



Utah State Update



I WILL DEMONSTRATE MY FAITH TO YOU FROM MY WORKS.

Brothers we have made it through the first quarter of the year, and I hope you are doing well. Last month I suggested checking in with your councils to see if you were on track to achieve your goals. It is never too late and always a good idea to set goals if you haven't and review them if you have so you'll know what needs to be done.

What are your council's goals? Having specific and measurable goals will make it easy to track. Membership growth of 5%, two fraternal benefit/insurance events, submitting the necessary paperwork ([Forms](#) 185, 365, 1295, 1728), being safe environment compliant; these are all specific and measurable and are great starting points to set your goals and easy to review. When I refer to goals I'm not just talking about membership and forms, yes they should be part of them, but they aren't the only thing I am talking about.

I love the second reading from a couple of weeks ago from James 2:14-18 and I think this is one of the main reasons I'm a Knight and I hope you see the value in me sharing this with you and will apply it. The reading starts off with a question: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" The reading ends with the statement "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." I know we all have faith, let's face it, you wouldn't be a part of a Catholic Fraternal Organization if you didn't. But are we practicing our faith? I think we are, and we can always do more. How are your councils and the Knights demonstrating our faith? Make your works part of your goals. Whether that is the act of recruiting and essentially evangelizing by recruiting men, doing a community event to get people to come church, or by fundraising and giving that money away.

A simple breakfast or donut bar, helping a community member with yard work, an event like a golf tournament or a parish yard sale to me are all ways we can demonstrate our faith. They may not seem like it, but so many good things can come from these events. Thank you for all you do and will do this year. If you aren't doing these things, it isn't too late to plan and execute those plans. Make them part of your goals and make sure you are on track to achieve them.

Speaking of works, the **Coats for Kids** season is upon us and I'm very proud of the pledges and distributions you have set around the state! On Monday, 9/27, we received the approval from supreme for the matching cases of coats. We will distribute almost triple the coats we did last year. **Thank you.**

I want to recognize and thank the councils and members that are recruiting, in September we brought more new members than July and August combined! We are still a little behind from where we need to be, but this is a great end to the first quarter and I'm excited to see what we can do next quarter. Council 12181 brought in 3 new members into their council. Councils 602, 5347, and 10733 each brought in 1 new member; and we have several new online members waiting to be transferred in from councils 5502, 6010, 6739, 6966, 7401, 9849, 10733, 12181 (all joined in September).

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

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Holy Father's [Prayer Intention](#)

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis



THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. Some of the other celebrations in [October](#) include:

- 1—Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, memorial
- 2—The Holy Guardian Angels, memorial
- 4—Saint Francis of Assisi, memorial
- 5—Saint Faustina Kowalska, Optional Memorial
- 11—Saint John XXIII, Optional Memorial
- 18—Saint Luke, Evangelist, feast
- 22—Saint John Paul II, Pope, Optional Memorial

2021 UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE

The 2021 Utah ***Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge*** is set for Sunday, October 17th. Registration is at 1:30 PM, with the competition starting at 2:00 PM (and we'll be done before 4:00 PM). Bottled water and light refreshments will be provided. **We're at a new location this year!** Make sure you come to Westpoint Park in Salt Lake City, just east of the airport ([map](#)).

The ***Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge*** is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 (age as of September 1st). The entry form ([#4578](#)) does need the parent/guardian's signature, and "proof of age" is requested to be attached. Councils in Orem (1136) and Tooele (6739) have scheduled their ***Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge***. As other councils typically have a handful of participants, they skip the local level and send all their kids directly to the state. Resources (posters, entry forms, rulebook, etc.) are online at www.KofC.org/Soccer (click "resources" and scroll down).

Information is on the state council website at www.UtahKnights.org/2021/09/state-soccer-challenge-17-oct-2021/ (updated as needed).

[Gregory Kim Gold](#), 2021 State Soccer Chairman

FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

October 31, 2021 will mark one year since the Beatification Mass for Father Michael J. McGivney was held in Hartford, CT where he was elevated to the title of "Blessed" in the progression of his cause toward canonization as a saint. The Knights of Columbus created the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild in 1985 to share information about his canonization progress and to solicit prayers for his cause. It has also given us much information about his life and his dedication to make a difference in the World. I urge you to become more familiar with the founder of the Knights. I urge you to join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild.

It is quite simple to join. Simply fill out the registration online. There is no charge and once enrolled, you have nothing further to do. A quarterly Guild newsletter is sent out to everyone who joins. A monthly Mass is held for all members of the Guild where they are remembered at the Celebration of Eucharist. Remember, our cost to join the Guild is FREE!

Simply login online at www.FatherMcGivney.org and click "join the guild" to register.

Membership is open to anyone who may be interested, not just members of the Knights of Columbus. Consider this special opportunity and JOIN TODAY. Thank you, if you have already previously joined the Guild.

Vivat Jesus!

[Charles E. Dover Jr.](#), Utah Guild Chairman

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

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

It is only October, so there is still time to get our young Catholics involved in the Essay Contest. Use this month to get the word out.

The **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** is a **Faith in Action - Community Program**. It encourages youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing and is open to all qualifying Catholic students. 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.

Contest entrants compete in each Grade. Each Council, district, regional or jurisdictional competition may have up to 15 winning entries — a first, second, and third place winner in each Grade. 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. Essays are due to the Council on November 30. [Entry Form #4208](#).

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

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

It is only October, so there is still time to get our young Catholics involved in the KCIC Poster Contest. Use this month to get the word out.

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** is a **Faith in Action - Family Program**. It promotes the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities. 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 Council, district, regional or jurisdictional competition may have up to nine winning entries — a first, second, and third place winner in each age group. 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. Posters are due to the Council on December 15. [Entry Form #5025](#).

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Utah Brothers All,

Many councils are active again. Meeting in person and doing some of their old programs. As you all know the **Coats for Kids** distributions will be hitting the end of October and into November. The point is, many of our favorite programs are coming up this time of year. Continue to read the State Update as well as watch our State calendar to see who is doing what.

Please help each other out. Attend the events of other councils. If you need something for your event ask around. You are welcome to use me as a resource. I can advertise your events. I can ask for help for your events. Does your council have any needs? Do they have information or equipment that they are willing to share or sell? Feel free to use me as a communication link. I can spread your message.

Councils, please stay active and please stay safe.

Vivat Jesus,

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Looking for **Faith in Action** information and resources?

Visit www.KofC.org/FIAresources

* Every program listed below has a Guide Sheet to introduce the program, Guide Books with the instructions and rules, and usually a variety of other materials including posters

Visit www.KofC.org/FaithInAction to browse through the overviews of the programs by category (Community, Faith, Family, and Life),



PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

Information regarding the new Pilgrim Icon Program featuring the St. Joseph Icon is coming this fall. Stay tuned.

Pilgrim Icon Program

The Saint Joseph Icons should arrive in Utah soon. Immediate Past State Deputy [Greg Keller](#) is the Pilgrim Icon Program

Faith RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Life March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life
Family Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Good Friday Family Promotion	Community Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer Challenge (see page 2) Helping Hands

BOLD (or **BOLD**) Programs are "Featured Programs". When your council conducts a featured program and satisfies the associated requirements, it will receive two credits toward that program category.

Red (or **red**) programs were covered in the [September 2021 State Update](#).

www.UtahKnights.org



Any Day	www.KofC.org/JoinUs & www.kofc.org/ceremonials
MM/DD	Event/Activity
10/1-10/2	Provincial Meeting hosted by Utah District Master at Saint Ambrose in SLC.
10/7	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
10/8	Banquet for Life (for the SLC Pregnancy Resource Center)
10/9	Intercultural Marian Celebration, Saint Joseph, Ogden
10/11	Columbus Day (USA) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
10/14	Family of the Month Due! Use Form 10784 !
10/17	State Soccer Challenge
10/22	Optional Memorial of Saint John Paul II, Pope
10/25	Utah Training: Officers Online, Supreme Updates, and UtahKnights.org
10/31	Halloween (All Hallow's Eve)
11/1	All Saint's Day
11/2	All Soul's Day
11/6	Fourth Degree Exemplification by Assembly 1144 , in Kearns
11/7	Coats for Kids—State Distribution at Saint Andrew, Riverton (Council 14239)
11/11	Veteran's Day
11/13	USMC Ball
11/14	Family of the Month Due! Use Form 10784 !
11/21	Christ the King
11/25	Thanksgiving
11/28	First Sunday of Advent
12/8	Immaculate Conception
12/10	50-year celebration for Assembly 1570
1/7/2022	Midyear Meeting of District Deputies, Bountiful, UT
1/8/2022	Midyear Meeting of Utah State Council, Bountiful, UT



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Serving Councils: 5214, 7961,
8350, 10304

Father Escalante Assy. #1146

Serving Councils: 1136, 8606,
9561

UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER

Provincial Meeting for John H. Reddin Province

The meeting is at Saint Ambrose on Oct 2nd. Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa is presiding, and District Master Dick Hall is the Host. District Masters and Marshal from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah will be in attendance along with other dignitaries guests including state officers.

Business sessions run from 10AM to 2:30 PM at Saint Ambrose Parish (2315 Redondo Ave, SLC, UT 84108),

Link for 4th Degree events is on the Utah State Council website at www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/

Assembly Officer Installations were held in August and September for:

1146	Father Escalante	Utah Valley
1429	Rev Msgr. Patrick M Cushnahan	Ogden
2393	Bishop Scanlan	St. George
2577	Rev. Thomas J. Meersman	Sandy
3501	St. John Paul the II	Cedar City
3586	Rev Msgr. Robert C Pollock	Bountiful



"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

Assembly Officer Installations to be completed:

2636	Padre Pio	Park City
3758	Rev. Msgr. John H. Sullivan	Tooele
1570	Carbon Assy Eastern Utah	Price
1144	Fr. Dominquez	Salt Lake

The Next Fourth Degree Exemplification is at Saint Francis Xavier on November 6, 2021

Would you like a great lesson in the History of the Americas, even better, the **Catholic History of the Americas**? Not just the United States but all of the new world. We have it. It is in large part the Patriotic Exemplification. Come and find out what our children are not being taught, find out what you may not have learned. Who are the Sullivan Brothers, who were priests that received the congressional Medal of Honor, who is Lord Baltimore and much more.

On November 6, 2021, we will hold an Exemplification of the Patriotic Fourth Degree hosted by Father Dominguez Assembly 1144 at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 4501 West 5215 South, Kearns, UT 84118 in the School Library. Exemplification agenda:

- 12:30 PM Registration of Candidates
- 1:30 PM Degree Exemplification (to 2:30 PM, Sir Knights and Candidates Only)
- 5:00 PM Mass (everyone); 6:30 PM Social; 7:00 PM Dinner Banquet

Invitation letter (with dress code information) and the meal reservation form is available online at www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/20211106-A1144-Fourth-Degree-Exemplification-Invitation.pdf The application (**Form 4**) needs to be completed for each candidate and signed by the Council Financial Secretary and Assembly Faithful Navigator and Assembly Faithful Comptroller, see these [instructions](#) on how to fill out the application.

The application Form 4, exemplification fee and meal reservations are all due by **October 23, 2021**.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

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Fourth Degree Calendar is online at tinyurl.com/UT4th

IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Council 1129

John Rackham, 9/25/2021

Council 6417

Juan Medina, 9/5/2021

Council 7961

Joseph "Ron" Lavoie, 9/7/2021

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

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## STATE COUNCIL WEBSITE TRAINING PAGE

[www.UtahKnights.org/Training](http://www.UtahKnights.org/Training) is the page to visit! [State Training](#) by Jerry Angus, FDD ~ Ken White hosts live [Regional Training](#) with many topics he regularly covers ~ and the [supreme council](#) webinars.

## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE — [OCTOBER 2021](#)

The forces of Satan oppose God, but God is infinitely more powerful. The battle cry of St. Michael when he defeated Satan and his rebel angels was "Who is like unto God?" It is, of course, a rhetorical question. There is only one God; may we love him completely and totally.

This month, I challenge you to begin and end each day by praying the [Prayer to St. Michael](#).

### Questions for Reflection:

What does it mean — in concrete terms — to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength? Do you use the Lord's name in vain? Do you show proper reverence for God in your thoughts, words and actions each day?

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights during this past month, I noticed significant activity pick up as we move forward to returning to a sense of normalcy with our COVID recovery program.\* Thank you so much for your initiatives and your efforts. In addition to several council meetings, I had the opportunity to attend a CUF ceremonial at Council 1136 in Orem where the council brought in one new member and reactivated two others. A big shout out to SK James Arguello, GK Jon Gauchay and FS Manfred Gerten for a professional presentation of the ceremony and ten others who observed this event.

On Sept 23rd, I sent the FY21-22 State Directory\*\* to our printer, brother knight Tim Peczu. Pending receipt back from Tim, I hope to get these out to you in snail mail in early October. Also, be on the lookout for the state scholarship prize drawing tickets. PSD/FVSM

Chuck Dover informed the state officers on Monday 9/20, that these were sent out to all councils, assemblies and state directors and chairmen.

The other state officers, PSD Bob Masse and I are very appreciative to the Coats for Kids pledges that we have received this year. The overwhelming outpouring of your generosity continues from our knights, councils and assemblies within our state. As of Sept 24th, we have received pledges that exceed \$16K. As a reminder, when fulfilling your pledges, please send your contributions to the State Secretary. In addition, I would like to thank those 16 councils who have submitted full or partial state per capita as of the end of September.\*\*\*

In the administrative area, I still need help with form submission. As of Sept 26th, we are still missing several reports. If you need help putting these reports together, please contact me and I am willing to assist as necessary. I have sent out reminder emails to the councils who still need to submit these reports.\*\*\*

Current status follows:

Officers Chosen: 94.1%, missing 2

Service Program Personnel: 70.6%, missing 10

Semi-annual Audit: 61.7%, missing 13

In closing, the state officers and Brother Knights across the state would like to express our sincere condolences to Brother GK Tony Hanlon (Council 9731, Magna) and his family on the loss of his lifelong partner Nell who suddenly passed away on September 10th, 2021. Please upon reading this say a "Hail Mary" for Nell and her family.

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

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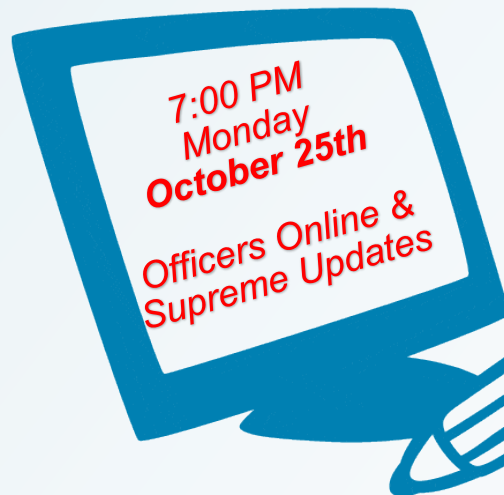
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\* **COVID Recovery Program (CRP) details are online at [www.KofC.org/CRP](http://www.KofC.org/CRP)**

\*\* **The PDF version is the first link on the "For Members" page at [www.UtahKnights.org/Secrecy](http://www.UtahKnights.org/Secrecy)**

\*\*\* **Visit the state website at [www.UtahKnights.org/resources](http://www.UtahKnights.org/resources) for the "Council Health Status" link; it shows the status of report submissions and progress towards the [Star Council Award](#) as well as any balance owed for state per capita.**

Thinking of hosing an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (the CUF Ceremonial)? The script and reference video are available online at [www.KofC.org/Ceremonials](http://www.KofC.org/Ceremonials). State Warden Alex Tarazon and State Ceremonials Director Karl VanMaren each have a "kit" of supplies available for loan/use. Councils still need their Constitutional Roll, as well as the Candidate Kits (Rosary, Pin, etc.).



# Education and Training



## STATE TRAINING WEBINAR!

### ***Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM: Officers Online and Supreme Updates***

The registration link is at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20211025](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20211025) for the October 25th 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!

Visit [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State) if need to find the resource materials, or to find the link to the recordings on YouTube.

The next Supreme Webinar has not been announced. Visit [www.KofC.org/webinar](http://www.KofC.org/webinar) for updates as well as recorded webinars.

## LIFE

Brother Knights,

The past week has been a busy one for Life activities in the SLC valley. The kick-off rally for the Fall **40 Days for Life** campaign was held on Sept. 21 in front of the downtown Planned Parenthood clinic. We had 18- 20 attendees, including Deacon Greg Werking, who led us in prayer, and a Rosary. There were three Knights in attendance. Volunteers are always needed. Please go to [www.40daysforlife.com/en/saltlakecity](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/saltlakecity) to sign up for a shift.

On Saturday, Sept. 25th **America Needs Fatima** (ANF) held a **Rosary Rally of Reparation** in front of the Utah State Capitol. This was a counter to the Utah Satanic Temple rally, which was there to promote its Religious Reproductive Rights agenda. Roughly 30 attended, including four Knights. The ANF rosary was followed by a counter rally hosted by [UtahPatriots.com](http://UtahPatriots.com) and Pro-Life Utah. Approximately 70-80 people attended as compared to some 250-300 Satanists—men, women, and children all decked in black, horns, Satanic logos, complete with horses, and chants of “Hail Satan.” They are real and there are more of them than you think. Do not underestimate the power of the dark side. It was a strange experience, to say the least.

On Sunday, September 26th, Council 12181 and the Saint John the Baptist [Parish] Respect Life Ministry hosted the annual **Life Chain** in Sandy. We had our largest turnout to date with over 70 participants, (including 10 Knights), of all ages and faiths. We even had a pro-choice man attend who I spent a fair amount of time talking with. In the end, he stood with us holding a sign as a witness to life. Hearts and minds are changed one at a time at these events.

Brothers, if you think the battle is not real you need to come out and attend these events. The culture and makeup of Utah are rapidly changing. If we do not stand up and defend a culture of life, our faith, freedom, decency, morality, etc., they will all quickly be lost.

I won't sugar coat it; pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners have their place, and they are fun. Standing on a sidewalk defending life and getting screamed at – not so much. But it is work that needs to be done and you will find no better people to be around than fellow Life supporters. There is great energy and joy! We have roughly 3,000 Knights in Utah. On average, 3-6 Knights attend these events, often the same ones. We are woefully underrepresented. We must do better. We CAN do better!

Moving on, **October is National Respect for Life Month!** Please check the Diocesan website [www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life/events-2021](http://www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life/events-2021) for all upcoming Life events. Please work with your parish priest to schedule at least one Life event in October.

Finally, the **Utah March for Life** is scheduled for **January 22, 2022**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Details to come.

Vivat Jesus!

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## LIFE CHAIN—SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



2021 Life Chain Group picture at the end of the event on Sunday, September 26th. Yes, that is Father Jan Bednarz in the front row!

Want to see the smiling faces in detail?

View the original photo online at

[www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/20210926-Life-Chain-2021-Group-Photo.jpg](http://www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/20210926-Life-Chain-2021-Group-Photo.jpg)

## 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?

Knights need Programs.... Programs need Knights. 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. Last month I sent samples of the flyers, pamphlets, and cards that your Council could use to the District Deputies. Enlist their help if you have not already done so.

Some Councils have made use of Delta Church Drives. Others have had open houses to discuss the Knights. This week I heard of three Sir Knights that were talking to parishioners at various activities. They asked the parishioner if they were Knights. The answer from five men were – you guessed it – "No. Nobody ever asked me." Four of these men have now joined online.

How do you get new members: First, help members develop an "elevator speech" about their membership. Why are they members? What's the biggest benefit of membership? Can they explain the purpose of the Knights of Columbus? Second, ask your members for recruitment ideas. They may have an idea you haven't thought of before, or know about opportunities within their own social networks.

Your Council needs to be visible. Several successful Councils have started to wear specific colored shirts, vest, jackets, or even aprons. Brothers wear them around town, but especially at Mass and at programs. You can find several resources for these items. Encourage your members to order the items your Council selects. In unity there is strength.

**Congratulations to Council 5347** in Brigham City for leading the 1st Quarter BBQ Challenge. Eight other councils (602, 7961, 9849, 10733, 11479, 12181, 14399, and 15418) are off to a great start in increasing membership. At least two District Deputies will receive the Supreme 1st Quarter Challenge. There are currently 33 online members that are interested in transferring to a Council, including nine from this month in six Councils (four of whom currently show no new members this year). Get these online members to a degree presentation and transferred to your Council.

Check your membership roll. Have all First and Second Degree members attend a Combined Degree so they can advance to the Third Degree? Invite all Third Degree members to the Patriotic Degree Exemplification on November 6th at St. Francis Xavier in Kearns.

Vivat Jesus,

William McCauley  
Membership Director

## COATS FOR KIDS

**Amazing Response!** An astounding nineteen (19) councils and one Assembly (working with another three councils) have pledged over \$16,500 for Coats for Kids this year! ***It's not too late to pledge and donate!*** Some councils are doing their own distributions—602 at the Cathedral in SLC, 5214 in Kearns, 6010 in Layton, 9849 & 14399 are working together with Catholic Community Services (CCS) of Northern Utah in Ogden, 16127 at Hill Air Force Base, and Assembly 1146 in Utah County (Councils 1136, 8606, & 9561). All together, that's 92 cases with the case-for-case match of coats from supreme; 1104 coats for kids!

With Supreme's matching coats, we have forty (40) cases of coats to distribute as the State Council (hint: you're invited). With 12 coats in each case, that's 480 coats to give away. Distributions are set for 11/7 at Saint Andrew in Riverton (Council 14239), and 11/20 at Catholic Community Services in SLC. Other locations are still being finalized.

**Robert Masse Jr., PSD, FN Assembly 1144**  
New 2021-2022 Coats for Kids Chairman  
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- Bishop's Vocation Fund
- Christopher Fund
- [Coats for Kids](#) (see information to the left)
- Culture of Life Fund
- KofC Diocesan Science Fair (**chairman needed**)
- [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.



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Dear Brothers,

Every sport, every enterprise, every organization, every industry has their top reps, their all-stars and their most valuable players. They are the ones who give their all 100% of the time; they represent their companies masterfully, they get customers and retain them, they provide extraordinary service, they inspire their colleagues to reach heights no one thought attainable. Well, the insurance industry is no different and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about that.

The life insurance industry has an organization called the Million Dollar Round Table or MDRT. It is an international organization that was founded in 1927 and it recognizes agents for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. In our industry, these are the hallmarks of the all-stars.

"Big deal!" you might say. "What's so special about that?" Let me tell you what is so special about membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. Across the industry in a normal year, only about 2% of agents meet the stringent requirements to become an MDRT member. We've had a great track record at the KofC over the last four or five years where 10 or 11% of our agents qualified for membership. That's about five times the industry average...pretty impressive!

But last year was anything but normal and we had an anything but normal group qualify for MDRT: 38%, yes, you read correctly, 38% of our field force qualified for membership in this prestigious organization. There were only three other companies in the USA that had a higher number of qualifiers, but none came close to our percentage of qualifiers. Imagine that, the KofC beat out some of the biggest names in the industry.

What's all this mean to you? This kind of result doesn't come about by accident. It demonstrates the Knights of Columbus commitment to give you, our members and your families, a highly trained, qualified and committed financial services professional. My job is to use my skill and knowledge to make sure you understand the issues of protecting your family from the unknown.

Let's get together soon...and I'll tell you about my Million Dollar Round Table journey.

Vivat Jesus!

The Raso Agency

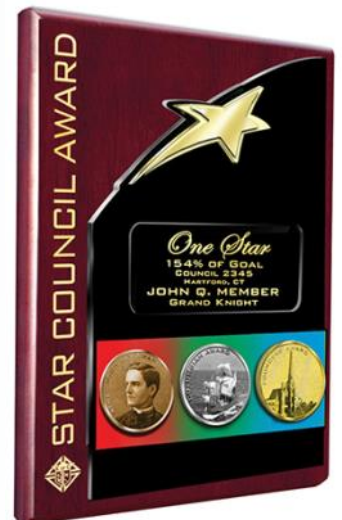


## FOUNDERS' AWARD

*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! The Founder's Award is one of the components of the [Star Council Award](#), the highest award a council can achieve.



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