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Utah State Update

BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY

We are starting our third month and coming to the end of the first quarter of the fraternal year and I hope you are doing well. Now is a great time to check in with your council and see where you are at or are you on track to achieve your goals for this year. Have you come up with a plan and have you started putting that plan into action? If not, it isn't too late!

The last couple of weekends I've reflected on the readings and gospels and I would like to share a couple of thoughts I had. The first thought comes from the second reading from last weekend in a letter from Saint James; "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." James is talking about putting our faith into action ... does this sound familiar? I've always said the Knights have something for everyone whether that be camaraderie and fraternity in gathering socially, charity in giving back to our community through our actions, or growing in and sharing our faith. Regardless of the reason we join, the Knights will help us in all areas and will help us become better Catholic men. The Knights over the last couple of years have us focusing on putting our faith into action by remaking our service model; we even call it "Faith in Action." Further on in the letter from Saint James he says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." Again, does this sound familiar? Care of widows and orphans are one of the main reasons the Knights of Columbus started.

So, as leaders of our councils and communities, are we putting our faith into action? Have you planned events and things for our members so that they can put their faith into action? Have you planned your councils two fraternal benefit events so we can share how the Knights can protect our families and care for orphans and widows?

My next thought comes from the gospel a couple of weeks ago where John tells us that many of Jesus' disciples were struggling, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" and many of the disciples left Jesus and "returned to their former way of life." Being a Catholic and putting our faith into action is hard, being a leader of our councils and a Knight of Columbus can be hard. But the rewards are great!

I ask that you lead your councils and community, put your faith into action, share your faith and recruit men to do what the Knights of Columbus does best. As I said, now is a great time to check in and see if you have a plan in place and are you moving forward with that plan; and if not, it isn't too late. It might be hard, but I know you are up to the challenge and you have brothers that will help you and resources. In your plans make sure you are recruiting and scheduling degrees so that you'll hit your membership growth goal. Make sure you have at least two fraternal benefit events planned and coordinated. And make sure you have your events

planned to achieve the goal of charity and ways of putting our faith into action. The state team and District Deputies are here for you and will help, just ask.

I want to recognize and thank the councils that are on their way toward their growth goals: Leading the way is Council 5347 in Brigham City, who has already achieved over 100% of their goal. Councils 7961 and 14399, who are 25% of the way toward their goal. Councils 602, 9849, 11479, 12181, 15418 who have recruited and have positive growth and on their way! Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson State Deputy StateDeputy@UtahKnights.org



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this. Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis



THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LA-DY OF SORROWS

September 15 is the memorial for <u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u> and dates back to the 12th century, with the fixed date established in 1913 by Pope Pius X,

During September, as in all of Ordinary Time, the Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ, but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels, and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for us to be a follower of Christ. During Ordinary Time we can concentrate more on the saints and imitate their holiness as Christ's followers.

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CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

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

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.

This year's topic is especially timely, as it encourages 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, 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.

All essays should be submitted to the local Council by **November 30, 2021** for judging. The Council needs to send up to five winning essays (one for each grade) to their District Deputy by **December 20, 2021**. Grand Knights, please report in an email to Bill McCauley the numbers of essays you received by grade. I need to receive up to five essays from each District (one in each grade) by **January 8, 2022** so the State judges can select the winning essays for Utah and submit them to Supreme by **January 31, 2022**.

Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and a check for \$25 (1st place), \$20 (2nd place), and \$15 (3rdplace) for the winning essays in each of the five (5) grade levels, for a maximum of \$300. Remember, this is a Faith in Action Community Program.

<u>Calendar Note:</u> January 8, 2022 is the day of the State Midyear Meeting in Bountiful, Utah. District Deputies can bring their winners to the meeting and not actually mail the winning district essays.

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

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** is open to ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10 and 11 through 14. The 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. Due dates for Utah Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest are:

Posters Completed by 12/15/2020.

Council Winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group) selected by 12/31/2021; First Place Winner to be submitted to District Deputy.

District Winners (if the district had entries from more than one Council) selected by 1/15/2022; First Place Winners submitted to State.

State Winners will be selected by 2/15 for submission to Supreme.

Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and a check for \$25 (1st place), \$20 (2nd place), and \$15 (3rd place) for the winning posters in each of the three age groups, for a maximum of \$180.

<u>Calendar Note:</u> January 8, 2022 (a week earlier than the deadline given above) is the day of the State Midyear Meeting in Bountiful, Utah. If they're ready, District Deputies can bring their winners to the meeting and not mail the winning district posters.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS

Alcohol Awareness and Abuse & Drug Awareness and Abuse

Due to low participation in 2020, there is no Utah State Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest this year.

Previously, on April 6, 2018, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced the introduction of the *Faith in Action* program model which removed the poster contest as a Supreme-recommended program.

Councils are welcome to continue the program locally, resources are available at www.UtahKnights.org/programs/#state_poster_contest

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER OF SALT LAKE CITY

- The American Fork (AF) office is now open! Full time, fully-loaded operational cost (including facilities, supplies and payroll) for the AF office is \$171,000 annually. Donations are welcome.
- We are looking for a few good men to be trained in and present our **Stepping Up** (father mentoring) program as there appears to be increasing interest for this important program. <u>www.PregnancyResource.net</u>
- Looking for another life program? Consider conducting a **Baby Bottle Campaign**! The bottled are delivered and picked up, you just need donors to fill them with coin, currency, or checks.
- New supporter website <u>www.PRCpartnersUT.org</u>

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Brothers,

At our Organizational meeting I said I would provide you with a list of Utah Programs and how they could be blended into a Faith In Action category or program. I will leave you with the list that I came up with so far. I am sure I will think of others and at that time I will update the list for you. The goal is for councils to have an easier time doing their reporting.

I will be feeding and assisting you with program ideas throughout the fiscal year. Our Program Chairmen are excellent resources as well. Please also keep a watchful eye on the State Calendar for events. We are working to fill the Chairmen positions quickly and get their feet on the ground. This

will enable us to create a calendar of events for the entire year, so you and your council can plan your events and participation.

If you feel your council is running out of ideas or some programs may becoming stale or non-applicable to your Parish, try something new. Catholic Community Services is very active. If you get on their mailing list you will see that first hand. They run great programs that individuals or councils can do. Some events are during the week, some are on the weekend, or some are long programs that you can work at over time.

Put these events on your radar!

K. of C. Soccer Challenge Gregory Kim Gold Chairman 801-828-6350; *TENTATIVE State Date is 10/17.* Coats for Kids Bob Masse Jr. Chairman 801-910-7885, *Donate in September (see page 7).*

Dates will be announced. If you would like to host a coats distribution, host the soccer challenge, or assist with any of these please let our Chairmen or myself know. You could even be an assistant chairman and possibly move up the ranks in the following years. Thank you in advance for your help Brothers.

As promised:

I will now touch on a few of the great Faith in Action Programs and try to incorporate Utah activities to aid in year end reporting. I would like to break this down into the next few months, wrap up with a summary, and then you will have plenty of time to run your events and finalize reporting for the fraternal year end.

<u>Faith</u>	<u>Life</u>
RSVP	March for Life
Sacramental Gifts	Special Olympics
Spiritual Reflection	Ultrasound Program
	Christian Refugee Relief
	Silver Rose
<u>Family</u>	<u>Community</u>
Food for Families	Coats for Kids
Keep Christ in Christmas	Soccer Challenge

We broke off a pretty good chunk. You will notice our four Faith in Action Categories (Faith, Community, Family, and Life). **Bold** programs are featured programs. Successful completion of a featured program will give your council two credits in that category (there are minimum requirements to receive two credits).

RSVP... Many of our council's financially support our Seminarians. You can also write them letters, involve them in Parish activities when they visit, even invite them to become a Knight. As CCD teachers, my wife and I also involved our 7th grade class by encouraging them to write to our seminarians.

<u>Sacramental Gifts</u>... Does your council support your Parish DRE? Do you provide Honor Guard for the Sacraments at your Parish. Do you provide security during CCD classes?

Spiritual Reflection... I had an idea for all of us on this one. I propose that as we travel for work or pleasure and encounter a place meaningful to us as Catholics that we photograph the event. You can send the photo to me. I will create an electronic scrapbook for the entire State of Utah. I have several ideas of how we can then do a prayer event with the compilation or you can do something at a council level, maybe even include your parish. This occurred to me as I took my family on a business trip/mini family reunion this year to Montana. We drove past the Saint Ignatius mission as well as the Our Lady of the Rockies in Butte.

Coats for Kids... The Utah energy around this programs is strong. Councils already donate coats, gloves, hats, cash. Some host a distribution or attend one. Please coordinate efforts with State Chairman Bob Masse.

<u>Soccer Challenge</u>... This program is designed to occur at a council, district, and state level. Utah likes this program, but we could certainly use more participation. Plan you council challenge for September, or early October at the latest. Updates will be on the state website and calendar.

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 8350, 10304

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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

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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

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Msgr. John J. Sullivan Assy. # 3758 Serving Councils: 6739, 9731, 11812, 17140

UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER

Brother Knights, as the new year ramps up there are several events upcoming for which we need to prepare!

Faithful Navigators take note the **John H. Reddin Provincial Meeting** will be hosted by the Utah District this year with Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinoza presiding on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Saint Ambrose Social Hall (2315 Redondo Ave, SLC, UT 84108).

Proposed schedule for the day:

9:00 AM (daily Mass is available) 10 AM—3 PM Meeting (with a lunch break at noon) 5:00 PM Mass 6 PM—9 PM Social and Dinner For more information contact the District Master. <u>RSVP</u> for attendance and meals due by 9/17.

Intercultural Marian Celebration is on Saturday, October 9, 2021, 3 PM—8 PM, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church (506 24th Street, Ogden). Contact Rafael Castillo, 801- 599-0788 or rafael.castillo8033@gmail.com, or Maria Cruz at the diocese at 801-456-936.

REMINDER: Don't skip over planning for the 2021-2022 <u>Star Assembly</u> and <u>Civic Award</u> programs!



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



The **FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS** for 2021-2022 are planned. Please invite your third degree Knights (including your <u>new CUF third degree Knights</u>) to join the patriotic degree!

November 6, 2021—IN PERSON CEREMONIAL (DETAILS, INVITATION LETTER & MEAL FORM)

Candidate registrations and all meal reservations are due by 10/22. There is a dress code and a \$70 candidate fee. The application form #4 and instructions are online at <u>UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/#form4</u>. **Tip:** *Help* candidates fill out the application at your council meetings (and get council signatures), then take their application form and check to your October assembly meeting for the vote (and assembly signatures). **SCHEDULE:** 12:30 PM REGISTRATION, 1:30 PM CEREMONY, 5:00 PM MASS, 6:30 PM SOCIAL & 7:00 PM DINNER Everyone is invited to the dinner (\$30/plate) celebrating honoree Fr. Dominic Briese & the new Sir Knights! Fr. Dominquez **Assembly 1144**—Faithful Navigator Bob Masse Jr. (rmassejr@comcast.net, 801-910-7885)

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church 4501 West 55215 South, Kearns, UT 84118

February 12, 2022 — "North" Rev Msgr. Robert C Pollock Assembly 3586 Saint Olaf—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 if it's in Saint George or Cedar City.

TBD — Clergy Exemplification (date and location not set).

Schedules of events will be set and posted on the state website at <u>UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/</u>

Did you mark your calendar? The **50 Year Celebration** for Carbon Assembly 1570 in Eastern Utah will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021 in Price, Utah at the Country Club starting at 6:00 PM.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America! **Richard (Dick) F. Hall** Utah District Master, John H. Reddin Province DistrictMaster@UtahKnights.org or (801) 891-9792

www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/ (for more information and the "Form 4" application to join)

<u>tinyurl.com/UT4th</u> is a quick link into the Fourth Degree Calendar.



STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

My Brother Knights, it is September already! Where did the summer go? I hope your summer was productive as I have seen many councils return to in person meetings and come up with new ideas to support the COVID Recovery Program (<u>CRP</u>). I attended three meetings throughout the state in August and it was great to see many of you that I have not seen in a while.

On August 3rd, I attended the opening session of the virtual <u>Supreme</u> <u>Convention</u>. It was great to hear our new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly address us for the first time. He reminded us to support the "Year of Saint Joseph" and promoted initiatives for the CRP. Several highlights for the year included attaining membership > 2 million, 40% growth through online membership, and donations > \$150 million, with > 470 million service hours.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our councils for the awards they achieved last fraternal year. 25 of our 34 active councils received awards:

<u>Star Councils</u>: 5214, 5502, 6010, 9849, 11246, 12181, 14239, 14399, 14764, 15418, 16127. Columbian and Founders Combination: 602, 1136, 6739, 6966, 9731, 10733, 13297. Columbian and McGivney Combination: 777. Columbian: 1129, 8606, 10304, 11479, 13646.

Founders: 7961.

Note: Star Councils earned the Columbian Award (Programs), Founders Award (Fraternal Benefit Nights) and McGivney (Membership) awards, as well as being compliant with the Safe Environment policies.

A big shot out to the council leadership that made this recognition possible. The State Council sincerely appreciates all the hard work that you do.

In the administrative area, I need help with forms. As of August 27th, we are still missing several reports.*

Report of **Officers Chosen** (Form #185, Due June 30th): 32/34, missing 2 **Service Program Personnel** (Form #365, Due July 1st): 24/34, missing 10 **Semiannual Council Audit Report** (Form #1295, Due August 15th): 21/34, missing 13

Please try to get these reports in as soon as possible, although they are late, the home office will still accept them as credit for your FY21-22 council award submission. A reminder this year on the Service Program Personnel Report; although only 5 directors are required (Program (PD), Community (CD), Family (FD), Membership, and Retention), the PD, CD, and FD cannot be shared by the same knight. If you try to input online the system will not accept and if you submit manually, you will not receive credit.

Last week I asked Karl to post the FY21-22 State Directory on the state website**. Please review this document and let me know if any corrections are required. I am holding off printing the hard copy for a month or so until we hopefully can get some Financial Secretaires and more State Chairmen appointed.

Lastly, I would like to express the state's gratitude towards council generosity for the first two months that exceeds \$2000. Culture of Life \$306; Scholarship \$24; Vocations \$49; Carmelites \$958; Coats for Kids \$51; Memorial Fund \$20; Science Fair \$30; Special Olympics \$455; Vets Assistance \$165 and Ultrasound Program \$15.00.

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 or kellywbill@msn.com

Vivat Jesus! Bill Kelly State Secretary

Safe Environment Program information <u>www.KofC.org/Safe</u>

*Visit the state website at <u>www.UtahKnights.org/resources</u> for the "Council Health Status" link; it shows the status of report submissions and progress towards the <u>Star Council Award</u>.

** It's the first link on the "For Members" page at <u>www.UtahKnights.org/Secrecy</u>

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IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Council 1136 **Rubel Gutierrez**, 7/7/2021

Council 11479

Nicholas Derchak, 5/31/2021 William Smith, 8/3/2021 John Meikle, 8/13/2021

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

STATE COUNCIL WEBSITE TRAINING PAGE

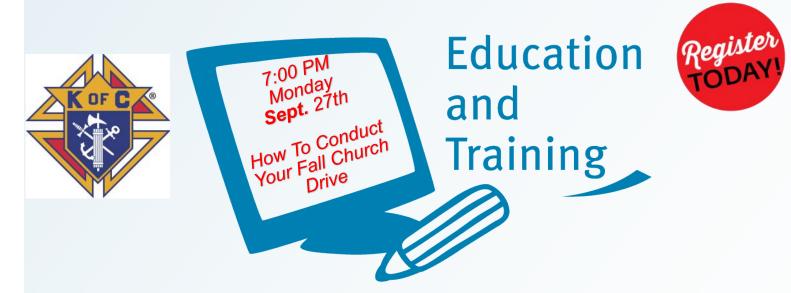
www.UtahKnights.org/Training is the page to visit! It's also listed on the **RESOURCES** menu for easy access! <u>State Training</u> by Jerry Angus, FDD ~ Ken White hosts live <u>Regional Training</u> with many topics he regularly covers ~ or see the <u>supreme council</u> webinars.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S Monthly Challenge — <u>September 2021</u>

This month, I challenge you to watch the "<u>Leadership</u>" episode of the <u>Into the Breach</u> video series and use the study guide to reflect on what true humility and service look like. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action <u>Soccer Challenge</u> or <u>Free Throw</u> <u>Championship</u> program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you seek personal glory at the expense of others? Do you put your gifts at the service of God and your neighbor, or do you use them primarily to achieve praise and gain in this life? What is one concrete act you can do to grow in humility and give of yourself to others?



STATE TRAINING WEBINAR!

Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM: How To Conduct Your Fall Church Drive

The registration link is <u>https://forms.gle/pzgzMgktVwao5pjf8</u> for the September 27th training with State Training Director <u>Jerry Angus</u>, 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!

Did you miss a webinar? Need to find the resource materials? Wondering what the link is for the presentation recording on YouTube? <u>www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State</u> is the place to go!

The next **Supreme Webinar** is "**Church Drives and Member Engagement**", register <u>here</u>. Looking for more information (or a previously recorded webinar)? Visit <u>www.KofC.org/webinar</u>

PROGRAM IDEAS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

Food for families... There are so many ways to do this program. One way is through our BINGOs or breakfasts. Proceeds can go towards purchasing food for families. Your council can purchase and deliver the items. You can stock your local food pantry. Maybe your BINGO proceeds go toward a separate charity, and you play a 50/50 game with those proceeds purchase food for families.

<u>Keep Christ in Christmas</u>... This is an active program in Utah. I would love to see more participation. If your Parish has a school get the information to the school. The same goes for your CCD program, contact your DRE. You can also ask Father if you can do a quick pulpit speech. Make sure you let the kids know what the prizes are. (See page 2 for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest deadlines for Utah.)

March for Life, Special Olympics, Ultrasound... These are all strong programs in Utah. They have experienced Chairmen and lots of support. Councils donate money, some participate at events, and some do both. Just keep up the good work. Maybe advertise more amongst your parish and attend more events.

<u>Christian Refugee Relief</u>... I recently sent an email describing how you or your council could join Catholic Community Services in many of their events. You can find out about these by contacting them and getting onto their mailing list. CCS has many refugee programs. The programs can be completed by individuals, families, councils, and times often are flexible. Help ranges from giving monetarily to helping set up living quarters here in Utah.

<u>Silver Rose</u>... This is another great program that we do in Utah. It is seasonal and has already happened. If you missed it this year make sure you contact our chairman and get on board for next year. It is an easy program to do and can be adapted to your parish's needs. We were fortunate enough to conduct a rosary and celebration with the Silver Rose at this year's Organizational Meeting at Blessed Sacrament in June.

I hope this helps Utah Brothers and I look forward to breaking down *Faith in Action* a little more in the following months and check out www.KofC.org/FlAresources and www.kofC.org/Fla

Vivat Jesus,

Ryan Graveley State Treasurer & Program Director 801-835-0450 StateTreasurer@UtahKnights.org

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"In St. Joseph, we see our mission and mandate. Guard the family. Guard the truth. He led through service and creative courage. So must we. It is the only way to overcome the hurdles facing our families, the Church and our culture." — Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

This year, more than ever, we need to stress Family and Faith. Have you spoken to your pastor about how your Council can help him reach out to those parishioners who are still reluctant to return to Mass? Have you set up programs and activities?

Summer is winding down, and who will help with the coming year activities. There are Fall Festivals to help, Bazaars to set up, and Christmas activities to think about. All these need Knights. Knights need Programs...and Programs need Knights. Go out and invite someone to help you this year.

Consider holding a Delta Church Drive. At every activity have flyers, pamphlets, and cards available for new members to sign up online. Let everyone in your parish know what your Council is all about and what the Council is going to do. Ask for new members to assist you in your programs.

How do you get new members: Flexibility. Being nimble. Trying new approaches. Sell people on your Council. If recruitment has not worked in the past, try another way. Do not be afraid to do something new and different.

"Do not wait. The time will never be 'just right'. Start where you are and work with whatever tool sare available. Better tools will be available as you go along."

William McCauley Membership Director

Membership Director

LIFE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



I don't know about you but there are so many things happening in our world right now it is making my head spin!

As your state Life Director, I would like to ask that we each take a moment of silence and offer up a prayer for all those we have lost in the last few weeks or months or are suffering in any way. I would also offer a special prayer for the eleven Marines (including one from Salt Lake), one Navy Corpsman, and one soldier who were killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 26. As the father of a Marine, my heart goes out to these young men and women and their families.

On the Life front, there are a few upcoming events I would like to inform you about and encourage your Councils to attend and/or participate in.

Saturday, September 18, at 11:00 AM, a *Memorial Service* will be held for Victims of Abortion at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery (275 U Street, SLC - Main Entrance is 4th Ave. and T Street). This service will include prayers, a speaker, and a rosary. Please park along the cemetery road.

Tuesday, September 21, 5—6 PM, there will be a Kick-Off Rally for *40 Days For Life*. This rally will be held at Planned Parenthood Metro (160 S 1000 E, SLC). There are currently three fall campaign locations scheduled for Utah - Ogden, Salt Lake City, and St. George. Search for Utah at www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-search.aspx for the details.

Sunday, September 26, 1:00-2:00 PM, Council 12181 & the Saint John the Baptist Respect Life ministry will be hosting the Annual *Life Chain* at the intersection of 10600 S. and State Street in Sandy. This event is a silent prayer vigil. All ages and religious denominations are welcome. Please check the <u>state calendar</u> for more details (<u>www.UtahKnights.org/State-Calendar</u>) or contact me directly. I am the event chairman.

Friday, October 8, 5:30-8:00 PM, the Pregnancy Resource Center will be hosting its annual *Banquet for Life* gala dinner at the Grand America Hotel in downtown SLC. The keynote speaker will be Abby Johnson. More information may be found at <u>prepartnersut.org/events/banquet-for-life</u>

Looking ahead, **October is Respect Life month**! Please check the diocesan website at <u>www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life</u> for all upcoming life events. The big event of the year, the *March for Life* is scheduled for **January 22, 2022**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

If your Councils are planning any Life events, please let me know. Also, please remember to send me the name of your Council Life Director and his contact information, or fill out this form https://bit.ly/3fc2LMd

Patrick Schmitt Life Director, Utah (503) 768-4573 patrick@psdesignerinc.com

COATS FOR KIDS

PLEASE HELP! I'm reaching out to all councils and assemblies to donate to donate. The State Council wants to work with all councils on distribution throughout Utah. I know some councils have their own distributions, please let me know your plans. Pledges are needed by the **middle of September**, hopefully with **payment by 9/30**. We will start the state distributions before Halloween and finish up before Thanksgiving. Year to date, **\$51 has been donated to the state fund** (*that is only 1% of the \$4977.54 spent on 216 coats last year*).

Robert Masse Jr., PSD, FN Assembly 1144 New 2021-2022 Coats for Kids Chairman (801) 910-7885 rmassejr@comcast.net

WHAT DO THESE HAVE IN COMMON?

- Bishop's Vocation Fund
- Christopher Fund
- <u>Coats for Kids</u> (see information to the left)
- Culture of Life Fund
- KofC Diocesan Science Fair (chairman needed)
- <u>Military Vocations Scholarship Fund</u>
- <u>MS Walk</u>
- Seminarian Support (<u>RSVP</u>)
- <u>Special Olympics</u>
- <u>State Scholarship</u>

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.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Dear Brothers,

Some events are the harbinger of the change in seasons: swallows returning to Capistrano, opening day for major league baseball, kids getting out of school for summer vacation (and then school shopping in August!), football season in the fall with Halloween and Thanksgiving and finally ending the year with a Christmas celebration.

One harbinger of September that has been like clockwork over the past number of years is our Knights of Columbus Fraternal Survey.

It's my chance to stay in touch with you, see what's changed in your life and let you know I am here to be of service.

Just like last year the survey can be completed online; simple, fast and confidential.

I'm sure that as you look through the survey you might find a block to check; a subject you'd like some information on. Maybe you've been thinking about your life insurance and other benefits at work...are they adequate? Do I get to keep my group life insurance when I move to another job? Maybe you're thinking about a relative that's had a long term care event and all the agony and worry that entails. Maybe it's time to get serious about retirement.

Perhaps you have some products and you need service—a change of beneficiary or owner...or maybe you've moved and we need to update your contact information. Any of these can be addressed if you complete the survey.

In my travels around the area, I often run into people who know the Knights of Columbus from our good works in the parish or community, our disaster response, support for Special Olympics and our prolife efforts. But very few of them know that we are a life insurance company...and we make no bones about that. After all Fr. McGivney saw that protecting our families was one of the two key reasons he brought those New Haven men together in the basement of St. Mary's in1882.

"No doubt Father McGivney was motivated by the wish to keep young Catholics from entering the ranks of condemned secret societies and by the need to protect families during sickness and death." (Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982; Christopher J. Kauffman, pg.17)

Unite men of faith and protect our families. Our Order has been faithful to that mission for 139 years. With the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney I feel a renewed zeal to invite men to join the Order to reap those benefits of Unity, Charity and Fraternity. I am just as zealous to help protect Catholic families. Tempus fugit, memento mori!

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 <u>Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form</u> (#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! The Founder's Award is one of the components of the <u>Star Council</u> <u>Award</u>, the highest award a council can achieve.

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