



Utah State Update



Be Fishers of Men this Lent!

We are moving into a very busy time of year for us as Catholics and as Knights of Columbus with the Lent season. Normally during Lent councils all over are planning and holding fish fries, participating in Stations of the Cross and spiritually preparing for Easter. What are you and your council going to do this Lent season? I have two thoughts or suggestions that tie together.

First, Lent is normally a time for reflection, prayer, and fasting. Another idea that was suggested to me many years ago was rather than giving something up was to do more. To do something that helped others and myself grow. You probably know where I'm going with this, what if you committed to going out and asking a man to join the Knights of Columbus? This might be something you haven't done all year, or you keep putting it off, or just normally wouldn't do because it is out of your comfort zone. But asking a man to join could be just the thing to help yourself, your council, and your parish. This also helps the man you ask to join to grow spiritually and to give back to his community. Normally during Lent, men are looking for and longing for a way to give back, you could help them with this.

Second, I've been reflecting on some [readings](#) from a Sunday a few weeks ago at the beginning of February. The first reading from that Sunday was from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8) and it talked about how Isaiah felt unworthy but an angel touched his lips so he could go and preach. Isaiah still felt unworthy but the question whom shall I send was presented and he answered here I am. I know I feel unworthy of God's love at times and unworthy to be a leader of the Knights but here I am, send me is my response and I'm doing all that I can.

The second reading was from a letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15:1-11). Paul humbled himself and says he is the least of the apostles. Again, the idea of feeling unworthy or less than other great men, but yet he serves and answers the call.

The Gospel that Sunday was according to Luke (Luke 5:1-11), I love this reading especially as a leader in the Knights of Columbus. This is the story where Jesus tells Simon Peter to put out their nets for a catch after they had been fishing all night and caught nothing, they doubt it will work but do it anyway and end up catching so many fish it almost sinks two boats. Seeing the success Simon Peter says depart from me for I am a sinful man, again the feeling of being unworthy comes in. At the end Jesus tells them "from now on you will be catching men" and they leave everything behind and followed Jesus.

To me these three readings speak to how we may feel unworthy but are being called to go and catch men, to bring them closer to Jesus by bringing them into the Knights. So, I challenge you this Lent to go be fishers of men and bring in some new members for their sake and to help you and your councils grow at the same time.

Last item to bring to your attention, now is the time to get your submissions in for the council awards. You have two weeks to get your submissions in for council programs along with Knight, Family and Chaplain of the year. This is a hard **deadline of March 15th** so don't be late. If there is anything I can do to help support you please reach out and ask.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
State Deputy

Visit www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/ for the latest convention information. **The March 15th deadline is coming fast!**



Holy Father's [Prayer Intention](#)

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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THE MONTH OF MARCH

Except for the first day, the entire month of [March](#) falls during the liturgical season of [Lent](#) which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. All saint days that are usually Memorials are shifted to Optional Memorials during the season of Lent.

Some March Highlights

2. [Ash Wednesday](#), Commemoration
6. [First Sunday of Lent](#), Sunday
13. [Second Sunday of Lent](#), Sunday
17. [Patrick](#), Opt. Mem.
19. [Joseph, Spouse of Mary](#), Solemnity
20. [Third Sunday of Lent](#), Sunday
25. [Annunciation of the Lord](#), Solemnity
27. [Fourth Sunday of Lent](#), Sunday

[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.

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Month: District Deputy and Councils

Mar. 2022: District 7 Deputy is Tim Soran, Jr. for councils 6966, 13297, 13646.

Apr. 2022: District 6 Deputy is Mike Middlemiss for councils 5214, 7961, 8350, 10304.

May. 2022: District 9 Deputy is Gabino Chacon-Escarcega for councils 6739, 9731, 17140.

Jun. 2022: District 11 Deputy is Beau Parent for councils 1129, 14764, 15418.

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Mar. 2022: District 8 Deputy is Patrick McDonald for councils 10733, 11246.

Apr. 2022: District 12 Deputy is Bill McCauley (State Membership Director) for councils 11812, 15741, 16006.

May. 2022: District 1 Deputy is Andy Beck for councils 777, 5347, 9849, 12959.

Jun. 2022: District 10 Deputy is Mark Dylla for councils 6010, 14399, 16127.

If you want a look ahead into this program, please view this link www.KofC.org/PilgrimIcon; for Spanish use www.KofC.org/iconoperegrino

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

[#10682](#) Guidesheet

[#10738](#) Horizontal Poster

[#5050](#) Prayer Service Booklet

[#10739](#) Vertical Poster

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

[#11266](#) News Release

Vivat Jesus

Greg Keller, IPSD

Pilgrim Icon Chairman

LIFE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

With the extended sunny days and minimal snowfall, it feels like we have barely had a winter this year. Well, at least it does to me. But Winter is quickly coming to a close and Spring is right around the corner and that means the Spring session of **40 Days for Life** is only a few days away. The Spring 2022 session begins Wednesday, March 2, and runs through April 10.

This year, the Salt Lake area 40 Days is being organized by Sir Knight Michael Dovel from Saint Olaf Council 5502 along with Deacon Greg Werking. In an effort to get more churches to participate, organizers are asking each parish to pick a day between March 2 and April 10 to sign up to pray. The goal is to get as many churches to pray outside the Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic in Salt Lake City (160 S. 1000 E.) so that there is coverage for each day. Prayer Packets which include a worship aid, flyers, sample bulletin announcements, etc. are available. As of this writing, nine (9) parishes have signed up to participate. Please see 40daysforlife.com/en/SaltLakeCity for the parishes and list of days each has selected.

Grand Knights and Life Directors please reach out to your parish Respect Life Ministry (RFL) head and/or priest to see how your Council might be able to assist in this endeavor. If your parish is not on the list, please contact your RFL head or priest to discuss organizing a time/day for your Council and parishioners to do a prayer hour at Planned Parenthood. Brothers, we need your help and participation in this. For more information on the 40 Days campaign, please see the website listed above or email 40daysforlife.saltlakecity@gmail.com

Planning ahead, the **Silver Rose** pilgrimage will be in Utah from June 12th – July 9th. [Pete Abercrombie](#) is our State Silver Rose Chairman. Follow this link for the tentative schedule, and outline of event details, deadlines, and resources ([PDF](#)). Please pay attention to the deadlines, they are firm — you can be early, but not late. The first item is Pete wants to know if the tentative dates will work for you. Any revisions will be posted on the state website at www.UtahKnights.org/2022/01/2022-silver-rose-june-12th-july-9th/. Councils should work with their District Deputy and priest for scheduling. If you have any questions, please contact Sir Knight Pete at pabercrombie@comcast.net

For SLC diocesan Respect Life information, events, and more, visit www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life/events-2021 (content was updated for 2022)
For information from Supreme on Life Programs, visit www.KofC.org/Life

Vivat Jesus!

Patrick Schmitt

Life Director, Utah

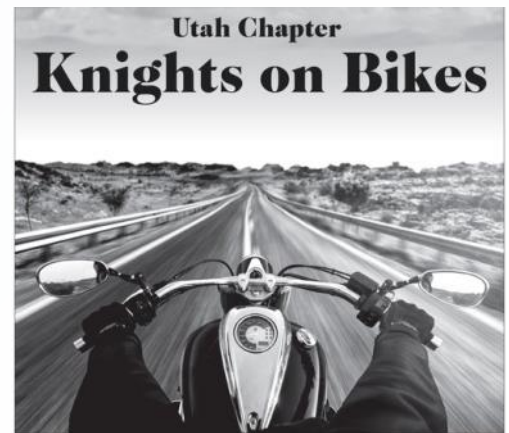
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KNIGHTS ON BIKES IN UTAH

Interested? Visit www.KonBidaho.org for membership application and information.

Have questions? Contact [Frank Carmona](#), Knights on Bikes State President of Utah.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Utah Brothers,

One more **Science Fair** comment. I want to thank our judges. Many of us registered at the bitter end. Many of you brought friends and family. We had just enough judges and were able to complete our challenge 45 minutes early. I also want to thank the councils and Brothers that financially supported the Science Fair. This event cannot happen without your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you Brothers for supporting the Science Fair. I also want to thank Brother Bill Kelly. We Co-Chaired the Science Fair. The virtual awards presentation is on YouTube at https://youtu.be/s_kKACP6hoo

Our **State Free Throw Championship** will be March 20, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament in Sandy. Ron Meacham is the Chairman (801-973-8337). Please call Ron, or myself with any questions.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES? Sadly, I was not invited to any pro-life breakfasts and I did not receive any pro-life event reports to share. However, I marched with many of our brother Knights at the Capitol. Thank you Sir Knight Patrick Schmitt (State Life Director) and Sir Knight Bob Van Parys for continuing this event. We were blessed with positive support, great weather, and a good turnout. It is that time of year that councils are planning Lenten Fish Frys, other and dinners, Stations of the Cross, and all sorts of activities. Please 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.

I am also going to tag you on a leader's email, but please **turn in all reports to me by 4/1/2022**. Yes, this is for the convention program report book. That means every program chairman, District Deputy, and so on. An example is what happened at the Science Fair? How many judges did we have? How many service hours were achieved? Pictures, Intermountain Catholic quotes. Was the Bishop there? He was at the March for Life at the state capitol. Please report and get them soon Brothers. Last year's reports are with the other convention information online at www.UtahKnights.org/secretcy/#20210501

Thank you,

Ryan Graveley

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

Visit 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 to browse through the overviews of the programs by category (Community, Faith, Family, and Life).

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 March (by the 15th), you submit your February 2022 nominee. Program details are online at 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 January 2022, the report shows submissions from three (3) councils: 5502 (Bountiful), 12181 (Draper) and 11479 (Cottonwood Heights). The winning family selected was **Jim Carney of Council 11479**.

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.](#) (District Deputy #7).

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

Did you know one of the recommended programs from supreme is the Good Friday Family Promotion? Visit www.KofC.org/GoodFriday for additional information. As usual, the "Guide Sheet" is a concise outline of the program with enough information for the council's Faith Director (or even a new chairman) to get started.

Purpose & Overview: Bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. In an effort to increase parish attendance and involvement, councils conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday. Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, councils will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, councils may also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. **Program Materials:** [#10611](#) Guide Sheet; [#10639](#) News Release (fillable); [#10573](#) Horizontal Poster; [#10638](#) Vertical Poster



Any Day	www.KofC.org/JoinUs & www.kofc.org/ceremonials
MM/DD	Event/Activity
3/1	Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras
3/2	Ash Wednesday
3/2—4/10	40 Days for Life
3/4	First Friday in Lent. View state calendar for details on
3/7/2017	Bishop Oscar A. Solis was installed as Bishop of SLC
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 Form 10784 !
3/15	CONVENTION DEADLINE: State Award Submissions and Scholarship Applications
3/17	Saint Patrick
3/19	Saint Joseph
3/20	State Free Throw Championship at Blessed Sacrament.
3/25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
3/28	Utah Training Webinar: Online Member Signup Procedures
3/31	CONVENTION DEADLINE: Advertising Booklet
4/2	Diocesan Lenten Retreat
4/10	Palm Sunday
4/14	Holy Thursday
4/14	Family of the Month Due! Use Form 10784 !
4/15	Good Friday
4/15	CONVENTION DEADLINE: Hotel Room Reservations
4/16	Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil
4/17	Easter Sunday
4/23	Walk MS: Salt Lake City 2022 {Veterans Memorial Park}
4/24	Divine Mercy Sunday



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Serving Councils: 1136, 8606,
9561



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

Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

Serving Councils: 777, 5347,
6010, 9849, 12959, 14399

Carbon Assy. # 1570

Serving Councils: 2611, 5663,
6147, 7401

Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393

Serving Council: 10733

Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577

Serving Councils: 6966, 11479,
12181, 13297, 13646, 14239

Padre Pio Assy. #2636

Serving Councils: 1129, 14764,
15418

Saint John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock Assy. # 3586

Serving Councils: 602, 5502,
12264, 15741, 16006

Msgr. John J. Sullivan Assy. # 3758

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731,
11812, 17140

UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COLOR GUARD 3/12

The St Patrick's Day parade is back on Saturday March 12, 2022. After a 2-year pandemic shutdown of the parade, it is now back! The Saint Patrick's Day Parade will have a Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Guard. Gathering time is at 10:15 AM at the South end of the Gateway Mall (200 South), and the Parade begins at 11:00 AM. The KofC Color Guard will lead out follow by Knights in current regalia, the official dress uniform, then any Knights in dark suits and fourth degree social baldric. **All Knights are encouraged to join in the parade march.** Lets show our presence to the community. Please let District Marshal Stacey Yeager (801-245-5103 or UtahMarshallWest@gmail.com) or District Master Dick Hall (UtahDistMaster@gmail.com, 801-891-9792) know if you will attend in the current regalia as part of the Color Guard. [See Article XI in the Laws and Rules](#) for information about the official dress uniform and regalia.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY IN BOUNTIFUL 2/12



The Newest Class of Fourth Degree were Knighted Feb 12, 2022 at ceremonies hosted by Monsignor Robert C. Pollock Assembly 3586 in Bountiful, Utah. Book ending the picture are FN Windy Amboy (left) and District Master Dick Hall (right). The eight (8) new Sir Knights (listed by assembly, not the order pictured) are William Trieb (Assembly 1144); Alton Fisher, William Sevier, Thomas Barcinas and John Schultheis (Assembly 1429); Luke Mercier (Assembly 2577); Jay Disberger (Assembly 3586) and Ryan Bjlo (Assembly 3758).

THE PATRIOTIC SCHOLARSHIP OF THE UTAH FOURTH DEGREE

Have you heard about this year's new scholarship? The objective is to assist a fourth degree member (Sir Knight), his spouse, his children, or his legal guardianships with their expenses of continuing education at a college, university or technical institute of their choice.

The Patriotic Scholarship of the Utah Fourth Degree is offered for those continuing their education. The application deadline is in two weeks (March 15th). The winner is announced at the State Convention in May. Details are in the application ([Fillable PDF](#)). Visit www.UtahKnights.org/programs/#state_scholarship for additional information about the state scholarships available.

SOCKS FOR HEROES 2022



Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Richard (Dick) F. Hall

Utah District Master, John H. Reddin Province
DistrictMaster@UtahKnights.org or (801) 891-9792

Fourth Degree Calendar is online at tinyurl.com/UT4th

Socks and Underwear for Vets deliveries started in February. The first drop was at the Ogden Homeless Veterans Fellowship. Pictured are DM Dick Hall CCC Carlos Aguilar and FN Peter Abercrombie (Assembly 1429) .



IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Council 6147

Jose Gilbert Manzanares,

2/2/2022

Eternal rest grant upon him and may perpetual light shine upon him. 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 — MARCH 2022

*As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. ... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Gospel for March 13, Lk 9:33, 35)*

Having witnessed the Transfiguration, the three apostles did not want to leave the mountaintop. But as the vision ends, God's voice directs them back to Jesus, who takes them back down the mountain. We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or "spiritual highs," but even if we are granted such experiences, we are not meant to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for these enriching moments, if and when they come, but remember that we fulfill our God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives.

### CHALLENGE:

I challenge you to withdraw from your normal routine each day to spend some time alone with God's word by reading and reflecting on the Gospels. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in planning for the Faith in Action Spiritual Reflection program.

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS** [online](#).

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights, Spring and our 115 Annual State Convention are just around the corner. And what is exciting this time around, is that we will meet in person for the first time in two years. It appears that the COVID trend that we experienced in the last two months is finally tapering off. Lent begins on this Wednesday; March 2nd and I am sure many of you will be having Fish Fries or Lenten Soup dinners so please make your DDs and State Officer Team aware so we can try to attend. Significant State events for March include: MAR 12th - Saint Patrick's Day Parade (Salt Lake), MAR 20th - State Free Throw Championship Sacramento, Sandy). So please try to come out and support if time permits.

In the administration area, this past month we boosted the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) submission rate from 50% to 91.2% (31/34). Thanks to all of you who got these reports in on time. Semiannual Audits (Jul-Dec 2021) currently sit at 25/34 councils (73.5%); please try to get these in as soon as you can. In Safe Environment we need some serious work. As of the end of February, we only have 16/34 councils credentialed in this area. Although we attained a 100% initial submission rate for the Service Personnel Program Reports, we currently have 23 positions that require reappointing since initial appointees did not complete the training within 90 days. What is sad about this is that 8 of these 18 councils could miss out on the Star Council Award because of a short fall in Safe Environment.

The State convention is coming up quick, May 6-8. Last week, I sent out the request for year-end contributions to the Christopher, Vocations, Culture of Life, Military Vocations and Scholarship Endowment Funds. Please note, suggested contributions are just that. We have been through a rough two plus years, so any contribution to these funds would be greatly appreciated. On Feb 25th, I sent out the [URL](#) for councils to submit their delegates for the state convention. Request that each council submit two primary and two alternate delegates from each council. Request that these delegate forms be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than April 1st, so I can prepare convention committee assignments. Lastly, in about two weeks, I will be sending requests for contributions to the perpetual Memorial Fund Book. Here, brother knights, family and friends can be entered into the perpetual book for a nominal \$20 donation. The proceeds from these collections will go to the scholarship fund.

We have finally wrapped up the contributions for the pledges on the Coats for Kids Project and our recent Science Fair. Thanks to all the councils who generously contributed to these great projects. On another note, we are now down to only two councils who still owe on State Per Capita. Appreciate those who have timely submitted their payments as this enhances cash flow for the State Council.

As of the end of Feb 2022, the State has processed receipts of \$55,758 with disbursements of \$37,663. Year to date contributions exceed \$29.8 K broken down as follows: Culture of Life \$1485, Christopher Fund \$275, Scholarship \$655, Vocations \$1,537, Carmelites \$1,506, Coats for Kids \$17,474, Memorial Fund \$20, Navajo Strong \$50, KS Tornado Fund \$50, Science Fair \$2,580, Special Olympics \$3,761, Vets Assistance \$251 and Ultrasound Program \$151. 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](#) (visit [www.KofC.org/Star](http://www.KofC.org/Star) for details) 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.
- State Convention Information [www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/)

## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Do you ever get asked "What is the Knights of Columbus?" Could be your neighbors, standing in a checkout line, or maybe a fellow parishioner. You need to have an answer, sometimes referred to as an "elevator speech". An elevator speech is a quick synopsis of your background and experience. The reason it's called an elevator speech is that it should be short enough to present during a brief elevator ride or encounter. This speech is all about you: who you are and what you do. The following link is helpful in creating your own elevator speech [www.KofC.org/en/resources/for-members/state-deputies/elevator-speech-card.pdf](http://www.KofC.org/en/resources/for-members/state-deputies/elevator-speech-card.pdf)

Here are some examples that I have heard:

- The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization in the Catholic Church. Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in to bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families.
- The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization in the Catholic Church. Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.
- The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization in the Catholic Church. Our goal is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.
- Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith — and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus, charity means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects. By serving others, we become closer to God, strengthen our faith, and achieve joy and fulfillment.
- We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first. There are two million members around the world. There are more than 16,000 local Knights of Columbus councils around the world.

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022. It is a time of baptismal renewal and preparation for the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. Personal, family and small group prayer, daily Mass, fasting, acts of mortification and works of charity and service are highly recommended ways of observing the Lenten season. So, too, is greater reflection on the Word of God. What better time to introduce Catholic men to the Faith of members of the Knights of Columbus. Use your elevator speech to show that we offer men the opportunity to grow in their faith while helping others and supporting the Church, and to become better Catholics, husbands and fathers.

A fish fry is a fringe benefit of the Stations of the Cross which is the real reason we do this. Our programs are the avenue to strengthening our faith, and for a "CE" catholic our programs (and membership) is the path to help reconnect or fully connect with the faith. Besides fish fries what other programs would the pastor want? Can you supply refreshments for the priests at your parish reconciliation service? What faith activities are we doing besides service programs. Are we inviting prospective members during our events?

This "Lenten Fish Fry Membership Drive" flyer gives councils a blueprint for maximizing new member recruiting potential: [www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Lenten-Fish-Fry-Membership-Drive-11301\\_02-22\\_r3.pdf](http://www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Lenten-Fish-Fry-Membership-Drive-11301_02-22_r3.pdf)

This Lent, come unite with everybody for the sake of love in our hearts for our Lord Jesus Christ and let us worship him together leaving all other fascinations and addictions. A blessed and happy Lent to all of you.

**William T. McCauley, FMFD**  
Membership Director



## TRAINING WEBINARS!

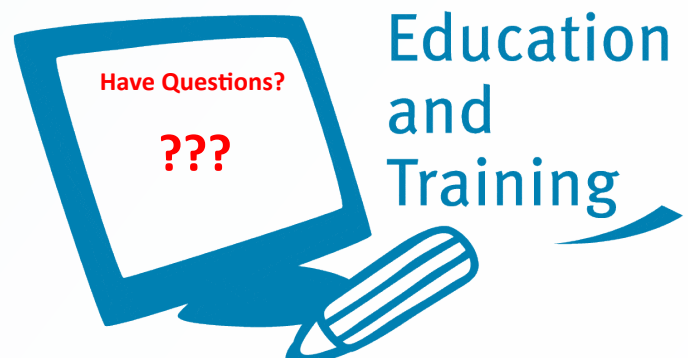
The state training webinar for March is "online membership signup procedures" by Online Membership Chairman Andy Airress, PSD. Visit the [state website](http://state.website) for the registration link. Don't forget that "How to Write State Awards" is available for you to watch on demand at your convenience. Visit [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20210125](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20210125) Re-member State Training Director [Jerry Angus](http://jerry.Angus) takes requests for topics.

### 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. For [March](http://March), Ken has eight (8) webinars on five (5) topics.

### 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 at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Supreme](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Supreme).



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

State judging has finished for the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** and **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**.

- 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 45 essays from seven councils. Submitted to the state were ten district winning essays. State first place entries were forwarded to Supreme.

| <u>GRADE</u>   | <u>AWARD</u> | <u>PRIZE</u> | <u>NAME</u>        | <u>COUNCIL</u> | <u>DISTRICT</u> |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 8              | 1st          | \$25         | LANDO ESCOBOSA     | 10733          | 8               |
|                | 2nd          | \$20         | CHRISTINA SHIVELY  | 12181          | 3               |
|                | 2nd          | \$20         | MATTHEW JENSEN     | 15418          | 11              |
|                | 3rd          | \$15         | MICHAEL G. ROFAIEL | 602            | 2               |
| 9              | 1st          | \$25         | ISMAEL CONTRERAS   | 10733          | 8               |
| 10             | 1st          | \$25         | GABRIELLA TORRES   | 10733          | 8               |
|                | 2nd          | \$20         | THEA LOPEZ         | 6010           | 10              |
| 11             | 1st          | \$25         | MARIBEL ISLAS      | 10733          | 8               |
| 12             | 1st          | \$25         | AIMEE CRUZ         | 10733          | 8               |
| <u>Total #</u> | 9            | \$200        |                    | 5              | 5               |

- Ten Councils (1129, 5214, 6010, 6966, 8606, 9731, 10733, 12181, 15418 and 16127) from nine districts took part in the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**. Reported to me were 315 posters from the ten councils. Submitted to the state were the 26 district winning posters. State first place entries were forwarded to Supreme.

| <u>AGE</u>     | <u>AWARD</u> | <u>Prize</u> | <u>NAME</u>                  | <u>COUNCIL</u> | <u>DISTRICT</u> |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 5-7            | 1st          | \$25         | NAUAFIUGA RIENA LOLOMATAUAMA | 9731           | 9               |
|                | 2nd          | \$20         | OLIVIA SIMONS                | 6966           | 7               |
|                | 3rd          | \$15         | RENEECAIRE OMALE             | 5214           | 6               |
| 8-10           | 1st          | \$25         | LUCAS SHACKELFORD            | 6966           | 7               |
|                | 2nd          | \$20         | ACHWIL YAK                   | 5214           | 6               |
|                | 3rd          | \$15         | MIA RICKERD                  | 6010           | 10              |
| 11-14          | 1st          | \$25         | ZARA LANDSTEDT               | 15418          | 11              |
|                | 2nd          | \$20         | FATIMA LUCERO                | 5214           | 6               |
|                | 3rd          | \$15         | LAUREN BOLDON                | 6966           | 7               |
| <u>Total #</u> | 9            | \$180        |                              | 5              | 5               |

- 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.

**William T. McCauley, FMFD**



## 2022 UTAH STATE CONVENTION

Calling all Utah Knights! The 115th Utah State Convention is only a few weeks away and many deadlines are upon us...you. Reserve your hotel room(s) at Comfort Suites Ogden using the [link](#) on the state council website's convention page at [www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/). Order your meal selections for the PSD Dinner on Friday, May 6th, the Saturday, May 7th convention luncheon and Awards Banquet Dinner using the [link](#) or [PDF form](#) on the convention page. A ladies outing and luncheon for Saturday, May 7th, are being organized by Cathy Beck and Kathy Keller to include free tour of Hill Air Force Base Museum in Roy, UT and then pay-as-you-go luncheon at the Union Grill in downtown Ogden (view their menu online at [www.uniongrillogden.com](http://www.uniongrillogden.com)). Lastly, we need all Councils and Assemblies to consider half and full page [ads](#) for the Convention Booklet. These ads need to be in well before March 31st. Link to this information is....you got it...on the [UtahKnights.org](http://UtahKnights.org) website's convention page. Also, canvas your local businesses and friends and neighbors for ad space as well. The more raised from booklet ads sales the better the hospitality room will be!

### Andy Beck

2022 Convention Chairman

District Deputy, District #1

[www.UtahKnights.org/knight/andy-beck/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/knight/andy-beck/)

## 2022 UTAH STATE CONVENTION AWARDS

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

### Three (3) higher education scholarships are awarded:

**Dan Higgins, PSD Memorial Scholarship** provided by the Council 602 Columbian Society (\$1000),

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

and new in 2022 is **The Patriotic Scholarship of the Utah Fourth Degree** (\$1000).

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

### Faith in Action Program Awards (one in each of these four categories):

**Faith Award ~ Family Award ~ Community Award ~ Life Award**

### Three "of the year" awards are presented:

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

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](#) (be sure to use the correct one).  
*Note: The **Endowment Scholarship Application** covers the Council 602 Columbian Society scholarship also.*
- State Council Program Award Entry Form ([STSP](#)) — one each for the Community, Faith, Family, and Life programs.
- Family of the Year ([10680](#))
- Knight of the Year—submit on council letterhead ([sample](#))
- Chaplain of the Year—submit on council letterhead ([sample](#))
- To Be A Patriot ([TBD-2](#)) *Note: **The To Be A Patriot form** shows a different due date, here in Utah Assemblies submit by March 15th so the Utah District Master can announce the winner at the Utah State Convention in May.*

### How are they judged?

On February 22, Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren sent a message with this year's judging criteria to the Utah Leaders Google Group.

### More information?

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. If you scroll down on the page, you'll also see the winners from previous years.

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). In [February 2021](#), the training covered manipulating PDF files (e.g., combining them).

Have questions? Ask your District Deputy! He is a great resource! Have more questions? Ask a state officer! The District Deputies submitted their recommendations for judges last month.

Need a Convention Timeline with the various deadlines? Visit the Member's Only page at [www.UtahKnights.org/secretcy/#ConventionTimeline](http://www.UtahKnights.org/secretcy/#ConventionTimeline).



## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING STATUS UPDATE

### Council Membership Goal Percent

as of 2/25/2022

| 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             | 140%    |
| 11246   | Randy Rhoads         | Cedar City            | 125%    |
| 9849    | Luke Balster         | St James/Ogden        | 100%    |
| 12181   | Cody Rasmussen       | Draper                | 100%    |
| 602     | Rene Contreras       | Cathedral             | 80%     |
| 7401    | Warren Feldt         | Vernal                | 67%     |
| 14239   | William Gray         | Riverton              | 67%     |
| 10733   | Louis Mandrigues     | St George             | 44%     |
| 777     | Jerry Bedel          | St Joseph/Ogden       | 33%     |
| 1136    | Jon Gauchay          | Provo/Orem            | 33%     |
| 2611    | Mark Marasco         | Helper                | 33%     |
| 6966    | Chad D Alessandro    | Blessed Sacrament     | 33%     |
| 8606    | Rogelio Castaneda Jr | American Fork         | 33%     |
| 12959   | Nathan Morely        | Logan                 | 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%     |
| 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%      |
| 14764   | Richard Green        | St Catherine UofU     | 0%      |
| 15741   | Unassigned           | Our Lady of Guadalupe | 0%      |
| 16006   | Unassigned           | Sacred Heart          | 0%      |
| 16127   | Stacey Yeager        | Hill AFB              | 0%      |
| 17140   | Alex Aerts           | Copperton             | 0%      |

### District Deputies Percent of Membership Goal

as of 1/28/2022

| DISTRICT | NAME                    | YTD % |
|----------|-------------------------|-------|
| 2        | Paul Tinker             | 122%  |
| 1        | Andy Beck               | 120%  |
| 3        | Larry Page              | 100%  |
| 8        | Pat McDonald            | 100%  |
| 9        | Gabino Chacon-Escarcega | 71%   |
| 6        | Mike Middlemiss         | 69%   |
| 5        | Larry Zubel             | 50%   |
| 7        | Tim Soran Jr.           | 25%   |
| 11       | Beau Parent             | 20%   |
| 4        | Unassigned              | 17%   |
| 10       | Mark Dylla              | 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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11479, 11812, 12181, 12264,  
12959, 13297, 13646, 14239,  
14399, 14764, 15418, 15741,  
16006, 16127, and 17140.



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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Brothers,

March arrives and Lent begins on the very next day, March 2. We all know that Lent is the time of preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Thursday. In order to prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection we are to exercise self-control and self-denial by fasting. We are encouraged to encounter Christ in the reading of Scripture and we are to serve others by the giving of alms.

When I was a kid, the "go to" self-denial was giving up chocolate...made those chocolate Easter bunnies most tasty! I think a lot of us are creatures of habit when it comes to self-denial. We continue on the same path, "giving up" the same things each year. Although self-denial is important as a practice, I've gotten a little older and a bit more introspective. I try to think of positive things to do rather than what I want to give up. Here are some of the things on a personal level that I'm going to try: Devote some time each day to reading Scripture. I'm not going to read whole books or commit to something I can't achieve, but for 10 minutes each day I'm going to read the Good Book. I think reading scripture every day is good habit to nurture.

Rather than "giving up" I'm going to try to "give away." It doesn't help anyone...other than me...if I give up chocolate again this year. But if I give away to the poor, that can have a positive effect on me and on someone else. God has blessed me with so many material blessings I can afford to part with some. And that includes money. I'm determined to be more generous this Lent.

As men of faith let's take advantage of some of the many program offerings during Lent. Some of these programs are done diocesan-wide, some at the local parish level, and many councils have special programs for prayer and reflection. If you are able perhaps you can lead or help lead a program at your council. I know for me, being involved with other men of faith strengthens me.

As we prepare spiritually for this new liturgical season of Lent, don't forget the temporal. Tempus fugit, memento mori! I am honored to carry on our blessed founder's vision of protecting Catholic families.

Vivat Jesus!

**The Raso Agency**



## FOUNDERS' AWARD

*This award recognizes excellence in your council's promotion of our top-rated insurance products.*

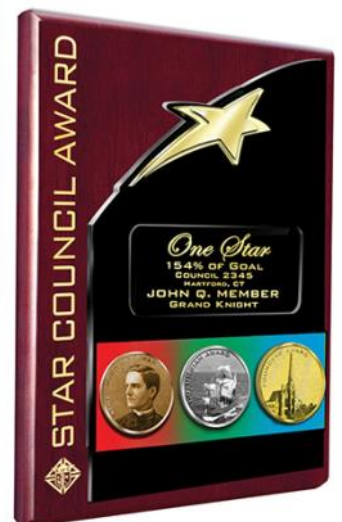
To win this award your council must host **two approved Fraternal Benefit Seminars**, in conjunction with your General Agent (Nate Raso) or Field Agent (Matt McCarthy). Contact them to schedule an event for your council, or to see what virtual events your council members may attend.

At the Midyear Meeting on January 8, 2022. Matt's report included the announcement of a Fraternal Benefit Seminar coming in Spanish (in this quarter), so be watching for details later this month.



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. Visit [www.KofC.org/Star](http://www.KofC.org/Star) for details on the awards.



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