



# Utah State Update



## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

I want to start this month's newsletter by closing out some items from the previous fraternal year. First off, I want to announce the fourth quarter and year end recruitment incentive winners. Congratulations to our winners and a huge thank you for your efforts last year:

- Q4 Top Recruiter – Dennis Martinez (6010) with 4 new members - \$100
- Q4 GK with most new members – Paul Buckley (15418) 225% of quota in Q4 with 9 new members - \$50
- Q4 Top DD – Mark Dylla District 10 with 500% of quarterly goal - \$50
- Q4 Top Council (recruitment, safe environment, and forms) – St Ambrose Council 15418 - \$100

- Year-end Council with highest % of online members – St Olaf Council 5502 - \$250 Per Capita credit
- Year-end Top Recruiter – Gene Trombetti (1129) with 9 new members - \$200

Next up, I want to explain what the state did with the money received last year that wasn't used. Ordinarily the state has a very tight budget but due to the pandemic we were unable to do a lot of the things that were planned. I made the decision to give the money back to the councils that was unused in the form of a Per Capita credit. We calculated how many active members we had in the state and were able to give you back \$3.50 per active member you are billed. This resulted in a 30% reduction to your council's state per capita this fraternal year. Unlike Supreme, the state per capita provides the only income we have for operating but given the pandemic and inability to hold activities last year I wanted to make sure we assisted the councils and helped get off to a great start this year. By now you should have received your Per Capita invoice from our State Secretary showing this credit. Any questions please let me know.

The heat of the summer months is in FULL SWING but hopefully that doesn't stop your councils from being active. I'm excited to report I was able to participate in the Foursomes for Fisher House golf tournament sponsored by Council 12181 and Assembly 2577. I participated in the charity trap shoot sponsored by Council 7401 in Vernal and had an absolute BLAST! See what I did there, "full swing" followed by golf and trap shoot followed by "blast" – *maybe I should leave the jokes to the professionals.*

I am very excited to be participating in the Council 14399 golf tournament coming up on August 10th and I heard Council 11426 in Cedar City has started doing movie nights. This is awesome! We don't stop having Mass during the summer and our parishes and communities need the Knights – so why would we take the summer off? If your council is doing an activity, please let the state know so we can help promote it and I want to attend if possible. If your council doesn't have anything planned, ask why and what you can do. Get started on the COVID Recovery Program [[www.KofC.org/CRP](http://www.KofC.org/CRP)] and help your parishes by sponsoring an activity. Also, those activities are a great way to engage your membership and recruit new men that have been longing for something to do over the past year and half.

As I mentioned at the Organizational meeting, I want us to improve on last year. We had 11 new members last July but only 4 this year. I need your help if we are going to improve. I look forward to this month and seeing what you can do. Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

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State Deputy  
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## Holy Father's Prayer Intention

### The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis



## THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

August is often considered the transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and vacations and prepare for Autumn — back to school, fall festivals, harvest time, etc. The Church in her holy wisdom has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allow the faithful to celebrate the major feasts in the life of Christ and Mary.

Most notably, during [August](#), we celebrate the feast of the **Transfiguration** (August 6) and the feast of the **Assumption** (August 15).

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH DRAWING— WINNERS FROM UTAH

Family of the Month submissions are due by the 15th for the previous month and are reported on [Form 10784](#) (online by any Knight). Each month all the submissions from Utah are entered into a (random) drawing for a Holy Family Icon. The odds are good, even if all 37 Utah councils submit!

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

**August 2020:** 12181. Winner was the Guy Allen Family.

**September 2020:** 5502, 9849, 12181, & 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was Rich Atkins Family of Council 9849.

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

**November 2020:** 11479 & 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was Palmer Masumbe-Netongo Family of Council 11479.

**December 2020:** 5502, 12181, 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was the Deacon Scott Dodge Family of Council 5502.

**January 2021:** 5214, 11479, 12181, 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was the Rafael Castillo Family from Council 5214.

**February 2021:** 11479 & 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was the Deacon Jeff J. Allen Family of Council 13297.

**March 2021:** 5502 & 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was the Joseph Bouley Family of Council 5502.

**April 2021:** 12181 & 13297. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was the Scott Milton Family of Council 12181.

**May 2021:** 5502. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was the Jay Disberger Family.

**June 2021:** 12181. ([Full report.](#)) Winner was the Luke Mercier Family.

**Start the year off strong! Submit your July “Family of the Month” by August 15th!** Last year we had 30 total submissions (from only 6 different councils), averaging 2.5 each month. We can do better! New to the program? More information is online at [www.KofC.org/FamilyOfTheMonth](http://www.KofC.org/FamilyOfTheMonth)

## CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Online Resources: [Faith in Action](#) - [Community Programs](#) - [Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest](#); Chairman is [Sir Knight William McCauley, FMFD, FDD](#)

### A Higher Purpose

Encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Open to all qualifying Catholic students.

### Overview

This contest encourages today’s youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values.

*In an essay of 500-750 words, describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow.*

Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” - James 1:2-4

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Online Resources: [Faith in Action](#) - [Family Programs](#) - [Keep Christ in Christmas](#); Chairman is [Sir Knight William McCauley, FMFD, FDD](#)

### A Higher Purpose

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities. Councils will evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations and a variety of activities.

### Overview

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. It can also provide excellent local, and potentially international, publicity for your Council.

The Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of November 1.

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups — ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10 and 11 through 14. Each local, district, regional or jurisdictional competition may have up to 9 winning entries — a first, second, and third place winner in each age group. Posters are due to the Council on December 15.

Entrants will be judged on Slogan – How clearly is the theme presented; Visuals – How well do the visuals convey the message; and Overall Impact – How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic.

# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Brothers,

I would like to thank all of our amazing Program Chairmen. Some of you are experienced chairs and some of you have just joined the ranks. **Thank you all!** Everyone will be recognized in our State Directory created by our worthy State Secretary. We are going to have a great year. I would also like to thank our State Deputy and State Secretary for recruiting many of you awesome Program Chairmen. These programs do not happen without your involvement. Everyone please pass the word that we are looking for a **Science Fair Chairman**. This is an important position and one of the large programs for the Utah Knights. This program has history much like our Coats for Kids, poster and essay contests, soccer challenge, Free Throw Championship, well shoot all of our programs are amazing and important. I'm just trying to say this is another one for the kids, and it really needs someone to give it attention. Someone please step up and be our Science Fair Chair. Trust me your State Team will have your back and the Juan Diego Team also has the Fair honed in. All you need to do is help organize and promote. If you are interested call me, Ryan "LongBeard" Graveley at 801-835-0450.



Utah Knights we are going to get stuff done again this year and we are going to have fun doing it. I love programs and programs love you.

Vivat Jesus!

**Ryan Graveley**

Utah State Treasurer & State Program Director

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**State Program Directors and Chairmen** [www.UtahKnights.org/directory/#directors](http://www.UtahKnights.org/directory/#directors)

**Faith in Action Programs** [www.KofC.org/FaithInAction](http://www.KofC.org/FaithInAction)

**Life Programs** [www.KofC.org/Life](http://www.KofC.org/Life)

**Faith Programs** [www.KofC.org/Faith](http://www.KofC.org/Faith)

**Community Programs** [www.KofC.org/Community](http://www.KofC.org/Community)

**Family Programs** [www.KofC.org/Family](http://www.KofC.org/Family)

**Member Interest Survey (#1842, online)** <https://forms.gle/iqTNQry1FDGHNpXP8>

**Fraternal Leader Success Calendar 2021-2022**  
[www.KofC.org/un/en/resources/membership/fraternal-leader-success-planner5033.pdf](http://www.KofC.org/un/en/resources/membership/fraternal-leader-success-planner5033.pdf)

**Fraternal Leader Success Calendar 2021-2022...in Spanish!**  
[www.KofC.org/es/resources/membership/fraternal-leader-success-planner5033.pdf](http://www.KofC.org/es/resources/membership/fraternal-leader-success-planner5033.pdf)

## RECRUITING REPORT

We can't have programs without members, so let's see which councils have recruited as of July 29, 2021.

Council	Grand Knight	Location	% QUOTA	YTD NET	QUOTA
602	Rene Contreras	Cathedral	20%	1	5
1129	John Carty	Park City	17%	1	6
7961	Miguel Vega	Saint Joseph the Worker	25%	1	4
11479	Mark Koltiska	Saint Thomas More	14%	1	7
15418	Paul B Buckley	Saint Ambrose	20%	1	5

The above shows Council 7961 in first place so far for the **Fast Start BBQ** (see page 7).

### DD Q1 INCENTIVE – BUILDING THE FOUNDATION (Incentive from Supreme Council)

DISTRICT	DD NAME	YTD %
11	Beau Parent	20%
2	Paul Tinker	8%
6	Mike Middlemiss	8%
3	Larry Page	7%

Every District Deputy whose district has an intake of 40% or more of the annual district quota will receive a custom Knights of Columbus polo shirt and a coin or medallion depicting Charity.

Similar contests will be run in each quarter and District Deputies who qualify in all four quarters will earn the prizes for the [Year Long DD Incentive](#).



- Any Day** [www.kofc.org/ceremonials](http://www.kofc.org/ceremonials)
- MM/DD** **Event/Activity**
- 8/3-8/4** **Virtual Supreme Convention**  
[www.KofC.org/Convention](http://www.KofC.org/Convention)
- 8/13** **Blessed Michael McGivney's Memorial**
- 8/14** **Family of the Month Due!**  
**Use Form 10784 !**
- 8/15** **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 8/15** **Council Audit Due**  
[Form 1295](http://www.KofC.org/Form1295)
- 8/19** **Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Council 15418, SLC**
- 8/26** **Supreme Webinar: "Faith in Action & Your Council"**
- 9/6** **Labor Day**
- 9/10—9/12** **Greek Festival in SLC**
- 9/11** **World Day of Prayer for Peace**
- 9/14** **Family of the Month Due!**  
**Use Form 10784 !**
- 9/18** **Diocesan Pastoral Congress (in the parishes)**
- 9/18** **Council 5502 [Steak Fry](#)**
- 9/19** **[CANCELED](#)**  
**[Carmelite Fair 2021](#)**
- 9/25** **Parade—[IrishInUtah.com](http://IrishInUtah.com)**
- 9/29** **Feast of the Archangels (Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael)**
- 10/1-10/2** **Provincial Meeting hosted by Utah District Master at Saint Ambrose in SLC.**
- 10/3** **Life Chain (Council 12181)**
- 10/8** **[Banquet for Life](#) (for the SLC Pregnancy Resource Center)**
- 10/14** **Family of the Month Due!**  
**Use Form 10784 !**
- 11/6** **Fourth Degree Exemplification by Assembly 1144, in Kearns**
- 11/14** **Family of the Month Due!**  
**Use Form 10784 !**

## UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER



### District Master

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### Father Dominguez Assy. #1144

Serving Councils: 5214, 7961,  
8350, 10304

### Father Escalante Assy. #1146

Serving Councils: 1136, 8606,  
9561

Brother Knights,

We will be returning to the post COVID normal. Our meetings will be starting up in person again. I would encourage those assemblies which cover larger areas to consider using the blended approach so that those Sir Knights coming from longer distances could participate remotely using a Zoom, GoToMeeting or another service.

The Planned Fourth Degree Exemplifications for 2021-2022 are:

#### November 6, 2021

Fr. Dominquez Assembly 1144  
Saint Francis Xavier (Kearns)  
4501 W 55215 S Kearns Utah 84118

#### February 12, 2022

Rev Msgr. Robert C Pollock Assembly 3586  
Saint Olaf (Bountiful)  
276 East 1700 South Bountiful Ut 84010

#### May 21, 2022 – Southern Utah

St. John Paul II Assembly 3501 -**OR**- Bishop Scanlan Assembly 2393. Will be determined Sept 12th.

#### TBD—Clergy Exemplification

Schedules of events will be set and posted on the state website at [UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/](http://UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/)



*“Sir Knight is more than a title...it’s an honor.”*



### Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

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

### Carbon Assy. # 1570

Serving Councils: 2611, 5663,  
6147, 7401

### Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393

Serving Council: 10733

### Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577

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

### Padre Pio Assy. #2636

Serving Councils: 1129, 14764,  
15418

### Saint John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

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

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

### Msgr. John J. Sullivan Assy. # 3758

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731,  
11812, 17140

### Star Assembly and Civic Award Planning for 2021-2022

The year can be planned with scheduling just one program or activity per quarter. Every Assembly should be able to achieve the Civic Award. District Master activities that will qualify each Assembly are listed below:

- **Kids in Crisis – Stuffed Animals**

Salt Lake City and South Salt Lake have agreed to take animals this year. So get your collection to DM Dick.

- **Veterans Assistance: Socks for Heroes and BVD (Brother Veterans Drawers).**

These programs are going ahead in the 4th Quarter 2021. DM checking on sock sources again this year for availability.

- **APSC (American Patriot Service Corp)**

Campaign will be conducted 1st Quarter 2022.

- **Scholarship Raffles**

Tickets will be distributed to Councils and Assemblies by Scholarship coordinator FVSM Chuck Dover Jr., PSD.

**JOHN H. REDDIN PROVINCIAL MEETING** will be hosted by the Utah District this year with VSM Richard Espinoza presiding. A dinner will be held on Friday, October 1, 2021. Provincial meeting will be held at Saint Ambrose Social Hall on October 2nd with Mass and dinner following in the evening. Daily detail of the events, menus, and wives' activities will be provided in August.

### DM ASSEMBLY VISITS

I am still looking forward to attending more Assembly events at every assembly across the state of Utah during this new year. [Installation of officers](#) has been completed at Rev. Thomas J. Meersman Assembly 2577 and is scheduled in Cedar City on September 12th for both Bishop Scanlan Assembly 2393 (St. George) and Saint John Paul II Assembly 3501 (Cedar City).

**50 Year Celebration** for Carbon Assembly 1570 in Eastern Utah will be held on Friday December 10th in Price, Utah at the Country Club starting at 6:00 PM.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

### Richard (Dick) F. Hall

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[www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/) (for more information and the “Form 4” application to join)

[tinyurl.com/UT4th](http://tinyurl.com/UT4th) is a quick link into the Fourth Degree Calendar.

## IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Council 7401

**Henry Vigil**, 07/16/2021

Council 7961

**Cruz Chavez**, 07/09/2021

Council 13646

**Richard Stott**, 05/25/2021

*Eternal rest grant upon them and may perpetual light shine upon them.* Please pray a Hail Mary in honor of all our fallen brothers.

In addition to the council's Financial Secretary notifying the supreme council when a member dies, please remember to also let Bill Kelly know at [StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org](mailto:StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org)

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## STATE COUNCIL WEBSITE TRAINING PAGE

Looking for more information on how to be effective in your (new) KofC role? [www.UtahKnights.org/Training](http://www.UtahKnights.org/Training) is the page to visit! It's also listed on the **RESOURCES** menu for easy access!

The monthly training by [State Training](#) Director Jerry Angus, FDD is listed for advance registration, or review after. Ken White hosts [Regional Training](#) with over a dozen topics he regularly covers. **Page 9.** Webinars by the [supreme council](#) are also listed for easy reference.

## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE — AUGUST 2021

This month, I challenge you to pray every day as an individual or as a family, asking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney to live in a more prayerful home, perhaps using the [prayer for his canonization](#). Second, I challenge you to assist your council in the [Faith in Action Family Prayer Night](#) or [Family Week](#) program, incorporating devotions to Father McGivney into your efforts.

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights, here we are in August already where one month of our new fraternal year has passed so quickly. It is good to see that councils are meeting in person again and starting to have events in their Parishes. I attended four council meetings in July and was truly amazed at the energy level among our brother knights to get back out there and revitalize our program efforts across our State.

I would like to congratulate our 17 new GKs and DGKs for FY21-22. Thanks for stepping up to the challenge to lead your councils and continue the great works of your predecessors to support the works of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. A special thank you to those councils and assemblies who have submitted their officer reports. We still have a few more (9) outstanding so please send those into

Supreme as soon as you can and provide me a copy so I can complete the state directory sooner than later. Speaking of which, I sent our leaders and chairmen draft one of the state directory on July 23rd. Please review and provide me with any updates, changes or corrections. I need your help to ensure the information contained within is accurate. If for some reason you did not receive a copy, please email or call me and I will send you the latest draft version.

On July 16th, I sent out the FY21-22 State Per Capita invoices. You will note that the state applied a credit to your per capita of \$3.50 per active member in your council as of April 1st. This credit was based on unused funds from FY20-21 for unexecuted activities and programs based on the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thanks to the 6 councils who already have sent me their payment already.

The Service Personnel Program Report is past due! I need some help in this area. Based on Supremes' report from July 22nd, there are 25 councils who have not submitted this report. Although this report lists 14 positions, only 5 directors are required (Program (PD), Community (CD), Family (FD), Membership, and Retention) to acquire credit for submission. Please file this report online using the council administration tab in Member Management. This will save you a lot of time by pointing, clicking, selecting and submitting with your mouse as opposed to typing in the old form.

Most of you are aware that the service personnel report directly impacts your council's safe environment credentialing for the upcoming FY. Please ensure before you appoint your program, community and family directors that they are willing to complete the safe environment training and have a local records (background) check performed on them. The training and background check must be completed **within 30 days of appointment** or unfortunately you will need to resubmit the report to reappoint them.

The next administrative report that will be coming due is your council audit report, due on August 15th. Assembly audits are due today (August 1st). We did very well on these last year getting several councils caught up on past filings. So besides some number crunching don't forget you need to acquire four signatures on the form before submitting. Thanks to the four councils who already submitted this report.

Lastly, as you finalize your budgets for this year don't forget to set aside some funds for the Christopher, Bishop's Vocations and Culture of Life, Military Vocations and State Scholarship funds.\* A sincere thank you to all of you who made fund contributions in the last two years during the trying COVID period.

Thank you for your assistance on these matters, and if any of you have any questions or issues please reach out to me at 801-541-7770, [utkofcstatesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:utkofcstatesecretary@gmail.com) or [kellywbill@msn.com](mailto:kellywbill@msn.com)

Vivat Jesus!

**Bill Kelly**

State Secretary

\* **"How Much Should My Council Give"** guidelines for donations collected for presentation at the State Convention are available online at [www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-State-Convention-Suggested-Donations-How\\_Much\\_Should\\_My\\_Council\\_Give\\_v2.pdf](http://www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-State-Convention-Suggested-Donations-How_Much_Should_My_Council_Give_v2.pdf) Please send any donations to the State Secretary before April 25th for inclusion in the state totals.

**Safe Environment Program information** [www.KofC.org/Safe](http://www.KofC.org/Safe)



# Education and Training



## STATE TRAINING WEBINAR!

**Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Tips for New Grand Knights**

Welcome new Grand Knights, let's start the new Fraternal Year with tips to help make your job easier:

1. Do you know how to make your [annual plan](#) to include your council budget and programs?
2. Ever hear of the [Fraternal Planer](#)?
3. How are your [meetings](#) going?
4. Do you use the [new meeting format](#)?

The registration link is <https://forms.gle/gNzvYkPQjFmFLwBu5> for the August 23rd training with State Training Director [Jerry Angus](#), FDD. Please register in advance to receive the GoToMeeting link via email on the day of the training. **What else would you like to learn about? No topic too big or too small!** Let Jerry know what you would like to learn!

The next **Supreme Webinar** is "Faith in Action and Your Council", details (and registration link) at [www.KofC.org/webinar](http://www.KofC.org/webinar).

## MEMBERSHIP

"There is always strength in numbers. The more individuals that you can rally to your cause, the better." Let's talk about numbers. The DDs and GKs have all received their membership targets for 2021-2022. Let's look at those numbers in a different way. The State needs about 180 new members this year. That means 15 new members a month, or 45 new members a quarter. We have 11 Districts, so that means 4 new members per District per quarter (or a little more than 1 per month). With 37 Councils, we need a little more than 1 new member per quarter. The secret for each GK and DD is not to worry about the total target, but **just get one new member, then worry about getting the next**, and so on.

There are resources available from Supreme and the State to recruit new members, but the best recruitment is your own Council. Let the men of your parish know what your council is planning to do this year. Ask your priest and deacons how the council can help them this year. Have a [Church Drive](#) [\[suggested timeline\]](#) or ask your priest to talk about the Knights from the pulpit. Advertise the Knights at every opportunity.

Many of you have probably spoken to a parishioner that was not interested in the Knights or would consider it when he is older. If the former does not see the value in what you do, ask him for his help in how he would like to see the Knights change. For the latter, now he is older; ask him again. Remember, every council activity is a membership opportunity.

Encourage those members who hold the old First or Second Degree to take the Unified Degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and then encourage their membership in the Patriotic Degree. Even our District Master has a target number to achieve.

"Success does not come from what you do occasionally. It comes from what you do consistently."

Vivat Jesus,  
**William McCauley**  
Membership Director

## UTAH RECRUITING INCENTIVES FOR 2021-2022

As announced at the state Organizational Meeting held June 26th at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Sandy.

- **Fast Start (July 1 through September 30)**
  - Best performing council by percentage of membership gain (with forms completed) gets a state hosted steak BBQ (approx. \$300). Minimum of 25% membership gain.
- **Quarterly** (Fourth Fraternal Quarter ends June 15, 2022 for this award)
  - Top Recruiter per quarter receives \$150 (minimum 3 Recruits).
  - If no winner in a Quarter, award money is added to the next quarter.
- **Yearly (thru June 15, 2022)**
  - Council with highest net membership gain for the year receives \$500 Per Capita credit

## REVIEW OF 2020-2021 UTAH MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE WINNERS

**Monthly Council Challenge**—Padfolio and pen to first Grand Knight and a randomly selected recruiter to bring on a new member each month.

|                                                                                                 |                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul: GK SK George H. Jockisch (5214); Recruiter Bill Kelly (12181).                             | Aug: GK SK George H. Jockisch (5214); Recruiter Eric T. Domyan (14764). |
| Sep: GK Mike Sweetland (9849); Recruiter Nick Nielson (5502).                                   | Oct: GK Joe Nesi (5502); Recruiter Joe Bouley (5502).                   |
| Nov: GK Louis Mandrigues (10733); Ray Lopez (1136).                                             | Dec: GK Mike Sweetland (9849); Rafael Castillo (5214).                  |
| Jan: <b>TIE!</b> GK Richard Houghton (16127) & GK Scott Lewis (12181); Steven Thatcher (12181). |                                                                         |
| Feb: GK Chris Barrera (14239); Alfred E Hollywood Jr (9849).                                    | Mar: GK Joe Nesi (5502); George J Lukasiewicz (15418).                  |
| Apr: GK Chad D Alessandro (6966); Cody Rasmussen (12181)                                        | May: GK Paul Buckley (15418); Tom Crary (10733)                         |
| Jun: GK Michael Dannemueller (14399); Bob Masse, Jr. (5214)                                     |                                                                         |

### Insurance Challenge

\$250 per quarter for council with highest % of council attending online fraternal benefits presentations. Paid to the council's charity of choice.

Q1: Council 7961 (Coats for Kids) \* Q2: Council 12181 (donated to the parish) \* Q3 and Q4 : No Winner (none scheduled by a council)

### Q2 Council Per-Capita Challenge

Top council gets (up to a) \$250 per-capita credit for 2021-2022. Winning council must recruit at least five (5) new members in Q2. No winner.

**Quarterly Best Performing Council**—Highest membership growth & forms are current (& safe environment compliant). \$100 to parish or priest.

|                                          |                                                   |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Q1: Council 602 (Cathedral Parish)       | Q2: Council 9849 (Saint James the Just, Ogden)    |
| Q3: Council 5502 (Saint Olaf, Bountiful) | Q4: Council 15418 (Saint Ambrose, Salt Lake City) |

**Top Recruiter Per Quarter** (min 3) \$100, ties will be split.

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| Q1 & Q2: N/A (minimum not met) | Q3: Gene Trombetti (Field Agent) | Q4: Dennis Martinez (6010) |
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**Top Grand Knight** Most members recruited per quarter (must have forms up to date) \$50.00

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| Q1: Scott Lewis (12181) | Q2: Robert Dieringer (1129) | Q3: Joe Nesi (5502) | Q4: Paul Buckley (15418) |
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**Top District Deputy**—\$50 per quarter to top DD who achieves his quarterly recruiting goal (and in Q3 holds a district meeting).

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| Q1: Andy Beck DD#1 | Q2: Frank Lesar DD#11 | Q3: Paul Tinker DD#2 | Q4: Mark Dylla DD#10 |
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**Money in the Bank**—\$250 per-capita credit to council with largest year end online membership intake into the council: Council 5502

**Most Knights in the Year**—\$200 to recruiter: Gene Trombetti (1129; Field Agent)

**Fast Start (Q1)** - State hosted BBQ for best performing council by percentage of membership for Q1

Council 9849; at the council's request, \$250 was donated to Coats for Kids instead of BBQ.

## KOFC FIELD AGENT GENE TROMBETTI RETIRES

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement as a Knight of Columbus Field Agent effective September 1, 2021. The opportunity to retire early has presented itself and my wife Amy and I are excited to begin our new adventure. We will be moving to Kansas to be with family and to Florida to be with the beach.

When I first began as a Field Agent, I thought how great this would be. Over time I realized that this was more than a job, it was a vocation. Protecting Catholic families and sharing the vision of our founder Blessed Father Michael J McGivney has given me more blessings than I could ever imagine.

I wish I could have thanked you all in person, but that was not possible. I would have thanked you for inviting me into your house and getting to know your families. I would have thanked you for your friendships. I would have thanked you for the meals that we shared. I would have thanked for all the good works that you do every day. And most of all, I would have thanked for allowing me to help you take care of your families.

It has been my pleasure being your Agent and friend. I may be leaving, but I'll never be more than a call away. And if you ever find your way to Kansas or Florida let me know, I would love to catch up.

Please contact **Matt McCarthy** for all your insurance needs. He can be reached at **(216) 355-7591** and his office is located at **824 E South Temple, Suite 4, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

Vivat Jesus!

God Bless!

Gene Trombetti

## VIRTUAL 2021 SUPREME CONVENTION

You're invited! The 2021 Supreme Convention will be held virtually on August 3-4, 2021 and the Utah Delegation will be gathering together at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church (2315 E. Redondo Ave, Salt Lake City). Join us in the Social Center (located in the church basement) where we will project the video. The dress code is relaxed, a KofC polo shirt is recommended.

There are five items on the convention agenda. The times below are MDT (Utah time).

**Tuesday, August 3:** 4:30 PM Opening Mass (75 minutes); 6:00 PM Supreme Knight's Annual Report (70 minutes).

**Wednesday, August 4:** 8:00 AM Modified Business Session (Members Only); 12:15 PM Awards Session; 1:00 PM Memorial Mass (75 minutes).

Our official Utah delegates (State Deputy Nick Nielson and Immediate Past State Deputy Greg Keller) have plenty of convention experience and can explain things to any newcomers! If you're interested, but can't join us in person? Visit [www.KofC.org/convention](http://www.KofC.org/convention) (remember, times listed are Eastern, so subtract 2 hours for Mountain time in Utah.) Follow the official KofC [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts for a close-up look at the convention proceedings. Video coverage will also be provided by [EWTN](#), [Salt + Light Television](#) and the [CatholicTV Network](#).

## LIFE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

It is a pleasure to be writing to you as the new State Life Director for Utah. Former Life Director Bob Van Parys has stepped down from this role. I have had the pleasure to get to know and work with Bob over the last few years. He has been and continues to be a strong advocate for the unborn. I would like to thank Bob for his dedication and service both to the Knights as well as to the Life cause.

A little about me: I am a member of Council 12181 at St. John the Baptist parish in Draper where I currently serve as the Council Advocate and Life Director. I am also a fourth degree member of Assembly 2577. The move to Utah was in 2016 from my hometown of Portland, Oregon. In my free time I love to be in the outdoors – hiking, trail running, fly fishing, skiing, snowshoeing, etc. I love to read, cook, learn, travel, and spend time with family & friends. In my professional life, I practice residential architecture.

In the coming weeks, **I would like to make a greater connection with as many of the Council Life Directors** as I can so that we can share information, events and support each other's work and so that I can support you in any way I can. To facilitate communication, I would like to build our Life Director Google Group list. Therefore, I am asking all Grand Knights to please share this link with your Life Director so that they can sign up for our Life Director Google Group - [bit.ly/3fc2LMd](https://bit.ly/3fc2LMd)

In the coming months, I will share with you upcoming events and/or noteworthy news. You can mark your calendars now for the **Life Chain** on October 3, 2021 from 1-2 PM at 10600 South State Street in Sandy. More details will be coming about the event, and how you could participate.

Brothers, work in this arena is not easy — especially if you step out onto the streets and the front lines. But our call as Catholics, as Knights, and as men is to protect, defend and support life from conception to natural death. With over 60 million babies lost to abortion in this country alone since the passing of Roe v. Wade we have a lot of work to do. So let's get busy!

I will leave you with a short 12-minute video entitled [Sing a Little Louder](#). Based on a true story, it is haunting but sums up our moment in history. Will you take a stand for life or will you sing a little louder? I encourage you to watch it to the end. [vimeo.com/188304069](https://vimeo.com/188304069)

Vivat Jesus!

**Patrick Schmitt**

Life Director, Utah

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## COATS FOR KIDS

It's that time again for the annual appeal for **Coats for Kids!** As the new chairman, I'm reaching out to all councils and assemblies to donate or make a pledge to donate. The State Council wants to work with every council on distribution throughout Utah, what ever it takes to work with you all. Please, if your council can pledge a dollar amount and make payment by the middle of September, I would be grateful! I know some councils have their own distributions, but as the new chairman I don't know which councils those are, **so please tell me!**

The timeline is to order (and pay for) the coats from [KnightsGear.com](#) by the middle of September for a delivery in early October. We will start distributing the coats before Halloween and finish up before Thanksgiving. **PLEASE HELP!**

Thank you, and God bless!

**Robert Masse Jr.**, PSD, FN Assembly 1144

Coats for Kids Chairman

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## WHAT DO THESE HAVE IN COMMON?

- Bishop's Vocation Fund
- Christopher Fund
- [Coats for Kids](#)
- Culture of Life Fund
- KofC Diocesan Science Fair (**See Page 3**)
- [Military Vocations Scholarship Fund](#)
- [MS Walk](#)
- Seminarian Support ([RSVP](#))
- [Special Olympics](#)
- [State Scholarship](#)

They aren't funded by the council's per capita payment to the state. **They are supported solely by donations.** Please remember to budget for their support and conduct fundraisers as needed.



## WEBINAR SCHEDULE AUGUST 2021—WESTERN REGION

Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Contact [Ken.White@KofC.org](mailto:Ken.White@KofC.org) with any questions. Click the topic to access the registration page.

**Tip:** Check for updates on the state website at [www.UtahKnights.org/Training/#Regional](http://www.UtahKnights.org/Training/#Regional)

| <u>DATE</u>                | <u>TIME</u> | <u>WEBINAR TOPIC</u>                                                            |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, August 2, 2021     | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">The Delta Church Drive System</a>                                   |
| Tuesday, August 3, 2021    | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">Council Growth</a>                                                  |
| Wednesday, August 4, 2021  | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">You Are Your Programs</a>                                           |
| Thursday, August 5, 2021   | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">Enhancing Member Experience by Creating a Culture of Engagement</a> |
| Friday, August 6, 2021     | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">Grand Knight Basic Training</a>                                     |
| Saturday, August 7, 2021   | 9:00 AM     | <a href="#">Saturday With Supreme</a>                                           |
| Monday, August 9, 2021     | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">The District Deputies Guide to New Council Development</a>          |
| Tuesday, August 10, 2021   | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">Working With Your Pastor</a>                                        |
| Wednesday, August 11, 2021 | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">New Meeting Guidelines</a>                                          |
| Thursday, August 12, 2021  | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">COVID Recovery Program</a>                                          |
| Monday, August 16, 2021    | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">The Delta Church Drive System</a>                                   |
| Tuesday, August 17, 2021   | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">Council Growth</a>                                                  |
| Wednesday, August 18, 2021 | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">You Are Your Programs</a>                                           |
| Thursday, August 19, 2021  | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">Enhancing Member Experience by Creating a Culture of Engagement</a> |
| Saturday, August 21, 2021  | 9:00 AM     | <a href="#">Saturday With Supreme</a>                                           |
| Monday, August 23, 2021    | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">The District Deputies Guide to New Council Development</a>          |
| Tuesday, August 24, 2021   | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">Working With Your Pastor</a>                                        |
| Wednesday, August 25, 2021 | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">New Meeting Guidelines</a>                                          |
| Thursday, August 26, 2021  | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">COVID Recovery Program</a>                                          |
| Tuesday, August 31, 2021   | 7:00 PM     | <a href="#">Cultivating Parish Success: Investing in Key Relationships</a>      |

## SUPREME WEBINAR

Details of the upcoming webinar will be published online at [www.KofC.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/082621.html](http://www.KofC.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/082621.html)

Save the date and register for the webinar now by clicking [HERE](#).

The archive of previous Supreme Council Webinars is online at [www.KofC.org/Webinar](http://www.KofC.org/Webinar) and covers all of the last fraternal year.

## STATE TRAINING WEBINARS

The archive of previous Utah State Council Training webinars is on the state council website at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State). They are scheduled for 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of the month.

See **Page 6** for details on the August 23, 2021 webinar.

Utah Training Director Jerry Angus, FDD, is interested to hear your training suggestions. What topics would you like to know more about? Is there a process or form that needs some explanation? Contact Jerry from the state website at [www.UtahKnights.org/Knight/Jerry-Angus/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/Knight/Jerry-Angus/)



### FAITH IN ACTION & YOUR COUNCIL

*Thurs., Aug. 26, 2021 | 8:00 PM EDT*

Save the date and register now.



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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Brothers,

Here it is August already...and the summer is more than halfway over. I hope that you are enjoying some rest and relaxation!

I can't seem to pick up anything to read, whether it's a newspaper, some type of news feed on my computer, or a periodical, without finding articles about retirement. With so many baby boomers getting to that age I guess I should expect it. Articles tell me how to boost my retirement, how to save for retirement, how to use certain plans to have a successful retirement. Some of these articles talk about maximizing the money that I've saved, some talk about maximizing my government benefits, some talk about how I can lower my taxes in retirement. Some articles talk about retirement without even retiring, they say keep on working or take on a new job in the gig economy

When I retire I want to do some of those things I've put off over my working years: spend more time with family, travel, get immersed in my hobbies...those kinds of things. I've begun a bucket list to keep track of all the things I'd like to do when I retire.

Here are a few of my thoughts about retirement:

1. I want to retire "to" something, not "from" something. Many believe that the rocking chair on the front porch kills retirees. Retirement means having something different to engage in, not simply sitting around and doing nothing.
2. "Begin with the end in sight." One of the seven habits of successful people as espoused by Stephen Covey. What do you want your retirement to look like? What do you want to do, where do you want to go, how do you want to continue to contribute to your church, your council, and your community?
3. Have goals and have a plan. If you begin with the end in sight, now you have to make a plan on how you want to get there. "Write It Down, Make It Happen", the book by Henriette Klauser might be helpful. A goal without a plan to get there is just a dream.

I've talked to a number of members and their spouses lately and retirement always comes up as a topic of conversation when we review their current situation. It doesn't seem to matter their age. I've had members as young as 35 and as old as 70 over the past couple of months want to talk about retirement and making sure that they're set at some point in the future. Let's face it, the 35 year old has a lot more time to plan. Time is an ally for him. As changes occur in the economy, he has time to make course corrections. He has time to contribute more to meet the family's income goals, he'll probably earn more as he progresses in his career. For the older member, time is no friend. Less time to earn income, less time to cope with the vagaries of the economy, and topped out in earning power.

That's where I can help. Our new financial needs analysis tool allows me to plug in your personal information and let you see where you stand. Are you accumulating enough funds to meet your retirement income goal? Are there ways to make sure you'll never run out of money in retirement? Is your money safe and secure, not following the whims of the market?

Let's get together and make sure you have a strategy to put you in the winner's circle.

Vivat Jesus,

The Raso Agency



## FOUNDER'S AWARD

This award recognizes excellence in your council's promotion of our top-rated insurance products. To win this award your council must host two approved Fraternal Benefit Seminars, in conjunction with your General Agent or Field Agent. If a council adequately promotes and participates in the event, they may submit the [Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form](#) (#11077) to their General Agent (that's Nate Raso) within 30 days of the event. All forms are due at the Supreme Office by June 30. Remember the advice Nate gave at the Organizational Meeting in June — "treat it like a program" and appoint a chairman!

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