



Utah State Update



Brothers, in November we had a good month for membership growth only missing our monthly goal and average by just a couple of new members. Thank you for your continued hard work in growing our order. We also grew in more than just membership, I believe this year we gave out more coats than any other year. This is truly amazing! In a conversation I had with a couple of PSDs, we started doing the Coats for Kids distributions about 10 years ago (give or take) and only started with about 200 coats. This year with your donations and hard work combined with the Supreme Council matching donations we will be giving out more than 2500 coats; most of the distributions occurred in November with a few more coming in the early part of December.

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving and you were able to enjoy the day with your family reflecting on all the gifts God has given you. I am thankful for all of you, and your families. You all are wonderful examples of dedication and faith. I am happy to serve you all, and you inspire me to do more.

As we move forward in this busy time of year, take joy in knowing the programs we do and those we support do "Change Lives and Saves Lives". Even the simplest of programs does this. When the holidays end and the world goes back to the hustle and bustle, we do not. We are already gearing up, to support Lent, continuing our food banks, pushing for blood, working for those in need. This is why we are needed and why we "Change Lives and Saves Lives". Thank you all.

This time of year our churches will be filled with men and their families returning to church and looking for ways to deepen their faith. This time of year the call of the church is strong, welcoming back those who have wandered away. Brothers, open the doors of the church, and the councils to them. Be that avenue, through our faith programs, through our service and most of all through membership. We can help those returning to the church and strengthening their faith.

Lastly, I want you all to save the date for the Midyear Meeting. This will be happening on Saturday, January 8th at Saint Olaf Catholic Church in Bountiful. We will be trying something new (again) for the agenda; the State Officers and I are working on pulling it all together for you. Also, I know the council there is excited to be offering the Philly cheesesteak sandwiches for lunch again, similar to what they did a few years ago at a state meeting. If you missed that, you do not want to miss it this year!

Again my brothers, thank you for all you do, and I look forward to seeing you in person at the Midyear Meeting next month. If there is anything I can do to help support you before then please reach out and ask.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson

State Deputy

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DETAILS ON THE MIDYEAR MEETING?

How do I get a Philly cheesesteak for lunch? What's the agenda? What time is the meeting? How much is dinner? What's for dinner? How are reservations made? Looking for answers about the meeting?

Visit the state website Midyear Meeting announcement page at www.UtahKnights.org/2021/11/midyear-meeting-08-jan-2022

That **the place** updated as needed with all the latest information about the meeting. Once the details are finalized, they're shared here (e.g., the agenda, and the link for meal reservations and meal payments).



Holy Father's Prayer Intention Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis



THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Some December Highlights

The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of **Advent** and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the **Christmas** season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

- 8. Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast day of the USA (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 25. Solemnity the Nativity of the Lord (aka Christmas!)
- 26. Feast of the Holy Family
- 28. Feast of the Holy Innocents

[Daily Readings from USCCB](#)
[Advent Calendar from USCCB](#)

LIFE



PRAY FOR
DOBBS

Brother Knights,

It begins! 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/3CHRIIp>. As I wrote last month ([PDF link](#)), this case is HUGE. Please continue to pray for our Supreme Court Justices and for a positive outcome. This case has the potential to overturn Roe v. Wade.

The USCCB has set up a website, www.PrayForDobbs.com. There you will find valuable information and materials which you can learn from and distribute to your Council, parish, family and friends.

January is pro-life month. Please begin preparing accordingly:

- January 19-27 – **9 Days for Life Novena** – sign up for daily reminders (email and/or text) at 9DaysForLife.com
- January 20-21 – **National Prayer Vigil for Life** - www.usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. and will be televised by [EWTN](#) and livestreamed on the [Basilica's webpage](#) so millions can participate remotely.
- Friday, January 21, 7:00 PM - **Mass for the Unborn** - Cathedral of the Madeline, to be followed by the **Ceremony of Light** – a vigil to honor those whose lives have been lost to abortion. Please join Bishop Solis for this special Mass. An Honor Guard is requested (6:30 pm - 10 pm). Please contact District Master Dick Hall (DistrictMaster@UtahKnights.org) if you are able to participate.

- Saturday, January 22, 10 AM – 1 PM – **Utah March for Life**. Please see www.MarchForLifeUtah.com for event details. More details will be sent as the plans are firmed up and share on the website. Please note, this year (2022) the plan is for an actual march at the state capital, not a car parade like 2021. Guest Speaker Nick Vujicic is scheduled.
- Watch for more announcements and events as they're scheduled. The annual bilingual rosary will take place at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

Keep praying! A *Prayer to Saint Joseph, Defender of Life* is available at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph

Vivat Jesus!

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Gloves
For
Veterans



GLOVES FOR VETERANS

Assemblies in Utah participate in multiple programs to help veterans. First was the "Socks for Heroes" program, then came the "BVD (Brother Veterans Drawers)" program as the VA had a need for underwear in addition to the socks.

What's next? Gloves! Did the picture to the left give it away? We're also collecting gloves to distribute to veterans at the Salt Lake City VA. It's simple to get started! Get permission from the pastor, print out a sign, stick it on the collection box and announce you're collecting gloves for vets! If your council or assembly wants to get started, but has a few questions, reach out to [Joe Bouley](#), State Veterans Affairs Chairman balijo@aol.com (801) 309-9149. [Andy Airriess](#) has the artwork; collecting at Saint Joseph the Worker parish [has already started!](#)

District Master Dick Hall is also collecting the "Kids in Crisis" stuffed animals. DistrictMaster@UtahKnights.org is the easy way to contact him about these various donation programs.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Utah Brothers All,

December is here. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Good luck with your programs during this extra busy month. Please enjoy your family throughout the holidays.



The annual **Blood Drive** is coming up and it looks like it will happen this year. Brother Tim Lozano is gathering details. Please watch your email for his message in the near future. Tim is our Community Director for the State. I would like to thank him in advance for all of his hard work.

Thank you Bill McCauley, FMFD for chairing the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** and the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**. See page 7 for program details. When the judging is complete we will be announcing the state winners and distributing prizes.

Great job to all of the councils on their **Coats for Kids** projects. We had a busy November with donations and distributions. Many more distributions are scheduled for December. All of the dates can be found on the state calendar ([as events](#)). If your council pledged a donation to the coats for kids account please send your pledge to State Secretary Bill Kelly if you have not done it already. His address is on page 5.

Free Throw Championship timeline: Council championship in January, District in February, State in March. First place winners advance.

The annual **Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair** will be in person at Juan Diego Catholic High School in Draper on Saturday, February 5th. **Judges are needed.** SS Bill Kelly is collecting funds.

Family of the Month entries are done on [Form 10784](#) with your Family of the Month selection before the 15th. Let's have every council submit every month! Monthly, one randomly selected Utah submission wins!

Vivat Jesus,

Ryan Graveley

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

Visit www.KofC.org/FIAresources

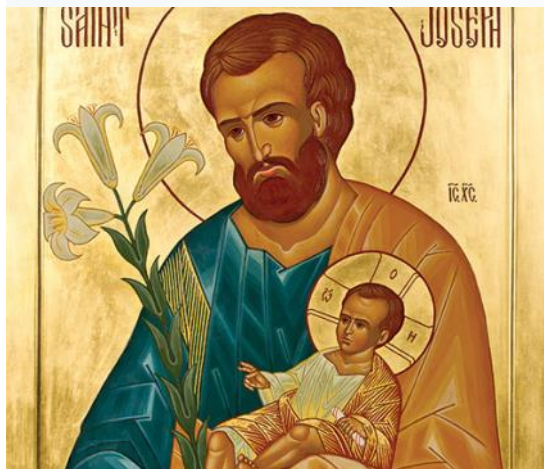
* Every supreme recommended program has a Guide Sheet to introduce the program, Guide Books with the instructions and rules, and usually a variety of other materials including posters

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

FURNITURE FOR REFUGEES

Sir Knight Barry Stine of Tooele recently facilitated a furniture donation to CCS for the refugees. Drop off was only from 1-4 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays at CCS in downtown Salt Lake City. Contact information is listed on their website at www.ccsutah.org/get-involved/in-kind-donations

PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM— WELCOME SAINT JOSEPH!



Two Saint Joseph Icons have arrived in Utah! Immediate Past State Deputy [Greg Keller](#) is the state Pilgrim Icon Program Chairman and will be scheduling the icons travels throughout the state (each district will have an icon for a month). Please coordinate with your District Deputy (find out which month, January—June 2022) and your pastor on when would be best for your parish.

The materials for [this program](#) are not yet available through Supplies Online, so print what you need (e.g., [booklet #5050](#)) from the website. Greg does expect to receive printed booklets to accompany the icons soon.

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**.



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Any Day	www.KofC.org/JoinUs & www.kofc.org/ceremonials
MM/DD	Event/Activity
11/30 & 12/20	DEADLINE — Essay Contest, 11/30 Council, 12/20 District
12/1	Fraternal Benefit Night - Virtual Webinar - Financial Success Under Most Any Circumstance (Van Mueller)
12/4	Diocesan Advent Retreat (AM English, PM Spanish)
12/4	Coats for Kids: Council 602 at Cathedral.
12/5	Coats for Kids: Council 602 at Cathedral.
12/6 & 12/8	GoToWebinar : Council Officer Basic Training (with ARGTD Ken White)
12/7	Spread the Light of Christ
12/8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12/9 & 12/11	Coats for Kids: Council 6010 in Layton
12/9 & 12/13	GoToWebinar : The Delta Church Drive System (with ARGTD Ken White)
12/10	50 Year Celebration for Assembly 1570 in Price.
12/14	Family of the Month Due! Use Form 10784 !
12/15	DEADLINE — Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
12/15	GoToWebinar : Grand Knight Basic Training - Part 2 (with ARGTD Ken White)
12/18	Coats for Kids: Council 602 at Our Lady of Guadalupe.
12/22	Father McGivney's Ordination (1877)
12/25	The Nativity of the Lord
12/27	No State Training
12/28 & 12/29	GoToWebinar : Last Chance District Deputy Check-In (with ARGTD Ken White)
12/31	DD Semiannual Report on Council Status (Form 944a)

UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER



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Serving Councils: 1136, 8606,
9561



A memorial Chalice presentation was made at Saint Ann Catholic Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Chalice was a gift from Former Sir Knight George Stahla of Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock Assembly 3586. When SK George passed, he left a memorial chalice to be given to the next seminarian ordained in the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah. Father Dominic Sternhagen was the next ordained. The 9 AM Mass on Sunday November 7, 2021, was chosen since it was broadcast and SK George's wife, Maria, could watch and witness the presentation from her home in Arizona. Celebrating the Mass was Saint Ann pastor Father Omar Ontiveros. In a note from Maria, the Mass was gleefully watched by SK George's family in Arizona. Pictured (left to right) are Utah District Master Richard F. Hall, Father Dominic and Faithful Navigator E. Windy Amboy.

FIRST LIVE FORMAL EXEMPLIFICATION SINCE THE COVID PERIOD.

The November 6, 2021 event was hosted by Assembly 1144 at St Francis Xavier in Kearns under leadership of Faithful Navigator Robert Masse Jr, PSD. Five (5) new Sir Knights were knighted. Please welcome Assembly 1144: SK Jose M. Barragan, SK Edgar Rene Gil, SK Victor M. Villagomez; Assembly 2577: SK William A. Morris, SK Paul J. Shami.



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



Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

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Carbon Assy. # 1570

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Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393

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Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577

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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

Honorees were Father Dominic Briesse (left photo with FN Bob and Andy Airriess taking a picture) and Deacon Douglas Biediger (right photo with FN Bob).



Picture below are some of the new Sir Knights.



The next Live Formal Exemplification will be held at St Olaf's in Bountiful. FN Windy Amboy of Assembly 3501 Rev. Msgr. Robert C Pollock will host the event on Saturday February 12, 2022.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Richard (Dick) F. Hall

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Fourth Degree Calendar is online at tinyurl.com/UT4th (The New Scholarship was [announced last month.](#))

IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Council 1129

Robert Piscitelli, 11/05/2021

Thomas Gallagher, 11/11/2021

Council 5502

William Robertson, 11/13/2021

Council 6010

Samuel Sanchez, 11/02/2021

Council 10733

Louis Derickson, 11/25/2021

Council 15418

David Hughes, 11/21/2021

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, notify StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org

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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE — DECEMBER 2021

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" (Gospel for Dec. 5, Lk 3:3-4)

The preaching of John the Baptist reminds us what Advent is all about: turning away from sin and preparing for the coming of the Lord. It's all too easy to get side-tracked or distracted by Christmas shopping and parties and fail to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming. My brothers, let us truly prepare our hearts this Advent — and help our families do the same — so that we might fully and fruitfully celebrate Christ's birth.

CHALLENGE: First, prayerfully incorporate both an Advent calendar and Advent wreath into your Christmas preparations. Second, undertake the [Keep Christ in Christmas Faith In Action Program](#).

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights, I hope all of you, your families and friends had a Happy Thanksgiving. Hopefully, you were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones.

I first would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude for those knights and councils who contributed and physically helped out with the Coats for Kids distributions. We had good turnouts at Saint Andrew (Riverton), Our Lady of Lourdes, (Magna), Saint Rose of Lima (Layton), Catholic Community Services (downtown SLC) and Saint Patrick (SLC). Many coats were given out and the families and kids were very appreciative of our efforts. There are still several distributions happening in December, so check the state website for details if you would like to help out. In addition, in November I had the opportunity to attend six council meetings and two exemplifications of

Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF ceremonials). It was great to get out and see several of you in person as we try to come out of this COVID period.

In the administration area, we are almost there with the Program Personnel Report, we only need 2 more:  $32/34 = 94.1\%$ . However, we still have work to be done on the January—June 2021 audits. As of the November report we are missing 12 audits,  $22/34 = 64.7\%$  submitted.

We need some help with Safe Environment credentialing. We sit at 14 councils who need to reassign directors. Program (PD), Community (CD), Family (FD) Directors are required to meet home office requirements in this area. If four positions are not listed on your safe environment report, you will need to reappoint them. Remember 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, Supreme will not process. After appointing directors, please encourage them to take the required training. If they fail to complete within 60 days, Supreme will drop them from their appointment.

As I mentioned above several coat distributions have occurred, but I have seven pledges outstanding. I would sincerely appreciate it if the pledges could be paid in full before the end of December. Financial Secretaries (FSs) should be preparing for their annual invoices for dues in the next couple of weeks. If any FSs need help with the billing/invoice system give me a call and I will try to walk you through it.

Lastly, here are the updated contributions numbers as of November 20th: Culture of Life \$306; Scholarship \$224; Vocations \$49; Carmelites \$1,088; Coats for Kids \$11,056 (of over \$16,500 pledged); Memorial Fund \$20; Navajo Strong \$50; Science Fair \$60; Special Olympics \$2,030; Vets Assistance \$165 and Ultrasound Program \$30. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

Here is to wishing you and your families a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy 2022. I look forward to seeing many of you on January 8th at the Midyear Meeting at Saint Olaf in Bountiful.

Should 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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- The "Council Health Status" link at [www.UtahKnights.org/resources](http://www.UtahKnights.org/resources) shows form submission status, safe environment compliance status and current progress towards the [Star Council Award](#) as well as any balance owed for state per capita (which is due). Any missing form mentioned above will be noted on that linked document.
- Tip: Sending in your council's donation to the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair in January is needed as the fair is scheduled for Saturday, February 5th (in person at JDCHS starting at 8 AM). Fair details are online at <https://sites.google.com/skaggscatholiccenter.org/diosciencefair> Judge registration starts on December 13th.

## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Most Councils have activities scheduled this month. Before you consider HOW to recruit, you must address the question of WHOM to recruit. There are many eligible Catholic men and their families who would enjoy participating in the Order. Identifying them is easier than you think.

- Approach pastors for parish rosters of potential Knights.
- Add all local priests and deacons, who are not Knights, to prospect list.
- Consider ushers, parish council members, choir, lectors, etc., as prospects.
- Welcome all new parishioners by asking them to join.
- Consider all vendors who serve the council as potential members.
- Add fathers, sons, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, grandsons.
- Advertise regularly in church bulletins, inviting interested prospects to contact the membership committee about joining.
- Contact former members.
- Use your imagination. New members are all around you.

Last month, the Grand Knights and District Deputies received a script for a Priest to invite men to join the Knights and two samples of brochures that could be altered to be specific to your Council. Invite prospects to your activities. Hand out a brochure to any prospect. Every Council should add at least one new member this month.

Keep contact with assigned online members. Invite them to Council meetings and activities. Approve them for membership. Have them take the ceremonial online or schedule an in person CUF Degree, and transfer them into your Council.

Remember, free online membership for a year was extended to June 30, 2022. Have your prospects sign up online at [www.KofC.org/join](http://www.KofC.org/join)

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

William McCauley, FMFD

Membership Director



# Education and Training



## TRAINING WEBINARS!

**No Utah State training webinars in 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 YouTube links for the GoToMeeting recordings.

**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 [December](#) with descriptions and registration links. The registration links are also available at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Regional](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Regional). December topics: Council Officer Basic Training (12/6, 12/8); The Delta Church Drive System (12/9, 12/13); Grand Knight Basic Training - Part Two (12/15); The District Deputy Check-In (12/28, 12/29). 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.

Wow! It's December already. Two contests for our youth are coming to an end. Thanks for offering these activities in your Parish.

## CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

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

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 ([#4208](#)).

**REPORTING:** By December 6, please email the following information to [williammccauley@comcast.net](mailto:williammccauley@comcast.net)

1. Did your Council participate? (Even if you had no entries, if you offered the program through Parish Bulletin, poster, or attempted to get another group involved, then your Council participated).
2. How many entries did you receive by grade?
3. Let me know what school, CCD, or youth group was involved.
4. If your Council advertised or encouraged your youths to participate and did not receive any submissions, please email and let me know what your Council did.

Forms available from Supreme: 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?

**REPORTING:** By December 20, please email the following information to [williammccauley@comcast.net](mailto:williammccauley@comcast.net)

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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](#))

William T. McCauley, FMFD ~ KCIC Poster Contest Chairman

**Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!**





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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Dear Brothers,

What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, Saint Anne, and father, Saint Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)



I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. I hope and pray that you and your family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in the agency. We have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. We consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agents. One way we may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online at [www.kofcsurvey2021.org](http://www.kofcsurvey2021.org). Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let your agent know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!

Vivat Jesus!

The Raso Agency

## FRATERNAL BENEFIT NIGHT VIRTUAL WEBINAR 12/1

Did you receive your invitation email? [Virtual Webinar](#) - is at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 **Financial Success Under Most Any Circumstance** (Van Mueller). [Register here.](#)

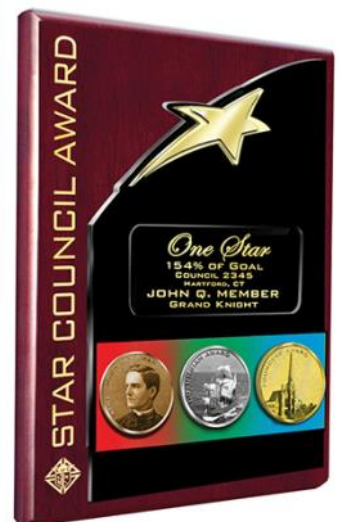
## FOUNDERS' AWARD

*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. 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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