of the coronavirus. When a large windstorm hit Utah, we were able to help our parishes and neighbors, particularly our Carmelite sisters. We had over fifty Knights from twenty different councils come help clear debris and damage. We raised funds to assist the Carmelites to help offset the loss of the annual fair they hold as their primary fundraiser. While coat distributions were cancelled due to the pandemic we adapted and changed what we normally do and still distributed coats to those in need. In fact, we raised almost double the amount of money for the Coats for Kids program this year compared to the previous year. The coats were given out as far north as Logan and south to Cedar City and St George, and many places in between.

We held our state Soccer Challenge with safe social distancing out in Tooele. We assisted and sponsored our Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair virtually. We had better participation in our Poster and Essay contest when compared to the previous year. Special Olympics Utah had to cancel or postpone many of their events, but we were still there to assist. We held a virtual color guard which was recorded and played at the events they were able to hold. We had 25 councils complete the Special Olympics partnership form and showed 1,265 volunteer hours along with \$13,309 donated. The list could go on and on, but this shows that we didn't let the pandemic stop us from serving our communities.

In regard to membership growth, we had a high goal for ourselves this year and haven't quite hit that yet. But we have well exceeded our online membership goal and continue to grow and transfer members into our councils utilizing this as a tool. Over 76% of the new members we brought in this year joined online, and close to 80% of those new members transferred into a local council with many more expressing interest in transferring. We still have a couple of months to go and with your help I believe we can come close to achieving our goal. In the last two years we dropped over 600 members from our

roster here in Utah and had negative growth, so even though we might not achieve the goal we had set for ourselves I am happy to report we have had positive growth this year. Thank you. I realize I'm "preaching to the choir", but to me being a Knight has been a blessing. It has made me better and I hope it has made you better. I hope you will continue to offer membership into our order to the eligible men in your parishes and communities. I can think of no better gift.

As we come to the end of this fraternal year, I ask that you keep your members engaged, men are looking to be involved and to help. Supreme has just rolled out a new program called the COVID Recovery Program, and I strongly encourage every council to participate. There are no additional forms or reporting that needs to be done, but what it does is give you a road map or suggestions on how to help your parishes. Please embrace this program; meet with your pastors and find out how your council can assist them in bringing people back to church.

In closing, I want to say thank you. Thank you again to my state team, my District Deputies, and most importantly to all the councils throughout the state. I have visited almost all of your councils at a meeting or an event and, if possible, I intend to visit the remaining councils before the year is done. You have made me feel welcome. Even if we were less active this year due to the pandemic, we have still been active in our charity, our unity, and our fraternity. You make me proud to call myself a Knight of Columbus and I am honored to have served as your State Deputy.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
Utah State Deputy

Father Erik Richtsteig, State Chaplain

Good Brother Knights,

On behalf of my brother priests let me thank you for your innovative, proactive, and extensive support of our diocese and its parishes during the pandemic. We priests can always count on our order for help in good time and in bad. What is especially nice is not having to ask. It is also helpful to have so many brothers who put their skills and experience to work in solving the problems caused by the barriers of public health requirements. While we largely haven't been able to meet in person, the work of the order like that of the Church has not stopped. We appear to be in the home stretch (forgive a bit of superstition, but I hope I didn't just jinx us). I am confident that the lessons learned during the last year will continue to bear fruit in our work of spreading the Faith and the Lord's Charity.

Father Erik Richtsteig

Father Erik Richtsteig
Utah State Chaplain

Bill Kelly, State Secretary

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

First off, I would like to thank all of you for supporting the 114th State Convention, your Parish Communities and your State Council. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve as your State Secretary this past year and the support you provided me the past three years.

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 virus pandemic over the last 16 months, I believe our Utah Knights are very strong. Our organization has overcome many obstacles and challenges and through your initiatives we have persevered. Innovative ideas such as drive through breakfast burritos, taco and pizza sales, and fish fry takeout meals are examples of how our Knights thought outside the traditional box of conducting Knight activities. Many stepped up and helped our Pastors and local Parishes with controlled ushering and sanitizing programs enabling parishioners to attend Sunday Mass at reduced risk. Many councils took the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program to heart by reaching out to the sick and elderly through visitations and meal delivery. Other initiatives were seen using technology to sustain continued council operations through virtual meetings and reestablishing call trees to keep members informed and engaged. These online meetings were very beneficial to the State Council since they enabled us to interface with many councils on a more frequent basis than we ever could in person.

The State accomplished significant milestones this year: the 4th Ultrasound initiative (> \$21K donated); a record Coats for Kids distribution; a highly successful virtual Science Fair and over \$52K in charitable contributions. Of significant note was the huge undertaking in Fall 2020 when over 60 of us contributed to the Carmelite Monastery grounds cleanup after a severe windstorm. The Utah Knights mustered to the monastery grounds and over a 3-week period restored the grounds to pristine condition. Our efforts were recognized by the Supreme Council in our Columbian Magazine. So be proud to be a Utah Knight as your contributions continue to support the good works of Blessed Father McGivney.

Your treasurer (Ryan) and I have sustained fiduciary responsibility managing funds using Quick Books and an electronic warrant-receipt ledger system for a cash flow at \$81K plus. Your generous contributions of over \$52K account for most of this operating income. As of April 15, 2021, charitable contributions stand at: Carmelites \$6925; Christopher Fund \$560; Coats \$7873, Culture of Life \$1385; Fisher House \$200; Military Vocations \$625; MS Walk \$25; Navajo Nation \$2565; Scholarship \$1616; Science Fair \$3080; Special Olympics \$3405; Vocations \$1780; and Wheelchair \$100.

Commendations to our councils' leadership in administrative duties are definitely warranted this year. Utah Councils achieved an amazing 98% rate on Supreme form submissions [185, 365, 1728, and SA audits (2)]. Please continue the same diligence with the SP-7 (Columbia Award Application) so we can close this year on a high note as we look forward to the new fraternal year.

I believe we have turned the corner on the Pandemic and I look forward to working with many of you in person in the days ahead. God Bless all of you my Brother Knights and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly
Utah State Secretary

Ryan Graveley, State Treasurer

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

As State Treasurer my duties include:

- Create a budget for the fraternal year and get that approved by representation from our Utah councils. With the guidance of our State Deputy this task was completed during my first year as Treasurer. We remained within the approved budget.
- Keeping accurate accounts for monies received and distributed in accordance with the State By-Laws. Through the use of QuickBooks, monitoring Wells Fargo statements, and reconciling our accounts monthly this task was accomplished as well
- Complete an annual audit of the State's accounts and submit the audit to Supreme for approval. Last year's audit report was prepared by Haynie and Company. This report was received by the Supreme Council and was found to be in compliance. 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 our previous State Treasurers looking for ways to improve and better serve our religious leaders, councils, and the state. I could not have completed all of my duties without the training and support of my State Team and all of you Utah brothers. "Thank you."

Every year has its challenges and it seems this past fraternal year had an increased number of issues to overcome. As State Treasurer I worked with the other State Officers to assist the State of Utah relief regarding earthquake damage, wind damage, homelessness, hunger, and COVID-19. We continued to support our youth programs and have made every effort to serve the needs of our councils. 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. Our plan is to work through this together with the adjustments that allow us to continue to provide our priests, parishes, and our Faith the support for which Knights are known. The 2021-2022 budget will be reviewed, finalized, and approved virtually prior to the State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!!

Ryan Graveley

Ryan Graveley
Utah State Treasurer

Frank Carmona, State Advocate

Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representatives, My Fellow State Officers, and Brother Knights,

I extend my warmest greetings to each of you, my brother Knights. Thank you for so many years of support and many cherished memories. I first served with the State Council as your Utah District Master in 2019 and now as your State Advocate. For years you have entrusted me to help you and our proposal. I have big shoes to fill in this Worthy Office and will continue to do my duties. I know this year has been a difficult one for many of you and many of our brothers that have departed, but we stand together as Catholic men, and as Catholic men, we can accomplish what Blessed Father McGivney set

forth for us. I am honored to serve by your side.

As State Advocate, I have work side by side to see that your councils, assemblies, and the members comply with the Rules and By-Laws of the Order as outlined by Supreme. One great example was the question: "Is online bingo illegal in the state of Utah, and will the State Council support a council?" I looked into this and found out that all bingo events live or online are not legal. The answer to that is NO; any bingo functions are illegal and fall under the Utah Code Section 76-10-1101; the Utah State Council will NOT back up any council, assembly, or member that breaks the law.

Another fun responsibility as State Advocate is stepping up where it is needed. As Youth Director this year, I had the pleasure to participate in Coats for Kids. I was happy to take the lead on this program. First of all, this could not have been a successful event without the Worthy Grand Knights and their Councils' help. Thank you for opening your parishes during this challenging time and allowing us to enter. C4Ks distributed almost twice as many coats in 2020 than in 2019; not only did we receive 36 cases from Supreme, but councils to the North, Utah County, and Southern Utah placed orders for cases. This year we hit every area where there is a council, from Logan to Saint George, West in Magna, and Southeast in Carbon County. NO COAT was left behind in storage for next year. I am filled with joy knowing that we did our part in distributing warm coats to needy families all over the State.

Safe Environment was a new experience, monitoring and supporting the councils and their Program Directors to ensure they are compliant with background checks and online training. My fellow State Officers and District Deputies were a massive help in this department. Changes were made at the Supreme level that a Grand Knight could not be all the program directors; this made many councils look for qualified brothers to step into these roles. The State of Utah placed 3rd overall in the Western Rodeo Safe Environment Award Contest. Just a reminder July 1, 2021, we have to do it all over again.

As Retention Chair for the State of Utah Council, I provided assistants to the State Deputy, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries from all over the State to keep their membership intact. I assisted affected councils by sending out letters, emails and making phone calls to those members to withdraw from the order. These letters served as an attempt to ascertain a Knight's status regarding remaining with their current council and possibly transferring to another and deterring the path forward.

As State Advocate, I also provided support to councils requiring Liability Insurance Coverage riders, EIN acquisitions, 990-N tax fillings instructions, and incorporation of council EINs under the Supreme umbrella. For the 2020 convention, I have consolidated the resolutions for your review and approval.

This 2020-2021 I have had the opportunity to travel the State and attend meetings/events, both in-person and online. I am so proud to be a part of this group of Catholic men that continue to amaze me with all the excellent work you do. Your acts are humbling; I am genuinely proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus in the State Council and the opportunity to serve you.

Viva Christo Rey!

Frank Carmona

Frank Carmona
Utah State Advocate

Alex Tarazon, State Warden

Your Excellency, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brothers of Our Order,

As your State Warden during this time of pandemic I have managed and stored the State Council property. Although there were not many events in which the equipment could be utilized, I was able to transport and provide access to the equipment for the events that could be held in person.

Capitalizing on previous efforts from past State Wardens, especially the most recent Warden – Ryan Gravely, I have continued to update the inventory list of the equipment of the state council. In addition to this, I have also tested, reorganized, and re-labeled various pieces of electronics, handouts, prizes and equipment for various events.

In conjunction with other members of the state council, we were also able to consolidate all of the equipment and make it more readily available in a more convenient location. The equipment is now located in a storage facility in Riverton with key access by several members of the council, myself included.

In regards to the inventory list, I have endeavored to make the list both physical and electronic, the latter making it easier for us to all see what is currently in our inventory and if/when we should acquire new or additional pieces of equipment.

This has been a challenging year and for many of us, and a learning experience for us all. As the Program Director there too has been an interesting learning curve as well. As Covid-19 sidelined many of our favorite events this year, we were still able to hold several events including the Soccer Challenge, and Coats for Kids. Knowing that we will be looking to continuously advance in our efforts to hold our future events safely and offering more virtual options as well, I will vigilantly seek to update and secure any future equipment to make our events successful.

I am confident in our council's abilities and our combined efforts as a brotherhood to keep our organization relevant, contemporary, and active.

Vivat Jesus!

With all my reverence,

Alex Tarazon

Alex Tarazon
Utah State Warden

Richard F. (Dick) Hall, District Master

It has been an inconvenient COVID Year. Lot of impediments to the social fraternity. Touching our veterans, doing work at the Fisher house, distribution of the Socks for Hero's, limitations on our honor guards for our passing Brother Sir Knights. The good part is that vaccines are here and being distributed. We will soon be moving back to our normal activities. Note I did not say NEW NORMAL. We are a fraternal organization, we all part of the Body of Christ, and we are by definition a social fraternity. Today 10 April 2021, we provided the 4th degree exemplification. This was a virtual exemplification. Normally I would sit watch and listen to the degree as it is presented for the candidates observe the affect it has on presenters and candidates alike. However, today provided the opportunity to savor

every word of the degree as I read again while listening to the Presentation Team. The charge of being a good citizen in our time came out clearly today, "Parties should be but a means... not the end itself." Be aware: "Rouse up, ye Catholic freeman. Rally round this Constitution. Support it. Maintain it. Defend it." It would be worthwhile for all 4th degree sir knights to take advantage of the virtual 4th degrees and listen again to our lessons on patriotism at least once a year.

I would like to Announce 4th degree dates for 2021-22 that have been set so far. June may be virtual, but I am planning to go back the **in-person** Exemplification, Mass and Dinners by November 2021.

- June 12, 2021 – Saturday before Flag Day (June 14th)
- Nov. 6, 2021 – Saturday before Veterans Day (November 11th)
- Feb. 12, 2022 – Saturday the weekend before Washington Birthday (February 21st)

Also, Memorial Day and 4th of July events are coming up soon. What can you do to be involved? Talk to your fellow Sir Knights and your leaders—Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and State Officers. Suggest activities.

The MFD has 4 programs that have supported in the past. Stuffed Animals for Kids in Crisis, Socks for Heroes, American Patriot Service Corp. and the Scholarship Raffle Program awarded at State Convention each year.

The time has come to reassess these programs. Stuffed Animals are being provided by several other organizations and the first responders are flooded with these furry critters. This year we turned over 1,000 stuffed animals to Toy for Tots.

We were able to supply a large number of the gripper socks this year via a company that supplied them for about \$1.48 a pair and also provided free shipping. Thousands were given to the VA around the state. What did we hear from the VA? Thank you very much but can you also supply underwear? Question! What do you want? Answer everything in all sizes. So, you will be hearing of the **BVD!** Program (**Brother Veterans Drawers!**). Don't bust a gut laughing, open to new name. Maybe we need a contest?

Veterans Assistance has been provided to the APSC (American Patriot Service Corp). This organization not unlike the DAV, VFW etc. provide aid to veterans and surviving spouses help with filing claims and getting available and needed benefits. I would like to keep this program alive. I am a disabled veteran and worked for 40 years to get my full benefits. We would like to continue support for this organization.

Scholarship Program for the 4th degree is new. You should be discussing this in your Assembly meetings starting in April 2021. This is directly aimed at 4th degree members and their dependents. It will share in the yearly raffle benefits. Please give it your thoughtful consideration. The resolution to make this happen has been distributed. As DM I am available to provide answers to questions. And it is NOT the same as the current scholarships awarded at the state convention.

On October 1, 2021 Carbon Assembly 1570 will be awarded their 50th Anniversary Certificate.

Carbon Assembly 1570
In grateful recognition of 50 years
of service to our Order's principle
of Patriotism on behalf of
our Holy Mother Church,
our country and our fellow man.

Upcoming congratulations to the Carbon Assembly and Faithful Navigator SK Eugene P Vea.

There are two awards which show the vibrance of an Assembly. The “To Be A Patriot” Award and the Civic Award. The “To Be A Patriot” Award is a competition among the assemblies within the Utah District. The winner is forwarded to the supreme competition. Every assembly should submit an entry no matter how simple. You all do the work just send the MFD the entry form. On the other hand, the Civic award can be obtained by all assemblies each year. Again, you do the work just send the MFD the form. It’s only a page with four sentences or short paragraphs.

ONE NEVER KNOWS THE TIME NOR THE HOUR.

In January 2021 a missionary priest from Uganda passed away from the complications of COVID here in Utah. Fr. Ubald was a very saintly priest and has many cures attributed to his work with the exposition of the blessed sacrament during his healing prayer services. We all need to be healed. At the last minute a 4th degree Honor Guard was requested by Bishop Oscar. Where are the Knights? We only had two Sir Knights that could respond, and it was appreciated. It is a privilege to serve in the Honor Guards. Please consider the new regalia! We all have birthdays and Christmas. What better gift could you receive than one which can keep on giving year over year.

There are predictable events at the Cathedral every year. Three (3) of these are the Chrism Mass, the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and an ordination of seminarians as transitional deacons. The first two already took place this year but ordination of three (3) transitional deacons will take place on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Madeleine. Another privileged opportunity to serve as the visible arm of our Catholic faith.

Vivat Jesus!

MFD Richard F. (Dick) Hall

Dick Hall

Utah District Master

Nate Raso, General Agent

Worthy Brothers,

As a Utah native and a Sir Knight from council 6966 (originally), I want to thank you for your continued support and well wishes. As many of you know I am returning after having been the General Agent of Arizona for the last 7 years. The return is something that is both exciting and invigorating – it’s been a long time coming! I want to assure you that our team in Utah will strive for more professionalism, more availability, more education and more best-in-class agents. The Agency that I’ve been building – The Raso Agency – has one mission, one vision at its heart, and that is this: To walk in the footsteps of Fr. McGivney is to Protect the Catholic Families Financial Future. That is no small task, and it is no small undertaking, but we will do our part to help you, do yours. I wish you a convention filled with the Holy Spirit, and I ask that you pray for me and the Agency as we continue to service our Brothers and their families with our highly rated Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, Retirement Needs, and Disability Insurance. If you need us, please call at 833-732-KofC or visit our site at UtKnights.com.

God Bless!

Nate Raso

Nate Raso

General Agent, Arizona & Utah

Fr. James Blaine, State Chaplain Emeritus

Greetings Fellow Knights,

I am recovering from recent shoulder surgery. I am doing all right but still face a long road. I hope all of you are doing well after such a difficult year. Please get vaccinated. I have without problems. Also don't forget the lonely and shut ins. That is part of our role as Knights. Please keep living the teachings of our Order. Finally, please pray for me.

Vivat Jesus

Father James Blaine

Father James Blaine
State Chaplain Emeritus

District Reports (01-11)

District 01 Report (777, 5347, 9849, 12959), Andy Beck, District Deputy

St. Joseph Council 777, Ogden

Council 777 like many of the councils in the state have suffered greatly during the 2020-21 fraternal year due to COVID restrictions. They have remained active in helping sanitize the church in order to allow the parish to conduct Mass. They participated in the Coats for Kids campaign as well as provide for the good of the community through charitable donations. As restrictions are lifted at the parish, they will resume in person council meetings and social events. Council 777 is in good standing with Supreme and all required reports prepared and submitted and are at 50% of membership quota.

St Henry Council 5347, Brigham City

Council 5347 has remained active throughout the 2020-21 fraternal year. They have conducted in person council meetings as social distancing and parish guidelines allowed. They received and awarded their council scholarship to deserving candidates. The sanctity of life was held on Jan 28th at the Main Street Church. Participants prayed and held a candlelight vigil remembering all aborted children in the tri-county area (Rich, Cache, Box Elder) for the year 2020. The GK conducted a 54-day rosary novena that "God will bless" our upcoming election and grant peace to our nation. Council 5347 submitted its Fraternal Survey to Supreme. The council conducted their annual fundraiser Christmas wreath sales. Total charitable contributions (Church, Community, Culture of Life and Youth) of \$7,746.00. Total volunteer hours of service (Church, Community, Youth, Habitat for Humanity, Food for Families, Special Olympics, visiting the sick and Bereaved) was 4,813 hours. It's hard to believe these numbers considering the constraints of the COVID, but Council 5347 is alive and well. Council 5347 is in good standing with Supreme and all required reports prepared and submitted.

St. James the Just Council 9849, Ogden

Council 9849 is a well-established, active, and growing council, with members from all over northern Utah. Like our brother Knights all over the world, this has been a difficult year due to COVID-19. But the pandemic also created great opportunities to showcase our creativity, ingenuity, and wherewithal! Programs that have been staples of councils for years, were forced to be altered. But in the forging forward attitude of our Order, we found new ways to be effective, dynamic, and present for our families, Parishes, and communities.

St. James the Just Parish suffered a tragic event with the sudden and unexpected passing of our priest, Father Rene Rodillas. We have all heard the poignant stories of loved ones who have died because of COVID. It really hits home though when it is someone you know, are close to, and is such a big part of our lives and community. We ask you all to join us in continuing to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Rene.

In this emotional event however, we saw the confidence and leadership of our members. Council 9849 assisted the St James office staff and Diocesan leadership in navigating these turbulent waters. Knights aided with funeral arrangements and provided any help requested from Fr. Rene's family in the Philippines.

The Diocese appointed Father Eleazar Silva Galván as the temporary priest at St James. Fr. Silva had been serving as parochial vicar of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in West Valley City. The Saint James

community and the Knights of Council 9849 have warmly welcomed Fr. Silva and provided all the support he has needed.

Achieving our quota got off to a great start when Brother Al Hollywood was given the opportunity to talk about the Knights following Masses. Al is incredibly active in the Knights and the Parish, making him the perfect person to talk to prospective Knights. We ended September with three new members! Al credits the guidance of the Holy Spirit in giving him the right words.

Our growing council is expanding geographically as well. A few of our Council members attend Saint Florence, so we have extended our events to include this small mission parish. The parishioners at Saint Florence have contributed greatly to our annual Christmas greenery sale, Ultrasound Initiative, and monthly breakfast burrito sales. Two of our nine new members are also from Saint Florence.

One of our triumphs this year has been our Breakfast Burritos-to-go. COVID forced us to find a new way to be present for our Parish when our monthly breakfasts had to be cancelled. The success of our breakfast burritos far surpassed our expectations, providing us monthly income to continue funding our numerous charities and more importantly, kept us visible and present to our Parish community.

Our February burrito sales were dedicated to one of our new projects this year: The Ultrasound Initiative. When Pro-Life Utah asked the Utah Knights of Columbus to partner with them to raise funds to purchase new ultrasound machine, the Knight answered the call...and then some! Utah State KofC was asked to raise half of the cost: \$15,500. As a state we raised almost \$22,000! And Council 9849 did more than a third of that contributing over \$7,200. We also sold pizzas over Superbowl weekend, made numerous pulpit announcements, and made ourselves available to collect donations from parishioners after Masses.

Council 9849 members have also been incredibly active in our Parish. COVID required numerous new restrictions and duties to ensure social distancing, contact tracing, and keeping our public areas properly sanitized. Knights of Council 9849 led the way as cleaning crew, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, and even made up 75% of the teachers for this year's RCIA program.

As we approach the 2021 Utah State Convention and the end of the Columbian year, we remain positive and look forward elections of our new officers who will lead us into the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year! Council 9849 is in good standing with Supreme and prepared and submitted all required reports.

St. Thomas Aquinas Council 12959, Hyde Park/Logan

Council 12959 like many of the councils in the state have suffered greatly during the 2020-21 fraternal year due to COVID restrictions. They have remained active in helping sanitize the church in order to allow the parish to conduct Mass. They received and distributed 8 cases of coats during the Coats for Kids campaign as well as provide for the good of the community through charitable donations. Their community was hit hard during the early months of COVID, but through the charitable efforts led by their council and parish the community is flourishing. As restrictions are lifted at the parish, they will resume in person council meetings and social events. Council 12959 is in good standing with Supreme and are at 50% of membership quota.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Beck

Andy Beck, District Deputy 01

District 02 Report (602, 5502, 12264, 15741, 16006), Paul Tinker, District Deputy

Council 602, Cathedral of the Madeleine, Salt Lake City UT

"Oldest Council West of the Rocky Mountains"

Precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus were instituted at the Cathedral parish in March of 2020. These included live-streaming Masses, closing off approximately half of the church pews to maintain social distance, and sanitizing the nave after each Mass.

When the pandemic started, Council 602 was in a good financial position thanks to the efforts of PGK Gabriel Ulibarri. 602 was able to meet all the obligations in its budget and enhanced its financial support for the Cathedral itself, which saw a drop in donations due to lack of visitors.

602 continued to hold monthly officer and council meetings mostly in-person per CDC pandemic protocols (masks, 6-foot social distancing, and sanitizing).

For the first time in over 100 years, Council 602's signature event "Catholic Day at Lagoon" was cancelled due to the pandemic. While it was the right thing to do, it was a big sacrifice to support public health. This year, Catholic Day at Lagoon is July 18, 2021. We hope you all can join us.

Activities and donations made by 602 include:

- Sanitized the nave after all weekend Masses at the Cathedral.
- Conducted 3 raffles, raising money for charitable donations to various causes.
- Supported Coats for Kids: With the support of the Cathedral and the Sacred Heart parishes, the Knights of 602 were able to purchase and distribute 10 cases of coats.
- Supported one seminarian this year.
- Participated in the March for Life car parade on a beautiful day in January 2021.
- Donated to the Special Olympics.
- Conducted a drive-through breakfast fundraiser one Sunday in March 2021.

Council 602 acknowledges the support and guidance of our state council and appreciates our parishioners and families.

Council 5502, St. Olaf Catholic Church, Bountiful UT

5502 continued to meet through the pandemic, following the guidelines of the CDC for distancing, masking, and sanitizing common areas after church activities. 5502 did not conduct fundraisers until late in the Lenten season 2021. The success of the council's activities is based on the strong financial position the council held from the previous Fraternal Year, and the continued generosity of the Knights, parishioners, and families of the St. Olaf Catholic Church and School.

Activities, donations, and support provided by 5502 include:

- Donated to the Ladies of Charity Food Bank and to a Brother Knights who lost his job.
- Provided sanitizing sprayers for St. Olaf Catholic Church and School.
- Conducted community drive to provide sanitizing wipes to the St. Olaf Catholic School.
- Donated to a Brother Knight whose family faces an ongoing medical emergency.
- Donated to the Pro-life Ultrasound Initiative. Viscous
- Sponsoring one Seminarian.
- Repurposed the chapel as a meeting space per Fr. Andrzej Skrzypiec, Pastor.
- Participated in wind-storm damage clean-up at the St. Olaf campus and the Carmelite campus.
- Performing cemetery clean up to honor our nations Veterans (planned late Spring 2021).

- Held Soup & Sandwich fundraiser during Lent 2021 (compliant with CDC guidelines).
- Re-introducing Bingo fundraiser (compliant with CDC guidelines late Spring 2021).
- Performing Yard clean-up fundraiser in late April 2021.
- Council 5502 has doubled the new membership requirement established by Supreme and has qualified for the Columbian Award.

Council 5502 acknowledges and thanks to member Knights, parishioners, and school families for their support during this Fraternal year.

Council 12264, St Patrick Catholic Church, Salt Lake City, UT

The Fraternal Year 2021 was difficult at Council 12264. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was experienced while also recovering from the March 2020 Salt Lake City earthquake. St. Patrick Catholic Church was so damaged by the earthquake that church services were moved to the social hall. Then the pandemic shut-down occurred with in-person services locked down.

The church building repairs took almost 1 year. During the 4th week of Lent 2021 Masses moved back into the church building. The Knights volunteered many hours of service and their financial support to help the church weather the pandemic and the earthquake. For example: during the Christmas season decorations were not on display on the church building. Needing something festive during a very dark year, 12264 purchased outdoor Christmas lights and installed them on the church building, indicating that even in pandemic the parish celebrates the birth of the Light of the World.

Monthly Knights meetings were held virtually, with limited in-person activity. Perhaps the high point of my week would be the Rosary and the recitation of The Litany of the Blessed Virgin. I also learned the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel from the Council opening and closing prayers.

Activities, donations, and support provided by 12264 include:

In addition to the work and support provided to recover from the damage to the church building, the council has performed the following:

- Fundraisers: two raffles were held to raffle Virgin Mary statuary.
- Council donated to state scholarship raffle.
- Knights donated to a parishioner family who lost their home and possessions to a house fire.

Council 12264 acknowledges and thanks the member Knights, their families, and the parish community for their love and support during this Fraternal year.

District Deputy Paul Tinker thanks the Knights of District 2 for their hard work in this trying time, and for their continued support of the vision of our Founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tinker

Paul Tinker, District Deputy 02

District 03 Report (11479, 12181, 14239), Larry Page, District Deputy

Saint Thomas More Council 11479, Cottonwood Heights

Grand Knight: Danny Schoenfeld; Financial Secretary: Gene E Avilla; Council Membership: 145.

- Support for Pre-pandemic Lenten Fish Fry and Bingos.

- Active Seminarian sponsorship for Jose Luis Gomez.
- Each year just prior to Christmas, Council 11479 receives an updated list of parishioners' relatives who have passed away and are on the parish memorial list. The families on this list, which annually can exceed 75 or more names, receive a poinsettia plant, purchased and delivered by Knights in the council, for each remembered family member.
- Provided financial support to the Parish activities, Pre-school, and Childcare programs.
- Child sponsorship through the Unbound Program. We annually sponsor of two children with this program.
- Avid supporters of the local Carmelite Order spanning from various clean up and maintenance activities.
- Despite the pandemic, Knights hold key positions and actively support the Debt Reduction Committee, the Financial Council, Bingo Committee, and Parish Council with the use of online meetings.
- Participated in a Knights Mass in which all ministers, including the Priest, were active members of the council.
- Continual council support for the annual Right to Life Mass and various religious activities.
- Provided Science Fair judges.
- Actively support various groups for which Knights made their presence known: Spanning from the Youth Music Group, the Childcare program and the Pre-School curriculum of the Parish.
- Each month, we nominate 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.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181, Draper

Grand Knight: Scott Lewis; Financial Secretary: Steve Thatcher; Council Membership: 252.

- Monthly council meetings held virtually on Zoom, which allowed out of state members to still attend.
- Conducted a monthly Rosary for Healing open to the parish, virtually on Zoom; recently including PowerPoint presentation with the prayers and scripture references so it's easy to follow along.
- Held a virtual rosary on 9/11 for the International Day of Peace.
- Sunday, 9/13, hosted a BBQ reception for the parish after Father Tilley's installation as pastor by Bishop Oscar Solis.
- Donated to the Coats for Kids drive by the Utah State Council; assisted with distribution in Riverton.
- On 12/5, collaborated with the parish youth group to decorate the trees outside the church with lights and ornaments for Advent.
- Prepared, placed, and lit 277 luminaries along the walkways leading to the east and west church doors on Christmas Eve; letting them burn for at least two Masses.
- Participated in the USCCB Novena for Life in January.
- Joined the Utah March for Life "Car Parade" on 1/30.
- Provided support at the parish palm burning and social on 2/14.
- Assisted the parish with two dinners in Lent.
- Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour held virtually on Founder's Day (March 29th), on the anniversary of the council's 1998 charter.
- Encouraged family attendance at Good Friday services.

Saint Andrew Council 14239, Riverton

Grand Knight: Chris C Barrera; Financial Secretary: Robert (Bob) Diaz; Council Membership: 31.

- Feb 2020 - St Valentine's Day Celebration, raised \$527.52
- Feb 2020 - Mardi Gras fundraiser for Saint Andrew parish and school, worked the event and raised an additional \$442
- Apr 2020 - Sponsored Science Award \$100
- Jun/Jul - Gift Father Marco Lopez from Council \$500
- Aug 2020 Donation St Andrew Parish for Books \$50
- Nov 2020 - Donation for Carmelite Nuns \$500
- Dec 2020 - Held a Coats for Kids distribution drive at St Andrew
- Feb 2021 - Three Knights from council were judges and we sponsored a science award \$100
- Feb 2021 - Donation Special Olympics from Council \$200
- Feb 2021 – Donation to APSC from Council \$100
- Mar/Apr 2021 - Raised \$760 for Pro-Life (ultrasound and training)
- Apr 2021 – KofC St. Andrew Fundraiser - Parish Dinner with Father Joe
- Apr 2021 – Donations: RSVP \$100; Christopher Fund \$35; Vocations \$50; Culture of Life \$35; Scholarship Endowment Fund \$35
- May 2021 - KofC Saint Andrew Parish Fundraiser Picnic
- May 2021 - Flowers for Mother's Day Masses

In summary, this year was different, but the councils of District 3 didn't give up, they adjusted and continued to serve the best they could.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Page

Larry Page, District Deputy 03

District 04 Report (1136, 8606, 9561), John Chavez, District Deputy

Fr. Escalante Council 1136, Provo/Orem

Grand Knight: Alex J Tarazon; Financial Secretary: Manfred J Gerten; Council Membership: 69.

- Worked with the CCW of our parish to provide 70+ families with a Thanksgiving meal.
- Provided financial and volunteer assistance to the parish, enabling a virtual presence and live streaming abilities during the pandemic.
- Donated materials and manpower to parish's religious education program, allowing sacramental preparation to continue during the pandemic.
- Updated council communications and processes to allow virtual meetings and virtual payments.

Msgr. Edward F. Dowling Council 8606, American Fork

Grand Knight: Rogelio Castaneda Jr.; Financial Secretary: Robert Carlson; Council Membership: 32.

- Council 50/50 Raffle for Church Project: Raised \$700 to replace old lights and put LED lights in Monsignor Dowling Center.

- 40 Cans for Lent: Parishioners are asked to donate a can for each day of Lent. Raised 1,063 lbs.
- Mother's Day Flowers: Knights purchased flower plants to hand out to all mothers of the Parish.

Fr. Dominguez Council 9561, Payson

Grand Knight: Michael E Hacking; Financial Secretary: SK Michael R Hacking; Council Membership: 42.

- Successfully partnered with Assembly 1146 for a modified Coats for Kids program.

Respectfully submitted,

John Chavez

John Chavez, District Deputy 04

District 05 Report (2611, 6147, 7401), Larry Zubel, District Deputy

St. Anthony Council No. 2611, Helper

Msg. Giavonnoni Council No. 6147, Price

Bishop Scanlan Council No. 7401, Vernal

Councils 2611 (Helper, GK John Flores) & 6147 (Price, GK Tim Peczuh) both earned challenge coins from DD Larry Zubel for completing Safe Environment training. Council 6147 earned a second challenge coin for timely audit completion.

Council 7401 (Vernal, GK Warren Feldt) earned three challenge coins for completing audits, maintaining scheduled meetings and all planned activities during the year of COVID, and for achieving the best attendance at the District meeting held in March.

Councils 2611 & 6147 are small councils who struggled to maintain meetings and activities, but are led by experienced officers and are lauded for maintaining required reporting. Council 7401 established several permanent programs, including the Knights Labor Pool Project for parishioners who need help with home and yard work (this is mostly aimed at elders and widows), a recurring blood drive, a series of bingo nights between New Year's Day and the beginning of Lent, and an irregularly-recurring Charity Trap Shoot and Pistol Games. Members of Council 7401 also contributed to the labor for two drive-through pasta dinners (expanded from just spaghetti) this fraternal year. Proceeds from the various fundraisers were donated to several of the Knights' state charities, to buy gifts for First Communicants and RCIA candidates, and for Father Showri's intentions.

Council 7401 used dozens of Scholarship tickets as prizes for the Bingo games held in Jan. & Feb. 2021. This proved rather popular, particularly when the recipients learned that the top prize was \$500.

Special shout-out to Deputy GK Brad Laney of 7401 for running tight ship while GK Warren Feldt & FS Brad Mitchell were both working out of state simultaneously for several months this year. They have long been key players in 7401's operations, but Brad Laney stepped up admirably in their absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Zubel

Larry Zubel, District Deputy 05

*District 06 Report (5214, 7961, 8350, 10304), Mike Middlemiss,
District Deputy
Jerry Angus, District Warden*

St. Francis Xavier Council 5214, Kearns

St. Francis is at 66.67% of their quota for new members so far, but with COVID-19 restrictions, like other councils, recruiting is slow with this pandemic still going on fourteen months after the shutdown began. I have hope that this council may still make 100% of their goal by the end of this fraternal year. Council 5214 has an officer/planning meeting each month (virtually on zoom) prior to their general monthly council meeting. Council meetings are well attended, with both in person and on zoom, and hosting more than 14 + people. Conducting programs, and now starting to conduct fund raisers like breakfast burritos and posoli/menudo to go, every two weeks, and parish response been outstanding. All proceeds from the to go breakfasts are going toward paying the interest on the St. Francis school mortgage. Noteworthy, is this councils Food for Families food box distribution every Thanksgiving and Christmas in conjunction with their Coats for Kids program. This year the council was able to provide meals for 75 families at Thanksgiving and 60 at Christmas. Their Chaplin, Fr. Francis is supportive of the council's efforts, provides spiritual guidance and attends meetings when able. This council hosted a District 6 Spanish CUF123 exemplification in July, 2020 at St. Jude Maronite Catholic Church in Taylorsville, Utah, as the church at St. Francis was unavailable at the time, and was attended by the candidates' families. This council gives support to our Carmelite Nuns and hopes to start up their monthly K of C Holy Hour program at the Carmelite Chapel as soon as COVID-19 restrictions start to ease and they are allowed. Their weekly bingo night is a model for other councils to follow, and are hoping to start up their bingo operations in September, 2021. This council also supports two seminarians.

St. Joseph the Worker Council 7961, West Jordan

St Joseph the Worker council has made 33.33% of their quota for new members so far. Just like other councils, they are doing their best to recruit but it's difficult during COVID-19 restrictions. This council has an officer/planning meeting each month prior to their general council meeting. Both meetings are conducted virtually on zoom. Although Fr. Javier is very supportive of the council and provides spiritual guidance, the council is not allowed to conduct any programs or fund raisers at the parish as of yet, but helps out at weekend Masses with ushering, sanitizing the church, etc. As COVID restrictions start to ease, the council looks forward to starting up their bingo, and fund raisers (when allowed) to support their programs. This council also supports one seminarian.

Sts. Peter & Paul Council 8350, West Valley City

Saints Peter & Paul council has achieved 50% of their membership quota so far. This council has been struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been very challenging to bring the council together for meetings each month, missing several. The meetings they have had have been virtual on zoom with up to 10 members in attendance. Council members have not been allowed to conduct any programs during the COVID-19 pandemic or any fund raisers to date, although the council is looking forward to resuming their tamale to go program soon. The parishes new priest, Fr. Sasa, is supportive of the council and provides spiritual guidance, and will be attending council meetings when he is able. Council members have been helping the parish at the weekend Masses with ushering, checking people in for Mass, and sanitizing the church after each Mass. With COVID restrictions starting to ease, the council is looking forward to the possibility of being more active for the remainder of this fraternal year and into the next.

St. Martin de Porres Council 10304, Taylorsville

St. Martin de Porres Council has achieved 0% of their membership quota so far. Like other councils, this council has been struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic. The council conducts their monthly general meeting in person in the parish hall with social distancing and wearing masks, and is attended with up to 10 members. Their new parish priest, Fr. Dominic, is very supportive of the council and provides spiritual guidance. During the past few months, the council has been allowed to provide coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses, COVID style with social distancing and wearing masks. The council will be conducting an Italian dinner to go during the month of April and has sold tickets in advance to ensure a successful program. The council supports Father Dominic and the parish the best they can and recently installed a safety railing leading into the sanctuary inside the church. The council is looking forward to COVID restrictions easing so they can become more active and resume their usual programs and activities such as Bingo, Special Olympics, Parish Carnival, Oktoberfest and the Annual Boutique. The council also supports their program of Family of The Month, and Knight of The Month. This council supports one seminarian which is also a member of the council.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Middlemiss

Mike Middlemiss, District Deputy 06

District 07 Report (6966, 13297, 13646), Tim Soran Jr., District Deputy

Salvete Omnes! (Greetings Everyone)

I wanted to just take a minute to congratulate all the Council Officers from 6966, 13297, and 13646 for working so hard the last couple of months to get all your required forms completed and sent to Supreme. Also, a great job to all of you to find the time to reconcile your Council financial accounts and submit your mid-year Audit to Supreme. Here are a few highlights from each Council:

COUNCIL 6966 – Corpus Christi, Sandy

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 1 (20% of Goal)
- *Insurance:* Attended 2 Benefit Seminars (100% Goal)
- *Programs:* Several submitted to State Convention; on track for Columbian Award
- *Form Submissions:* All forms and audits submitted; Council Compliant for Safe Environ.
- *Meetings:* Monthly Business meetings continued to be held during COVID; Switched to an online only method, then to a hybrid, and now back to in-person meetings.
- Fantastic Job by this Council's leadership (GK Chad D'Alessandro) and its members to continue to provide what they could for their Parish and Community. This Council heavily participated in clearing the tree damage for the Carmelite Monastery in September. Also, by coordinating closely with their Parish administrator and Council Chaplain, they have been able to do so much more in the last few months! Great Job!

COUNCIL 13297 – St. Vincent's, Holladay

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 0 (0% of Goal), but 2 prospective new members
- *Insurance:* Attended 2 Benefit Seminars (100% Goal)
- *Programs:* Submitted all 4 programs to State Convention; on track for Columbian Award

- *Form Submissions:* All forms and audits submitted; Council Compliant for Safe Environ.
- *Meetings:* Only 1 monthly business meeting was cancelled during COVID (April 2020); Switched to an online only method (May – June), then to a hybrid (July – March), and now back to in-person meetings (April 2021).
- Just as so many other Councils, Vincent's GK, Ed Deffner, really went above and beyond this year to do what they could for their Parish Communities. St. Vincent's Parish and School, essentially placed all their public activities and service programs on hold from March through October. But somehow, this Council has really stepped up to complete 16 programs as of March 31st. They will definitely qualify for Star Council if they just recruit 3 new members. Way to go!

COUNCIL 13646 – St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Midvale

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 0 (0% of Goal), but 1 prospective new member
- *Insurance:* Attended 1 Benefit Seminar (50% Goal)
- *Programs:* Completed at least 4 programs, but planning several more by end of June.
- *Form Submissions:* All forms and audits submitted; Council Compliant for Safe Environ.
- *Meetings:* Monthly Business meetings were abruptly halted during COVID from (March 2020 to January 2021); Switched to an online only method for the Officers (Jan.- March); now trying to conduct hybrid meetings until June; back to in-person meetings in July.
- This has been a very difficult year for the St. Therese Council. Their council is relatively small with only about 40 members, but they do have about 8 very dedicated members that have always been able to get the job done. As with many other Parishes, St. Therese was shut down for public activities and service programs from March – November. However, GK Charlie Millard gathered up whichever members were able, and helped to assist the Carmelites with the tree cleanup in September. It was just the spark that was needed to get their members refocused on the common goal, service to their community. The Council was never considered inactive during that time, but rather waiting for the right moment to get back out there! Best of Luck St. Therese! Hang in there!

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve however I could in this crazy year of COVID. I plan on returning as District Deputy again next year!

Valete! (Be well)

Tim Soran, Jr.

Tim Soran Jr, District Deputy 07

District 08 Report (10733, 11246), Mark Meredith, District Deputy

Vic Giasson Council 10733, Saint George

➤ Round Table at Saint Paul Catholic Center, Hurricane

Fr. Joseph Valine Council 11246, Cedar City

Hurricane Round Table – as reported by Mark (markboro1@gmail.com)

Food drive collection, split 50/50 between Hurricane Valley Food Bank and Springdale Elementary.

Other functions performed at St. Paul by Knights are ushering, leading the weekly Rosary, working in

the Thrift Store, and singing in the choir. In addition, Deacon Dan (a Knight) leads a monthly adoration, a weekly communion service, and homebound communion visits.

The St. George Vice Giasson Council 10733 has been busy this past year in spite of the COVID pandemic. The council held two fundraisers. In November, we held our annual sales of the Dixie Direct books and in February we started a new event, selling take-out brats and chili prior to the Super Bowl. We also hosted or participated in 14 programs, with five new ones: Patriotic Rosary, Holy Hour, High School Essay Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, and an Ultrasound Donation fundraiser.

The programs affect a variety of groups and require a variety of resources. Due to the wide variety of groups affected, the results are hard to quantify and compare, but the efforts are easier to discern. All of the programs have not been completed, but the program requiring the most funds will be the Ultrasound Donation with over \$3000. The programs that require the most volunteer hours will be the Soup Kitchens and the Stand for Life, because they are multiple events requiring multiple volunteers.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Status</u>
Blood Drive.....	Ongoing
Cemetery Cleanup	Finished
Hwy Cleanup	Not Started
Food Collection & Food Pantry	Ongoing
Soup Kitchen	Ongoing
Coats for Kids	Need 10784
Silver Rose	Need 10784
Fallen Knights Mass.....	Finished
Patriotic Rosary	Finished
Holy Hour	Need 10784
High School Essay Contest	Finished
RSVP	Ongoing
Stand for Life	Ongoing
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster	Finished
Ultrasound Donation	Need 10784

Here is a rundown of Council 11246 accomplishments for this fraternal year in Cedar City:

- In July 2020, we delivered almost 3 tons of food and supplies to the Navajo Nation as well as a donation of \$528.00 in cash collected to help support that cause.
- Donated \$1000.00 to the Carmelites in SLC.
- Donated \$200.00 to a brother Knight who was experiencing hard times due to COVID.
- Collected 913 items, 600 being coats, for the Coats for Kids coat drive.
- Volunteered over 100 man & woman hours ringing bells for the Salvation Army during Christmas.
- Paid for a "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard displayed on main street in Cedar City.
- Donated \$500.00 and over 50 man hours to the "Wreaths Across America." Paying for and laying of wreaths on veterans' graves in three different cemeteries in Southern Utah.
- Donated \$250.00 to Christ the King parish to help buy Bibles for the confirmation class.
- Donated \$600.00 to needy families and to our clergy during Christmas.
- Donated \$250.00 to support Special Olympics.
- Donated \$500.00 to Jamie Zuaso, for seminarian support.

- Helped raise \$1000.00 by selling Scholarship tickets to support the KofC Scholarship fund.
- Sold Lenten burritos with a total of \$1000.00 raised to help support “St. Martha’s Baby Project.” A project started over 20 years ago here in Cedar City. Marty Kravetz started by donating three baskets full of baby items and delivering them to expecting mothers in the surrounding area. This year they made up the 900th basket to help expecting mothers.

As Financial Secretary Mike Villarreal puts it “these are just a few things that keep us busy in Cedar City.”

Respectfully 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

Current Membership 64

The council has been active in the following:

- **Completed AED & First Aid kit fundraiser for the Church & School. Purchased & Installed AEDs.**
- **Coats for Kids**
- **Weekly Food Bank Drive: Successful in getting over 5000 pounds of food donated to the Food Bank and Tooele School District Homeless program.**
- **Hosted a Chili to Go, drive thru chili feed to raise money for a new washer and dryer for the rectory and support the Knights ultrasound project. Raised \$900 to purchase the washer and dryer and donated \$1,000 to the Ultrasound Project.**
- Insured that sanitization supplies were maintained and oversaw the church being sanitized after Masses.
- Maintained a Covid Mask supply for those attending Mass that didn’t have one.
- Handmade Rosaries for Confirmation students.
- Hosted the State Soccer Challenge.
- Assist in the Carmelite windstorm cleanup.
- Planning to host the Silver Rose.
- Submitted two essays for essay contest
- Donated to Special Olympics
- Donated to KofC Scholarship fund
- Donated to Science Fair
- Donated 10 turkeys for the SMCC Thanksgiving Raffle
- Donated MS Walk

Council 9731, Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna:

Grand Knight: Anthony Moore

Current Membership 87

The council has been active in the following:

- **Shipped a truckload of Covid relief supplies to the Navajo Nation.**
- **Pro Life Breakfast “to go” and Easter Basket Raffle**

- **Hosted a Car Wash in place of the Spaghetti Dinner**
- **Supported a Family in Need for Christmas with dinner and presents for 2 kids.**
- Deep clean the Parish Kitchen
- Church beautification (Paul Marquez)
- Fix and maintain heating and cooling in the whole church
- Coats for Kids
- Food and Monetary donation to the Carmelites
- Assist in the Carmelite windstorm cleanup.
- Maintain the internet and wireless network for the church.
- Grand Knights Beard Cutting fundraiser.
- Snow removal
- Planning to host the Silver Rose.

Council 17140, Immaculate Conception, Copperton:

Grand Knight: Alex Aerts

Current Membership 25

The council has been active in the following:

- **Coats for Kids**
- **Kids in crisis- stuffed animal collection for first responders**
- **Due to COVID restrictions all meetings have been virtual.**
- **Implemented the monthly praying of a chaplet of the Rosary under Faith in Action.**
- **Planning to host the Silver Rose.**

Council 11812, Saint Felipe, Wendover:

INACTIVE

Current Membership 16

If an active Knight is moving to Wendover and would like assist in re-invigorating this council, please contact the District Deputy or State Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duncan

Brian Duncan, District Deputy 09

District 10 Report (6010, 14399, 16127), Mark Dylla, District Deputy

St. Rose of Lima Council 6010, Layton

Bishop Joseph L. Federal Council 14399, South Ogden

Deacon Douglas R. Sliger Council 16127, Hill Air Force Base

Let's start off with, "it takes a District" ... you may have read our book...

Three councils make up our district and each attained the Columbian Award and Founders Award. During COVID, we learned that while every council may not be involved heavily in all things related to the works of the Knights of Columbus – that together, learning from each other, cooperating with each

other, that as a network – there becomes a District synergy that takes over and events/goals become reality. Why do I start with, it takes a District?

As an example – each council may not have sponsored a “Keep Christ in Christmas” billboard – but District 10 had billboards up in the community for all three councils to be proud of.

When it came time for Coats for Kids – each council tackled their specific community’s challenges head on: Council 16127 focused on the poorest of our military families, 14399 focused on their community, while 6010 did the same through the school district. Most noteworthy – networking – District 10 councils passed coats from one to another to meet needs.

When the councils and districts struggled to host a Soccer Challenge... a member from Council 16127 loaded up his daughter and headed to the State Soccer Challenge [in Tooele]. While they were the only ones from District 10 to participate, they represented us well. We were there!

When many may have been struggling with budge anxiety, unable to forecast what funds would be available to execute/support typical charitable programs and projects – District 10 supported Special Olympics in grand style, as well as a host of others to include the “Ultra-sound-mobile”

When fund raising in general – was shaken from social distancing, volunteer restrictions, sanitary concerns and facility limitations, all three councils found a way to bring funds into the council. As an example – it was looking like sponsoring a Golf Tourney was a bridge too far with all the COVID concerns/unknowns at the time; however, Council 14399 reassessed every concern and planned for/abated COVID concerns. State officers were there, Council 16127 put together a team and supported the tourney that day – and a great time was had by all, we have the photos to prove it! Throughout the year, every council has been figuring out a way to serve at their curbs, hand out coats outside, distance themselves but continued to stay engaged/as the parish movers ’n shakers. Councils didn’t have to work at staying engaged with their parish priests, it was the parish priests that came to their Knights to become “bouncers” when attendees weren’t on RSVP lists, or ‘sanitary engineers” when the Church needed to be prepared for the next group, event, service or function.

Here’s a shout-out to our Field Agent Mr. Gene Trombetti... who had been in attendance throughout District 10 - attending council meetings, driving toward council objectives and goals. We are better councils and recognize the amazing time and talents that Mr. Trombetti has shared with our members. You could say, that in the insurance/financial instrument business – “it takes a district” of councils – learning how best to connect, network, and cooperate [with our field agents]. District 10 is appreciative of Mr. Trombetti and may it turn out that our goals are understated!

Just in case someone is so bored, that they read our 2020-2021 entries in the future years to come... lets state what seems obvious now but may be forgotten. District 10 would like to highlight the tremendous accomplishments of each council related to staying afloat financially, not shying away from the challenges related to providing for the social aspects needed in our parishes - when many simply wouldn’t have. Specific to our District 10 councils – my hats off to each of the slate of officers who figured out how to meet in person, how to conduct a virtual meeting and even what’s been thought to be the most beneficial – a meeting that is being relayed in virtual form and has members present physically in the normal meeting location. You ROCK!

For those that read another district's report – we want to share that each of our councils continue to conduct food drives, stock food pantries, support our seminarians, lead rosaries, are involved with prison ministries, support Carmelite Nuns and Daughters of Charity, host BINGO, serve donuts and breakfasts/meals, participate in poster contests, provide our parish with literature, donate sports equipment, backpacks and school supplies, send care packages, judging award packages, honoring our fallen, and are involved in virtually every ministry of our parish. Some Knights serve our Patriotic degree functions, travel thousands of miles to march for our causes, and many of us provide local and state leadership. This past year, to go further, we were doing some really, really big things too... like renovating chapels, responding to horrific storm damage/clean-up efforts, and incorporating technology where it eases the effort.

I hope that everyone that reads this report, can see themselves in here somewhere – or can relate and be proud to be a Knight. District 10 stands ready for the challenges ahead – and invites anyone to explore our benchmark council leadership... as we have the best conducting virtual meetings, we have the best making easy our council administration functions, and we have the best Financial Secretary – Treasurer teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Dylla

Mark Dylla, District Deputy 10

*District 11 Report (1129, 14764, 15418), Frank Lesar, District
Deputy
John R Steffen, District Warden*

Councils in District #11 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 its commitment and dedication to parish, schools and community. We respond to challenges and charitable requests. Knights of this District reflect what all members of the Order do and perform. Undertaking different charitable activities, our Knights have strengthened their faith and beliefs through spiritual work and leading by example.

Below is a brief report on each council.

St. Mary of the Assumption 1129, Park City, UT

Conducted (2) food drives to refill empty shelves at local food pantries
Supported the Utah *March for Life Car Rally* in January 2021
Served as security guards for St. Lawrence mission CCD classes
Parish Golf Tournament in September 2020 in support of the Carmelite nuns
Maintenance of our church and Old Town chapel
Support of seminarians thru the RSVP program
Every month, purchase food for CCS SLC food pantry
Maintain Kiosk for *Building the Domestic Church*

Men's Spiritual meetings conducted every 2 weeks
Support for college scholarships
Helped move a woman and her child evicted from home
Red Cross community blood drive
Supported the effort to provide another ultrasound machine

St. Catherine / Newman Center 14764, Salt Lake City, UT

Held a *Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle* to raise money for Dominican vocations (RSVP)
Supported the Carmelite nuns in their financial and storm-cleanup needs
Supported the poor and homeless via contributions of food and time
Collected for *Coats for Kids*
Supported the Utah *March for Life Car Rally* in January 2021
Helped support suicide prevention
Held Friday Rosary nights during Lent

St. Ambrose Council 15418, Salt Lake City, UT

Support of 2 seminarians thru the RSVP program
Vocations Crucifix Program – October, November, February, March
Food 4 Families food and monetary donations
Conducted annual garage sale and collected \$1,600 to support *KofC Charities*
Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest collected 155 posters
Basketball free throw contest was conducted for all boys and girls age 8 to 14
Coats for Kids effort netted 32 boxes of coats
Financial support for Navajo Nation and (2) families in need
Supported the Carmelite nuns in their financial and storm-cleanup needs
Contributed to Socks for Heroes
Sponsor for 2021 Science fair
Ran the Essay contest in the parish
Held an Adopt-A-Parish raffle to collect money for the Middle East
Supported the effort to provide another ultrasound machine
Council sponsored Red Cross blood Drive

All councils supported the 2021 Utah Knights State Convention program!

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Lesar

Frank Lesar, District Deputy 11

State Directors Reports

Awards/Report Forms Director: SK Bill Kelly

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

I am pleased to report that since our last convention and awards ceremony, Utah councils clearly demonstrated excellence with 30 of our 37 councils last year receiving at least one Supreme level award. The criteria for these awards are: Star Council Award - councils meet Columbian, Founders and McGivney Award requirements and Safe Environment Compliance; Columbian award – councils complete at least 10 programs (minimum of two each in Faith, Family, Community, and Life, plus 2 additional); Founders Award councils meet insurance seminar requirements.

Congratulations to the following councils on a job well done and your continuing commitment to the Utah Knights and our beloved order. Specific Award recognition (for 2019-2020) follows:

Star: 5214, 6739, 7961, 9731, 10304, 15418, 17140

Columbian/McGivney: 12264

Columbian/Founders: 602, 5502, 6010, 10733, 12181, 14399, 16127

McGivney: 15471

Founders: 1129, 1136, 8350

Columbian: 777, 5347, 6966, 8606, 9849, 11246, 11479, 13297, 13646, 14239, 14764

Your excellence and commitment continue again this year in obtaining a 98% submission rate to Supreme on required forms. Thanks to our council leaders (GK, FS and DGK) and DD mentoring to obtain the following submissions on required forms: 185 - Officers Chosen: 34/34; 365 - Program Personnel: 34/34; 1728 - Fraternal Survey: 34/34; Aug. 2020 Audit: 32/34; Feb. 2021 Audit: 32/34.

However, we have but one report remaining, the SP-7 Columbian Award Application and all councils can qualify. Again, this year, Supreme has reduced the number of programs from 16 to 10 and will allow maximum flexibility for council program submissions. So please try to have these submitted early, say by June 1st, to ensure timely credit for all your chartable work during this challenging year.

Lastly, looking at our State's demographic data on April 15th, our 34 councils are in a great position to clean up on Supreme level awards this year. Consider the following:

- 4 councils will be qualified for Star Award by just submitting a completed SP7.
- 7 councils need just one more new member or reactivation to attain the McGivney Award.
- 14 councils need two more members or reactivations to attain the McGivney Award.
- 14 councils need to conduct one insurance seminar to attain the Founder's Award.

As reported above, we did extremely well last year on Supreme awards, so let's keep that momentum going as we look to close out on a successful FY20-21.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary

State Awards/Report Forms Director

Membership Director: SK Ryan S Graveley

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

A full year of cancelled meetings and events certainly made the growth of membership in our Order an even bigger challenge than usual. Many of us did not let that bring the Knights down. New ideas, efforts, implementations, and energy allowed Utah Knights to grow the Brotherhood. Those councils doing well with membership growth have given us ideas to continue to find Catholic men that will help support Knights of Columbus duties and charities.

As your newly appointed Membership Director I did not have all of the answers by any means. I did create an incentive program for our Utah recruiters. I was in charge of tracking, promoting, and distributing the incentives. I promoted recruitment ideas via weekly email and attendance at events when possible. I also conducted training on new recruiting methods throughout the year. None of this was possible without the training that I attended and the support of my State Team.

The membership approach was not just one new technique for a new year. It was modified throughout the year starting at Supreme and affecting all of us. We adapted incentives, techniques, and goals in an effort to get that “One is better than none” or “Just do something”.

Those Brothers interested in reviewing the incentives or seeing the winners can visit the site below.
<https://utahknights.org/recruiting/>

The majority of our events and meetings were virtual. Most of the councils that could meet did so virtually. This technical approach appealed to our younger generation. It also made online membership one of Utah’s strongest tools to gain members. I would like to take this time to thank my Online Membership Chairman, Andy Airriess. Andy conducted training, answered our questions, and most importantly worked to get these new online gentlemen into our councils. Andy has a few words for us regarding the online portion of this year’s membership initiatives, see his report below under Online Membership Chairman.

Keep striving to be on the lookout for others that share our passion to do God’s work.

Vivat Jesus!!

Ryan Graveley

Ryan Graveley, State Treasurer

State Membership Director

Program Director: SK Alex J Tarazon

Report included as part of the State Warden report.

Alex Tarazon

Alex Tarazon, State Warden

State Program Director

Community Director: SK Tim I Lozano

As my second year as Community Director, what a challenge for me and everyone else with Knights of Columbus programs for 2020. However, in 2021 things are slowly starting to come back and brother Knights are finding ways to make things work. These two important programs we participate in fortunately were able to continue and not be cancelled.

Reach Out Utah Blood Drive, December 21-23, 2020 and MS Walk April 42, 2021

December 21-23, 2020 The "Reach Out Utah" Blood Drive

Jessica Winkel Market Manager for the Red Cross emailed me on October 20, 2020 and notified me that they would not be requiring our help this year. Below is the email she responded with:

We will be spreading the event out over 3 days in December to allow for proper social distancing and still achieve our goal. With that, along with other COVID-10 guidelines and factors, it was determined that volunteer support from the Knights of Columbus will not be required this year.

The Knights of Columbus support and partnership is invaluable and highly appreciated. So, it is with sincere regret to have to report these changes for this year's event given COVID-19. Our hope is to run the event in its 'normal' fashion next year and have you all back!

My apologies & best to you all through these times!

Walk MS: Salt Lake City 2021 – April 24, 2021

We sure missed the amazing Avon products basket that the parishioner at Saint Joseph the Worker, who I do not know, had donated for years. How she was able to do it as long as she did – donating out of the goodness of her heart. God bless her.

So far, on [the MS website](#) we have raised \$231 and \$50 from Council 7961 that was sent back to me. I didn't reach out to our Financial Secretary soon enough to find out if he received any checks from other councils.

Thanks to all who have donated so far and those that will participate in this vital walk to find a cure for MS.

May God bless and be with you and your families.

Respectfully,

Tim Lozano

Tim Lozano

State Community Director

Faith Director: SK John R Valdez

How does a Knight continue to grow the faith in a year of lockdowns, restrictions, social distancing, protocols, etc.?

By keeping and staying with the basics of what needs to be done in our parishes on a week-by-week basis. Our Knights have reported they assisted in many areas of parish life to keep programs going like

RCIA, monthly praying of the Rosary with the congregation, virtual praying of the Rosary, being a lector, being an usher and generally filling in where there may be a hole to be filled to keep our parishes as open as possible when possible and looking forward to a better day tomorrow. Planning and participating in events like Divine Mercy Sunday.

By finding ways to grow the domestic church in their own homes and by stepping into the breach and leading their families. But where does one start? I invite you to go to <https://youtu.be/ss0i4xuSffQ> for the “Into the Breach Trailer | A Series for Catholic Men” video. There is a [playlist](#) of the 12 videos.

I find myself going to this program often to remind myself where I need to improve myself and how to take the next positive step in my life so that others can observe what you do and ask, “how can I have some of that in my life?” Recently in the RCIA program I coordinate, in my parish, three of the eligible men kept observing our team facilitators, who are all Knights, and one day asked us, “how can I live a life of faith like you do? I want to join the Knights.” Well, they were baptized on this Easter Vigil past and the very next day went to the K of C website and joined.

Our actions speak way louder than what we may say....

Respectfully submitted,

John Valdez

John R. Valdez, FDD

State Faith Director

Family Director: SK Timothy L. Soran, Jr.

Worthy Brother Knights,

What a year it has been! The Pandemic of COVID-19 has affected us in so many different ways, that it almost seems like we are living in a different time. The fear and the anxiety of the unknown made this whole issue as real as it could be. Thankfully, many of us were able to spend that extra time during lockdowns and quarantines with our families. But sadly, some have still been separated from seeing their loved ones. And most tragic are those Family Members that were lost, often times out of the reach to even say Good-bye. But our Catholic Faith has assured us that we WILL see our loved ones once again, and Jesus reminds us to keep those that are near us close and surrounded by unconditional love. I, myself, am thankful for the extra time that I was able to spend with my family since last March. It helped all of us realize what an incredible gift God had given to us, but also how fragile it can be. So those of you with family members still living with you at home (hug them); those with members living away (call them); then tell them all how much you loved them!

Fantastic job to many of you for still conducting and submitting your Family Programs throughout this year. More Councils than ever are participating in the Family of the Month program, and I want to congratulate all those Families that were recognized by Supreme as month winners from Utah. There are still a few months remaining in this year’s calendar, so at your next meeting, please nominate a deserving family from your Council. When you do so, please have your GK or Family Director submit your monthly nomination using the 10784 form. It is the required form (not the 10668). It will electronically submit to Fraternal Programs and will send an electronic copy to the GK as well.

Also, I would like to formally thank all those Councils who nominated a Family of the Year to the Utah State Knights of Columbus Convention. I look forward to reading those submissions and congratulating

the winning family at the Convention. Keep up all your hard work in conducting Family Programs. And may God the Father, Jesus Christ his son, and the loving grace of the Holy Spirit be with each of you and your families.

Pax Vobiscum!

Tim Soran, Jr.

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State Family Director

Life Director: SK Robert C Van Parys

During this fraternal year, my duties as Life Director were somewhat hampered by the coronavirus. However, two things happened that stand out as great accomplishments for the Utah Knights of Columbus.

In previous years, the Pro-Life Utah organization planned and accomplished the March for Life events. The March for Life in January 2021 was not the normal fun filled march as in years past. The March in 2021 was hampered by local, state and federal mandates concerning covid19. But Pro-Life Utah overcame these obstacles with a March for Life car rally. The rally went from the State Capitol to 9000 S in Draper. Over 500 vehicles with 2 to 4 persons per vehicle participated in this rally. The lead vehicle in the rally was the Pro-Life Utah's new "STORK" van with an ultrasound machine onboard. The machine will allow women to see their unborn child. Many women forgo the abortion when they have seen the child in their womb.

When the "STORK" van was purchased, it did not come with the ultrasound machine. Pro-Life Utah did not have the funds to purchase a \$30,000 machine. The Knights jumped into action. Through the work and coordination of John Wainscot with Pro-Life Utah and Supreme, John initiated the process of raising funds through the Utah Knights. We raised the required \$15,000 to purchase the ultrasound machine. **WE DID IT AGAIN** my fellow Knights. The ultrasound machine will be purchased for Pro-Life Utah. This is the fourth ultrasound machine that the Utah Knights have purchased to help save the unborn child.

I thank every Council, Assembly and private donors for their generosity and love for the unborn child. We can hold our heads high and be proud of the wonderful work we do for our communities, our families and for the precious lives we save daily from abortion. Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are the hallmarks by which we live. God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Van Parys

Robert Van Parys, PGK, PFN

State Life Director

Youth Director: SK Frank Carmona

Report included as part of the State Advocate report.

Frank Carmona, State Advocate

State Youth Director

Ceremonials Director: SK Karl A. VanMaren

Ceremonials have changed! Unlike last year, this year had only minor updates. Namely after Father McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020, the ceremonial was updated to reflect that. If you have hundreds (thousands?) of the older version of the prayer for his canonization, use them, just mention Blessed Michael McGivney's progress towards sainthood!

The process for a prospective member to join the council hasn't changed. It's still done in four (4) parts.

A - Acceptance by the council. The council needs to vote on new members. This can be done via email, or using a website, or at your virtual or in-person council meeting. If they're an online member, information about the Knight is available there, otherwise a Form 100 has the prospect's details.

B - Bring the candidate to the ceremonial. Again, there are options. They can register online for the virtual ceremonial hosted by the supreme council (available on-demand 24x7). If it's possible for the council to host it in person, that's certainly preferable. Either way this is where they sign the constitutional roll and should receive a rosary, their KofC pin, and hopefully a copy of "These Men They Call Knights". Dues need to be paid at this stage if it's a live ceremonial. It's actually easier if they join online (and pay any dues) first. The ceremonial video is on the supreme council's website for anyone to view, but the candidate needs to register for the online presentation to virtually sign the constitutional roll – it's all about intent (and paperwork).

C - Complete the paperwork. Supreme won't know that you have a new member unless you specifically tell them. They can't automatically know that you council voted to accept the new member. Traditionally the paperwork was done using the "Form 100", now with online members transferring in and the other options in Officers Online, the paper application "Form 100" has become less critical – but is still the simple option for collecting all the necessary information.

D - Dues! It's highly recommended to have the new members join online and then transfer into the council (after the council vote & the new ceremonial). Usually when people enter their own information online, they get it right – useful for accurate council records. Free dues with MCGIVNEY2020 ends 6/30.

Thank you to District Deputy Mike Middlemiss for conducting two LIVE ceremonials in Spanish (July 11th and December 20th) in Kearns using the new exemplification. Saint Ambrose Council 15418 recently conducted two in English (February 23rd and March 29th) in SLC. On March 3rd, Council 5502 in Bountiful also had one in English, as did Council 10733 on April 6th in Saint George. Even more recently, ceremonial teams are being formed in Cedar City (Council 11246) and Tooele (Council 6739).

The new ceremonial is simpler. The presenters don't need to memorize all the words, just be able to deliver them in an effective manner. The script is publicly on the www.KofC.org website as are the video recordings; they are available in English, Spanish and French. We have two "Ceremonial Kits" to loan out if you're short on supplies (e.g., ceremonial baldrics, crucifix, and fibers; not the rosaries and pins). The Ceremonials Director (that's me) has one, the other is with State Warden (Alex Tarazon).

Vivat Jesus!

Karl VanMaren

Karl VanMaren, FDD

State Ceremonials Director

Training/Education Director: SK Jerry W Angus

This was my first year as the Training Director and my goal was identify just in time training for new Grand Knights and additional training for other leaders. It was a great year and I want to thank everyone for their support. We chose the fourth Monday in the month at 7:00 PM which was the most open night in the month and with all events recorded anyone can go to the library and review all classes. Here is a list of the subjects taught this year and are available for review on the State web site at www.UtahKnights.org/training

Monday, 7/27 – **Delta Church Drive and Your Yearly Council Plan**

Monday, 8/24 – **Council Budget and Fraternal Benefit Night Overview**

Monday, 9/28 – **Officers Online and Member Management** (how to use, update and input data and forms)

Monday, 10/26 – **How to Conduct Council Meetings**

Monday, 11/23 – **Financial Secretary Member Management** (*also good for Faithful Comptrollers!*)

December - no Training - Merry Christmas!

Monday, 1/25 – **How to Write State Awards**

Monday, 2/22 – **Social Media Usage and PDF Forms**

Monday, 3/22 – **Fraternal Programs Report Form #10784, the NEW SP-7 and other concerns from DD's and GK's.**

Monday, 4/26 – **Council Elections (in person, remote or hybrid)**

Monday, 5/24 – Topic TBD (To Be Determined)

Monday, 6/28 – Topic TBD (To Be Determined)

I have asked the field to send me subject ideas at jangus9895@gmail.com, if you think of a subject please forward and if not already taught a class will be scheduled in the future.

Respectfully,

Jerry W. Angus

Jerry W. Angus, FDD

State Training Director

State Chairmen Reports

APSC Chairman: SK Rayfel M Bachiller

American Patriot Service Corp (APSC) has had a roller coaster year. The Pandemic did not help...but it also did not hurt too much. We were granted the Covid loan just in time. Our funding was running out and our options were none. Then prayers were answered and we completed the year with little threat of bankruptcy. Today we are on a stable path although funds continue to challenge our full capacity assistance to our vets and their families.

When we started in 2012, we were focused on assisting vets in processing and submitting their claims. We discovered that to be a bigger challenge than we could tackle as hundreds of requests were swamping our mailbox. Sadly, most of the claims could not be processed because many had already been rejected by the VA. Through the years we narrowed our focus to assisting vets, spouses and families in attaining support through the Aid and Attendance Program of the VA. A vet or widow could be eligible for a stipend of up to \$3071 monthly if approved by the VA. The process is a nightmare to navigate but APSC has endured obstacles and setbacks where now we are capable of assisting in attaining approval in less than 45 days. We are constantly improving and adjusting to facilitate these applications.

Our Knights of Columbus once more have led the way in supporting through small donations of \$25 monthly to support the cause of our vets.

We are streamlining even more and partnering with a Pennsylvania group who has a very successfully proven software which eliminates most of the tedious collection of data. Without boring you this process will expedite our submissions to mere weeks.

It is APSC's hope to have the Knights' support again this year. To date our Knights through personal donations and through council and assembly donations have been the long pole in the tent...excluding the Federal PPP loan.

Let me quickly end and provide a bottom line to illustrate the effective success of APSC. As of April 1, 2021, APSC has accounted for \$171,597,833 in claims since our inception in 2012. Today we have 2,215 individuals receiving a total of \$3,365,272 in monthly pension benefits. This success is due in part through the support of the Utah Knights. Together with donations and the new process we will realize tremendous increase in all areas...so please consider continuing your much need and much appreciated donations...if you and your organization have not yet started you can go to the website and donate or like so many other Knights you can drop a check payable to APSC in the mail to me at my address:

11582 Hickory Valley Drive, Sandy, UT 84092

My thanks to all for your support and let me leave you with this thought. Our Founder Father McGivney started the Knights of Columbus to bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Sounds pretty familiar? Your support will help APSC continue this much needed mission for our vets and their families.

Have questions? Contact me at bachiller1@aol.com or 801-430-8762

With great appreciation and respect, I remain...

Semper Fidelis,

Your Brother in Christ

Ray Bachiller

Ray Bachiller

APSC Chairman

Carmelites Chairman: SK George Jockisch

It was a challenging year for our dear Carmelite Sisters. They were in the middle of a small expansion making a more welcome space for visiting priest when Covid shut down our world. The first problem was that most of the priests who say Mass regularly at the Chapel are retired and more likely to have problems if they were exposed to Covid, so there was no one to say daily Mass for the Sisters, which was a serious concern. The Sisters prayed and God provides. A priest (Father Francis Le) called Mother Therese and volunteered to say daily Mass for the Sisters until the regular priest could return. Alleluia.

Next challenge? The Carmelite Fair was canceled which provides the major source of the Sisters income. A Go Fund Me account was set up which helped raise some income throughout the state and the Knights also stepped up, our State Deputy Nick Nielson setup a website for Knights to contribute to the Carmelites. Some councils contributed directly to the Sisters, financially or with daily needs. The Knights have also stepped up to purchase jams and candies to help support the Carmelites.

It just kept coming, next the winds came and over a dozen trees were blown down on the monastery grounds. It was demoralizing for the Sisters to look at their beautiful grounds and see such destruction. But the Sisters have such faith, prayed to God for help and the next morning, one Knight stopped by to cut grass, and as the saying goes "One call that's all it takes." He called and Andy Airress PSD sent out an email for help, our State Deputy Nick Nielson was there in hours to walk the grounds, and we had a plan in place for that Saturday to get it cleaned up. It was a big job. The next day, and every day after, Knights were there, for three weekends. Over 100 Knights and their families, representing 20 councils, got it done: grounds clear, a large donation of firewood to the Navajo nation, several very large piles of mulch, a donation from Supreme to reimburse costs, great comradery in a difficult task and very grateful Sisters. Once again, Knights showed up in time of need, and turned what was a disaster into an amazing bonding experience that brought our councils together.

It was a tough year, but also such a rewarding year as many Knights were introduced to the Carmelite Sisters for the first time and hopefully started a lifetime of support for the Sisters. The Sisters have said Masses for and keep the Knights in their daily prayers.

The Sisters spend many hours praying for our priests, for vocations, for our diocese, for the people and for our Holy Catholic church. How much worse would this year have been for all of us without their prayers. Thanks be to God. Keep the Sisters in your prayers, as it's beginning to look doubtful with continued restrictions and concerns that we will have the Carmelite Fair again this year. And a second year without that income could be very difficult. After the convention I will send out a few ideas in which we can help support our Carmelite Sisters.

Thank you for all your support this year, in the past and in the future for our dear Carmelite Sisters. Mother Therese has told me many times how grateful the Sisters are to the Knights of Columbus.

May God bless and protect you and your families.

George Jockisch

George Jockisch

Carmelite Chairman

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman: SK William McCauley

The Knights of Columbus sponsors the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade (public, private, parochial or home schools) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life affirming values. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme – which should showcase creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. Each grade is judged separately.

This year's topic was especially timely, as it encouraged young people to discuss how their faith has helped them to persevere during a difficult time and to share what they learned with others:

In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

We had 145 participants this year from nine Councils in eight Districts. Eighty-six entries came from 8th Graders in five Councils. Council 10733 talked with the Religious Education Director in their parish CCD who required the essay for all second year Confirmation students.

Congratulations to our winners, who came from five different Councils:

1st Place: Peterson Rooney, David Leon-Moreno, Andrew Shackelford, Osci Vega-Sandoval and Jaun Antonio Garcia, Jr.

2nd Place: Harmony Levi, Jennifer Aquino, and Jenica Kohl

3rd Place: Boston Samuel.

The first-place winners were submitted to Supreme for their judging.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. McCauley

William T. McCauley, F.M.F.D., FDD
State Essay Contest Chairman

Note: A guide was also submitted to the state program director outlining the chairman's responsibilities and timeline.

Coats for Kids Chairman: SK John L. Klinetop

Information included in the State Advocate report.

Frank Carmona

Frank Carmona, State Advocate
State Youth Director

Council Reactivation and Retention Chairman: SK Bill Kelly

This last 16-month period during the COVID-19 Pandemic did not help our state in the area of council retention. Unfortunately, three (3) of our councils fell to an inactive status as we had no 3rd Degree Knight willing to serve in key leadership roles (GK, FS, DGK). Although we have an active composite of 84 Knights supporting the Parishes at San Felipe (Wendover), Our Lady of Guadalupe (Salt Lake) and Sacred Heart (Salt Lake), we are looking for a few good men to serve in leadership roles to bring these council back to Active status. Hopefully, when the state emerges from this pandemic, we will be able to deploy action teams to these Parishes to right the ship. The State Council is also considering making these councils Round Tables as a possible solution to these Parishes.

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary
Council Reactivation and Retention Chairman

Disaster Response Coordinator: SK Richard M Vigor

Disaster Response has been very uneventful this year. The pandemic has shut most things down.

We did, however, have one very large event, with high winds last spring. Several trees and other derby became damaged and scattered on the Carmelites property. This was resolved without much need for disaster response intervention. Several groups from local and state councils did the work in record time.

My thanks and admiration go out to the knights that responded.

Richard Vigor

Richard Vigor
Disaster Response Coordinator

Fisher House Chairman: SK Rayfel M Bachiller

The year of Covid had a drastic effect on Fisher House SLC. Upon the very start of the Pandemic and Utah's response, our Fisher House was shut down. Months went by and no occupants in our 20-suite facility. After a long period of dormancy residents were allowed to trickle in at a restrictive rate to the point where now only 50% occupancy is allowed. Further no volunteer support is allowed so those volunteer dining options provided by volunteer groups like our very own Knights of Columbus were disallowed. The effect at first was not apparent until those gift cards and restaurant cards dwindled now to the point where guests are no longer offered free meals other than the self-dining at the Fisher House. Right now, there is an urgent need to replenish those gifts and cards. I am asking all Knights and councils and assemblies to consider donating funds and or gift cards to rebuild the war chest so that the Fisher House can provide much needed support to their guests. Though these families received free accommodations...quite often they arrived without the funds to support themselves through prolonged stays. Our Knights have been at the forefront since 2012 in all aspects of the success of Fisher House...now they are seeking our support again. Please as an individual or as a group make a difference by sending a donation in the form of a check or gift/restaurant card. Make check payable to K of C and I will ensure all funds are used to provide food to our Fisher House. Please do not send food, even prepackaged in cans or bottles. Allow the staff at FH to buy groceries and to give gift cards to their

guests. Send check to me at the below address and I will notify you of receipt and ensure those Fisher House Families know who the Knights of Columbus are! My thanks in advance!



Ray Bachiller
11582 Hickory Valley Drive
Sandy, UT 84092-5354

Here's a photo of the new sign at our Fisher House.

Don't forget **Foursomes for Fisher House** Golf
Tournament! Saturday July 10, 2021!
www.FisherHouseGolf.org

Blessing to all and Semper Fidelis,

Ray Bachiller
Ray Bachiller
Fisher House Chairman

Free Throw Championship: SK Ron R Mecham; John J. Miller

The State Free Throw Championship wasn't held this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to 2022 and are hopeful things will get back to semi-normal and we can bring everyone together again. The typical schedule is council's conduct the first round in January, the district level is in February, and the state finals are in March.

Ron Mecham
Ron Mecham
Free Throw Championship Chairman

Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator: SK Gabino Chacon Escarcega

No report received.

Gabino Chacon-Escarcega
Gabino Chacon-Escarcega
Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator

Insurance Promotion Chairman: SK Nick Nielson

Visit www.UtahKnights.org/Insurance for information on the Utah field agents (Matt McCarthy and Gene Trombetti) including their contact information and council assignments.

Nick Nielson
Nick Nielson, State Deputy
Insurance Promotion Chairman

Marian Prayer Program Chairman: SK Gregory A Keller

Utah has two icons depicting ***Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians***. For various reasons (including COVID-19), they didn't circulate around the state. Saint Ambrose Council 15418 is hosting a prayer service with one of the images on June 13th between the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. The prayer book is available online for review at <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/marian-prayer-program/5050-marian-prayer-program-booklet.pdf> and councils interested in conducting a prayer service and borrowing an icon for a short while should contact me.

The new ***Saint Michael the Archangel*** icon is expected in the new fraternal year (July 1st). Once we have the materials here in Utah, councils are welcome to schedule their own services with dates and locations that work best for them. To help facilitate transporting the icon(s), District Deputies are encouraged to coordinate times for their councils as the icon travels -- similar to the Silver Rose scheduling (but not as condensed).

Greg Keller

Greg Keller, PSD

Marian Hour Chairman

McGivney Guild Chairman: SK Chuck E Dover Jr.

Worthy Brother Knights and Friends,

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY: Almost one year ago on May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney and opening the way for his beatification. On October 31, 2020, the Mass for Beatification was celebrated. At that Mass an Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis was read. The letter declared Father McGivney was to be given the title of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Blessed Michael McGivney is the third priest born in the United States to be raised to this status, and the first priest to be beatified who spent his entire ordained ministry serving a U.S. parish. Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, has been given an annual feast day of August 13. He was born on August 12, 1852 and died on August 14, 1890. A second miracle is needed for him to be a canonized saint of the Catholic Church.

Follow his path toward canonization by becoming a member of the Father McGivney Guild. Membership in the Guild is free to anyone, Knights and non-members alike. A free newsletter is sent out quarterly to members and the intentions of members are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for Guild members. Today there are over 170,000 members in the Guild, nearly 1,500 are from Utah.

Promote the Father McGivney Guild at meetings and membership functions. To join, simply go to the website at FatherMcGivney.org and click "Join the Guild"

Vivat Jesus!

Chuck Dover

Charles E. Dover Jr., PSD, FVSM

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

Membership Retention Chairman: SK Frank Carmona

Report included as part of the State Advocate report.

Frank Carmona

Frank Carmona, State Advocate
Membership Retention Chairman

New Council Development Chairman: SK Gregory A Keller

Two parishes were considered to establish new councils this year; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a Vietnamese parish in Kearns, and Saint Mary in West Haven (near Ogden). The focus with new council development this year was not to rush into forming a new council without considering the long-term viability and sustainability of the council. While we can't predict what will happen in 100 years, certainly a strong and vibrant council in the first 5 and even 10 years would be a great foundation for success.

At our Lady of Perpetual Help, the pastor was receptive, and only requested a delay as he has other concerns in the parish that need more immediate attention.

At Saint Mary in West Haven, working through the restrictions from the pandemic have slowed down efforts, but they are still underway. DD Mark Dylla has been very helpful in laying out a plan for success.

If you know of a parish that is looking to form a council, or is interested in having an active round table, please reach out to the district deputy in the area or myself.

Greg Keller

Greg Keller, PSD
New Council Development Chairman

Newsletter/Bulletin Editors:

SK Brian R. Duncan & SK Karl VanMaren

New issues of the "Utah State Update" Newsletter are posted to the state council website's homepage at www.UtahKnights.org at the beginning of every month. If you have something to be included, the deadline is the 20th of the month for the following month's issue. This year I was the editor of the newsletter from July to October. Then due to scheduling conflicts and time constraints I was unable to continue, and Karl VanMaren took over the job.

The name of the Newsletter was changed from "Utah Knight" to "Utah State Update". In an attempt to gain readership and create appeal to a broader audience, increased graphics were added to catch the readers eye and enhance appeal to those readers who may be more visual oriented than would read the articles to become informed. A cartoon section was added to add humor and to entice readership.

Lastly in preparation for Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney's Beatification a series of articles from the Supreme Newsletter "Knightline" were included to inform members of Fr. McGivney's Early Life, Priesthood and Founding of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duncan

Brian Duncan

Former Editor, "Utah State Update" Newsletter

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Vivat Jesus!

Starting with the October 2020 **State Update** Newsletter, I've been helping with the editing. Well, it was supposed to be "helping," but it quickly became actual "editor." It has been interesting putting it together each month. Some months are easier than others as there are several events and programs about which to report. Usually a mix of "this just happened" and "look what is coming up" along with reports from several state officers provides useful (timely) information and gives credit where it's due.

In case there was any doubt, I'll let you know that **we don't have any reporters for the newsletter!** As I'm not creative enough to just "make stuff up" to fill the space, I rely on submissions from our brother Knights, especially program directors and event chairs. I'll only highlight four here.

- If Mac's Soccer Challenge report in this file looks familiar, you probably saw something similar in the November 2020 issue from chair "**Mac**" **McManaman**.
- **Jerry Angus** has my thanks for always providing the state's monthly training topic and registration link well in advance of the training held on the fourth Monday each month.
- **Bill McCauley** didn't bribe me! To get the information on the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest and the Poster Contests (Keep Christ in Christmas and the Substance Abuse Awareness) into the newsletter he just submitted it. He set the timeline and deadlines early and then publicizing them was the obvious thing to do. While he didn't go out and directly solicit entries from students, every council was informed of each program's steps and requirements.
- **Tim Soran Jr. (DD 007)** not only provided the *Family of the Month* submissions and drawing winners from supreme, as the state Family Director he made other program suggestions.

Have a program or project you'd like to see included? Send the information in! It doesn't have to be long – a few sentences are usually enough. As Brian mentioned above, the "deadline" is the 20th of the month. It's so much easier to figure out the layout when all the pieces (article submissions) are available. If a few more days are needed, getting submissions on or before the 25th is generally fine – especially if I know it's coming!

Special thanks to State Deputy Nick Nielson for insisting that the newsletter be published on the first of the month. Having a firm deadline has been helpful in keeping the content relevant – it forces a hard look at the calendar to ensure nothing major is being overlooked.

Not sure you read all the issues? Checkout the archive on the state website, www.UtahKnights.org – just scroll down the homepage for the list of previous editions. The archives go back several years and the current State Deputy and the issue’s editor are usually listed on the last page.

As much fun as this has been, I’m certainly willing and able to hand it off to the next Knight who wants to be the editor. Seriously, it has been fun, but there isn’t a reason to keep it all to myself. I think Brian Duncan (DD#9) did a fine job, as did Trevor Hinckley before him. Again, you don’t have to take my word for it, just check out the archives on the state website!

Respectfully submitted,

Karl VanMaren

Karl VanMaren, FDD

Editor, “Utah State Update” Newsletter (10/2020 – present)

Online Membership Chairman: SK Andrew Airriess

This has been a landmark year for councils that have embraced getting men to enroll via kofc.org/join. Two councils immediately spring to mind; those at St. James the Just in Ogden and St. Ambrose in Salt Lake City. Both councils exceeded their annual membership goals in a single drive that combined pulpit announcements and easy online registration at the end of Mass.

It is a no-lose method. Men immediately become Knights and councils retain complete control over if those men get accepted into their councils. Yes, it is a new method, but it works wonderfully well for those who try it.

There is still a window to bring men into the order at no cost to them or to councils. The free membership offer ends June 30 and is unlikely to be continued. With Mass participation growing weekly, plan a drive with your pastor and get it done. The last weekend you can plan for this free membership offer is June 26-27. Make it happen. Your new members and their families will thank you, your pastor will thank you for the extra hands these new members will provide, and your council will thank you for the added brothers.

You have lots of help available to you. I am here to help you with easy-to-follow instructions and hands-on support if you need it. Your Field Service Agent are here to eagerly help with their unique experience and understanding. Lastly, your state officer team are here to provide the manpower you might need to be a roaring success. You just need to decide to succeed and reach out for help, just like we all have at one point or another.

For councils that have e-members as prospects, don’t delay! Get these men to a degree, whether online or at your council. The true life of a Knight begins with participation in activities, programs and faith-building.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Airriess

Andy Airriess, PSD

Online Membership Chairman

Perpetual Memorial Fund: SK Bill Kelly

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, friends and loved ones. When State Knights of Columbus come together for in person Masses after our meetings (Convention, organization, Mid-Year meetings, Special Occasions, etc.), we carry the book at the entrance procession to Mass and then place on the altar or another place of Honor. This act symbolizes a remembrance to those who have gone before us while we attend Mass as unified Knights.

To place an entry into the book, Councils or brother Knights submit names for inclusion along with a twenty-dollar (\$20.00) donation. Again, this year, 2021, we will continue this practice since 2017, by placing the donated funds into the Utah Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

The Perpetual Memorial Book has been present with us during our virtual meetings and prayers have been said to remember our fallen members and friends. Last year at conclusion of convention, we added 24 names to the memorial book. As of April 17, 2021, we have 35 names to add. Sincerely request that you continue to keep our departed brothers and loved ones in your prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary
Perpetual Memorial Chairman

Poster Contest Chairman: SK William McCauley

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** is open to ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10 and 11 through 14. Conducting a Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is a fun and easy way to put your faith into action and get youth in your community involved in their faith. It is fun to conduct because of the opportunity to witness the creativity and optimism of the youth in your community. It is easy because you can tap into existing structures like schools and do a lot of preliminary work. Each poster must reflect the Keep Christ in Christmas theme with a visual image. There is no limit to the number of posters each contestant may submit. Each local, district or jurisdictional competition may have up to 3 winning entries.

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest had 221 entries from four Councils in four Districts. The parochial schools at St. Ambrose (Council 15418) and St. Francis of Xavier (Council 5214) submitted 158 and 55 posters. Congratulations to the State Winners:

1st Place: Eliza Gagnon, Council 15418, Christina Jensen, Council 15418, Hugo A. Moreno, Jr. Council 5214. These posters were submitted to Supreme.
2nd Place: Mia Rickerd, Council 6010, Alyson Martinez, Council 6010, Caitlin Roney, Council 15418
3rd Place: Olivia Mancini, Council 10733, Aaliyah Alvarez, Council 10733, Luis Alejandro Hernandez, Council 6010.

Entries in the **Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest** must fall under one of these topics: Alcohol Awareness and Abuse or Drug Awareness and Abuse. Each poster must contain a

slogan reflecting either of the topics and an original visual image. A contestant can only enter one poster. The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 8 and 14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1. Contest entrants compete in one of two age groups – ages 8 through 11, and ages 12 through 14. Each Council and State could have a first, second, and third place in each category in each age group. Each District competition may have up to 4 winning entries – one from each category in each age group. (8-11 Drug Awareness and Abuse, 8-11 Alcohol Awareness and Abuse, 12-14 Drug Awareness and Abuse, 12-14 Alcohol Awareness and Abuse).

This year we had a total of 21 entries – all from one Council in the 8-11 age group. Three other Councils sought participants. With the change to the Faith in Action program model at the Supreme Level, “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.” Please keep this Poster Contest in mind when preparing your program calendars this summer. At the Kick-off Meeting we will decide whether this will be a State Program.

Respectfully submitted,
William T. McCauley
William T. McCauley, F.M.F.D.
State Poster Contest Chairman

Note: A guide was also submitted to the state program director outlining the chairman’s responsibilities and timeline.

Promotional Sales Chair: SK Art A Grant

The Utah Knights of Columbus Honest Abe Promotions store has basically been inactive this year due to the Covid Pandemic. We still have the inventory that we had at our last in-person get together. We have digitized the updated Knights logo so any new orders will have that logo embroidered. Any current inventory will be sold for 10% off in order to eventually update inventory. If any member or council needs items with logos, from pins to shirts to vests etc., you can email me at aagrant.slc@gmail.com with your requests. I look forward to when we can meet again in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Art Grant
Art Grant
Promotional Sales (“Honest Abe”) Chairman

Public Relations Chairman: SK Andrew Airriess

We have had wonderful participation by a few councils in sharing the successes they have had during this difficult past year. Articles in Columbia, the Intermountain Catholic, and on Facebook and Twitter have been at high levels thanks to input from those councils. We can’t promote or recognize council activities if we don’t know that they are happening or have happened. You can be a force for good by promoting your council activities throughout the state. Not only will you be recognizing the hard-working members of your council, you will inspire other councils to participate AND help men decide to join our growing ranks because they see with their own eyes the good works we perform.

Please, help yourself and help others by taking pictures (I hear they are worth a thousand words) and sending them with some descriptive text to me at aaairriess@msn.com and I will see they are placed in social media, submitted to the Intermountain Catholic, and forwarded to Columbia.

If you need help starting social media accounts, I can help there too, I just need to know you want to help your council advertise its activities, attract participation in them by parishioners and your brother Knights, and attract men to your ranks by demonstrating to them your commitment to your parish, your brothers, and your community.

Andy Airriess

Andy Airriess, PSD

Public Relations Chairman

Round Table Chairman: SK Bill Kelly

The intent of the round table program is to have a “Knight’s presence in every parish.” Round Tables provide vital support to Parish communities where a formal council has not been established due to the limited size of knights participating. As of April 15th, 2021, we are currently tracking nine (9) round tables in the state. The State Council would like to express our thanks to the sponsoring councils whose efforts are establishing the framework for starting potential new councils or expanding our presence in these parishes/missions.

- St Ann’s, Salt Lake City (602)
- St Joseph (Spanish), Ogden (777)
- St Lawrence, Heber City, (1129)
- St. Francis Xavier, Salt Lake City (5214)
- St. Margueritte’s (Spanish), Tooele (6739)
- St. Christopher’s, Kanab (10733)
- St. Patrick’s, Hurricane (10733)
- St. Jude Maronite, Murray (13297)
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Salt Lake City (14764)

Activities and reports to Supreme were down again this year due to the impact of Covid-19. However, based on innovative ideas from Deacon Dan and Council 10733, St Patrick’s in Hurricane has been revitalized with a very successful food drive, and the support of Church events and spiritual activities – see District 8 Report for specifics. As we break away from COVID-19 isolation, Council 10733’s Round Table provides us inspiration for the future on ideas to improve our round table program in the state.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary

Round Table Chairman

Safe Environment Coordinator: SK Frank Carmona

Report included as part of the State Advocate report.

Frank Carmona

Frank Carmona, State Advocate

Safe Environment Coordinator

Science Fair Chairman: SK Joseph B Ligorí

Report of the 25th Annual Diocesan Science Fair 2021

This year 25th Annual Diocesan Science Fair was a huge success. This year for the first time, the Science Fair was held virtually. There were 100 students from grade five through 12 from over a dozen Utah Catholic schools. We had 78 judges who were Knights of Columbus members from across the state, family members and friends. We had a lot of great comments over all about how the virtual judging was easy. There were some bumps however Dr. Christine Celestino and her staff were able to resolve them. A big thanks to Dr. Celestino for organizing the virtual judging. The Knights sponsored the Science Fair providing all the trophies and ribbons and cash awards to the winners. The Knights also covered some costs for the shirts for the students. The Intermountain Catholic in the February 19, 2021 edition has a great article on the Science Fair including all the winners. The trophies were delivered by Dr. Celestino to all the winning schools where the students were presented with their trophy. I want to thank all the judges for their time during the videoconferences judging. This was a great team effort by all and resulted in a successful Science Fair. The sponsorships that many of you and your councils and assemblies have committed to is important to the funding of the Science Fair. We fell short on the monies collected for the Science Fair this year. With the Covid-19 problems we understand the hardship it has to the fund raising for the Knights. We need your continual sponsorship from those who have committed to the Science Fair. If councils or assemblies cannot continue with the commitment, please let us know so that we can seek out new sponsors. Thanks to all of you for your support of the Science Fair.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Ligorí

Joe Ligorí, PSD, F.M.F.D.
Science Fair Chairman

Scouting Chairman: SK Ray Salazar

In Utah, we have 17 Scouts BSA units; 9 Packs, 7 Troops, 1 Crew; we lost 1 Pack (Saint Olaf) from not rechartering. We have several Girl Scout troops but no definitive data on numbers; participation of all units impacted by COVID-19. Range from moderate to no participation or meetings. DCCS committee meetings impacted by Diocese rules and having no Diocese Youth Ministry head. Hoping for better 2021 once pandemic subsides!

Ray Salazar

Ray Salazar
Scouting Chairman
DCCS, Diocese Committee Catholic Scouting

Silver Rose Chairman: SK Mark R Meredith
Assistant Silver Rose Coordinator: Pete Abercrombie

Silver Rose 2020:

Due to the Pandemic, attendance was at an **all-time low**, only 6 Parishes participated, total attendance was 187. In 2019 the attendance was almost 400.

Silver Rose 2021:

The Rose will be in Utah from June 14th – July 5th, coming from Wyoming and leaving to Colorado. Peter Abercrombie and myself have sent out notices to all the District Deputies soliciting their assistance in coordinating the Silver Rose Route, we have issued an April 30, 2021 deadline for planning purposes. The state calendar www.UtahKnights.org/State-Calendar will have details as activities are finalized.

Mark Meredith

Mark Meredith, DD 8
Silver Rose Chairman

Soccer Challenge Chairman: SK James “Mac” McManaman

This year’s soccer challenge presented challenges of its own. With the parishes finding ways to deal with COVID-19 we were not allowed to hold council and district competitions before the State Soccer Challenge. For this reason, we relaxed the rules in order to get maximum participation but we only had 2 councils send participants to compete. The low number allowed us to give each and every participant an official Knights of Columbus soccer challenge soccer ball.

We all strive to try to continue some of our activities knowing it will not be as it was. The soccer challenge on October 4th was no different. The weather was great which is surprising because it was the LDS conference weekend and that normally means bad weather. So, the weather kept to the theme normal is not normal. Thanks to all the participants and the council at Saint Marguerite's for sponsoring and providing scorers and refreshments. Everyone had a good time. Wearing masks and social distancing did not hinder the enthusiasm of everyone involved. Thanks to the State Council Officers too for bringing their families and helping to make the event one to be remembered. I hope everyone had as much fun at the event and I hope next year’s chairman will continue to make the event one the kids look forward to!

Congratulations to the winners!

Girls-9: none

Girls-10: none

Girls-11: Isabel Wilcox, Saint Marguerite

Girls-12: Maryann Emefo, Saint Marguerite

Girls-13: Madison Yeager, Hill Air Force Base

Girls-14: none

Boys-9: Dalton Whittle, Saint Marguerite

Boys-10: Caleb Barry, Saint Marguerite

Boys-11: none

Boys-12: none

Boys-13: Franklin Wilcox, Saint Marguerite

Boys-14: Luke Whittle, Saint Marguerite.

Respectfully submitted,

James "MAC" McManaman

James "MAC" McManaman
Soccer Challenge Chairman

Special Olympics Coordinators:
SK David Matyjasik & SK Bill J Bonn III

For the past 15 years the Special Olympics program has grown tremendously. I am proud to say 29 Councils and 8 Assemblies responded either through activities or financial support. From your efforts, with the contribution from supreme, funds were donated to support 54 athletes. Last year \$11,495 was raised, and over \$137,000 in 14 years was given to Special Olympics Utah – enough money to sponsor over 500 athletes. Then COVID-19 came and Special Olympics cancelled all events, games, and activities – including KofC participation and the Color Guard. Assembly 2577 conducted an Opening Flag Ceremony; it was recorded and shown statewide before all SOUT activities. I went to several SOUT officer meetings and recently a couple of local events. No state events are currently scheduled by SOUT.

Respectfully submitted,

David Matyjasik

David Matyjasik

Utah Special Olympics Coordinator

State Scholarship Chairman: SK Chuck E Dover Jr.

SWEET SUCCESS! This is how I would describe the growth of our scholarship program. The program was voted into existence at the state convention held in May 2010. From the outset of the program Council 602 and the Columbian Society have partnered with the state council. In May 2011 the first two scholarships were awarded; \$1000 from the state council and \$1000 from Council 602 and the Columbian Society. The same amounts were awarded in 2012. Beginning in 2013 and through 2020 the awards each year were \$1000 from the state council and \$5000 from Council 602 and the Columbian Society. Two scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded this year at our 2021 convention. With this year's convention included, **30 students have been awarded \$54,000**. Truly this is "SWEET SUCCESS"! Look for further details for our scholarship program to be featured in the June issue of the "State Update" newsletter.

Of course, none of our success would be possible without the commitment and involvement of our brothers and many friends of the Knights. I am forever grateful for the early involvements of Past State Deputies Dan Higgins, Jim Leccia, and John Wainscott who worked with me to get this program off the ground. Where would all of this be without the partnership of the Columbian Society and Council 602?

I would like to thank Karl Van Maren for his assistance and expertise with the scholarship process. His articles in the State Update newsletter and his emails helped to increase awareness and participation in the program. I want to give a shout out to Tim Peczuh for his assistance and help with our scholarship raffle. I would be remiss if I don't acknowledge my boss so to speak, State Deputy Nick Nielson for his encouragement and input to keep our scholarship program successful.

May God bless you and your family! Stay healthy and safe until we meet again! And, thank you so much for your part in making our scholarship program a success. Vivat Jesus!

With Warmest Regards,

Chuck Dover

Charles E. Dover Jr., PSD, FVSM

State Scholarship Chairman

Veterans Affairs Chairman: SK Joseph R Bouley

Worthy Brother Knights!

Greetings from the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) committee! Along with my deputy representatives John Wainscott, PSD, and Sid Cowand, PSD, we continue to strive to meet the needs of 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 volunteer organizations whose common goal is support of our Utah veterans. Our Knights of Columbus brothers and their families provide support through activities such as fishing days, golf tournaments and gift distributions.

With the current pandemic, numerous changes and restrictions have curtailed several of our usual support programs. The Fisher House dinners were suspended and the number of volunteers usually required for gift disseminations was cutback. Many in-person activities were canceled. However, support from Councils and Assemblies did include some in-kind and monetary support. A limited number of Knights were allowed to provide support to Veterans Day, Christmas and Valentine's Day activities.

Our badged Knight volunteers were not allowed to work during the pandemic, severely reducing the volunteer hours normally provided. When the pandemic subsides, the VAVS will strive to regain our normal level of participation.

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
Veterans Affairs Chair

Vocations Chairman: SK John R Valdez

The Seminarians for our Diocese continue to get the best support our Councils can provide them. Many Councils have funding in place for this FY 21 and report they are in contact with the Seminarian they support. The Diocese of Salt Lake currently has nine men in the seminary to be a Priest. All of us can attest that we need more. Our prayers and encouragement of potential young men to the priesthood is always needed. Please continue to support with your prayers, letters, cards and funding the nine we currently have. See the below summary of the current data I have received from our Councils and Assemblies (as of 12-APR-2021).

Seminarian / Supporters	Amount(s)
1. Sergio A Chavez	\$ 1,700
Council 1136	\$ 600
Council 13297	\$ 600

Council 9731	\$ 500
2. Tristan P Dillon	\$ 1,950
Assembly 2393	\$ 600
Council 10733	\$ 750
Council 1136	\$ 600
3. Anthony Shumway	\$ 2,400
Council 1136	\$ 600
Council 6966	\$ 600
Council 777	\$ 600
Council 7961	\$ 600
4. Andre Sicard	\$ 2,700
Council 1136	\$ 600
Council 13646	\$ 600
Council 15418	\$ 500
Council 9849	\$ 1,000
5. Oscar A Marquina	\$ 2,000
Council 12959	\$ 2,000
6. Jose Luis Gomez	\$ 2,200
Council 15418	\$ 500
Council 6739	\$ 600
Council 9731	\$ 500
Council 11479	\$ 600
7. Alberto Carrillo	\$ 600
Council 5214	\$ 600
8. Jaime Zuazo	\$ 3,700
Council 11246	\$ 600
Council 12181	\$ 300
Council 5214	\$ 1,200
Council 5502	\$ 600
Council 602	\$ 1,000
9. Brian Schumaker	\$ 2,800
Council 1129	\$ 1,000
Council 14399	\$ 1,200
Council 6010	\$ 600
10. Br. Thaddeus Frost / Western Province Dominican Seminarian	\$ 500
Council 14764	\$ 500
Grand Total	\$ 20,550

Respectfully submitted,
John Valdez
John R. Valdez, FDD
Vocations Chairman

Webmaster (www.UtahKnights.org): Chris Hood

The state website (www.UtahKnights.org) was moved to a more powerful server. It is now on a VPS with only three other websites (including Council1129). All the photo galleries from 2007 to 2020 have been retrieved from Flickr and cleaned up. They will be copied to a long-term Blu-ray disc soon. The calendar on the website was replaced with a custom designed plugin. After some more work, the plugin will be released on the WordPress directory so others can use it.

Planned work on the website includes adding RSS feeds from council websites to their page on the state website and replacing the Google reCAPTCHA with a non-google solution.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hood

Chris Hood

Webmaster

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Past State Deputies Convention Remarks

SK Michael T. Cosgrove (1984-1986)

No report submitted. PSD Cosgrove is moving back to Utah (Cottonwood Heights).

Michael Cosgrove

Michael Cosgrove, PSD

SK Rholand E Lange (1994-1996)

Brother Knights All,

I've lived to see another Utah State Convention. Until we start doing things as we did several years ago, so you will have to read some of my thoughts. Beings from the late 1900's some of my views differ from the computer age we now live in.

First, I'd like to tell you that the Father DeSmet Council 5347 in Brigham City still exists, but is struggling. We gave out our \$3,000 Scholarship, Hospital toys for tots, socks for the veterans, Christmas Wreath sales and all of the standard donations we normally do. We like other have not been able to have fundraisers which hasn't helped us financially. We have not closed up shop, we have held our regular meetings through all of this pandemic situation and I think this was great.

Face to face I would have much more to say, so I'd like for each of the Councils to review very carefully the new **State Budget**. I feel there should not be any per-capita this year, period. Look at the expenditures, look at the Supreme and State Conventions costs and all of the others and see if your Council would vote them as justified.

If you have read this far, I thank you for your time.

Vivat Jesus,

Rholand Lange

Rholand Lange, PSD, F.M.F.D.

SK Joseph B. Ligorì (1996-1998)

How the Knights of Columbus has changed over the 45 years I have been a Knight. I am truly proud to be a part of a great organization. The many conventions that I have attended were always fun and gave a lot of hope for the future. Many things have changed in the Knights of Columbus, but one thing that has never changed is the service to the church and the priests of our parishes. The Knights of Columbus is a very visible group of men in this state. It is always fun to get together and work together on breakfasts and service projects. I remember the times cooking breakfasts outside at Blessed Sacrament Church when the wind was blowing and paper plates going all over the field including the money and everyone running to pick everything up. Those were the fun times. The family over the years have become more and more involved and should continue in order to keep the growth of the Knights over

the years to come. The Knights are an important factor in our parishes, but they are also a fun group of people to be around. I always enjoyed listening to the old timers talk about the Knights of the old days. The Knights from Price Utah were always filled with stories from membership dues being 25 cents to the core of the degree work. I hope that the stories continue with our Knights today and to encourage more men to join our great organization.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Ligori

Joe Ligori, PSD, F.M.F.D.

SK Sidney L Cowand (2000-2002)

I'm still alive, I moved to Summit Vista independent living community in Taylorsville. Continue to remember me for starting meetings on time and ending them on time (or early) since I've been a Knight in Utah.

Vivat Jesus!

Sid Cowand

Sid Cowand, PSD

SK John P Wainscott (2002-2004)

April 14, 2021

Worthy Past State Deputies and my Brother Knights all,

What a crazy year! It was not even easy to be a volunteer for Christ.

First up is a huge thank you to the State Officers who have done a great job to keep us motivated through the Covid shut down. The State Deputy's job is difficult enough without being able to meet in person or need to skip many of our regular activities. State Deputy Nick added new tracking sheets and other technology enhancements this year, so a big shout out to our State Deputy Nick Nielson for a fabulous year. The virtual meetings this year were well thought out and ran without a hitch; many thanks to Karl Van Maren and our State Deputy Nick.

PSD Acknowledgements: PSD Joe Ligori for Carmelite support and as Science Fair Chairman, working with the schools in the virtual Science Fair and getting volunteers to be judges as well. PSD Chuck Dover as Chairman of the Scholarship fund and soliciting donations, and as the McGivney Guild Chairman. PSD Ray Lopez helping the knights in Utah as our Regional Growth Director. PSD Andy Airriess as our Public Relations Chairman getting articles in the Columbian magazine and the Intermountain Catholic, and instructing us in Online membership. PSD Greg Keller on advising the State Council, beginning work on new councils up North, and as the Marian Prayer Program Chairman. And especially for PSD Mike Cosgrove and wife Ruth moving back from Pahrump, NV to Cottonwood Heights, UT. It will be so much easier to see them!

Many thanks to all the individuals, councils, and assemblies for donating to the 4th Ultrasound machine in Utah for Pro-Life Utah.

It has been an honor to serve as the Utah State Council Advisor this year.

After two virtual conventions in a row, I look forward to seeing all of you in person next year in Ogden May 6-8, 2022.

Fraternally yours;



John P. Wainscott, PSD
Former Supreme Director

SK James N Leccia (2004-2006)

No report submitted. Rumor is PSD Leccia wanted to yield his time/space to PSD Rholand Lange.

Jim Leccia

Jim Leccia, PSD, F.M.F.D.

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

Worthy Brother Knights and Friends,

As is customary at our State Convention, Past State Deputies are asked to recall an incident or tell a story about their term in office. I regret we cannot be live for the convention this year. The convention culminates a year of projects and progress. It focuses on the successes we were able to achieve during the fraternal year. As much as I always look forward to the content of such meetings, equally I look forward to the comradery and the friendship of my brother Knights. Together these ingredients for me make for a memorable convention.

During my term as state deputy, I wanted to have a special way to acknowledge outstanding individuals for their work and accomplishments during the fraternal year. A dinner with state officers and their wives was planned. Not just any dinner, this was a specific dinner, it was called, "An Evening with the Bishop". This was an informal appreciation dinner for brother Knights and their wives. We would gather at the home of then Bishop of Salt Lake, John Wester. The evening was informal and intimate. We would have a short social prior to the dinner and then serve a meal. At the end of the meal, we would have Bishop Wester address the group. His words were insightful as he would tell of future projects of the diocese. There were words of gratitude as he would thank those present for their accomplishments and dedication to the Church. He would also give words of inspiration telling of areas where Knights could be of service in the future. Invitations to these dinner gatherings were highly coveted and for those who attended them; they were most memorable. This is just one small recollection of a past practice during my term as State Deputy.

Now, let's take a moment and look at the present. I want to publicly thank our State Deputy Nick Nielson for an outstanding job during this pandemic time with all of its challenges. I cannot think of a

person better suited to be at the helm. He has held us together utilizing his knowledge, time and talent. I'm not sure if I would have been able to meet such a challenge during my term. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all of our state officers for their efforts in this most unusual atmosphere.

I pray that each of you are safe and healthy. I pray for that time when we will soon be able to meet again in person. I look to the future as we seek to find new ways to serve our church and communities in our desire to further our commitment to charity, the founding principle of the Order. Vivat Jesus!

With Warmest Regards,
Chuck Dover, Jr.
Chuck Dover, Jr., PSD
Former Vice Supreme Master

SK Douglas P Shane (2008-2009)

Brother Knights,

This has been a trying year for not only us as Knights, but also for our parish Priests, Lay Minsters, Staffs, and communities.

It is understandable that there were (and will be) times when the stresses from this unprecedented situation will cause frustration. In these times, we need to look back at the example of a patience, humility, and service exemplified by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We should also remember of our humble beginnings and our legacy is built on the efforts of a parish Priest, the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney.

Number one for us Knights is to support our Priests and parish communities. Given the challenges faced by our pastors, we should not seek any preference but to be ready when called to support as needed.

Now that things are starting to open again (in varying degrees) there will no doubt be a tendency to get things back to normal and start rolling out the normal calendar(s) and be expecting the same level of support as before. Remember that this is probably same for most other parish and community groups as well. So please be mindful of this. Possibly focusing on a limited number of events and placing more emphasis of supporting other parish events would be the best use of our talent and treasure.

I wish you all the best in the upcoming year and that you will continue to be mindful and grateful of the grace and miracles that God's love provides us every day.

Vivat Jesus!
Douglas Shane
Douglas Shane, PSD

SK Ray L Lopez (2010-2012)

Worthy State Deputy and Brothers,

As we come together for the Utah 114th annual convention I want to say thank you for your works of charity and fellowship throughout the year. This year especially has shown us how much we need community, and fraternity. This year has been especially hard for us all with the pandemic continuing, but we have found a way to continue. A call was made to fund another ultrasound machine, councils and assemblies found a way to donate. Food banks needed supplies and again the Knights of Columbus found a way. Breakfast to Go, and drive through coat distributions. Who would forget when a windstorm knocked down the trees at the Carmelite mission, who answered the prayers? You, my brothers. We have found a way to serve and recruit, for this be proud of the work you did during such a challenging time.

Although convention is again virtual, celebrate your accomplishment and congratulate those special achievements. Look around and see just how much your state is doing for the church and the community. Ask yourself what the world would look like if the Knights of Columbus did not exist. Appreciate the impact your council has on your parish, the impact the Knights have on your state and even in the world. We belong to the largest lay catholic organization in the world and are indeed the strong right arm of the church.

As your Supreme Region Growth Director, I am honored to tell of the accomplishments of Utah and the Knights who serve here. You too should be proud of the work you do great or small. I would congratulate all the award winners and thank you all for your service.

May God bless you all.

Ray Lopez

Ray Lopez, PSD
Supreme Regional Growth Director

SK Bob E Masse Jr. (2012-2014)

State Deputy Nick Nielson, Fathers, State Officers and my brother Knights all.

As a Past State Deputy, I have been asked to write a few words of wisdom, not sure I can fill that bill but I'll give it a shot.

I commend the State Deputy and all the State Officers for an outstanding year, you all have really stepped up and are meeting the challenges specially in this year of the pandemic.

Looking back to 2012 - 2013 trying to achieve Supreme's membership quota seemed monumental. Yet with everyone working as a team, we achieved our goals. My State officers and District Deputies where the greatest team a State Deputy could have asked for, thank you for all your hard work. I remember Supreme pulled all State Deputies and State Secretaries to New Haven, and drilled into us that each jurisdiction had to create a team. In 2011 Utah was number 1 in the Order. In 2012, we tied with Poland, in 2013 Poland beat us and Utah was second.

With what's going on in the world, Utah State Deputy Nielson has done a great job of keeping the team together and motivated, with new ideas. I feel this is Nick's year, God bless!

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Masse, Jr.

Bob Masse, Jr., PSD

SK Jerald P. Hanten (2014-2016)

State Officers, Brothers, and families,

The last year has been a trial for most people. Last year I had major surgery with my knee replacement and my wife having health issues, we had to start slow and stay at home as much as possible. We developed new habits or a new normal which meant going to Mass via internet, shopped for groceries online, and visited via Zoom or other media.

Hopefully we are in the final throws of this pandemic and things will get back to "Normal". Will this be the old normal or a modified new normal? The Knights can help with this. Encourage people to get back to church and build our religious community by leading with example. You can help establish this normal with your support in the upcoming year at church and in the community. Maybe contact your parishioners to let them know the happening in your church or welcome and thank people new and old when come to church or any events.

The knights have always been up front but now we need to be even more visible. Put that special effort into establishing the new "Normal." Family and church will still be an important aspect to everyone's life and our presence in those lives will generate interest and the opportunity to help. People will be looking to us to lead the way so focus on programs that can bring people together but keep in mind the new protocols. Social distancing and sanitation will be a large part of any gathering.

Keep doing what we do and help bring our distant members back into the fold. The importance of church, family, and community will be even more important as people come out of their isolation.

Good luck in the upcoming year.

Jerry Hanten

Jerald P Hanten, PSD

SK Andy Airriess (2016-2018)

Quick show of hands, who wants another year like the last one? Anybody? Wow, nobody. Not a big surprise. Who would really want to live through that again? We're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel though, so there is that. The virus has made being a Knight difficult, but not impossible. Those who need us, our clergy and fellow parishioners, those with MS, those who are cold, homeless, need blood for their operations, hungry, or just want a chance to compete . . . guess what? Their challenges won't all go away when the virus does. For some, their challenges will never go away. We are needed now more than ever. That means more hours, more events, more of the things we all said we wanted during the lockdown. Now's our chance.

As things brighten and we move closer to the inviting light at the end of the tunnel, it is time NOW to ramp up our efforts. Rather than going from 0-60 in a month, start now and go to 20 next month, 40, then 60. Bring in those new members now and rather than starting them off in the deep end, wade there with them. You know as well as I do that the deep end is where the fun is, but it can be overwhelming to start there.

Being a Knight has been a highlight in my life. I have met some of the best people I have ever known in my brother Knights. I have been given opportunities to help people I never would have otherwise. My faith life has never been better, thanks to resources that otherwise would have been unknown to me. I hope you feel the same about your years with the Knights. I hope you want to offer to those who need the Knights in their life the opportunity to live the Knight life. I hope you offer help to those who need your help, the help the Knights can provide, and benefit us as much as it benefits them. This is the charity that gladdens the heart of the giver. Sound familiar?

Andy Airriess

Andy Airriess, PSD

SK Greg Keller (2018-2020)

Best thing about being an Immediate Past State Deputy (IPSD) is that instead of having a plate full of tasks to do, I only have a handful now. My previous two years as State Deputy was interesting, challenging and momentous. Over the course of those two years many noteworthy changes occurred.

We changed the way we did business in the state, and we changed our means of communication. Another long-standing tradition changed. We transitioned to the new Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. That was a BIG change. We also now have electronic Form 100s – who'd of thought. Another significant milestone was how we helped abortion-minded women choose life by viewing their unborn children at three pregnancy resources centers around the state through our ultrasound initiative program. We purchased and blessed the 4th ultrasound machine which replaced the aging unit servicing the Brigham City area.

Then came March 2020. Between COVID-19 and earthquakes, the world changed for all of us. Social distancing, teleworking, staying at home, washing hands and wearing facemasks became our new daily normal. One of the casualties of the pandemic was the transition to virtual meetings, but we worked together and pressed on through those challenging times. The 2020 State Convention was dramatically changed to an abbreviated online meeting with none of the social gathering we all look forward to every year. The State Award Announcements, typically presented at the State Convention Banquet, were also conducted virtually. We have all learned a lot about this new world we are living in and have modified our lives accordingly.

Even though this is a 4th Degree item, starting on July 1, 2019 the historic change to retire the classic Regalia and switch to the new Fourth Degree uniform took effect. This change affected all of us 4th Degree members who had been wearing regalia for many years. A new uniform - the same mission.

I am proud to have served you as State Deputy and am proud of what we accomplished as we carried out those two years themes of “Many Hands Make Light Work” and “Putting our Faith into Action”. Special thanks to my wife Kathy for helping me through the state officer ranks and for all your support and hard work the previous two years. Looking forward to working with all of you into the future.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller

Greg Keller, Immediate Past State Deputy

2018-2019



2019-2020



2020-2021



Necrology Report

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

In Utah, 21 councils reported 52 brother Knights who passed away this year. In commemoration of their lives and their service to the Knights of Columbus, I respectfully submit these brothers for the 2020-2021 Necrology report. Two additional priests with a connection to the diocese are also listed. "May the souls of our dearly departed brothers rest in peace."

Clergy

Rev. Clyde Curnutte
Rev. Reynato Rodillas (5502)
Rev. Ublad Rugirangoga

Council 602

Robert R. Richter

Council 777

Frank Delgado
Maximino (Max) Perez
Mike Romero
Benny Vialpando
Robert Yannacone

Council 1129

Harold Hardin
J. Kent Howard
Randy Spagnoletti

Council 5214

Ernesto Cordova
Jeremy Jacques
Joe Whiteman

Council 5347

David L. Garza
Alan McDonald
Richard (Leon) Scoffield

Council 5502

Edward Larrabee
Erik Mathiesen
Tubber Okuda

Council 6010

Victor DeCaria
Valentine Ott

Council 6147

Max Aragon
Amedeo Beacco

Council 6739

Fred Gilman
Leonard J. Stalliviere
Joaquin Jaramillo
Nabor Medina

Council 7401

George Gudac

Council 8350

Marco Rojas

Council 9731

Joseph Garcia

Council 9849

Carl Welch

Council 10304

Lynn Adams
Michael Halloran
Antonio Rincon

Council 10733

John Burgess
Manuel Gonzales
Lou V. Holdener
Arthur F. See
Louie Tan

Council 11246

Eugene Kadera
Williams Sommers

Council 11479

Don Carroll
Robert Meyer
Ken Stracke
Douglas Tuite

Council 12181

Larry Gonzalez
George Johnson

Council 13297

James Christopher Cage

Council 14239

William Rich

Council 14339

Ernest Bertagnolli
Carl Santoro
Gary Thompson

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary