



# Utah State Update



## “MASTER, I WANT TO SEE”

October was our best month so far this year in regard to growth and being active, thank you. As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter, we had more men join in September than July and August combined, and I am happy to report we are keeping that momentum going. In October we beat our September growth and for the first time in at least two years we exceeded our monthly goal. Thank you to the councils and members that are recruiting, special recognition goes out to council 8350 and 5214 for holding successful church drives.

I know we are moving into a very busy time of year with the holidays, please don’t let this momentum stop. Historically we average around 15 new members for November and 13 in December, if we can exceed or meet these averages we will continue to be on track. So, how can I and the state team help you? Do you have a church drive scheduled? Can we come out to an event and support you? Let us know, we want to be there for you!

I want to share a thought I had as I reflected on the gospel a couple of weeks ago, it was the one about Bartimaeus a blind man that was sitting by the road. As he heard Jesus was coming by, he began to cry out to get Jesus’s attention, “have pity on me.” Many of the people were telling him to be silent but he didn’t stop. Jesus stopped and called Bartimaeus to him and asked him “What do you want me to do for you?” Bartimaeus replied “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him “Go your way; your faith has saved you” and he received his sight back. What stuck out to me was Bartimaeus having the courage to speak out and ask for what he wanted.

This also reminded me of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, when he had a vision of the Virgin Mary and she offered him a white crown or a red crown and he said he would take both. Can you imagine having the courage when presented two options and saying you would take both? This is one of the reasons I chose Maximilian as my confirmation name, I admired that courage. I admire Bartimaeus for knowing what he wanted and asking for it.

I know God knows our hearts, what we need and want; but how many of us can put that into words and have the courage to ask? This is true whether it be spiritual or not, are we able to communicate what we want and able to ask for it from God, from our Church, from our spouse, from our neighbors?

I want the Utah Knights of Columbus to grow and be successful and I am asking for your help to recruit more men to our order; for our good and for every individual we bring in.

I think this is also timely given the opening of the Diocesan Synod, to be able to put into words what we want. I had the opportunity to attend the opening Mass for the Diocesan Synod and I wanted to share a quote from Bishop Solis; “This is a pivotal moment in the life of the Church, to open its doors, its ears and its heart to listen to the voice of the people on how we are doing as a Church and what we want the Church to be in the coming years.” I want the Knights to support our Diocese and be involved in your parishes and this Synod.

Thank you for all you do, and I want to know how I can assist you and your council. Vivat Jesus!

**Nick Nielson**  
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## Holy Father’s [Prayer Intention](#) People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

*Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis*



## THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

### [Some November Highlights](#)

- 1st— Solemnity of All Saints
  - 2nd— Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
  - 3rd— Martin de Porres, Opt. Mem.
  - 9th— Dedication of Lateran Basilica, Feast
  - 11th— Martin of Tours; **Veterans Day (USA)**, Memorial
  - 18th— Churches of Peter and Paul, Opt. Mem.
  - 21st— Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
  - 25th— **Thanksgiving Day (USA)**
  - 28th— First Sunday of Advent
- [Daily Readings from USCCB](#)

## LIFE

Brother Knights,

Did you know: On average, 3,200 abortions are performed every year in Utah? This results largely from one Supreme Court case decided back in 1973.

**Could we see the end of *Roe v. Wade* in our lifetime?** This is a question that has been asked many times over the years. The answer has generally been, probably not. However, potential change is now a very real possibility and the USCCB is calling on all Catholics and Christians of all denominations to help.

**What's happening?** On December 1st, the US Supreme Court will begin hearing oral arguments in the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*. A summary of the case may be found here: <https://bit.ly/3CHR1lp> In short, in 2018, Mississippi passed a law known as the Gestational Age Act. This law limits abortions after 15 weeks gestational age except in medical emergencies or for severe fetal abnormalities. Shortly after the law was passed, Mississippi's only abortion clinic, Jackson Women's Health, challenged the law.

The specific question the court will answer is whether a state may enact limits on abortion before viability, i.e., when the baby is capable of living outside the mother's womb. The Supreme Court will consider the correctness of its previous ruling in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which severely limit the ability of states to protect their interests in unborn life and maternal health.

**What does it mean for Utah if *Roe* is overturned?** The decisions regarding abortion would then go back to the individual states. Utah already has a trigger law in place. Briefly summarized, if *Roe* is overturned, abortions in Utah would immediately become illegal. Brothers, I cannot stress strongly enough the enormity of this case.

**What can you do?**

- Educate yourself and share the information. The USCCB has set up a website, [www.prayfordobbs.com](http://www.prayfordobbs.com) There you will find valuable information and materials which you can learn from and distribute to your Council, parish, family, friends, etc. Get this information to your priests and ask them to talk about it - BOLDLY. The SLC Diocese will be doing the same.
- PRAY and pray hard.
- On November 18th, the USCCB will be holding a virtual prayer vigil for Dobbs. I encourage you to go to the PrayforDobbs website and sign up. This is a non-denominational event, so all are invited and encouraged to participate.
- Consider hosting a weekly or monthly prayer vigil/rosary at your parish.
- Plan to attend the Utah March for Life on January 22, 2022.

A decision on this case is expected in June of 2022. Brothers, the opposition will not allow *Roe* to be overturned without a significant fight both at the legislative level (i.e. – going after the Utah trigger law) as well as on the streets. Be vigilant, and make sure your parishes are vigilant. Many are afraid to speak out on this issue for fear of reprisal. We must be safe, but we must be strong. When the Judgement Day comes and our Lord asks you "What did you do for the least of mine?" What will your answer be?

Vivat Jesus!

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## FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

October 31, 2021 marked 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 Guild in 1985 to share information about his canonization progress and to solicit [prayers for his cause](#). I urge you to become more familiar with the founder of the Knights and join the guild.

Joining is simple, fill out the registration at [www.FatherMcGivney.org](http://www.FatherMcGivney.org) and click "join the guild" to register. It's free! A quarterly Guild newsletter is mailed out to guild members. Membership is open to anyone who may be interested! Consider this special opportunity and JOIN TODAY. Thank you, if you have already joined the Guild.

Vivat Jesus!

[Charles E. Dover Jr.](#),

McGivney Guild Chairman, Utah



PRAY FOR  
DOBBS

## FISHER HOUSE SALT LAKE CITY

Greetings Fellow Knights!

Several of you have asked about volunteering at the VA Fisher House in Salt Lake City during the upcoming holiday season. The current policy due to COVID-19 is no in-person volunteering yet. The Fisher House is accepting donations as well as catered meals from restaurants. The meals may be dropped off or have it delivered, but at this time we can't serve them. They hope the policy changes soon because they miss the Knights of Columbus! A wish list is published on their website at [www.FisherHouseSaltLakeCity.com](http://www.FisherHouseSaltLakeCity.com) for in-kind donations.

More information can be obtained from Mrs. Quinn Kiger-Good at [quinn.kiger@va.gov](mailto:quinn.kiger@va.gov) or (801) 588-5900, or myself.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Bouley, State Veterans Affairs Chairman

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# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Utah Brothers All,



We are rolling into November and our programs are moving full steam ahead. I would like to thank Kim Gold for doing a terrific job as the Utah State Chairman of the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The State Soccer Challenge ran smoothly and was fun for all in attendance. Great Job Kim!



November and December are loaded with Coats for Kids distributions. Thank you PSD Bob Masse Jr. for being our Coats Chairman. Bob has facilitated our State getting a record amount of coats this year. He is working with all of you to assist with or set up distributions. Please contact Bob with questions and refer to our State calendar for all of the distribution sites, dates, and times. The State Officers will be in attendance at these events to assist.

I invite you to revisit your email as well as observe notes in this State Update from Bill McCauley FMFD. Bill is our Essay Contest and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Chairman. He has already sent information regarding this year's events. Please encourage your parish, CCD students, and schools at your parishes as well as any other qualifying youth groups to participate.



Finally, for this edition we are still in need of a **Science Fair Chairman**. If you are interested or have a lead on one please contact me. I will keep the planning in action. If we had a chairman step up they would not be starting from scratch. If we have no takers, I will carry on. I would however appreciate your support when the time comes. We need many judges and most importantly we need students to enter the Science Fair. We have some time but I would like for the councils to be thinking proactively towards this event.

Vivat Jesus,

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Looking for information and resources for **Faith in Action** programs from Supreme?

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



## PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

The Saint Joseph Icons should arrive in Utah soon. Immediate Past State Deputy [Greg Keller](#) is the state Pilgrim Icon Program Chairman and will be the point of contact for scheduling the icons travels throughout the state. We're expecting two icons, so that should help with logistics. Please coordinate with your pastor on when would be best for your parish and put your reservation in with Greg. Stay flexible as we don't have a firm shipping date.

The materials for [this program](#) are not yet available on the Supreme Council website or through Supplies Online.

Expect to see at least one of them on display in **Bountiful** for the Utah State Council **Midyear Meeting in January (7-8) 2022**, and in **Ogden** for the **State Convention in May (6-7-8) 2022**.

### PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

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



Any Day	<a href="http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs">www.KofC.org/JoinUs</a> & <a href="http://www.kofc.org/ceremonials">www.kofc.org/ceremonials</a>
MM/DD	Event/Activity
11/1	All Saint's Day
11/2	All Soul's Day
11/3	<a href="#">GoToWebinar</a> —Working with Your Pastor
11/3	123-CUF Ceremonial in Bountiful ( <a href="#">Council 5502</a> )
11/6	Fourth Degree Exemplanation by <a href="#">Assembly 1144</a>
11/7	1-3 PM, <a href="#">Coats for Kids</a> — State Distribution at Saint Andrew, Riverton (14239)
11/10	<a href="#">GoToWebinar</a> —The Delta Church Drive System
11/11	Veteran's Day
11/11	<a href="#">GoToWebinar</a> —Council Officer Basic Training
11/13	8-10 AM, <a href="#">Coats for Kids</a> — State Distribution at Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna (Council 9731)
11/13	10 AM –Noon, Coats for Kids — Distribution at Saint Rose of Lima, Layton ( <a href="#">6010</a> )
11/13	123-CUF Ceremonial in Ogden ( <a href="#">Council 5502</a> )
11/13	<a href="#">USMC Ball</a>
11/14	<b>Family of the Month Due!</b> Use <a href="#">Form 10784</a> !
11/20	11-Noon, <a href="#">Coats for Kids</a> — Distribution at Saint Vincent de Paul Dining Hall (SLC CCS)
11/20	2-3 PM, <a href="#">Coats for Kids</a> — State Distribution (12264)
11/21	Christ the King
11/22	No State Training
11/25	Thanksgiving
11/28	First Sunday of Advent
11/29	<a href="#">GoToWebinar</a> —Council Officer Basic Training
11/30	<a href="#">GoToWebinar</a> —The Delta Church Drive System
11/30	DEADLINE—Essay Contest

## UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER



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### NEW DISTRICT MARSHAL:

District Marshal Richard Vigor is now retired and has moved to his new home in Tennessee. The new Marshal for central Utah is PFN Ed Ortega. He brings his leadership skills and experience to the Marshal position. Ed is also fluent in Spanish and can provide the 4th degree needed support with the many Spanish councils within the state. Please welcome Ed and congratulate him on accepting this position to forward the 4th Degree within the state.

### MARIAN CELEBRATION AT ST JOSEPHS IN OGDEN.

A 4th Degree Honor Guard was formed and provided support for the annual Marian Celebration held on October 9th at Saint Joseph in Ogden. Bishop Solis presided over the celebration.



The more the merrier it would be presenting ourselves as the visible arm of the Catholic Church. Get your uniform and join us for the many honor guards requested from parishes to the Cathedral.



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



### Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

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### 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

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12264, 15741, 16006

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

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731,  
11812, 17140



Assembly 2577 Color Corps Commander Michael "Gunny" Stephenson at present arms during the crowning of Mary.

### JOIN THE FOURTH DEGREE

Save the date! The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree (the ceremonial for third degree brother Knights to join and become Sir Knights in the fourth degree) is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Saint Olaf Parish in Bountiful, Utah. Details and registration information will be available soon.

### STUFFED ANIMALS FOR KIDS IN CRISIS & SOCKS FOR HEROES

**Stuffed Animals for Kids in Crisis** and **Socks for Heroes** donations are currently being sought and accepted by District Master Dick Hall. The addition of The BVD program is also active. BVD is **B**riefs **4** **V**eterans with **D**isabilities and will be distributed with the Socks

### THE PATRIOTIC SCHOLARSHIP OF THE UTAH FOURTH DEGREE

The newly created Fourth Degree Scholarship program is getting its feet off the ground. This scholarship will be awarded at the state convention each year by the Utah District Master. The value of the scholarship currently is \$1,000. The scholarship is available to those students who are in their second year or higher (of post-secondary education) and are either a member of a Utah assembly of the fourth degree in good standing; or a spouse, child, or a legal guardianship of the member. Children and legal guardianships of the member are eligible up to age 26. That is they must not be 26 years of age before the March 15th filing deadline. The spouse, children, and guardianships are also eligible through a deceased member of a Utah assembly who was in good standing at the time of his death.

Note: For more information about the scholarship, see page 2 in the current draft of the application ([here](#)).

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

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Fourth Degree Calendar is online at [tinyurl.com/UT4th](http://tinyurl.com/UT4th)

## IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Council 9849

**Robert Bambrick, 10/7/2021**

*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](mailto: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 — NOVEMBER 2021

**"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."** (Gospel for Nov. 7, Mk 12:43-44)

This month, I challenge you to review your charitable giving and to pray about whether God is asking you to contribute something more. Second, I challenge you to participate in your council's [Food for Families](#) or [Coats for Kids Faith in Action](#) program.

### Questions for Reflection:

How does God wish you to balance providing for yourself and your family with serving others? Do you find you put your trust in material goods and wealth, rather than in God? What are some specific, concrete ways you might do better at sharing your blessings with the less fortunate?

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights, it is November already; time to commemorate all Saints Day and remember our loved ones on All Souls Day. Coats for Kids distributions are just around the corner as Bob Masse received the shipment on Oct 29th. I helped Bob get the coats out to a few councils and I am looking forward to participating with many of you as we participate in this wonderful project. Karl posted the distribution schedule on the [utahknights.org](http://utahknights.org) website ([here](#)) as we will need many hands to make this project a success. Additionally, I am looking forward to seeing several of you at the CUF degree in Bountiful on Nov 3rd and the 4th degree in Kearns on Nov 6th.

We finally have achieved 100% in our Officer's Chosen reports (Form 185), thank you for your efforts. However, for those of you who have not submitted your Program Personnel Report (Form 365) or your

January-June 2021 audit (due 8/15), I still need council help here. As of October 30th, we are still missing several reports.

Service Program Personnel ([Form 365](#)): missing 7 of 34 (29% missing).

Semi-annual Audit ([Form 1295](#)): missing 12 of 34 (35% missing).

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. As a reminder 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, and your council will not receive credit.

Frank Carmona sent out a report in Mid-October regarding safe environment credentialing status. Although your council may have submitted your Program Personnel Report, if the men you appointed as Directors did not complete the training or the background check, the GK or the FS will need to go to members online and reappoint the PD, CD and/or FD. Supreme will remove prior appointments if training and or the background check has not been completed within 60 days of appointment. So please encourage your respective directors to take the online training sooner than later.

I mentioned above that the coats have been delivered. However, I have 11 pledges still outstanding; so, if your councils could send those in soon that would be much appreciated. In the area of State Per Capita, I have 16 councils who still have an outstanding balance. I understand that FSs are in the process of preparing for annual dues collection, but I am just putting plug out if you can at least make a partial payment.

I mailed out the State Directory\* hard copies the first week of October. I hope all of you have received those. If not call or email me and I will resend as necessary.

Lastly, I would like to express the state's gratitude towards council generosity for the first four months of the year that exceeds \$8,700: Navajo Strong \$50; Culture of Life \$306; Scholarship \$24; Vocations \$49; Carmelites \$1,078; Coats \$5209; Memorial Fund \$20; Science Fair \$50; Special Olympics \$1,755; Vets Assistance \$165 and Ultrasound Program \$20.00.

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](mailto:utkofcstatesecretary@gmail.com) or [kellywill@msn.com](mailto:kellywill@msn.com). My best wishes to all of you for a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to you, your families and friends.

Vivat Jesus!

**Bill Kelly**

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

[The "Council Health Status" link at www.UtahKnights.org/resources shows form submission status and progress towards the Star Council Award as well as any balance owed for state per capita.](#)

## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

**Charity** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show [love for their neighbors](#) by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at [Special Olympics](#), and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who [choose life](#) for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your [parish and community](#).

**Fraternity** – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated [insurance program](#) continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

**Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

**Recruit** Now!! Ask parishioners to join. It's Church drive season. A church drive will help highlight the work you're doing in the parish, and advertise upcoming events. It breaks us out of our comfort zone, and provides an opportunity to ask a man who we might have overlooked in the past. Go out and ask your pastor, order your kit and enjoy the opportunity to address the parish. The State Officers are all available to help with your Church Drive. Have posters, pamphlets, cards to hand out to those interested. Remember to follow up with a combined degree in your Council.

Even if you do not do a full Church drive this month, see if your priest will do a brief pulpit speech on how he values the local Council.

Free online membership for a year is scheduled to expire on December 31. Every Council should encourage one, two or several new members in the next two months.

Bill McCauley



### TRAINING WEBINARS!

**No Utah State training webinars in November (Happy Thanksgiving) or December (Merry Christmas).**

State training will resume on the fourth Monday in January. visit [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State) for previous webinars with the resources and the GoToMeeting recordings on YouTube. **What else would you like to learn about?** State Training Director [Jerry Angus](#) takes requests!

#### REGIONAL:

Ken White (Associate Regional Growth & Training Director, Western Territory) has published his schedule for [November](#). The registration links are available at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Regional](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Regional). November topics: Working with Your Pastor (11/3), The Delta Church Drive System (11/10, 11/30), Council Officer Basic Training (11/11, 11/29), and The District Deputies Guide to New Council Development (11/17). These webinars are also shown on the state events calendar.

#### SUPREME:

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



## CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Relevant links: [Faith in Action](#) - [Community Programs](#) - [Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest](#) - [Resources \(PDFs\)](#)

This is the month that students should be participating in the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**. Your Council needs to encourage participation and plan for Judging and Awards.

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith ends with **submissions to the Council on November 30**. 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 contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. Entries are due to the Council by November 30. This year's essay assignment is:

*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.*

The Council needs to send up to five winning essays (one for each grade) **to their District Deputy by December 20**. Grand Knights please email me with 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 so the State can judge Utah winning essays and submit them to Supreme by January 31.

**JUDGING:** Judges (three or more) will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus Council. Council members, their spouses, teachers, clergy, civil officials and/or members of the community may serve as judges. Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system:

35 points: Content – How clearly is the theme presented?

30 points: Grammar - Does the essay reflect proper sentence and paragraph structure and utilize correct spelling?

35 points: Style - Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a compelling style?

All scores should be recorded on the entry form/score sheet.

**AWARDS:** Following are suggested prizes to be awarded at the different levels of the Knights of Columbus essay Contest. They are not mandatory. You may design your own awards for the contest (such as scholarships, gift certificates, plaques, certificates, trophies, etc.).

\* Certificates for winning essays and certificates of participation for all entrants. Certificates are available in the KIT (\$5 including ground shipping through supplies online in [Officers Online](#)) as well as PDF files on the supreme website. 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), \$20 (2nd), and \$15 (3rd) winning essays in each grade. Remember, this is a Faith in Action Community Program.

Forms available from Supreme: Entry Form/Judging Sheet ([#4208](#)) Participation Certificate ([#4206](#)) Winner's Certificate ([#4207](#)) Winners Announcement ([#10644](#))

William McCauley FMFD ~ Essay Contest Chairman

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Relevant links: [Faith in Action](#) - [Family Programs](#) - [Keep Christ in Christmas](#) - [Resources \(PDFs\)](#)

The **Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) 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. This month children should be starting to draw/paint their posters, but there is still time to encourage participation.

The KCIC Poster Contest is open to ages 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of November 1.

Due dates for Utah Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest are:

**Posters Completed and submitted to Council by 12/15/2021.**

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

District Winners determined by 1/15/2022; 1st Place Winners to State.

**JUDGING:** Judging teams should be composed of students, Knights, spouses, teachers, administrators, council chaplain, pastor, etc.

A 100-point scoring system will be used to determine the winners.

Slogan — 30 Points: How clearly is the theme presented?

Visuals — 30 Points: How well do the visuals convey the message?

Overall Impact — 40 points: How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic at hand?

**AWARDS:** The following are suggestions for prizes to be awarded at the various levels of the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Local Councils, Districts and State Councils can design their own awards for the contest — scholarships, gift certificates, saving bonds, plaques or trophies would all be acceptable.

\* Certificates for winning essays and certificates of participation for all entrants. Certificates are available in the KIT (\$5 including ground shipping through supplies online in [Officers Online](#)) as well as PDF files on the supreme website. 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), \$20 (2nd), and \$15 (3rd) place winning posters in each age group.

Forms available from Supreme: Participant Entry Forms/Judging Sheets ([#5025](#)) Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Report Form ([#5023](#))

Council Winner Certificates ([#5022](#)) and Participation Certificates ([#5028](#))

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Contact **Nate Raso** to inquire about being a KofC field agent.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Dear Brothers,

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at [www.KofCSurvey2021.org](http://www.KofCSurvey2021.org). Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who our agents have met with so far this year. We've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

Vivat Jesus!  
The Raso Agency



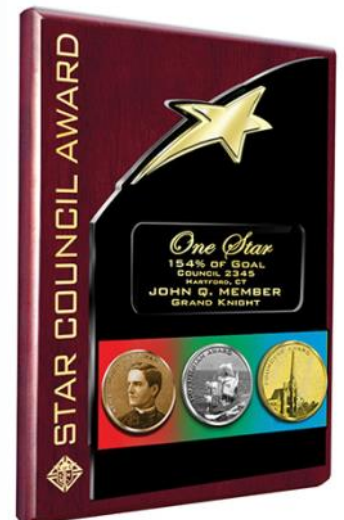
## FOUNDERS' AWARD

*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 (Nate Raso) or Field Agent (Matt McCarthy).



If a council adequately promotes and participates in the event, they may submit the [Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form](#) (#11077) to their General Agent (still 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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