



# Utah State Update



Last month we held our midyear meeting and we are now more than halfway through the fraternal year. With the rise in COVID cases we made some quick adjustments and were able to host the midyear meeting both in person and virtually. I received some very positive feedback from several members, council leaders and Past State Deputies; but really the thanks goes to you that attended either in person or online. It is because of you that the meeting went well and like I said during the meeting, you, the leaders around the state are my team, and it is because of you that it was successful.

We had several highlights that I thought went very well, for me my favorite parts were obviously the camaraderie and being together but I also thoroughly enjoyed the panel discussion with the representatives from 9849, 12181, and 5502. These were only a few of the councils that have been successful this year and it was amazing to hear what they were doing and having them share their best practices. I particularly liked hearing how they have been reaching out to their members, what they've been doing to be active in their communities, and how they haven't let the pandemic slow them down. Some of the other feedback was how well the program/membership fair went, going around to the different tables and being able to talk one on one. If there was something you took away that you thought was impactful, helpful, or even a suggestion for improvement the state officers would love to hear your thoughts. Also, I want to give a big thank you to the host council 5502 for their hospitality; the breakfast quiche and cheesesteak sandwiches were also another part of my favorites for the day. If you would like to review the meeting it was recorded and can be found in the members only section on our website, and the PowerPoint presentation and additional files can be found in the Files and Links page at [www.UtahKnights.org/files-and-links/#20220108](http://www.UtahKnights.org/files-and-links/#20220108)

I'm looking forward to our statewide recruitment weekend, hopefully you are busy with plans for that during February 26th and 27th. The endorsement letter from Bishop Solis inviting men to join the Knights can be found on our website (at the midyear link above) or by clicking here ([English](#), [Spanish](#)). Share this letter with your pastors, with your parishes, and help men become part of our organization.

The 2022 Utah March for Life was an amazing event, the Knights were recognized along with our very own John Wainscott and it was very moving. It was also very successful in bringing in new members, our intent wasn't a recruitment drive, but we were ready to discuss the Knights and invite men in. As a result, we recruited six new online members that day, I personally recruited four of those just by having a conversation about what we do and then simply asking them if they would like to join. My point to this is to not be afraid to ask a man to join, especially at one of your events. They are obviously there and interested in what you do just by attending the event, might as well ask.

In January we recruited 14 new members, only one short of our monthly goal and we are at 50% of our overall goal for the year. This is the first time in over 5 years that we've been at 50% in January, keep up the amazing work. We are at about 83% of where we should be at for the time of year, but I'm excited to see what you can do with the statewide recruitment drive and the endorsement from the Bishop.

Lastly, now is the time to start thinking about what programs you will submit for your councils for the state awards, the submission deadline is March 15th (which is only a month and a half away). If there is anything I can do to help support you please reach out and ask.

Vivat Jesus!

**Nick Nielson**  
State Deputy



## Holy Father's [Prayer Intention](#)

### Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

*Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis*



## THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

This year the entire month of [February](#) falls during the liturgical season known as *Tempus per Annum* or Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

### Some February Highlights

2. [Feast of the Presentation of the Lord](#), Feast
3. [Blaise](#); [Ansgar](#), Opt. Mem.
5. [Agatha](#), Memorial
10. [Scholastica](#), Memorial
11. [Our Lady of Lourdes](#), Opt. Mem.
22. [Feast of Chair of St. Peter](#), Feast

[Daily Readings from USCCB](#)

## SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

As seen at the Midyear Meeting on January 8th, the two Saint Joseph Icons are here and have begun their travels around the state. The schedule below has a correction to the one announced on January 11th (corrected months for districts 8 & 12):

Icon	Month: District Deputy and Councils
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 176	Jan. 2022: District 4 Deputy is VACANT (SS Bill Kelly covering) for councils 1136, 8606, 9561.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 176	<b>Feb. 2022: District 5 Deputy is Larry Zubel for councils 2611, 6147, 7401.</b>
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 176	Mar. 2022: District 8 Deputy is Patrick McDonald for councils 10733, 11246.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 176	Apr. 2022: District 12 Deputy is Bill McCauley (State Membership Director) for councils 11812, 15741, 16006.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 176	May. 2022: District 1 Deputy is Andy Beck for councils 777, 5347, 9849, 12959.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 176	Jun. 2022: District 10 Deputy is Mark Dylla for councils 6010, 14399, 16127.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 175	Jan. 2022: District 2 Deputy is Paul Tinker for councils 602, 5502, 12264.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 175	<b>Feb. 2022: District 3 Deputy is Larry Page for councils 11479, 12181, 14239.</b>
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 175	Mar. 2022: District 7 Deputy is Tim Soran, Jr. for councils 6966, 13297, 13646.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 175	Apr. 2022: District 6 Deputy is Mike Middlemiss for councils 5214, 7961, 8350, 10304.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 175	May. 2022: District 9 Deputy is Gabino Chacon-Escarcega for councils 6739, 9731, 17140.
Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 175	Jun. 2022: District 11 Deputy is Beau Parent for councils 1129, 14764, 15418.

If you want a look ahead into this program, please view this link [www.KofC.org/PilgrimIcon](http://www.KofC.org/PilgrimIcon)

Here are some online resources with several materials included in the travel case, to get you started with this new and inspiration program.

[#10682](#) Guidesheet

[#11221](#) St. Joseph Icon Prayer Card

[#10739](#) Vertical Poster

[#5050](#) Prayer Service Booklet

[#10738](#) Horizontal Poster

[#11266](#) News Release

Vivat Jesus

Greg Keller, IPSD

Pilgrim Icon Chairman

## SILVER ROSE 2022

State Chairman [Pete Abercrombie](#) is scheduling the **June 12th to July 9th** Silver Rose visit to Utah. Let's have it go through the entire state! Please check the [tentative schedule](#) and start working with your parishes and councils; confirming the dates by April 15th. Information and resources online at [www.KofC.org/Rose](http://www.KofC.org/Rose).

## CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST & KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

State judging of the Essays and Keep Christ in Christmas Posters has begun!

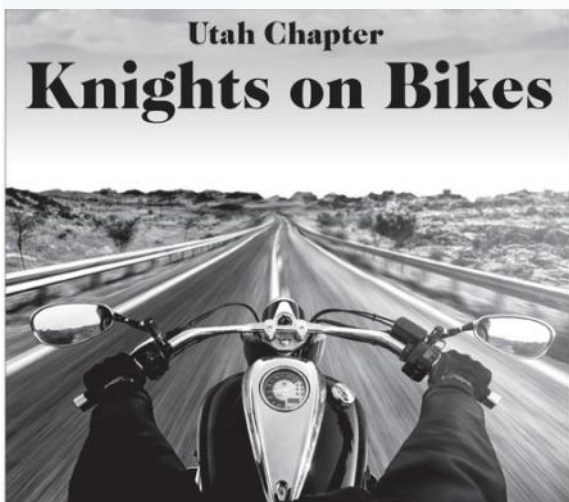
- Seven Councils (602, 1129, 6010, 6966, 10733, 12181, and 15418 from six Districts) took part in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Reported to me were 40 essays from five Councils.
- Nine Councils (1129, 5214, 6010, 6966, 8606, 10733, 12181, 15418 and 16127 from seven Districts) took part in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Reported to me were 310 posters from eight councils.
- Council 13297 conducted their own Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest. Our congratulations to the winners and participants.

Thank you to all the Councils that participated in these Youth Programs. Those Councils with the greatest participation used their Parish school or CCD classes to elicit and judge entries. Congratulations to all the participants, especially the 26 District winners we received. The eight State winners (Essay and Poster) will be announced later this month.

Vivat Jesu and God Bless America!

William McCauley, FMFD

Essay and Poster Chairman



## KNIGHTS ON BIKES

Message from Frank Carmona, Knights on Bikes State President of Utah:

There are only two (2) requirements to join our fraternal brotherhood:

1. Member must be a First-Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus. (Member must be in good standings with his council.)
2. Members must own a motorcycle (of any make, model, or size) or plan to purchase one within the next six (6) months of a membership application.

If you want to join Knights on Bikes, even if you don't meet the two basic requirements yet, **let us know!** We're happy to help you get on the road to make a difference.

Visit [www.KonBidaho.org](http://www.KonBidaho.org) for membership application and information.



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Utah Brothers,



When you read this edition you will have one last chance to sign up as a judge for the **Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair**. I have briefly included the information that you will need. Thank you for judging.

The fair will be held in person this year, at Juan Diego Catholic High School, on Saturday, February 5th. Preliminary information and judge sign ups are available online at <https://sites.google.com/skaggsccatholiccenter.org/diosciencefair/judges>. **Sixty judges are needed.** You do not need to be a

scientist to be a judge; or even a Knight — invite others! Judges should be 18 or older please. Due to COVID concerns, masks will be required, there won't be lunch, and the awards presentation will be virtual. So, arrive at 8:00 AM for instruction, judging should be complete by noon.

The fair information is located on our website at [www.UtahKnights.org/2022/01/kofc-diocesan-science-fair-05-feb-2022/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/2022/01/kofc-diocesan-science-fair-05-feb-2022/). Judges can sign up using the online Google Form at <https://forms.gle/j3n3MVw1oh9QecjY6>

Our **State Free Throw Championship** will be March 20, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament in Sandy. Ron Meacham Chairman (801-973-8337). Please call Ron, or myself with any questions. If your council needs help ordering kits for local events I would be happy to help. Kits cost \$5 (with free UPS ground shipping), or materials are available online at [www.KofC.org/FreeThrow](http://www.KofC.org/FreeThrow) (click "resources" and scroll down).

It is that time of year that councils are marching and making breakfast to support Pro-Life. Let me know about your council activities so we can advertise for you. I would also like to share your event stories with the rest of Utah.

Thank you Brothers.

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](http://www.KofC.org/FIAresources) (Tip: the Guide Sheet to introduces the program, Guide Books have the instructions and rules) or 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).

## 2022 UTAH STATE CONVENTION

It's scheduled for May 6, 7, and 8, 2022 in Ogden. Yes, that's the Kentucky Derby weekend, and Mother's Day weekend. Information about ads in the convention booklet, and reserving meals and rooms are on the state website at [www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention](http://www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention). If you're looking for a timeline of the various deadlines, check out that section on the Member's Only page at [www.UtahKnights.org/secretcy/#ConventionTimeline](http://www.UtahKnights.org/secretcy/#ConventionTimeline). Have questions? Ask them early! Contact your [District Deputy](#) or Convention Chairman DD1 Andy Beck.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Each month the calendar on the right has the reminder to submit your council's Family of the Month nominee to Supreme using [Form 10784](#). The submission by the 15th of each month is for the previous month's nominee. So, in February (by the 15th), you submit your January 2022 nominee. Program details are online at [www.KofC.org/FamilyOfTheMonth](http://www.KofC.org/FamilyOfTheMonth). Of the submissions received by the deadline each month, a family is selected randomly to receive a Holy Family Icon from Supreme. They ship it out to the family's address you provided on the **Fraternal Programs Report Form** (# 10784). Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez reviewed the form at the Midyear Meeting in January.

For June—December 2021, Supremes' records only show nine (9) submissions from five (5) councils: 1136 (Orem x2), 5502 (Bountiful x1), 6739 (Tooele x1), 12181 (Draper x3), and 13297 (Holladay x2). Strangely enough, their report showed no winner in July (yet two submissions), and no Utah submissions for October, November and December! As for the random Holy Family Icon winners, in June, **Luke Mericer** from Council 12181 was selected; in August the winner was **Art Grant** of Council 13297; and in September it was **Nick Schaible** of Council 12181. Only having three (3) councils submit in a month, the odds are very favorable of being randomly selected. They're still pretty reasonable if all 37 councils submitted! Have questions? Need help? Reach out to State Family Director [Tim Soran Jr.](#) (DD 7).



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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
January	Conduct Council <a href="#">Free Throw Championship</a>
February	Conduct District <a href="#">Free Throw Championship</a>
2/2	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)
2/2	Groundhog Day
2/5 (8:00 am to 12 noon)	Utah Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair (Juan Diego Catholic HS, Draper)
2/12	<a href="#">Fourth Degree</a> Exemplification, Assembly 3586, Bountiful
2/13	Super Bowl Sunday
2/14	Valentine's Day
2/14	Family of the Month Due! Use <a href="#">Form 10784</a> !
2/15	Semiannual Council Audit Due ( <a href="#">Form 1295</a> )
2/15	1st <a href="#">State Convention Deadline</a> (for District Deputies)
2/21	President's Day
2/26 – 2/27	State-wide Recruitment Weekend
3/2	Ash Wednesday
3/4	First Friday in Lent. Any Fish Frys or other Lenten meals? Stations of the Cross?
3/12	Saint Patrick's Day Parade
3/13	Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring forward an hour.)
3/14	Family of the Month Due! Use <a href="#">Form 10784</a> !
3/15	Deadline! State Award Submissions, Scholarship Applications
3/17	Saint Patrick's Day
3/19	Saint Joseph
3/20	State <a href="#">Free Throw Championship</a> at Blessed Sacrament.





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9561



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

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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

## UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER

### SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COLOR GUARD

A Color Guard has been requested to lead the 42nd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Salt Lake City on March 12, 2022. Honor Guard participants contact District Marshal Stacey Yeager at [UtahMarshallWest@gmail.com](mailto:UtahMarshallWest@gmail.com). Gathering time is 10:30 AM at the South end of the Gateway Mall. The parade will go North to the other end of the mall. Visit their website at [www.IrishInUtah.com/parade](http://www.IrishInUtah.com/parade) for more information about the parade.



#### 42nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Siamsa

Mar 12, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM MST  
Salt Lake City - The Gateway, 18 S Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT  
84101, USA

The St. Patrick's Day Parade returns to SLC in 2022!

[Parade Info Click Here](#)

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### FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY IN BOUNTIFUL

Reservations are due before 5:00 PM **today** (February 1, 2022) for both candidates and banquet dinner guests. **Bishop Oscar Solis** will be attending this dinner. Please consider attending and meeting with Bishop Solis. The Exemplification at Saint Olaf Parish is on Saturday, **February 12th**. Schedule: 2:00 PM check-in registration, 2:30 PM Fourth Degree Ceremonial, 5:30 PM Mass, 6:30 PM Social and Dinner. The honoree is Charles E. Dover, Jr., FVSM, PSD. Exemplification details with meal registration link, and Form 4 candidate application: [www.UtahKnights.org/2021/12/fourth-degree-exemplification-12-feb-2022/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/2021/12/fourth-degree-exemplification-12-feb-2022/)

### HONOR GUARDS AT JANUARY EVENTS HELD FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE



Past Faithful Navigator (PFN) Thomas Odle and Utah District Master Richard Hall at the monument to the unborn following the **Bilingual Rosary for Life** on Jan 16, 2022, Mount Calvary Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah. Rosary participant from around the diocese attended including many Knights of Columbus and families.

**Mass for the Unborn** was celebrated by Bishop Solis at 6:00 PM in the Cathedral of

the Madeline on Jan 21, 2022. Public presentation of the candlelight cross representing the thousands of lives lost to abortion were conducted on the steps from 4:30 to 9:30PM. Parishioners placed smaller vigil light candles among larger cross candles. Sir Knights present in the honor guard were District Marshal (DM) Stacey Yeager, PFN Tom Odle, George Lukasiewicz, DM Ed Ortega, PFN Ray Halbert, State Deputy Nick Nielsen, PFN Bob Van Parys and Utah Master of the Fourth Degree Dick Hall.



The **Utah March for Life** was Saturday, January 22 at the state capitol. Bishop Oscar Solis led a rosary at 10:30 am prior to the march. Pictured with his honor guard just prior to the march around the capitol; from left to right: Sir Knight (SK) Ray Halbert, PFN Tom Odle, Bishop Solis, MFD Dick Hall and SK Joe Bouley. The Sir Knights in the honor guard accompanied Bishop Oscar on the march around the state capitol.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

**Richard (Dick) F. Hall**

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

## IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Priests:

**Rev. Leander Dosch**, 1/2/2022

**Rev. Paul McCarthy**, 1/18/2022

Council 5502

**Robert Barney**, 1/2/2022

Council 9849

**David Freston**, 12/29/2021

***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](mailto:StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org)

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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE — FEBRUARY 2022

*When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." (Gospel for Feb. 6, Lk 5:8-10)*

Simon Peter recognizes Jesus for who he is and deems himself unworthy to be in his presence. Jesus, in calling the fisherman to follow him, tells him not to fear. Every one of us is a sinner, and yet Jesus calls each of us to follow him. It is not our own virtues or qualifications, but rather Jesus who empowers us with his grace to respond to his invitation. Brothers, remember St. Paul's words: "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me" (Phil 4:13).

### CHALLENGE:

I challenge you to go to confession and attend at least one weekday Mass, offering it for the intention to fearlessly answer Christ's call to follow him. Second, I challenge you to participate in or consider starting the Faith in Action [Into the Breach](#) program.

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights, I hope all of you, your families and friends are being safe with this recent COVID variant spike. Fortunately, we were able this past month to have our Midyear Meeting. I was glad to see many of you, and for those who participated on line, thanks for your continued support. We have some key activities coming up in the next two months:

FEB 5th – [Science Fair](#) (at JDCHS, Draper),

FEB 12th – [4th Degree Exemplification](#) (Bountiful),

MAR 12th – [Saint Patrick's Day Parade](#) (Salt Lake City),

MAR 20th – State [Free Throw Championship](#) (Sandy).

So please try to come out and support these events if you can.

This past month, I only attended two council meetings as I focused on helping councils with administrative actions. Thank you for those

councils who participated in **Affiliate Membership Program**. As of January 30, 2022, 21 of our 34 active councils participated in the pilot program. In my conversation with Fraternal Services, this program or a very similar type program will replace the old suspension process. It is anticipated that the final version of this program will roll out later this year.

In the administration area, this past month we finally attained 100% on Council Program Personnel Service Reports. Now that everyone has these reports in, we need some help with having council directors complete their safe environment training. For the 1728 (**Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**), we sit at 17 of 34 councils and 4 of 10 assemblies as of January 30th. Reminder to councils, your semiannual audit for the period July to December 2021 will be due in a couple weeks on Feb. 15th.

The State Convention will soon be upon us, only three months out, May 6th—8th, so save those dates. I would to remind councils to consider year end contributions to the Christopher, Vocations, Culture of Life, Military Vocations and Scholarship Endowment Funds. I will resend the letter in the next week, that specifies the purpose of these funds and suggested contribution amounts.

I still need some help on funds that are due to the State, I have two councils that owe for pledges on our Coats for Kids project and seven councils who owe pledges for the upcoming Science Fair. In addition, there are seven councils who still owe on their State Per Capita. Remember to send these checks (payable to "Knights of Columbus Utah State Council") to the State Secretary (my address is below).

As of the end of January 2022, the State has processed receipts of \$48,986 with disbursements of \$34,891. Year to date contributions exceed \$25K broken down as follows: Culture of Life \$1060; Scholarship \$255; Vocations \$92; Carmelites \$1,386; Coats \$16,924; Memorial Fund \$20; Navajo Strong \$50; KS Tornado Fund \$50; Science Fair \$1630; Special Olympics \$3,211; Veterans Assistance \$251 and Ultrasound Program \$96.00. Again, thanks for your continued generosity.

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 forms mentioned above will be noted on that linked document.
- Midyear Meeting Resources  
[www.UtahKnights.org/files-and-links/#20220108](http://www.UtahKnights.org/files-and-links/#20220108) (Bishop's invitation letter, etc.)  
[www.UtahKnights.org/secrecy/#20220108](http://www.UtahKnights.org/secrecy/#20220108) (Video of the meeting)
- State Convention Information [www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/)



## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Why do people join a group or an organization? Camaraderie? Financial benefits? Activities? Causes? Networking? Assistance? Religion? Or just the inability to say "no"? Because people are different, it can be difficult to pinpoint why a person is drawn to a particular group. But there is always something that motivates a person to join.

The Knights of Columbus attracts members for many reasons. Some join for camaraderie. Others are attracted by the financial benefits of our top-rated insurance program. Still others want to serve the church or make a difference in their communities through the various council programs and activities. Many others are attracted to the organization for its emphasis on family life. Whatever the motivations, the Knights of Columbus offers a man the opportunity to play a significant role in helping to build up our church. Membership in the order provides a vehicle to do something positive locally and to have an impact internationally. Knights of Columbus membership gives a person the chance to champion causes in his parish and community, and to have the resources available to be involved throughout his state and the world. Regardless of the reason a man chooses to join us, the fact is that members are the backbone of the Knights of Columbus.

It is the old "chicken or the egg" story in relationship to membership and programs. Which comes first? You cannot conduct programs without members, and you can't attract members without programs in which they can participate. Take a look around you. What is the profile of the membership in your council? How many members were recruited last year or even this fraternal year? How many members between the ages of 18 and 35 have been added to your council recently? Has your council been planning for its future? More importantly, has your council discussed implementing a plan of action for future growth? The men who you recruit during this year and in subsequent years will increase your ability to serve your community and our church, and that service will be the legacy that we each create for our founder, the Blessed Michael McGivney. Recruiting must be the number one priority in every council.

A popular slogan used in a Marine Corps enlistment campaign stated, "We're looking for a few good men." In the Knights of Columbus we're looking for a lot of good men and their families – Catholic families. We are looking:

- for men and their families concerned about their church, their community and the state of the world in which we live;
- for men and their families who are committed to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism;
- for men interested in providing security for their families;
- for Catholic families searching for opportunities, for service and for fun;
- for men who want to be challenged to become leaders in a body of 1.9 million members and their families; and
- for men who are interested in making the world a better place.

Knights know how it feels to be a part of this great organization; the rewards of membership, both personal and social. Online membership is free for one year, if signed up by June 30, 2022 (using the code **MCGIVNEY2020**, it's listed right on the webpage [www.KofC.org/Join](http://www.KofC.org/Join)). Develop recruitment resources as I previously suggested. I challenge each of you and our brothers in your council to share these experiences with other Catholic men and their families by making them a part of the Knights of Columbus family. **Bring in one new member in every Council this month.**

Remember the **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Incentive** (a Council needs three new members, details online at [www.UtahKnights.org/recruiting/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/recruiting/)) and the **Statewide Recruitment Drive, February 26-27**. Utilize your Council handouts and the letter from Bishop Solis. The bishop's letter is available in English and Spanish as PDF files at [www.UtahKnights.org/files-and-links/#20220108](http://www.UtahKnights.org/files-and-links/#20220108)

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!  
William T. McCauley, FMFD

## TRAINING WEBINARS!

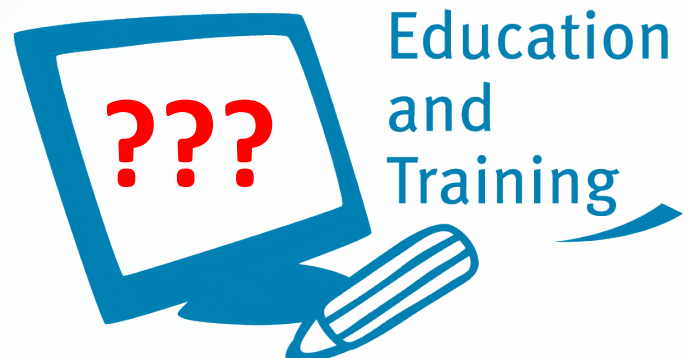
**Utah State training webinar for February is ready! "How to Write State Awards"** is available for you to watch on demand at your convenience. Good advice and information for the award submissions due by March 15th. [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20210125](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20210125) Remember State Training Director [Jerry Angus](#) takes requests for topics for his monthly virtual training on the fourth Monday of each month. Let him know what you'd like to see on March 28th.

### REGIONAL TRAINING WEBINARS:

Ken White (Associate Regional Growth & Training Director, Western Territory) has his scheduled webinars listed on the same page, just scroll to the regional section at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Regional](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Regional). These webinars are also shown on the state events calendar.

### SUPREME WEBINARS:

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. They're also listed on the state website training page at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Supreme](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Supreme).



## LIFE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

January was a big month for Life activities in Utah. We kicked off on Sunday, Jan. 16th with the **Bilingual Rosary for Life** at the Monument to the Unborn at Mount Cavalry Cemetery where approximately 50 attended. The weather was crisp but sunny for this moving outdoor event. Thank you to our District Master Dick Hall and Sir Knight Tom Odle who showed up in uniform to represent the Knights. *(See photo on page 4.)*

January 19th was the start of the **Novena for Life**. Those who registered at the [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) website received a daily email message or text with the day's prayer intercession and reflection. It's a simple, yet powerful, way to engage away from crowds of people.

Then on Friday, Jan. 21st the **Mass for the Unborn** with Bishop Solis and the **Ceremony of Light** was held at the Cathedral of the Madeleine in downtown Salt Lake City. Beginning at 4 PM, our Sir Knights, led by District Marshal Stacey Yeager set up the Candles of Light in the shape of a cross on the front step of the Cathedral and proceeded to stand guard over them until 9:30 PM. Several cars slowed as they drove by to observe and passers-by stopped to ask what was taking place. The vast majority seemed to be in support and were moved by this very public display.

At 6 PM Bishop Solis led a beautiful **Mass for the Unborn**. <https://youtu.be/K9pggr17kTw>. At the conclusion of the Mass, attendees were invited to come outside and place smaller candles on the steps. Each candle used that evening was meant to represent a portion of the over 62 million lives lost to abortion in America since the passing of Roe v. Wade in 1973. *(See photo on page 4.)*

From there we got up bright and early the next morning to head to the State Capitol for the **Utah March for Life**. What a fantastic event! The Knights had a booth set up where we passed out K of C signs for the March, shared information about the Knights, and acted as visible witnesses in promoting the Culture of Life. In doing so, six Catholic men stepped up to join the ranks of the Knights.

This was the largest March to date with over 3,000 happy warriors for life attending. At 10:30 AM Bishop Solis led a Rosary with approximately 200 Catholics participating. The event kicked off at 11 AM with Bishop Solis giving the opening invocation followed by opening remarks from Pro Life Utah president Mary Taylor.

Pro Life Utah then presented Sir Knight John Wainscott with their **Guardian of Life** award for his efforts in leading the fundraising for the mobile ultrasound unit which was placed in the Pro Life Utah Mobile Clinic in May 2021. The Utah Knights were also presented with an award for their humanitarian efforts promoting a culture of life. *(Photo at right of John Wainscott holding both plaques.)*

Next came keynote speaker Nick Vujicic. Brothers, he gave a powerful and moving talk. I would highly encourage you to give it a watch/listen <https://bit.ly/32NkNS0>. Hear John be interviewed at minute 4:42 and then receive the awards at minute 54. Nick begins his speech at minute 60. Following Nick's speech, we proceeded to line up and do the actual march around the Capitol. Overall, it was a beautiful day both event-wise and weather-wise, and a huge success in getting the pro-life message out. This event is vitally important to show our pro-life legislators that they have a strong support group behind them.

The day was not over. At 4:30 PM, Sir Knight Karl Van Maren and I reconvened at Saint John the Baptist parish in Draper where we, along with Sir Knight Michael "Gunny" Stephenson set up and prepared for a **Nocturnal Adoration for Life**. We attended the 5 PM Mass, and adoration began at the end of Mass (6 PM) and ran until 8:15 AM the following morning (Sunday). It was a long night for all of us but well worth it.

I am very grateful to Brothers Karl and Gunny for joining me and sticking it out all night. Overall we had 85 people attend throughout the night with attendees during every hour. We had all age ranges attend from young children to those in their 80's. We had four teenage girls show up at 2:15 AM and spend a half-hour with our Lord. Most attendees spent 1-2 hours. We had Knights come from Park City and Bountiful to attend. Everyone who came seemed very moved and appreciative of this opportunity. Brothers, if you are looking for a Life event to do in your parish, I would encourage you to consider doing a Nocturnal Adoration. If you would like more detail, please reach out to me.

Thank you to all who attended one or more of these events. Your presence and participation are vitally important. Brothers, the battle for a culture of life is never-ending. Just this past week, January 29th, the Utah legislature proposed an Assisted Suicide bill. As we continue to prepare for a possible shifting landscape with the decision on the Dobbs case we must be ever more vigilant. Please continue to pray for and support our Life efforts and those of the many great organizations here in Utah and around the country. Please reach out to me if you need any assistance or have questions. And let me know what life activities your Council is up to.

Vivat Jesus!

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More photographs from the 2022 Utah March for Life are available online at [www.flickr.com/photos/andyairriess/albums/72177720296150431](https://www.flickr.com/photos/andyairriess/albums/72177720296150431) (with thanks to Andy Airriess, PSD).





## LIFE PHOTOS—JANUARY 2022

(left) Bishop Oscar Solis giving the opening prayer at the **Utah March for Life** on January 22nd.  
(below) Rosary on the Utah State Capitol steps before the March for Life



(below) Nick Vujicic, guest speaker at the Utah [March for Life](#).



(right) State Treasurer Ryan Graveley (at left) and State Deputy Nick Nielson (on the right) proudly carry the Knights of Columbus banner on the march around the Utah State Capitol on Jan. 22nd during the 2022 Utah March for Life.



Sir Knight Tom Odle (left) and District Marshal Stacey Yeager (right) stand guard at the Cathedral of the Madeleine for the **Service of Light** which started before sundown on Friday, January 21st. (Details on pages 4 & 7.)



## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING STATUS UPDATE

### Council Membership Goal Percent

as of 1/28/2022

| Council | Grand Knight         | Location              | % Quota |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 8350    | Jose Munoz           | West Valley City      | 200%    |
| 5347    | Leo Galvan           | Brigham City          | 167%    |
| 6739    | Brian Duncan         | Tooele                | 167%    |
| 5502    | Joe Nesi             | Bountiful             | 120%    |
| 9849    | Luke Balster         | St James/Ogden        | 100%    |
| 11246   | Randy Rhoads         | Cedar City            | 100%    |
| 602     | Rene Contreras       | Cathedral             | 80%     |
| 12181   | Cody Rasmussen       | Draper                | 75%     |
| 7401    | Warren Feldt         | Vernal                | 67%     |
| 777     | Jerry Bedel          | St Joseph/Ogden       | 33%     |
| 6966    | Chad D Alessandro    | Blessed Sacrament     | 33%     |
| 8606    | Rogelio Castaneda Jr | American Fork         | 33%     |
| 10733   | Louis Mandrigues     | St George             | 33%     |
| 12959   | Nathan Morely        | Logan                 | 33%     |
| 16127   | Stacey Yeager        | Hill AFB              | 33%     |
| 5214    | Chad Vargo           | Kearns                | 25%     |
| 7961    | Miguel Vega          | St Joseph the Worker  | 25%     |
| 14399   | Mike Dannenmueller   | South Ogden           | 25%     |
| 15418   | Paul B Buckley       | St Ambrose            | 20%     |
| 1129    | John Carty           | Park City             | 17%     |
| 11479   | Mark Koltiska        | St Thomas More        | 14%     |
| 1136    | Jon Gauchay          | Provo/Orem            | 0%      |
| 2611    | Mark Marasco         | Helper                | 0%      |
| 6010    | Richard Hartle       | Layton                | 0%      |
| 6147    | Tim Peczuh           | Price                 | 0%      |
| 9561    | Michael E Hacking    | Payson                | 0%      |
| 9731    | Anthony Hanlon       | Magna                 | 0%      |
| 10304   | Fred Montoya         | Taylorville           | 0%      |
| 11812   | Unassigned           | Wendover              | 0%      |
| 12264   | Larry Martinez       | St Patrick            | 0%      |
| 13297   | Edward Deffner       | St Vincent de Paul    | 0%      |
| 13646   | Charlie Millard      | Midvale               | 0%      |
| 14239   | William Gray         | Riverton              | 0%      |
| 14764   | Richard Green        | St Catherine UofU     | 0%      |
| 15741   | Unassigned           | Our Lady of Guadalupe | 0%      |
| 16006   | Unassigned           | Sacred Heart          | 0%      |
| 17140   | Alex Aerts           | Copperton             | 0%      |

### District Deputies Percent of Membership Goal

as of 1/28/2022

| DISTRICT | NAME                    | YTD % |
|----------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1        | Andy Beck               | 120%  |
| 2        | Paul Tinker             | 111%  |
| 8        | Pat McDonald            | 78%   |
| 9        | Gabino Chacon-Escarcega | 71%   |
| 6        | Mike Middlemiss         | 69%   |
| 3        | Larry Page              | 67%   |
| 5        | Larry Zubel             | 33%   |
| 7        | Tim Soran Jr.           | 25%   |
| 11       | Beau Parent             | 20%   |
| 10       | Mark Dylla              | 13%   |
| 4        | Unassigned              | 0%    |
| 12       | Bill McCauley           | 0%    |

Looking for updated recruiting status information?

[www.UtahKnights.org/recruiting/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/recruiting/)

### ACTIVITIES?

See all the **upcoming activities and events** on the state calendar! Current events listing at

[www.UtahKnights.org/category/current/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/category/current/)

or visit [www.UtahKnights.org/events/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/events/) for the complete list.

### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING CARDS

Looking for a simple card to hand out to prospective members? The card below is available through Supplies Online (item # 10536) in English, Spanish and French.

Use different webpages for different languages:

For **Spanish** use [www.KofC.org/Unete](http://www.KofC.org/Unete)

For **English** it's [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)

Need **French**? That's [www.kofc.org/adherer](http://www.kofc.org/adherer)

On the back side there is a blank line for your council number.



You can add your name, phone number and membership number in the space.  
"When the time is right, joining online is easy." [See sample cards here.](#)



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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Dear KofC Family,

Thank you for looking to the Raso Agency for some inspiring words during these difficult times. We will keep it short with just the highlights this month.

Matt McCarthy (who has recovered from COVID after missing the Midyear Meeting in Bountiful last month) is the field agent covering all Knights and councils in Utah. You can visit him in the Salt Lake City office, virtually, or have him come to you. His contact information is on the left. We're always here to help, just give us a call!

The Fraternal Benefit Night in Spanish mentioned at the Midyear Meeting is being scheduled, watch for the announcement. It's coming soon — this month or next!

Your friends in Christ, in faith, in fraternity,

The Raso Agency



## 2022 UTAH STATE CONVENTION

The [Star Council Award](#), the highest award a council can achieve, but there are other awards available to councils, assemblies, and individuals. Several awards are presented at the Utah State Convention:

**Knight of the Year ~ Family of the Year ~ Chaplain of the Year**

**Faith in Action Program Awards: Faith Award ~ Family Award ~ Community Award ~ Life Award**

**The "To Be A Patriot" Award** is presented to the winning fourth degree Assembly.

**Three (3) higher education scholarships are also awarded:**

**Utah Knights of Columbus Endowment Scholarship (\$1000),**

**Dan Higgins, PSD Memorial Scholarship** provided by the Council 602 Columbian Society (\$1000),  
and new in 2022 is **The Patriotic Scholarship of the Utah Fourth Degree (\$1000).**

What do all those awards have in common? The submission deadline is **March 15th!**  
When is the convention? May 6th, 7th & 8th, 2022 **in person** in Ogden, hosted by District #1.

### Where are the applications?

- The two scholarship applications are on the state website [here](#)  
*Note: The Endowment application covers the Council 602 Columbian Society scholarship also.*
- State Council Program Award Entry Form ([STSP](#))
- Family of the Year ([10680](#))
- Knight of the Year—use council letterhead ([sample](#))
- Chaplain of the Year—use council letterhead ([sample](#))
- To Be A Patriot ([TBD-2](#))

*Note: The To Be A Patriot form shows other (later) due dates, here in Utah Assemblies submit by March 15th so the District Master can present the winner at the State Convention in May.*

Links to these forms are also available online on the state council website at [www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/) where other convention information such as council delegate registration, meal reservations, hotel reservations, and convention booklet advertisement information is available and deadlines are noted.

In January 2021, there was a Utah Training Webinar on the awards and how to write them. The information (including the video) is available at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20210125](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20210125)

Have questions? Ask your District Deputy! He is a great resource! The District Deputies nominate the award judges this month.

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