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2021 State Convention Meeting Nick Nielson, Utah State Deputy Virtual Convention Saturday, May 1st, 10:30 AM – 2:47 PM

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State Deputy (SD) Nick Nielson
State Chaplain (SC) Father Erik Richtsteig
State Secretary (SS) William “Bill” Kelly
State Treasurer (ST) Ryan Graveley
State Advocate (SA) Frank Carmona
State Warden (SW) Alex Tarazon
Immediate Past State Deputy (IPSD) Greg Keller

Saturday Morning Business Session (Virtual on GoToWebinar)

[00:00:00] GoToWebinar Recording Starts.

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[00:00:21] **SD Nick Nielson:** Good morning brothers. We're about to get started. The video, hopefully, helped you with the voting. Forgive me. I've got my jacket behind me, I just spaced it to put it on before I went live on camera. I'm going to go with it, so here we are. Know that I am in my suit, taking this very seriously. So here we go.

[00:00:41] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Welcome to the 114th Annual Meeting of the Utah State Council, and I now call this meeting to order. As we open this virtual meeting, I would like to ask our State Chaplain Father Erik Richtsteig to open with a prayer. Father Erik.

[00:01:02] **State Chaplain Fr Erik Richtsteig:** In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for Protection in time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took [part] in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

[0:02:26] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you, Father. Will you now please join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance?

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

There are a few announcements I need to make as we proceed with this virtual meeting:

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- We know that this will be a unique experience for all, including the state officers and our staff, so I am grateful for your patience.
- On behalf of the Supreme Board of Directors and pursuant to its authority under Section 40.3 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus, the Executive and Finance committee previously adopted a resolution authorizing virtual state meetings based on the COVID-19 pandemic. They also approved the special rules of order for virtual state conventions that was distributed with the original registration link.
- Delegates with voting rights must have registered with [the] ElectionBuddy platform to be able to vote during this business session. If you have not registered with ElectionBuddy, you will not be counted in the official roll of voting members of the convention. If you have not done so, you may still register with ElectionBuddy by following the instructions you have received at your email prior to the business session. If you did not receive an email, please check your spam or junk folder. Additionally, the Registration link has been placed in the “chat” feature of the GoToWebinar platform. With any luck, we won’t actually need to use the voting system, but this is in case there are contented elections and things like that.
- Delegates with proper credentials have the right to speak during this meeting. If someone with the right to speak wishes to do so, please press “RAISE A HAND” on the GoToWebinar platform. You will find the hand icon in the upper right corner of your screen under the microphone icon. When the Chairman of the meeting recognizes you, please ensure that you [un]mute yourself by clicking on the microphone icon on GoToWebinar. When you do so, please be ready to speak.
- The Minutes of the 2020 State Convention, and all Reports of Committees, Reports of Officers, Resolutions and the Budget for the next fraternal year have been distributed prior to this meeting for review. They are also available in the handouts section of the GoToWebinar.
- We will be holding two sessions today for our state convention. The morning session is scheduled to run until Noon, unless we finish early. We will break for lunch and then resume at 1:00 PM where we will be addressed by the Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis and we will also be announcing our scholarship winners, council awards, and Family and Knight of the Year awards.
- Our goal is to complete the required business session of the annual meeting in 90 minutes during our morning session, so many items will be abbreviated, or eliminated. I ask that everyone, especially Delegates, stay connected until we have concluded the Meeting.
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Due to the circumstances of this virtual State Meeting, I have asked our State Secretary Bill Kelly, State Advocate Frank Carmona, and Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren to serve as additional members of our Credentials Committee for the purpose of reporting those credentials during this virtual meeting.

Ray can you please advance the slide.

In addition, I have appointed our State Advocate Frank Carmona to serve as our parliamentarian for this virtual meeting.

We are pleased to have a message from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, which we will play now. I hope you enjoy it. Thank you, brothers.

[00:08:00] Video Address from Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly: “Greetings from the Supreme Knight”

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly:

My brother Knights, I am honored to address your convention for the first time as Supreme Knight. Serving you in this role is among the greatest responsibilities I will ever have. It is one I wholeheartedly embrace out of love for the order and our timeless mission of charity, unity and fraternity.

I must begin by thanking my predecessor. Carl Anderson led the order with distinction for two decades. Under his steady hand, the Knights reached heights our forefathers never imagined; in membership, insurance, charity and spiritual formation. I speak for myself, the men of your jurisdiction, and our brother Knights worldwide when I say “Thank you worthy Past Supreme Knight for your principled and visionary leadership.”

I am addressing you today from the birthplace of our order and the spiritual home of every Knight: Saint Mary’s Church in New Haven. It is fitting to speak to you from this hallowed place, for this is the first convention season since the beatification of our founder. We now have the great joy of praying for the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. By beatifying our founder, the church has – in a clear way – blessed and confirmed his vision. It is a testament to the difference Father McGivney made, starting with the men of his day. Those men were no strangers to challenge. The first Knights weathered a great deal of hardship, including a pandemic. They courageously laid down their lives by serving others. They tirelessly strengthened their families, parishes, and communities. They stood together as brother Knights; and so did the men who followed in their footsteps, down to our own day. We are the heirs of this proud tradition, and the beatification of Father McGivney, the Lord has not only confirmed where we have been, He has confirmed where we are going. Our founder’s vision endures in us and we will carry it forward. When I look to the future, I see

the Knights rising to meet the challenges of our time. I see us rising in charity, serving those who hunger and hurt – near and far. I see us rising in unity, defending the church in this difficult time. I see us rising in fraternity, strengthening bonds among our members while inviting a new generation into our brotherhood. I see us rising on every front, and I see this and more because of what I have already seen.

My view of the Knights was formed as a young man, learning from the example of those around me. I am a third-generation Knight. My grandfather joined in 1915 before he left for World War I. My father, a naval officer, was a faithful member of our parish council, until his death. I joined the order as a college Knight and I became more involved during my own years in the military and public service. At every stage, I have watched brother Knights put their faith into action; and there is perhaps no better example than the past year. COVID-19 has been one of the greatest challenges we have ever faced. In a matter of days, our parishes closed, our councils and communities shut down, and our countries ground to a halt. I vividly recall Pope Francis' solitary address in Saint Peter's Square in March 2020. Where thousands would have normally stood, the holy father stood alone. Where the voices of the faithful would have risen together in prayer, the holy father's voice rose alone. On that day, we saw a church and a world in crisis, and in the days that followed, the Knights of Columbus confronted that crisis head-on. We swiftly launched our pandemic initiative – Leave No Neighbor Behind. It ranks among the most successful initiatives in the order's history. We gave millions of dollars in direct relief and helped millions of people come through the worst of this crisis. We supported our brother Knights and their families, helping each other through economic hardships, the loss of loved ones, and the isolation of unprecedented lockdowns. We supported our parishes, standing beside our priests and helping people safely access the sacraments. We supported our communities and fed the hungry, providing meals to struggling families and donating to food banks. We held blood drives in response to severe medical shortages. And through countless acts of quiet and unknown acts of courage, our brother Knights have come alongside their neighbors. As you gather for your convention, brothers in your jurisdiction and across the order continue to meet the needs of neighbors near and far. We recently sent much-needed oxygen and medical supplies to Brazil and Peru, and now we are building an oxygen facility in the region. We will continue to save lives and meet needs worldwide amid the current crisis.

While the pandemic demanded so much of our attention, I am proud to report that brother Knights maintained strong support for all our long-standing and life-changing charitable initiatives. Through the Global Wheelchair Mission, we have now given more than 100,000 people the gift of mobility. Through Coats for Kids, we have now kept more than 800,000 vulnerable children warm during winter. Through our pro-life efforts, including the ultrasound initiative, and the March for Life, we have saved countless unborn children and assisted mothers to make the courageous choice for life. In the middle east, we have helped persecuted Christians reclaim their lives, rebuild their parishes, and restore entire towns. In the wake of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and wildfires, we have provided food, shelter and medical supplies to families who lost everything; and thanks to you in the last fraternal year, we donated more than \$187 million and volunteered more than 77 million hours for charitable causes. As vaccine roll-outs promise a return to normal life, I am confident there will be a new outpouring of charity from you and all our brother Knights.

Just as we provide charitable support for our neighbors, we strengthen our families through our insurance program. During the pandemic, we issued more than \$7.3 billion in new insurance. We have now set another record for insurance in force at more than \$116 billion. Not only does our insurance provide financial security to our Catholic families, it is also an important engine that propels much of our charitable work. I am grateful to our agents for quickly and successfully adapting to a new, virtual business model. Their hard work enabled our business to come through a very tough year; and I am just as thankful to all our brother Knights for their dedicated service in this time of great challenge. Your witness is in keeping with our highest traditions. You have set the stage for the order to reach new heights in the days ahead.

As we look to the future, we hope and pray the pandemic will soon be behind us. When that day comes, the Knights of Columbus must lead the restoration of parish and council life. The past year has made clear that the Mass is truly the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. By the same token, we have come to an even deeper appreciation for the bonds of brotherhood forged in our councils. That is why we must devote our strength to fully reopening our parishes and returning to normal council activities as soon as it is safe to do so. To that end, I am pleased to announce the launch of our COVID RECOVERY PLAN. Like our Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative, the recovery plan offers a high level of customization, to fit the needs of your councils and parishes. It will provide concrete ways for you to help restore normal council life and help the men and families of your parishes emerge stronger from this crisis. I urge you to help your councils adopt the Covid Recovery Plan as soon as possible. The sooner they do, the sooner we will strengthen the order and the church, while showing a new generation that the Knights have what men and families need.

One of my top goals in my first year as Supreme Knight is to witness your work and impact firsthand. When travel becomes possible again, I will visit as many jurisdictions as I can. I believe good leadership starts with good listening, so I want to hear and learn from brother Knights in your region and across the world. I am especially eager to see how you and all our brother Knights are helping men grow as husbands and fathers. The men of today are struggling to keep their marriages healthy and their children Catholic amidst an increasingly hostile culture. Men, especially young family men, are looking for help. The Knights of Columbus must be there for them and their crucial vocation as husbands and fathers. This mission is personal to me, as the father of three young girls. I pledge for focus on new initiatives and resources that will enable you to help the men of your parishes become better husbands and fathers.

Saint John Paul II affirmed that the future of humanity passes by way of the family. I believe strongly the same can be said for the future of the order. As we pursue that future, let us turn to Saint Joseph for inspiration. Pope Francis has declared this to be the Year of Saint Joseph. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, families, and the universal church; and he has a special place in the hearts of Knights everywhere. In an address to our Board of Directors, Pope Francis called Saint Joseph an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity, which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating, and passing on to future generations of Catholic men; and in this special year,

Pope Francis has said that Saint Joseph embodies creative courage. Creative courage, the holy father told us, emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties, bringing out resources we did not even think we had. Given the challenges we face as a church, and as an order, every Knight is called to embody Saint Joseph's creative courage in the days, months, and years ahead; and we should look not only to Saint Joseph, but also to our beloved founder. Like us, Blessed Michael McGivney lived at a time of difficulty and crisis. The young priest saw urgent problems in his parish and community. He dedicated himself to finding unique solutions. Ultimately his creative courage led him to found the Knights of Columbus. He knew that in this band of brothers, Catholic men could accomplish great things. Nearly 140 years have proven him correct.

My brothers, we are Father McGivney's heirs. The Knights of Columbus has never been more needed. Our mission has never been more important. The world is crying out for men who look up to God and out to their neighbor. That is who we are, and who we must always be. Let us renew our commitment to charity, unity, and fraternity; and in pursuit of those timeless principles, let us muster all the creative courage we can. May Saint Joseph and Blessed Michael McGivney intercede for us; and may the day soon come when I can see you in person, and celebrate your good work, and service to God and neighbor. Vivat Jesus.

[00:21:55] **SD Nick:** Excellent brothers. Obviously, he's not listening, but "thank you" to our new worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. Again, the "Raise the Hand" feature is there, if you have a question though, or even if you raise your hand, most likely you'll be addressed in the chat box or the question box. I highly recommend using that question box.

[00:22:20] **SD Nick:** At this time, I call on our State Secretary for the Report of the Credentials Committee. Brother Bill Kelly.

[00:22:30] **State Secretary Bill Kelly:** Good morning gentlemen. Worthy Supreme Representative, Reverend Father, State Deputy, we have reviewed the list of delegates, and had a little bit of email technology challenges this morning, but I think we got everybody in that we can get in at this time. So, we cross-checked it with the ElectionBuddy, and on behalf of the Credentials Committee I report the following number of delegates:

6 State Officers

1 Immediate Past State Deputy

50 Delegates

57 Total Voting Delegates, out of the 66 that registered. Worthy State Deputy.

[00:23:18] **SD Nick:**

Without objection, the roll of delegates submitted by the Credentials Committee Chairman will be the official roll of voting members of the convention.

Now, without objection, the rules will be suspended, and the following shortened Order of Business will be adopted for the purpose of the morning session:

Prayer

Appointment of the Committee on Credentials

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Report of the Committee on Credentials
Approval of the 2020 Minutes
Reports of the Committee
Reports of the State Officers
Nomination and Election of State Officers
Nomination and Election of Representatives and Alternates to the Supreme Council
Consideration of Resolutions
New Business
Prayer
and then Adjournment

[00:24:15] **SD Nick:** So next we move to the approval of minutes. At this time, the minutes of from the 2020 State Convention which have been distributed prior to the State Convention. In addition to the minutes being distributed, the minutes committee met and made the recommendation we approve the minutes that were distributed. Are there any additional corrections to the minutes? (pause) There being none, the minutes are approved.

[00:25:00] **SD Nick:** At this time, we will proceed with the Reports of Committees. As the various reports of the committees have been distributed prior to the State Convention, and also as part of the handouts, without objection they will be adopted as written and included in the minutes.

[00:25:26] **SD Nick:** Before we move to the Reports of Officers, again I would like to remind delegates who have not registered with ElectionBuddy yet, that they should check their e-mail inbox or Spam or Junk folders and register with ElectionBuddy to be allowed to vote during today's business session, if it is required. After the State Deputy's report, the delegates' registration with ElectionBuddy will be closed.

We will now proceed to the report of the State Deputy. For that purpose, I turn the gavel over to the State Secretary, Bill Kelly. Brother Bill, are you with us?

[00:26:30] **State Secretary Bill Kelly:** My dear Brother Knights, it is my great honor as State Secretary to present, for the purpose of making the annual report on the State of the Order in Utah, our Worthy State Deputy Nick Nielson.

[00:26:48] **SD Nick:** Thank you brother Bill. Welcome brothers to the 114th annual state convention of the Utah Knights of Columbus. First off, I would like to extend my thanks to the State Team which includes the State Officers, the executive secretary Karl VanMaren, our State Council Advisor John Wainscott, the Fourth Degree District Master Dick Hall, and our Regional Growth Director (and Past State Deputy) Ray Lopez for all their assistance this year and with the help setting up this virtual meeting. Additionally, I'd like to thank all of my District Deputies, and our State Program Directors and Chairs, most of which were new this year.

Most of all I'd like to thank all of the Grand Knights, the council leaders, and all of the members for their hard work this year, you are truly who make up the state and what we do as Knights and I know this year has been challenging.

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I am happy to report that despite the challenges we faced and the pandemic, we as a state were able to continue the good that we do with our charity, unity, and fraternity. While some things might have been different, we were still able to hold most of our “traditional” programs and meetings, just with a few adjustments. I thank you for being willing to participate and adapt. Learning how to hold a virtual council meeting or maintaining contact with your members was a whole new way of doing things, and I think we learned a lot and found new ways to enhance our programs with a virtual aspect, tools and tricks we can use when we go back to “normal.”

I imagine, like me, the Grand Knights and council leadership never thought they would have to lead a council during a pandemic. I know this is not how I envisioned my first year as State Deputy, but we took what was given to us and did the best we could; and we were successful. While membership growth is extremely important, it is not the sole defining element to success with the Knights.

At the beginning of the year, we were successful in helping the Navajo Strong organization down in the four corners area that were facing difficulties as a result of the coronavirus.

When a large windstorm hit Utah, we were able to help our parishes and neighbors, particularly our Carmelite sisters. We had over fifty Knights from twenty different councils come help clear debris and damage on one day.

We raised funds to assist the Carmelites to help offset the loss of the annual fair they hold as their primary fundraiser.

While Coat for Kids distributions were cancelled due to the pandemic we adapted and changed what we normally do and we still distributed coats to those in need.

In fact, we raised almost double the amount of money for the Coats for Kids program this year compared to the previous year. The coats were given out as far north as Logan and south to Cedar City and Saint George, and many places in between.

We reached out and helped our members and our communities with our Leave No Neighbor Behind program.

We held our state Soccer Challenge with safe social distancing out in Tooele.

We assisted and sponsored our Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair virtually.

We had better participation in our Poster and Essay contests, when compared to the previous year.

Special Olympics Utah had to cancel or postpone many of their events, but we were still there to assist. We recorded a color guard presentation which was played at the events they

were able to hold. We had 25 councils complete the Special Olympics partnership form and showed 1,265 volunteer hours along with \$13,309 donated.

The list could go on and on with activities and programs, like meals to go, golf tournaments, flag retirements, Charity Unity Fraternity degrees, and many more! But this shows that we didn't let the pandemic stop us from serving our communities.

In regard to membership growth, we had a high goal for ourselves this year and we haven't quite hit that yet – but we have well exceeded our online membership goal and continue to grow and transfer members into our councils utilizing this as a tool. This year, 78% of the new members that were brought in, joined online; and close to 80% of those new members transferred into a local council with many more expressing interest and are waiting.

We still have a couple of months to go and with your help I believe we can come close to achieving our goal. In the last two years we dropped over 600 members from our roster here in Utah and had negative growth, so even though we might not achieve the goal we had set for ourselves (which I think we can do, still), I am happy to report we have had positive growth this year. Thank you. I realize I'm "preaching to the choir", but to me being a Knight has been a blessing. It has made me a better man, and I hope it has made you better. I hope you will continue to offer membership into our order to the eligible men in your parishes and your communities. I can think of no better gift.

As we come to the end of this fraternal year, I ask that you keep your members engaged; men are looking to be involved and to help. Supreme has just rolled out a new program called the COVID Recovery Program, and I strongly encourage every council to participate. There are no additional forms or reporting that needs to be done, but what it does is gives you a road map or suggestions on how to help your parishes. Please embrace this program; meet with your pastors and find out how your council can assist them in bringing people back to church.

In closing, I want to say thank you. Thank you on behalf of the state officers. Thank you again to my state team, my District Deputies, and most importantly to all the councils throughout the state. I have visited almost all of your councils at a meeting or an event and, if possible, I intend to visit the remaining councils before the year is done. You have made me feel welcome. Even if we were less active this year due to the pandemic, we have still been active in our charity, our unity, and our fraternity. You make me proud to call myself a Knight of Columbus and I am honored to have served as your State Deputy.

[00:35:20] **SD Nick:** At this time, I go back to our State Secretary, Bill Kelly. Or we can forgo the formality. It's just a formality of handing the gavel and taking the gavel back. We're not in person, so we'll continue on.

So, at this time, we will close the registration with ElectionBuddy. It is officially closed. Hopefully you had a chance to register. Again, I'm hoping we won't need the platform, but in case we do, and as stated earlier, that will be used as the official roll call of voting delegates.

At this time, I will call on our State Chaplain, Father Erik Richtsteig, for his report to the meeting. Father Erik.

[00:36:23] **State Chaplain Father Erik Richtsteig:** Hello everybody. Worthy State Deputy, worthy brothers, I'd like to thank you for the wonderful COVID hair picture that you just showed and I'd like to seriously thank you brother Knights on behalf of my brother priests, for your work this last year. I know that we could not have done what we have been able to do without you. I can speak in my own parish, there are a lot of things that simply wouldn't have happened, had the Knights of Columbus didn't step forward – without even being asked – to offer their help for things like distributing palms on Palm Sunday, for ushering, for doing all sorts of things that made the liturgy possible during this time of COVID, to make outreach possible, during this time of COVID. It just shows me, and confirms in my mind and heart, that (you know) when push comes to shove, the Knights are always there to help their parish and the Knights are an integral part of every parish – and should be and integral part of the parish – and so I just say keep on doing the good work that you're doing and be patient. We don't know exactly what the roadmap is for coming out of COVID. At my parish council last week, someone was asking "do we have a timeline?" and the answer does not look like we do have a timeline. We do know that we are closer to things becoming normal, than they were last year at this time, but we don't know exactly how things are going to happen. So be patient and work to do what you can, where you find yourselves. And again, we're blessed to have our very own patron, Blessed Father Michael McGivney interceding for us, and so remember to ask for him to help you in your prayers. Finally if you have yet to send me the information on your council's chaplain – whether you have one or not – please do so as soon as you can. Thank you.

[00:39:02] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you Father, your comments are greatly appreciated. Now, at this time, I will call on our State Secretary, Bill Kelly, to present his report.

[00:39:17] **State Secretary Bill Kelly:** Thank you worthy State Deputy. Reverend Father, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Council Officers, and my brother Knights. First off, I want to thank you very much for supporting the 114th state convention and spending some time with us on this nice spring day on May 1st as we move out of this pandemic, this is a very blessed day that we have.

I want to thank all of you for your innovation this year. Many of you came up with great ideas like drive-through breakfast burritos, tacos, pizza sales, and that type of thing. We were able to keep our social distancing, and still manage to raise some needed funds for our respective charities. In my report that I've included in the convention book, you will note that we have contributed or collected over \$52,000 in funds to the various charities that we support. One of our biggest projects this year, was the Carmelite Monastery, where over a period of four weeks, we helped return the monastery to pristine condition. In my role as your State Secretary, and the role of the State Treasurer Ryan Graveley, we have managed a cash flow of \$81,000 through the state coffers. The other thing I would like to thank everybody for, is the 98% filing rate on our reports. I have but one thing to ask, by the end of this year, or by the end of this month, if all of you could submit your SP-7, your report on your programs for the year – and you only need ten of these – we could end the year with 34

councils achieving the Columbian Award and there are many of you out there right now, that are on the cusp of achieving Star Council, 14 to be exact. With that, gentlemen, that is as I always said in the army “be brief, be bright and be gone” and so I am gone. Thank you for attending the convention.

[00:41:57] **SD Nick:** Thank you, Brother Bill. I now call on our State Treasurer, Ryan Graveley, to present his report.

[00:42:06] **State Treasurer Ryan Graveley:** Thank you worthy State Deputy. Reverend Father Erik, Worthy Supreme Representative, and brothers all, thank you for being here today and taking the time to put in a little extra effort and figure out how to do this virtually. This was my first year as treasurer and some of my duties included making sure all accounts and procedures were accurate. We’re operating with a pre-approved budget, and I got the opportunity to create one for the following year and we will be voting and working towards that today.

I’m proud to admit that we went through the audit procedure and were found to be within all aspects and procedures being correct and signed off by supreme, that was created by a third-party audit committee, so all the checks and balances were in place.

Finally, I’d like to thank you and report I was proud to be a part of the financial aspect of all the charity we did this year. There were earthquakes, COVID, wind and many councils stepped up and gave monetary and physical donations. Brother Bill and I had a lot of transactions. It creates a lot of work for us, but that’s a good thing because it means you guys are active and we were able to give out a lot to our community and all corners of the state and even beyond.

I have a more detailed report in the book that you are welcome to read. I would like to thank you again, and we’ll just talk further today. Thank you. Worthy State Deputy.

[00:44:12] **SD Nick:** Thank you, Brother Ryan. I will now call on our State Advocate, Frank Carmona, to present his report.

[00:44:21] **State Advocate Frank Carmona:** Thank you State Deputy. Reverend Fathers, Supreme Representative, Past State Deputies, State Officers, brother Knights, this has been my first year as State Advocate and it has been a challenging one. Coming out of being your former District Master, and helping with the fourth degree and doing all that, and to getting into by-laws and all that, it isn’t that different, as District Master, but I want to thank everyone for their love and support. Doing stuff with the safe environment, we came close to 100% being complaint throughout the entire state. That is awesome. We came in high in our region with safe environment, I want to thank you all for that, for participating. Don’t forget, come July 1st, we’re going to do it all over again. So, whatever you did this year, we’re going to do it again. I’ve been helping you out with retention. I’ve been helping you try and hang on to those brother Knights that have left and I guarantee you, once we get back 100% active, those members will be coming back. We also did, we revised the resolutions, to meet supreme guidelines, and we’ve been active. We had to step in with Leave No Neighbor Behind. I stepped in with Coats for Kids, to help one of my brother officers, and we came up with ideas. With your help, we made it

successful and we had brother Knights out there that say “we can, and we will” and you guys did show us this year that we can and we will, and we will continue. I love being a Knight, just like Nick said. I love being out there, I love being active, so the more activities you have, the more we get to go participate with you. Once again, I just want to say thank you, thank you for the opportunity. My full report is in the booklet, be more than happy to read it. It’s short and sweet. I thank you once again for everything. Thank you, worthy State Deputy.

[00:46:35] **SD Nick:** Thank you, Brother Frank. I now call on our State Warden, Alex Tarazon, to present his report. Brother Alex.

[00:46:44] **State Warden Alex Tarazon:** Thank you worthy State Deputy. As many of our other state officials here have (kind of) already said, there have actually been a lot of successful programs already, so I won’t bombard you with tons of those. Between the Carmelites, the Science Fair, Coats for Kids, everything, it’s all been successful even in this time of pandemic and the fact there has been so much communication between all of the state officials, it’s been great.

One thing I would like to share with you all, actually, is a little bit of a story about one of the successful events – specifically the State Soccer Challenge – as a way to let you know what’s been happening with the state. I want to be honest, at first I was nervous. I was like an underprepared kid waiting to be confirmed by the bishop. That morning, which was a Sunday, I had to play music for my home parish and also get the supplies up to Tooele. There’s a problem. Tooele is really far away because I live all the way down in Orem. So, the even starts at 12 o’clock, the Mass is at 10:00 AM and I have over an hour of drive time. I mean, don’t get me wrong, I can do all things through him who gives me strength, but I’m also going to need a little bit of cash for the three speeding tickets I was going to incur along the way. Thankfully, as the cliché goes, “teamwork makes the dream work.” I had to reach out to Karl VanMaren – God bless Karl, he is the backbone of the state council, he makes sure a lot of our stuff gets pushed through and distributed to all of you and between ourselves – and I let him know, that I would need some help getting the equipment out there, won’t be on time for the start of the event. So, on that Sunday morning: I drove up to Karl at 6:00 AM, dropped off the equipment by 7 AM [with Karl in Sandy], got home by 8 AM, ready for Mass and got to the church at 9 o’clock, got home by 11:30, just so I could drive up to Tooele. So, I was having a pretty well scheduled panic attack. So, I went to Lamaze breathing at about 12:15, and my wife – who was with me in the car at the time – asked if I was having early contractions. The Soccer Challenge, thanks to everyone’s support, and everyone who was involved at that event, went off without a hitch. It’s one of those things, like a doomsday prepper walking out of his storm cellar, and realizing the world hasn’t ended. I was both relieved and confused, but mostly relieved. Long story short, after all of that, previous State Warden Ryan Graveley – much credit to him for helping me get my bearings underneath me – decided to go ahead and pass along all of the state equipment. Now here is the fun part, we’re in Tooele, he showed up with a truck full of all the state equipment, and I was driving a Mazda 3 hatchback. I don’t know if you’ve heard the term, trying to 5-gallons of “stuff” in a 1-gallon hat, but I was the living embodiment of that particular sentiment. So, after playing a real-life game of 3-D Tetris, we got all of the equipment into the Mazda, back to my house, unpacked into storage here – only to realize

there wasn't tons of space in my personal shed here at my house to actually store all of the equipment. So, as a state council, we decided on – and have setup instead – a storage facility close to Frank Carmona, so we can better supply all of the equipment we need for the state events. So, long story short, this is a long, convoluted way for me to crack a few jokes at you guys, and also let you know that the events this year have been successful. The programs are going well. I'm proud of everyone who has been involved, and we now have an accessible storage facility for any of the equipment we might need for future events. If you would like further details, please take a look at the report in the convention booklet. Thank you all for your time and listening here on a Saturday morning and at this time I'd like to turn the attention back to our worthy State Deputy.

[00:50:55] **SD Nick:** Thank you, Brother Alex.

As each officer mentioned, in addition to their remarks the various reports of the state officers were distributed in our Programs Report Book. It's a long document, but it's filled with great information. I highly encourage everyone to read that. There are comments from our Past State Deputies, the reports of the different chairs, our District Deputies, some really great information there and I really, really, strongly encourage you guys to read the reports. Without objection, those will be included in the minutes.

Next, I will ask our state secretary if there is an update to the Report of the Credentials Committee. Brother Bill.

[00:51:46] **State Secretary Bill Kelly:**

Worthy State Secretary, since the initial Report of the Credentials Committee, we have had a number of delegates join. The new count is:

6 State Officers

1 Immediate Past State Deputy

53 Delegates

60 Total Voting Delegates of the 66 authorized.

[00:52:10] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you Brother Bill. Without objection, the revised roll of delegates will be submitted by the Credentials Committee and will be the official roll of the voting members of the convention.

Now, we will now proceed to the election of officers. Please note that nominations submitted to the State Secretary will be considered as seconded nominations made from the floor for consideration of the respective positions.

It is important that voting Delegates follow the instructions on how to vote. The voting will be anonymous. The system that we are using records the votes but does not show how any particular Delegate voted.

Remember that only credentialed Delegates, Past State Deputies and current District Deputies have rights to the floor, and you must be recognized to speak.

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If there are further nominations, the nominations should be presented from the floor today. Those will be restricted – rather than having a speech – restricted to the straightforward format of:

“My name is Joe Delegate, from Council 1234, and I nominate Jim Knight for the position of State Warden.”

Even though we are using an electronic polling system for the vote, in case of an unforeseen issue, I have appointed Immediate Past State Deputy Greg Keller as the judge and Past State Deputy Ray Lopez, and State Warden Alex Tarazon as tellers.

At this time, for the purpose of nominations and election for the position of State Deputy I turn the gavel over to our Immediate Past State Deputy, brother Greg Keller.

[00:54:28] **Immediate Past State Deputy Greg Keller:** Thank you brother Nick. As noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted for the position of State Deputy, Brother Nick Nielson.

If there are any other nominations, please press “RAISE A HAND” on the GoToWebinar platform. Once you are recognized as having the floor, please ensure that you unmute yourself by clicking on the microphone icon on GoToWebinar. When you do so, please be ready to speak.

We will now start the nomination process.

Are there any other nominations for State Deputy?

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Hearing none, nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, the state secretary will cast one ballot for Brother Nick Nielson for State Deputy for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2021.

At this time, I will return the gavel to State Deputy Nick Nielson for the remainder of the State Officer nominations and elections. Thank you.

[00:55:55] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you Brother Greg, and thank you brothers.

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As noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted for the position of State Secretary, Brother Bill Kelly.

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Are there any other nominations for State Secretary?

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Nominations are now closed. Since there are no other nominations, the state secretary will cast one ballot for Brother Bill Kelly for the position of State Secretary for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2021.

Moving on. We will do our next position, the State Treasurer.

Again, as noted in the Guidelines that were distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted for the position of State Treasurer, Brother Ryan Graveley.

If there are any other nominations, please press “RAISE A HAND” on the GoToWebinar platform. Once you are recognized, please unmute yourself and be ready to speak.

Are there any other nominations for State Treasurer?

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Nominations are now closed. Since there are no other nominations, I ask the state secretary to cast one ballot for Brother Ryan Graveley for the position of State Treasurer for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2021.

Moving to our next position. Again, as previously noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted for the position of State Advocate, Brother Frank Carmona.

If there are any other nominations, please press the “RAISE A HAND” on the GoToWebinar platform. Once you are recognized as having the floor, please unmute yourselves, be ready to speak.

Are there any other nominations for State Advocate?

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Nominations are now closed. Since there are no other nominations, the state secretary will cast one ballot for Brother Frank Carmona for the position of State Advocate for a one-year term commencing on July 1, 2021.

Moving to the last state officer position. Again, as noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was made for the position of State Warden, Brother Alex Tarazon.

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Are there any other nominations for State Warden?

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Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, the state secretary will cast one ballot for Brother Alex Tarazon for State Warden for a one-year term commencing on July 1, 2021.

Thank you. Congratulations brothers.

[01:01:36] **SD Nick:** Now, let us move into the election of the alternates to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

The state deputy and the immediate past state deputy are automatic delegates. At this time, the Utah jurisdiction is not entitled to any additional representatives or delegates.

For the purpose of announcing the nominations for the alternates, I call on Brother Frank Carmona:

[01:02:01] **State Advocate Frank Carmona:**

Worthy State Deputy, the following members have been nominated as the Alternates to the Supreme Council Meeting:

Brother Chuck Dover Jr., and Brother Bill Kelly

[01:02:16] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

If there are other nominations, please press the “RAISE A HAND” on GoToWebinar platform. When you are recognized, please ensure that you unmute yourself by clicking on the microphone icon. When you do so, please be ready to speak.

Are there any other nominations for Alternates to the Supreme Council Meeting?

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Nominations are closed. Since there are no more nominees than positions to be filled, the state secretary is directed to cast one ballot for the following Alternate Delegates:

Brothers Chuck Dover Jr., and Bill Kelly.

I ask that all Alternate delegates, please email the state secretary, Bill Kelly, your full name, your membership #, Council #, date of birth and phone number. The State Secretary's email address is StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org. Thank you.

At this time, I call on the State Advocate to present to us the Report of the Resolutions Committee. The proposed resolutions were previously distributed and made available on the state website for review.

Before he starts, let me state that the recommendation of the resolutions committee will act as an active, and seconded motion. If someone with the right to speak wishes to do so, please press the "RAISE A HAND" on the GoToWebinar platform. When you are recognized, please ensure that you unmute yourself by clicking on the microphone icon on GoToWebinar. When you do so, be ready to speak.

If no one asks to speak, the dropping of the gavel will signal the approval of the committee's recommendation. Again, if no one asks to speak, the recommendation of the committee will be approved and we won't need to use the voting platform system.

Worthy State Advocate, please proceed.

[01:04:54] **State Advocate Frank Carmona:**

Worthy State Deputy, thank you. There are nine Resolutions.

Resolutions 1-8 are our standard resolutions of salutations, prayers, and support that were reformatted to match Supreme's resolution format.

- Resolution #1: Salutation to Pope Francis
- Resolution #2: Salutation to the Supreme Chaplain
- Resolution #3: Salutation to Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis Shepherd of the Diocese of Salt Lake
- Resolution #4: Support for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- Resolution #5: Salutation to the Supreme Knight, the Supreme Officers and Board of Directors.
- Resolution #6: Support of Our Military
- Resolution #7: Support for Religious Vocations and all of our Clergy
- Resolution #8: Support for Victims of Natural Disasters and Illnesses

Resolution 9 is new. Resolution was submitted by council 9849, Support of our First Responders and Health Care Workers. It was revised and reformatted to match Supreme's recommendations and format.

The recommendation of the Resolutions Committee is adoption of all nine resolutions as presented.

[01:06:36] **State Deputy:** Thank you brother Frank. Are there any objections to the recommendation of the resolutions committee? (pause) Seeing none. (gavel). The recommendation of the resolutions committee is adopted. Thank you, Worthy State Advocate Frank Carmona.

Let us proceed to New Business. The first order of new business will be to approve the state council budget.

At this time, I call on the State Treasurer to present to us the Report of the Audit and Budget Committee. The proposed Budget was previously distributed and made available on the state website for review. In addition, it's in the handout section. Any questions should have previously been sent in for the committee to review and address.

Before he starts, let me state that the recommendation of the audit and budget committee will act as an active, seconded motion. If someone with the right to speak wishes to do so, please press the "RAISE A HAND" on the GoToWebinar platform. When you are recognized, please ensure that you unmute yourself by clicking on the microphone icon on the GoToWebinar. When you do so, please be ready to speak.

If no one asks to speak, the dropping of the gavel will signal the approval of the committee's recommendation.

Worthy State Treasurer, please proceed.

[01:08:12] **State Treasurer Ryan Graveley:**

Worthy State Deputy, the audit and budget committee met and reviewed the third-party auditors report that was submitted to Supreme stating they found no exceptions and approved our processes. The letter from the Supreme Secretary was reviewed acknowledging receipt and accepting the third party's report.

The committee reviewed the budget in detail and the questions regarding the budget from councils and committee members. After the review and discussion, unanimously the committee approved and recommended adoption of the budget as presented.

[01:09:00] **SD Nick:** Thank you brother Ryan. Are there any objections? I see a question from Ed Henkels (Council 602). "The budget says 2020-2021, will that be corrected?"

It will be corrected and have the correct title for the correct year. (gavel).

Hearing none at this time, the recommendation of the Audit and Budget committee is adopted. Thank you, Worthy State Treasurer and thank you Brothers.

Is there any other new business to come before the Convention?

Hearing none, at this time, I recognize our General Agent, Brother Nate Raso for his remarks to the meeting. Brother Nate, how are you sir?

[01:10:15] **General Agent Nate Raso:** I'm here. Thank you. Reverend Father, worthy Supreme Representative, worthy State Deputy, worthy State Officers, worthy District Deputies, brothers all. First an introduction. I know many of you know me on a personal level, and I'm sure that some of you might even be happy to see me again. That I'm unsure. But I was a member of [Council] 6966 in Sandy, and at one point or another was the agent for almost every council in the state. The great majority of them being in the Salt Lake valley, of course. I'm a graduate of Saint Olaf's, I believe that's [Council] 5502, also of Judge Memorial [High School] and of the University of Utah. So, I am indeed a wholehearted Utahn and a proud Jazz fan. When I introduce myself as being from Utah and Arizona, I often start with the line that I'm from Utah and I have one wife. That lovely wife is Angelina, and we're so excited to come full circle and return back to Utah on a much more consistent basis. We're even considering a second home so that we can spend more time developing the agency in Utah.

Next, and really the most important thing I can do today, is to thank our team. Albeit small, they're extremely committed and as I'm sure you guys can agree, they're doing an excellent job. So, thank you to Gene [Trombetti]. Thank you to Matt [McCarthy]. Both of these men deserve our gratitude, from myself, from the order, and really from our members for their tireless commitment during this past year. The worthy Supreme Knight mentioned, it was a gargantuan, tremendous effort to go from what we had done in the past – for literally since our founding – to what we were doing last year. Knowing that we're not alone in that, but these two men did a spectacular job.

Now one question that I wanted to ask after watching the worthy Supreme Knight, is have you ever wondered why the worthy Supreme Knight mentions insurance in force? Have you ever really considered that we grade ourselves differently than commercial companies? It's not by premiums, it's not by dollars into the door (into the order), but it's really a question of how much protection we have in force on Catholic families that were entrusted to us by Blessed Father McGivney. So, here in Utah, to give you an idea, we have roughly 7,500 policies in force. So, that's no small number. We have over \$219 million of coverage. So that's something we can all be proud of. That's just in Utah. I want to further remind you brothers that those premiums that come into the order, the dollars you're spending on your life insurance, your annuities, your long-term care and disability insurance, those dollars are being invested and used in a way that would make you proud. We never put your money anywhere that would be contrary to your faith; and we're proud to be one of (perhaps the only) organization of this scope and size that can strategize in such a large and Catholic manner.

So where are we? We held two Fraternal Benefit Events that were extremely well attended and we've reported many Utah councils for the Founder's Award. Going forward, we do need a culture change in the councils regarding the Founder's Award. As a side-note, this is something that my agency and I piloted. So, we're extremely comfortable holding these events either virtually or in person. I'd like to mention that culture change is a membership tool for your councils and I think that's something we need to change over. These aren't necessarily just for the insurance agents. In fact, the focus of this originally, why we were helping the councils was to build it so that we could utilize it more from a membership tool, not necessarily just for the agency side. Because these events can and do increase membership. People want to join a socially catholic responsible organization of our magnitude and strength that can offer them the protections that we've had since our founding. So, keep that in mind when we're going through and we're having these events. Further as we continue to grow our footprint, we predict that many more families will want to participate in our upcoming Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which – because of licensing, and certain restrictions – I cannot discuss at this juncture, but I do ask you brothers to be on the lookout this Summer for the changes coming to Utah, what the Knights of Columbus will do to further our mission – which in the past had been to protect and to give, and now our new channel will be to grow. Brothers I'm excited to build upon Utah and bring so much more value to the programs that we offer to our families, to our brothers, to our members. I'm excited to work with the State Officers, many of whom I consider to be great friends.

And lastly, and before I conclude, I want to thank you brothers for your continued support and business. We can't wait to serve your families in a way that would make you proud. When you choose the Knights, you choose Catholic, you choose life, you choose support to us and our families. You help us put food on our tables, and gas in our cars to continue our mission and for many of you on this call have helped me get to this juncture as a General Agent to further that Utah mission. To further that love for the Knights of Columbus that I've received from Ray Lopez, and worthy State Deputy Nick Nielson, from Chuck Dover, from Andy Airriess, all of you guys have helped me to get to the point I'm at today. So, I want you to consider that as we go through and grow the agency more and more, that as we have these new agents, you continue to spread that love, spread that fire of the Holy Spirit into their hearts so that we can continue to do what we do; and who knows? Maybe we'll get another General Agent, maybe we'll get another Ray Lopez working for the order. We just never know when you throw that rock in the pond, where those ripples will end. So, the portfolio will be changing. We will be updating it. The footprint and professionalism will be growing, so I ask you guys to pray for us as we continue to push forward in this mission that we've been given by Father McGivney. So, that is my report. Thank you all so much, I'm so excited to be part of Utah again. Worthy State Deputy, Vivat Jesus!

[01:16:36] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you Brother Nate Raso, greatly appreciate you for your message and being with us today. And again, special thank you to our agents out here Gene and Matt.

Before we break for lunch, I would like to call on our state chaplain to lead us in a prayer.

[01:16:50] **State Chaplain Fr Erik Richtsteig:** In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Glorious Patriarch Sant Joseph, whose power makes it possible the impossible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that we commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. Our beloved father, may we all trust in you. Let it not be said that we invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show us that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

[01:17:41] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Again, thank you Father. Brothers, we will now break for lunch; we will start the afternoon session right at 1:00 PM. We will show some Knights of Columbus videos during lunch for your enjoyment.

If you happen to close the webinar or are dropped, please rejoin the GoToWebinar by using the same invitation link you used to access this meeting earlier today.

We will now go into a recess. Thank you.

[01:18:10] SD Nick: (gavel)

[01:18:24] *Knights of Columbus videos start.*

See the YouTube recording, or www.KofC.org/IntoTheBreach

[01:31:35] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

(gavel). Welcome back brothers from lunch. I now call this second session of our meeting to order.

[01:31:42] Bishop Oscar Solis: Hello! Can you hear me now? (Yes) Wonderful! (On your phone or computer?) I logged in again.

SD Nick: Fantastic! Thank you bishop for being here. I just called us back to order. Sorry about the technical difficulties. Brother Alex, would you mind starting us off with a quick Hail Mary prayer and then we'll jump over to the bishop's remarks.

[01:32:09] Bishop Oscar: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Almighty God, our loving Father, we give thanks to you for allowing us to be gathered today to this Utah annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus. We once again implore and invoke your abiding presence, in our midst, in our gathering. Instill in our minds your great love

for us and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and open our hearts to the prompting of your grace. Once again, we ask your guidance as we gather today and this week, lead us, protect us from all evil, protect us from the pandemic, and make us strong physically and spiritually. We ask this through Christ our Lord, amen. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

[01:32:58] **SD Nick:** Excellent. Again, I was going to give you an introduction, but you're here bishop, please. Thank you so much for joining us. I have a couple of remarks and some news to share with you after your address, but please the floor is yours.

[01:33:14] **Bishop Oscar Solis:**

Well, greetings, greetings of Christ's peace and joy for everyone, and I thank you for the honor of your invitation to greet you in your annual state convention here in Utah. You know what a different world it has been since the pandemic has disrupted our world and our society, our community and our own personal lives, even in our church. Even your annual gathering was reduced into a virtual gathering and distant fellowship. In the midst of the many changes you have experienced, these past months – lockdown, social distancing, using face shields, livestreamed Masse – I want to remind you that one thing remains constant: the love of God is still with us. We are not alone, and He has not abandoned us. This is the beautiful message of Easter that rings in our minds, in our hearts and in our world. There is always hope, there is newness of life, and a new beginning. As I prayed and reflected on what I would like to say to you, something simple – but very fundamental and relevant came to my mind. It is the challenge of being faithful to the ideals and mission of our fraternal order, especially in times of trials and sufferings. In times of many uncertainties still, and that is working together, in carrying out and witnessing the novel principles of our fraternal order – those are charity, unity and fraternity.

As a strong partner of the church, the Knights of Columbus are called to share in the mission of evangelization. That is, proclaiming the good news by the way we live, by the way we profess and share our catholic faith. Our holy father indicated that it involves a process of engagement and accompaniment. That means engaging every council and every brother Knight to live these basic principles, rooted in our convictions and gospel teachings. Of accompanying each other in the encounter of Christ, that all of us will experience the joy of God's presence in our life, as well as during challenging and difficult times in our life. The world, our nation, and even our church has been experiencing a strong tide of polarization and division. Indifference and discrimination have fragmented our society, communities, our families, and even – sadly to say – our church. There is so much anger, hatred, violence, senseless killings and social inequities because one essential element is missing. That is charity; love for one another. It is so sad that our humanity has lost its sense of civility. Many people cannot even talk without being angry anymore. It's always hateful, confrontational, and often times violent. So, there is a need for us to relearn to love each other again; to treat one another with kindness and charity, and to be able to relate to one another in a more peaceful manner. So, the time challenges us to extend those arms to reach out to others not as enemies, nor strangers, but neighbors and friends. You know we can still build a just and peaceful society, by coming together not as individuals, but a community of

persons. Fortunately, our DNA as Knights of Columbus can make a difference by witnessing this wonderful and inspiring principle of charity. Charity in the pursuit of unity.

I would say this is something strange for the Knights of Columbus because we are Catholic gentlemen, we embrace the gospel values and live what catholic stands for: brotherhood, or fraternity. Pope Francis in his recent encyclical **Fratelli tutti** or he would say in translation, we're all brothers, exhorts us to promote global fraternity and show social friendship to build a better, just and peaceful world. It is rooted in our fraternity, it is rooted in our fundamental belief that God created us in his own image with equal rights and dignity, as brothers and sisters to one another and as members of one global family. In light of this, of the aforementioned, I call upon you, my brother Knights, to be the agents of change, beacons of hope, and God's instrument of charity, unity and fraternity that our world, our society, our communities, even our homes and church need. This is what we are called for as catholic gentlemen and missionary disciples of Christ. We are called to service to our church, to our nation, and to our world. But I hope you don't miss a very important and essential ingredient in order to become not only successful but faithful to these noble principles and ideals of our fraternal order of the Knights of Columbus. We must do this in a spirit of prayer, so seek the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Set your hearts to our mission with dedication, with zeal and fidelity to our identity that all as children of God but as members of the church and brother Knights of Columbus.

I would like to quote a very nice statement from our State Deputy, Nick Nielson. He said that in his message he challenges us to be modern rocks upon which our church can be built. We can do that. Rest your heart and labor in Christ, our Lord and savior. Let Him be the solid rock foundation of all your endeavors, of everything that you do; and may God reward you with abundant blessings of grace and success to end this fraternal year and welcome another one. Thank you for your invitation and thank you for your kind attention. May God bless us all. Vivat Jesus!

[01:40:54] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Vivat Jesus! Thank you so much, Bishop Oscar. Your comments are so greatly appreciated, and I appreciate the call to action for us to be agents of change. Again, thank you. We are so thankful you could be with us today, and thank you for all your support you give the Knights, and for all that you do around the diocese.

[01:41:19] **Bishop Oscar Solis:** Allow me to also extend my gratitude on behalf of my brother priests, you know, and the people of God here in the Diocese of Salt Lake City. Our local church is blessed by the presence and partnership of our brother Knights in the mission of our church. You've been there in so many ways, and see to it that the absolute – the fundamental teachings of the church about the absolute of life and its sanctity and dignity are well protected. You ever extend yourselves in charity by helping the poor and those in need. Through all those good works and acts of charity, and in polarized and divisive world that we live in, you know, in the sense of fraternity and fellowship is very important to be a weapon in our world and in our society these days.

[01:42:10] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Speaking of charity, I think you're aware that every year the state council, we collect donations from our councils and individuals towards a few special funds we have set up, some with the Catholic Foundation of Utah. So those are designed to help with Culture of Life and Vocations. As you may be aware, there is also a Christopher fund which is held at supreme, which earns interest, with some matching funds, that are used to also go towards vocations here in Utah – the interest from that.

This year I'm happy to report we had 10 councils donate toward the Christopher Fund, for a total of \$560.00

For the Vocations fund we had 14 councils donate, those donations combined with the disbursement from the Catholic Foundation fund and the earnings from the Christopher Fund held at Supreme totaled \$4,004.47

We had 13 councils donate toward the Culture of Life fund this year. The disbursement from the Catholic Foundation and the donations from the councils total \$2,043.16

We're a little bit down from last year, but all things considered, this makes our grand total this year for support for you and the Diocese of Salt Lake \$6,607.63

The money collected from each category will be split between the different interest earning accounts and funds that Bishop Solis (you) can use now. It will be split like we normally do every year. I'm happy to report this. I'm glad we were still able to do charity at this time and again, thank you so much for joining us again today.

[1:44:08] **Bishop Oscar Solis:** I'm very grateful for all your support. You know, no matter how big or small the contribution, what matters is the motive that we put within our heart into it. You know it's not a matter of big or small, but everything is done in the context of spirit of love, makes a difference; and your labors and your charity are bearing fruit. You know that we are still strongly promoting the culture of life here in our world, in our state locally. Our vocation is slowly being blessed with great success in the sense that we have another transitional deacon going to be ordained on May 14th. I hope that the honor guards will be there in order to add beauty and solemnity to our celebration. You're always welcome at the Cathedral of the Madeline. Of course, the acts of charity, are being carried out, with all the support, especially of the Knights of Columbus. So, thank you, thank you so much for your contribution to our missions and being partners in the mission of the church.

[01:45:19] **SD Nick:** Excellent. Thank you, Bishop. Again, as I mentioned to you, previously, loved having you on today, you're welcome to stay with us, but I'm going to move on to our next speaker which is our Regional Growth Director and a Past State Deputy Ray Lopez for him to address us, but thank you again Bishop Oscar.

[01:45:39] **Bishop Oscar:** So, I'll be with you for a while, but I hope that you excuse me, I'm still preparing for my Mass at Saint Joseph the Worker. They're celebrating their 11th anniversary of the foundation, for building of the church, so we're going to spread the joy and blessings to others as well.

[01:45:54] **SD Nick:** That's fantastic.

Bishop Oscar: Have a wonderful weekend. God bless you Nick and our brother Knights, as well as blessings to your families. Alright? Vivat Jesus!

SD Nick: Vivat Jesus! Thank you. Brother Ray, would you like to join us now?

[01:46:12] **RGD Ray Lopez:** I will, worthy State Deputy. Your excellency, thank you so much for your kind and inspirational words. My brother Knights, I'll be brief as I always try to be. As this pandemic started, we learned a lot of lessons and we had some hiccups, we had some bumps in the road, but you – my brothers – found a way. You found a way to do charity, you found a way to go out and work and make things happen. As I travel throughout my jurisdictions – when I haven't been able to travel a lot – but in the past, I've always been able to look towards Utah as inspiration. You know, by percentage, our guys work just as hard – if not harder – than even the large jurisdictions. The Carmelites! Twenty councils – that's well over half of the councils in Utah – came together to help the Carmelites. So, 50% if not two thirds, of all the active councils came out for a project. Very few jurisdictions can boast this kind of work and this kind of response. You should be proud and I am proud of you and I take that message with me when I travel. I want to thank all the councils and our insurance team. Nate, Gene and Matt I want to thank you. Do you know that Utah has one of the highest percentages of councils that are either at one or achieved all the Benefit Night goals? One of the highest percentages in my region, probably in the territory, if not the world. It just shows you that you guys are out there dedicated and you're doing the work. So, I want to challenge you. Take a look at your council. Do you have both insurance nights? Brother Bill asked you to send in the SP-7, I echo his words. Get it in. Get that award. It's not just for awards sake, it's a thank-you to your council members. Now I'm going to ask you one more thing, because I believe Utah, in the western territory, has the highest percentage of councils wholly complaint with Safe Environment. I was talking to my supervisor and several other RGDs, and it's amazing to see how well Utah has done. So, with that said, let's take a look at your membership. How many members do you need? Talk to your pastors, see if you can do a church drive, see what you can do and get the coveted Star Council [Award]. Utah can do this again. Utah can have one of the highest percentages. I am proud of all of the work that you do. I'm proud of the fellowship that you have. I'm proud to call myself a Knight from Utah. So, gentlemen, thank you for all your work, Let's gear up. Let's finish this year strong and powerful and Vivat Jesus! Thank you all.

[01:49:23] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

Thank you, Vivat Jesus Brother Ray. Thank you for your remarks. We appreciate the support you give us. It's nice having our RGD be from Utah and a Past State Deputy here. So, we appreciate all you do for us. I will now call on our Immediate Past State Deputy, Greg Keller, to present a report to us.

[01:49:48] **IPSD Greg Keller:** Excellent. Thank you. Bishop Oscar, Father Erik, fellow state officers, and brothers all. The best thing about being the Immediate Past State Deputy is that instead of having a plate-full of tasks to do, I only have a handful now. My previous two years as State Deputy was interesting, challenging, and sometimes momentous. Over the course of

those two years, many noteworthy changes occurred. We changed the way we did business in the state, and we changed our means of communication. Another long-standing tradition changed, we transitioned to the new combined exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. That was a big change. We also now have electronic Form 100s. Who would have thought? Another significant milestone was how we helped abortion-minded women choose life by viewing their unborn children at three pregnancy resource centers around the state through our ultrasound initiative program. We purchased and blessed the fourth ultrasound machine, which replaced the aging unit serving the Brigham City area. Then came March 2020. Between COVID-19 and earthquakes, the world changed for all of us. Social distancing, teleworking, staying at home, washing hands and wearing facemasks became our new normal. However, one of the casualties of the pandemic, was the transition to virtual meetings, but we worked together and we pressed on through those challenging times. The 2020 State Convention was drastically changed to an abbreviated online meeting with none of the social gathering we all look forward to every year. The state award announcements – typically presented at the state convention banquet – were also conducted virtually. We have all learned a lot about this new world we are living in and have modified our lives accordingly. Even though this is a fourth degree item, starting on July 1st, 2019, the historic change to retire the classic regalia and switch to the new fourth degree uniform took effect. This change affected all of us fourth degree members who had been wearing regalia for so many years. However, a new uniform, we'll still be performing the same patriotic mission. I am proud to have served you as State Deputy, and I'm proud of what we accomplished as we carried on those two years themes of "Many Hands Make Light Work" and "Putting Our Faith into Action," thank you. Special thanks also to my wife Kathy for helping me through the state officer ranks and for all your support and hard work the previous two years. I'm looking forward to working with all of you well into the future. Vivat Jesus and thank you.

[01:52:34] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

Thank you, Brother Greg. Vivat Jesus as well. Next up, I would like to call on our Fourth Degree District Master, Dick Hall, to present his report on the fourth degree. Brother Dick.

[01:52:48] **District Master Dick Hall:** Worthy State Deputy, Bishop Solis and officers and other distinguished guests, it's been an inconvenient COVID year. Lots were impediments to our social fraternity, attaching our veterans, doing our work at Fisher House, Socks for Heroes. The good part is we have the vaccines now and they're being distributed well. Would like to move back to our normal activities. These will not be new normal, but we should be back to our normal. We are a fraternal organization, we're all part of the body of Christ. We are by definition a social fraternity.

To our fourth degree members, I would like to encourage you to rejuvenate yourself by the lessons learned from the fourth degree. We all have the opportunity now, each time a fourth degree is presented in this current environment where we can sign-up and sign-on into to a virtual degree. As a guest, you can listen to those lessons we learned in the degree, refresh your zeal you had when you first achieved your patriotic ranks.

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A reminder to all members, the fourth degree programs we promote throughout the year. We have our Kids in Crisis program, Socks for Heroes, The American Patriotic Service Corps, and the Scholarship Raffle program.

The Kids in Crisis program is being reassessed, weather the animals are really needed, this year. Last year 1000 of the stuffed animals were turned over to Marines Toys for Tots program, which was a worthy use. We need to verify that need.

During the Socks for Heroes this year, the VA said thank you very much for the socks, but can you help us out with underwear? Underwear is a new horizon for us; so, I tried to come up with a way to categorize that, so I'm defining it as our BVD program – Brothers Veterans Drawers. I'm looking for a better motto, if anyone has ideas. With that, we'll be collecting both the socks and underwear of all sorts for our veterans come the middle of the year.

The APSC program is an organization not unlike the DAV, the VFW and others that helps surviving spouse's veterans at filing claims and getting available needed benefits. I want to make sure we keep this program alive. I myself was a disabled veteran; it took me about 40 years to finally get all the benefits that I was entitled to. So, with an organization partnering like this, it will help us all get those benefits as available.

Finally, the Scholarship Raffle Project will continue. There is also a new Fourth Degree Scholarship Program that is being, where a resolution is being circulated to all the assemblies. To be consideration for a \$1000 new scholarship established just for the benefit of the fourth degree and their dependents. I wholeheartedly encourage you approving this resolution. If anyone has questions about it, please feel free to contact me.

Briefly on our next upcoming events I want to cover is we have an Honor Guard Training on Saturday, May 8th at Saint Vincent's from 10 to noon. This is available to anybody, third degree, fourth degree, come see what the honor guard is, see what the procedures are, learn a little bit about our social involvement with honor guards. (I apologize for the pup; I'm at a family First Communion party and he and I are stuck in a room.) Next, as Bishop Solis mentioned, is the transitional deacons, there is an honor guard, Friday, May 14th, starting at 5 o'clock, gather at 4:15. Our next virtual degree is June 12th, starting at 11 AM. That will be posted on the state website. I expect resuming the formal fourth degrees, I would hope, by our November exemplification we can be back doing the formal fourth degree in person. So that would be November 6th and February 8th.

Going on to discuss a little bit about awards, if you can remember what you were doing back in October 1971, some of us were being born, some high school, homecomings, weddings, college days, first jobs. Well, in October 1971, Carbon Assembly of eastern Utah, #1570 was being chartered. Thus, on October 1st of 2021 is the 50th year of service will be awarded to the Carbon Assembly (eastern Utah) in grateful recognition of service to our order's principles of patriotism. Currently Faithful Navigator, Eugene Veal.

Lastly, I would like to address you as delegates and officers representing Utah's councils. The fourth degree stands on the broad shoulders of our councils. It is through the growth of

the councils that feed the growth of the patriotic degree. The fourth degree cannot exist without the councils. Keep the new CUF degrees events posted, so that promotional information can be provided to the councils and keep the new members informed of the patriotic arm. Thank you, brothers, all. Remember to get vaccinated. God bless America and Vivo Christo Rey.

[01:58:47] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you, Brother Dick, greatly appreciate that. Love the recap on the different programs and I enjoyed the title of BVD; if you find a better one great, but I like that one.

Special Recognition

Before we move on to the next piece of business, I want to personally acknowledge and thank each of our State Officers and District Deputies.

The time they give and their dedication to our state is greatly appreciated. When possible, to meet in person, either individually or at our next “in person” meeting, which is currently planned as our Kick off – Organizational Meeting the last weekend in June – so it’s coming up soon – I will be presenting you a token of appreciation.

In addition to the state officers, I particularly want to thank:

Our Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren.
Our State Council Advisor John Wainscott
Our District Master Dick Hall

I know when I wasn’t part of the state team, I knew only the officers or the District Deputy that came to my personal council meeting. This year we had 8 new District Deputies, and 3 returning District Deputies that I would like to thank:

Andy Beck DD#1
Paul Tinker DD#2
Larry Page DD#3
John Chavez DD#4
Larry Zubel DD#5
Mike Middlemiss DD#6
Tim Soran DD#7
Mark Meredith DD#8
Brian Duncan DD#9
Mark Dylla DD#10
Frank Lesar DD#11

I greatly appreciate all your efforts this year as well. Thank you. I look forward to meeting with you in person and giving you these tokens of appreciation.

Next up, switching gears, I would like to call on Brother John Wainscott to give us an update on the Ultrasound Machine. Brother John. John, we need you to come off mute. We're not off mute yet.

[02:01:22] **John Wainscott:** Thank you organizer. My brother Knights, worthy State Deputy, good afternoon. What a great picture of the "Pro-Life Utah Mobile Clinic." I know it's a van, but it's really a mobile medical clinic, and now it has an ultrasound machine. Wahoo! Thank you, my brother Knights. That's so exciting. Today the staff is being trained on the ultrasound and other areas by Connie Ambrecht, from the Sparrow Solutions Group that provides ultrasound and all sorts of training for pregnancy centers all over the world. I just got a text message from Deacon Greg Werking, that he is attending the ultrasound training today, and Pro-Life Utah is asking for a person that would be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the new mobile clinic. Checking oil, gas, tires, just any routine maintenance that might be needed. So, if that's something that you could handle, please get back to me. I'm going to send an email out later today with all these upcoming events that are so exciting. We're finally going to get to see our mobile clinic in use.

On Tuesday, May 11th, at 10:00 AM, Mary Taylor from Pro-Life Utah is holding a press conference in front of the Planned Parenthood Metro at 160 South and 1000 East. So, this press conference is going to announce the mobile clinic and its purpose and what it's going to do. Everyone is invited.

On Tuesday, May 11th at 1:00 PM, Bishop Oscar will bless the van and ultrasound machine at the Cathedral. I'm not exactly sure where, but it's probably behind the office building in the grotto next to the Cathedral. Again, everyone is invited.

On Wednesday, May 12th, the van will again be parked in front of Planned Parenthood, for its first day of operation. So, May 12th is the big day, right out in front of Planned Parenthood.

When the 40-Days for Life motorhome was here several years ago, a bunch of us parked our cars out in front of Planned Parenthood, and when the motor home arrived, we moved all the cars out of the way and the motorhome parked right in front of Planned Parenthood and our State Chaplain, Father Erik, gave a rousing opening and prayer, just did a phenomenal job, everybody was just very pleased with how he handled that; and I hope to see a bunch of you at all these events. It's amazing what we were able to accomplish in just five months. So, a big virtual hug from me, big hug, thank you, and worthy State Deputy, back to you.

[02:04:29] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

Thank you, Brother John for the update, I greatly appreciate it. I would now like to now call on our State Scholarship Chairman, Brother Chuck Dover Jr, to announce the raffle prize winner. Brother Chuck, are you with us? I know you're there; can you unmute yourself? And maybe share your camera if possible?

Attempts were made, audio feedback made it impossible to hear Chuck or his report.

I know Chuck was going to keep it brief and announce the winners, with a special shout out to the Cedar City Council which has sold many tickets, year after year. A special shout out to all the councils that sold them. The Vernal Council bought the tickets, and used them as BINGO prizes. I think Chuck said this was the largest year of raffle ticket sales, at least in recent history.

The raffle winners were:

- 1st place prize, \$500 to Rogelio Casteneda;
- 2nd place prize, \$300 to Laura McAneney;
- 3rd place prize, \$200 to Kenny Black.

Chuck, your efforts on the raffle, keeping this up and going, all that you do, printing the books, this year getting mailings out, we greatly appreciate your efforts. Thank you, Brother Chuck.

Moving along, we come to the part of the meeting we've all been waiting for, the awarding of our scholarship winners and our State Awards.

A special thank you to the councils and assemblies that donated toward the Utah Knights of Columbus Endowment Scholarship in addition to the raffle ticket being sold. It is because of your generosity that we are able build the endowment for the future and give this scholarship out every year. Special thank you to those councils.

This year we have two \$1000 scholarships being awarded, there is the Utah Knights of Columbus Endowment Scholarship and another from the Columbian Society, the Dan Higgins Memorial Scholarship. We had several great applicants, thank you to all those councils that encouraged them to apply. Three different councils had submissions.

First up, we will be announcing the winner of the Columbian Society Dan Higgins Memorial Scholarship. The winner is Ms. Elisabeth Penderghast from Council 12181. From the Columbian Society, a \$1000 scholarship.

Next up is the Utah Knights of Columbus Endowment Scholarship. The winner this year is Ms. Jadelyn Flores from Council 2611 down in Helper. Congratulations to both of our scholarship winners. Hopefully there are council representatives on here that can inform those people.

The 4th degree has a special part in my heart, I don't remember if I've shared this with you, but I remember back to before I joined the order, there was an honor guard that was present at my grandfather's funeral. It was very special for me and in part was a large reason I joined the Knights and the 4th degree. I would like to now call on our District Master, Dick Hall to present the Fourth Degree "To Be A Patriot" award recognizing an assembly and a patriotic program.

[02:10:50] **District Master Dick Hall:** We had five assemblies that participated:

- Assembly 1144 Fr. Dominguez
- Assembly 1429 Msgr. Cushnahan

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Assembly 2577 Rev. Thomas J. Meersman
Assembly 2636 Padre Pio
Assembly 3586 Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock

The winner is, Flag Retirement Ceremony performed by Assembly 3586, Faithful Navigator Joseph R. Bouley. Congratulations Joe.

[02:11:47] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you, Brother Dick and congratulations Assembly 3586.

Annually, the Service Program Awards contests (is) sponsored by the Supreme Council recognizes those councils in each state that conduct the most outstanding projects in each category of Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

Despite the pandemic, we had some amazing programs and activities happen this year throughout the state. Every council in Utah was eligible to compete for these awards, and the awards committee was chosen according to our by-laws. Several of the committee members commented just how great the submissions were this year. Here are just a few of the unsolicited comments that I wanted to share with you:

- “This was very inspiring to see how much progress was still accomplished during the pandemic.”
- “I was really inspired by the nominees and spent more time reflecting on the entries than I thought I would.”
- “Thank you for the opportunity to do this. I love hearing about how fellow brother Knights are serving.”
- “I am absolutely LOVING it! It is SOOOO cool to see what other folks are doing, the impact they’re having, the challenges they’re overcoming to make it happen...Wow! So proud to be part of this bunch of guys we call Knights.”

Those were just some of the comments coming to me from the awards committee. I thought it was really cool to share those with you. I would like to extend my gratitude to those members of the awards committee for volunteering. We had 38 different entries this year between our service program awards, Chaplain of the Year, Family of the Year, and Knight of the Year awards. Choosing the best of so many great programs, chaplains, families, and Knights is a difficult responsibility, and the scoring was close in all categories.

To announce the winner of our Faith award, I would like to call on our State Secretary Bill Kelly.

[02:14:07] **State Secretary Bill Kelly:** Thank you worthy State Deputy.

Through the sponsoring of church related activities, the members of the Knights of Columbus continue to show they are the strong right arm of the Church. We had 6 submissions this year.

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5214 The Holy Rosary
6966 CCW Yard Sale Assistance
9849 St. James the Just Faith Formation
12181 Monthly Parish Rosary for Healing
13297 St. Vincent de Paul Men's Bible Study
15418 Bibles for Students

The Knights of the winning council are heavily involved in their Parish Faith Formation, as instructors of both the Confirmation One class and RCIA. It is a great experience for these kids to see these men share their faith and set an example of being a committed life-long Catholic. Three of the four RCIA instructors are Knights! These men have shown incredible dedication to those wishing to learn our faith and become members of the Catholic Church. Many hours go into planning and teaching the weekly lessons. After Easter, three of the new Catholics joined the Knights.

The winner of the Faith Award is "St James Faith Formation" St James Council 9849 in North Ogden, Michael Sweetland Grand Knight.

[02:15:35] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

Thank you, brother Bill. Great Job Council 9849. Our next announcement is the Family award, and to announce the winner of that award is our State Treasurer, Ryan Graveley.

[02:15:47] **State Treasurer Ryan Graveley:** Thank you State Deputy.

Families are the foundation of our society and are at the core of the Knights of Columbus. We are a Catholic, FAMILY, Fraternal organization. With this in mind, councils regularly sponsor activities that allow families to spend time together in volunteer activities, faith initiatives and social events. We had 5 submissions.

5214 Breakfast To Go
6010 Gifts of the Magi Angel Tree
9849 Christmas Greenery
11479 Christmas Poinsettia Remembrance
13297 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster & Essay

The winning program's goal is to provide youth in need with a Christmas gift and to provide families in need with food for Christmas. With the pandemic, budgetary issues were a concern, and when the parish couldn't conduct the program, the Knights stepped up. Partnering with the Council of Catholic Women, food was provided to 20 families and 59 youth received Christmas gifts.

The winner of the Family Award is "Gifts of the Magi Angel Tree" Saint Rose of Lima Council 6010 in Layton, Dennis Martinez Grand Knight. Congratulations Dennis and his council.

[02:17:02] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

Thank you, brother Ryan and great job Council 6010. The next award is our Community award, and to announce the winner our State Advocate, Frank Carmona.

[02:17:13] **State Advocate Frank Carmona:** Thank you worthy State Deputy.

Every community is unique. Every Knights council is unique. When they can work together, great things can happen. Since our first principle is charity, finding ways to help those in need in their communities is a mission all our members embrace. We had 5 submissions.

5214 St. Francis Xavier School Support
6010 Coats for Kids
6966 Carmelite Support
9849 Breakfast Burritos
13297 Backpack Bonanza

The winning council is in a position where the Parish has a school attached. The council runs many programs through the school to ensure the children are taken care of, such as coats for kids and food baskets. Additionally, brother Knights visited the classrooms and explained what the Knights do. Now when a brother knight walks the halls of this school the kids know who they are, there is nothing better than hearing a child say, "He's a Knight!"

The winner of the Community Award is "Saint Francis Xavier School Support" Bishop Hunt Council 5214 in Kearns, congratulations Grand Knight George Jockisch,

[02:18:35] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

Thank you, brother Frank; and great job again to Council 5214. The next announcement is the Life award, and to announce the winner our State Warden, Alex Tarazon. Are you able to join us Alex?

The Knights of Columbus was, is, and always will be a Pro-Life organization. Living this part of our Catholic faith is central to who we are and what we do. Our life award celebrates the efforts made to spread our message of life. We had 6 submissions.

5214 Memorare for Pro-life
6739 Drive Through Chili Feed for Life
9849 Ultrasound Initiative
12181 33rd Annual Life Chain
13297 3rd Annual Novena for Life
15418 Adopt A Parish Program

The State council's goal for the new ultrasound machine was \$15,500. The council's goal was 10% of that, or \$1,550. Running ads in the parish bulletin, making announcements after

Mass, and selling pizzas on Superbowl weekend, resulted in two men recruited into the council and a total donation of \$7652, or 49% of the goal for the state.

The winner of this year's Life Award is "Ultrasound initiative" St James Council 9849 in North Ogden, Michael Sweetland Grand Knight.

Fantastic job, way to go Council 9849. That concludes our program awards. Our next award will be the Chaplain of the Year, and to present that I call on our Immediate Past State Deputy, Greg Keller.

[02:20:20] **Immediate Past State Deputy Greg Keller:** Thank you Brother Nick.

It is at the parish level and in support of parish priests that the Knights of Columbus will continue to make its mark on the Church. We will always stand shoulder to shoulder with our Priests in solidarity. We had 2 submissions.

5214 Father Francis Hung Q. Le, O.P
11479 Father John S. Evans

Since arriving at his parish, he has served as the council Chaplain, and he has encouraged countless men to join our order. He further supports all the council's activities by word, deed and example. He routinely makes pulpit announcements on behalf of the council. His presence and influence are evident everywhere and he is constantly in attendance at meetings and events, unless out of the area, tending to his clergy duties. His influence on the Knights is impressive. He routinely volunteers supporting the Knights Dinner Bingo, offering both blessings and physical labor in serving meals and cleaning tables.

The winner of the Chaplain of the Year Award is Father John Evans, from Saint Thomas More Council 11479 in Cottonwood Heights, Danny Schoenfeld Grand Knight. Thank you.

[02:21:39] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:**

Thank you, brother Greg. And thank you Father John for all you do. We are coming to our last two awards of the day.

The next award is Family of the year, and this year the nominations were very impressive. Every entry in this category was for a very deserving family. But only one family can be the Family of the year. We had 6 submissions.

5214 Rafael & Laura Castillo
5502 Deacon Scott & Holly Dodge
6010 Jeff & Vicki Motta
9849 Richard W. & Elizabeth Atkins
11479 Dr. Palmer & Marceline Niangi Masumbe Netongo
13297 Daniel Scott & Angelique Larrabee

This winning family's love for their Catholic faith and dedication, along with their attitudes make them prime examples for our community. They're often in the kitchen. For over two years, before the pandemic shutdown, they provided a monthly meal to the homeless. Currently they have taken the lead in providing a twice a month breakfast at the parish – the Knights sponsored and only parish fundraiser to pay the mortgage on the school addition.

The 2020-2021 Utah Knights of Columbus Family of the Year, from Bishop Hunt Council 5214 in Kearns, the Rafael Castillo Family.

Congratulations brother Rafael and Laura and your family. Thank you for all that you do. Our final award of the day is for Knight of the Year.

It is time to announce and say thank you to the man who has earned the distinguished title of "Knight of the Year." Like the entries in the previous category, every submission was a winner. We could spend the entire meeting on this category alone. Every man submitted by their councils are men of dedication and service. I wish we could award every one of these deserving Knights this prestigious title. But there can only be one Knight of the Year. We had 8 submissions.

5214 Stephen Gerichs
6010 Joseph "Joe" Garcia
6739 James W. "Mac" McManaman
9849 John R Valdez
10304 Charles E. Dover Jr.
11479 Chuck J. Grahmann
15418 Richard Hall
16127 Stacey A. Yeager

Listing the winner's involvement in parish ministry would take a while as it is a rather extensive list ranging from being an altar server, extraordinary minister of holy communion, a lector, Lay Ecclesiastical Minister, parish council member, and diocesan pastoral council member to name just a few of the roles he has had. The COVID-19 pandemic didn't end that service, just altered it. He staffed the entrance to the church for every Mass and/or service 'till just recently. He arrived early, set up for Mass (as their parish does not have an active Deacon), physically signed in everyone, ensured COVID-19 protocols were maintained, ushered, and was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister as needed. For the RCIA program this Knight has served as a facilitator and coordinator. The list could go on and on.

The winner of the 2020-2021 Utah Knight of the Year goes to John Valdez from Saint James Council 9849 in Ogden.

Great job. Thank you for all you do brother John! As you know, he is our state Faith Director, and greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do, and thank you to all the entries this year for all they do.

That concludes all of the awards for today. Next up I would like to call on our Immediate Past State Deputy Greg Keller to give his report of the appreciation committee.

[02:25:29] **Immediate Past State Deputy Greg Keller:** Thank you.

The 2021 Virtual State Convention Appreciation Committee met also in a virtual meeting, and we hereby submit a list of people and businesses to thank them for making this convention so successful.

- Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis.
- State Chaplain Father Erik Richtsteig.
- Father James Blaine, State Chaplain Emeritus.
- Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly.
- Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.
- Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez.
- Knights of Columbus General Agent Nate Raso
- Our local Knights of Columbus Field Agents Gene Trombetti and Matthew McCarthy.
- District Deputy #11 Frank Lesar (Councils 1129, 14764, and 15418) for being the hosting District.
- The Convention Committee for all their planning.
- Council 1129 Grand Knight Robert Dieringer and brother Knights from that council.
- Council 14764 Grand Knight Richard Green and the brother Knights from that council.
- Council 15418 Grand Knight Paul Buckley and brother Knights from that council.
- Past Supreme Director John Wainscott for assisting with convention preparations.
- Tim Peczuh who formulated the advertising booklet.
- Peczuh Printing for all the work they did preparing the convention book.
- Advertisers in the convention booklet - please keep your booklet and thank those advertisers.
- Utah Knights of Columbus State Officers and their wives.
- Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren.
- District Master Dick Hall.
- Past State Deputies and their wives who continue to show their support, experience, and wisdom.
- To all of you brothers who attended this virtual convention to show support for the Knights throughout the state of Utah, thank you very much.

Thank you also to the brothers who participated in this year's Appreciation Committee: Steve Sevier (6010), Art Grant (13297), and Bob Diaz (14239). Guests State Deputy Nick Nielson and Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren also attended.

Vivat Jesus and respectfully submitted Greg Keller, Immediate Past State Deputy. Thank you, brother Nick.

[02:28:07] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you brother Greg.

At this time, I would like to remember our fallen brothers. Even though we're not meeting in person, we are arranging a Mass where we will remember the necrology, all of our fallen brothers this year. So, to report on our necrology, I call on our State Secretary to give us the names of those that departed this last year.

[02:28:33] **State Secretary Bill Kelly:** My brother Knights, I will read the names of the Knights and clergy who have passed away in the past fraternal year 2020-21.

Clergy

Rev. Clyde Curnutte
Rev. Reynato Rodillas (5502)
Rev. Ublad Rugirangoga

Council 5502

Edward Larrabee
Erik Mathiesen
Tubber Okuda

Council 10304

Lynn Adams
Michael Halloran
Antonio Rincon

Council 602

Robert R. Richter

Council 6010

Victor DeCaria
Valentine Ott

Council 10733

John Burgess
Manuel Gonzales
Lou V. Holdener
Arthur F. See
Louie Tan

Council 777

Frank Delgado
Mike Romero
Benny Vialpando
Robert Yannacone

Council 6147

Max Aragon
Amedeo Beacco

Council 11246

Eugene Kadera
Williams Sommers

Council 1129

Harold Hardin
J. Kent Howard
Randy Spagnoletti

Council 6739

Fred Gilman
Leonard J. Stalliviere
Joaquin Jaramillo
Nabor Medina

Council 11479

Don Carroll
Robert Meyer
Ken Stracke
Douglas Tuite

Council 5214

Ernesto Cordova
Jeremy Jacquez
Joe Whiteman

Council 7401

George Gudac

Council 8350

Marco Rojas

Council 12181

Larry Gonzalez
George Johnson

Council 5347

David L. Garza
Alan McDonald
Richard (Leon) Scoffield

Council 9731

Joseph Garcia

Council 13297

James Christopher Cage

Council 9849

Carl Welch

Council 14239

William Rich

Council 14339

Ernest Bertagnolli
Carl Santoro
Gary Thompson

For these and all our departed brothers, let us pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

[02:32:40] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Thank you brother Bill for compiling that list.

Our last announcement, just real quickly, the diocesan Liturgical Art and Architectural Committee, is working to create a poster on Saint Joseph to celebrate the year of Saint Joseph, and they need our help, as Knights. An email will be going out soon, asking for a picture of Saint Joseph sculptures or art from every parish and mission in the state. Please follow the instructions in that email that I forward out to you when you receive it; and let's have the Knights be the go-to group to help this project. I think this is a wonderful thing and we're positioned well. Just take a picture of the sculpture of Saint Joseph at your parish and send it in.

In closing I would like to say thank you again – I know that's been a recurring theme, but I sincerely mean it. Thank you again to everyone for being on this virtual State Convention. We all look forward to when we can meet and do this in person again. I want to extend my personal thank you to all the councils, the members, and their families for the work they do. I realize we don't do what we do for awards, but I am very pleased to have had the chance to recognize you all with the awards we did today. We should also be proud of the accomplishments we have achieved that weren't listed here today. I highly recommend you read all the reports that are in the report booklet, there is a lot of great information in there.

I've said it many times, I am honored to have been your State Deputy this year, I'm honored to call you brothers. Thank you.

To close this meeting, I will call on our State Warden to lead us in the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney.

[02:34:44] **State Warden Alex Tarazon:** Thank you worthy State Deputy. Brothers, let us join together in this closing prayer. In the name of the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit, amen.

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present – that the state council and all who gathered, assemblies and councils as well, have a successful fraternal year here coming and continue to work in God's name and promote good

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Christian charity throughout all our works. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

[02:36:03] **State Deputy Nick Nielson:** Amen. Bothers, meeting adjourned. (gavel). Thank you again for being here with us.

[02:37:01] end recording of the 2021 Utah Knights of Columbus Virtual State Convention.

ATTEST: FEBRUARY 27TH, 2022

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WILLIAM I. KELLY
UTAH STATE SECRETARY

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KARL A. VANMAREN
UTAH STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ADDENDUM 1: Official Voting Delegates to the State Convention

1. The following table provides the voting delegates who participated in balloting for the State Council Officers and Resolution for the State Virtual Convention conducted on May 1, 2021.

Council	Name	Position
State	Richtsteig, Erik Rev.	State Chaplain Delegate
State	Nielson, Nick	State Deputy (SD) Delegate
State	Kelly, Bill	State Secretary Delegate
State	Graveley, Ryan	State Treasurer Delegate
State	Carmona, Frank	State Advocate Delegate
State	Tarazon, Alex	State Warden Delegate
State	Keller, Greg	Past SD Delegate
602	Contreras, Rene	Council Delegate
602	Henkels, Ed	Council Delegate
777	Bedel, Jerry	Council Delegate
777	Bedel, Carl	Council Delegate
1129	Dieringer, Rob	Council Delegate
1136	Arguello, James	Council Delegate
1136	Chavez, John	Council Delegate
5214	Jockisch, George	Council Delegate
5214	Vargo, Chad	Council Delegate
5347	Fuller, George	Council Delegate
5347	Lange, Rholand	Council Delegate
5502	Nesi, Joseph	Council Delegate
5502	Bouley, Joe	Council Delegate
6010	Neid, Joseph	Council Delegate
6010	Hartle, Richard	Council Delegate
6147	Peczuh, Tim	Council Delegate
6147	Colosimo, Joe	Council Delegate
6739	Barry, Anthony	Council Delegate
6739	Stine, Barry	Council Delegate
6966	Alessandro, Chad D	Council Delegate
6966	Carmody, Michael	Council Delegate
7961	McDonald, David	Council Delegate
7961	Anglin, Michael	Council Delegate
8350	Munoz, Jose	Council Delegate
8350	Acosta, Andres	Council Delegate
8606	Castaneda, Rogelio	Council Delegate
8606	Carlson, Robert	Council Delegate
9731	Moore, Anthony	Council Delegate

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9731	Chacón-Escárcega, Gabino	Council Delegate
9849	Sweetland, Michael	Council Delegate
9849	Balster, Luke	Council Delegate
10304	Montoya, Reyes	Council Delegate
10304	Montoya, Fred	Council Delegate
10733	Mandrigues, Louis	Council Delegate
10733	Decker, Earl	Council Delegate
11246	Webb, David A	Council Delegate
11246	Rhoads, Randy	Council Delegate
11479	Schoenfield, Danny	Council Delegate
11479	Bachiller, Ray	Council Delegate
12181	Lewis, R. Scott	Council Delegate
12181	Thatcher, Stephen J	Council Delegate
12264	Martinez, Larry	Council Delegate
12264	Ortiz, Ernesto	Council Delegate
13297	Deffner, Edward	Council Delegate
13297	Grant, Arthur A	Council Delegate
14239	Barrera, Chris	Council Delegate
14239	Gray, William Mike	Council Delegate
14399	Dannenmueller, Michael	Council Delegate
14399	Meier, Wilber	Council Delegate
14764	Green, Richard	Council Delegate
14764	Quintanilla, Daniel	Council Delegate
15418	Buckley, Paul	Council Delegate
15418	Lukasiewicz, George	Council Delegate
16127	Houghton, Richard	Council Delegate
16127	Gibson, Al	Council Delegate
17140	Aerts, Alexander J	Council Delegate
17140	Montanez, Gerardo J	Council Delegate

2. Ray Lopez, Supreme Regional Growth Director and Karl VanMaren, Utah Executive Secretary, served in the roles as screeners for the Utah State virtual. Ray and Karl were responsible to authenticate the delegates participating in elections and the motions brought forth to the virtual convention floor. The screeners were non-voting members during these proceedings.

ADDENDUM 2: Official Convention Committees to the State Convention

	<u>Audit/Budget (12)</u>	<u>Sat. 04/17/2021</u> <u>4:00 PM</u>
Council	Chair: Ryan S Graveley	Alternate Delegate
1136	Chavez, John R	Arguello, James
5502	Joseph Bouley	Jason Burger
6147	Tim Peczuh	Lonny Rice
6739	Anthony Barry	Thomas M Goonan
6739	Barry Stine	James McManaman
7961	David McDonald	Andrew Airriess
9849	Michael Sweetland	Richard Hall
10733	Louis Mandrigues	Joe B Pacheco
11479	Ray Bachiller	Mark Koltiska
12181	Steven Thatcher	Randy Hendrickson
13297	Edward J Deffner	Michael W Derrick
14764	Richard Green	Eric Domyan
	<u>Resolutions (12)</u>	<u>Sun. 04/18/2021</u> <u>2:00 PM</u>
Council	Chair: Frank Carmona	Alternate Delegate
5214	George Jockisch	Bob Masse
5502	Joseph Nesi	Raymond Salazar
6010	Joe Neid	John Biotti
9731	ANTHONY K MOORE	Anthony P Hanlon
9849	Luke Balster	Al Hollywood
11246	David Webb	Mike Villarreal
11479	Danny Schoenfeld	Larry Page
12264	Larry Martinez	
14239	Chris Barrera	Timothy Gribben
14399	Michael Dannenmueller	
14764	Daniel Quintanilla	Shawn Adrian
16127	Al Gibson	
	<u>Asst. Wardens/Balloting (0)</u>	<u>N/A - Virtual Meeting</u>
Council	Chair: Alex J Tarazon	No Alternate Delegates

	<u>Appreciation (12)</u>	<u>Sat. 04/17/2021</u> <u>10:00 AM</u>
Council	Chair: Gregory A Keller	Alternate Delegate
602	Rene Contreras	Giancarlo Gazani
5214	Chad Vargo	Stephen Gerichs
6010	Richard Hartle	William Sevier
6966	Michael Carmody	John Wainscott
7961	Michael Anglin	Douglas Conner
9731	Gabino Chacón-Escárcega	Ronald D Hausman
12181	Scott Lewis	Jaime Mencia
12264	Ernesto Ortiz	
13297	Arthur A Grant	Timothy L Soran Jr
14239	Mike Gray	Robert Diaz
14399	Wilber Meier	
15418	Paul B Buckley	John Steffen
	<u>Minutes/Credentials (13)</u>	<u>Sat. 04/17/2021</u> <u>8:30 AM</u>
Council	Chair: William I Kelly	Alternate Delegate
602	Ed Henkels	Dan Tracy
1129	Rob Dieringer	
1136	Tarazon, Alex J	Manfred Gerten
6147	Joe Colosimo	Michael Peczuh
6966	CHAD D'ALESSANDRO	Richard Vigor
8606	Robert E. Carlson	John W. Mau
8606	Rogelio Castaneda	Richard Gary Currier
10304	Reyes Montoya	Ron Mecham
10304	Fred Montoya	
10733	Earl Decker	Kenneth E

Note:

The council's alternate delegates are also listed (if known). If the delegate is attending, the alternate is not expected. (Sometimes delegates forget who is the alternate for whom.)

ADDENDUM 3: Resolutions Presented and Passed at the State Convention

**RESOLUTION #1
SALUTATION TO POPE FRANCIS**

RESOLVED, that we, the Knights of Columbus of Utah offer our prayers, support and sincere heartfelt appreciation to our Shepherd, His Holiness Pope Francis and that we continue to keep him in our minds and hearts that he may attain great success as our spiritual leader; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we should carry out his values and resound them in our daily lives as strong Catholics; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our appreciation and support of our spiritual leader; locally, nationally and worldwide and offer prayers for him through Blessed Mother Virgin Mary and her rosary; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we pray and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon His Holiness Pope Francis and that he be granted good health in continuing his spiritual leadership of our Church throughout the World.

**RESOLUTION #2
SALUTATION TO THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN**

RESOLVED, that we, the Knights of Columbus of Utah, offer our prayers, support and heartfelt appreciation to our Supreme Chaplain, the Most Reverend Archbishop William E. Lori, for his spiritual guidance and his great examples of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney, in motivating the membership of our Order to be a strong, unified, Catholic, Family organization; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon him, and that he be granted good health in continuing his spiritual leadership of our Order.

RESOLUTION #3
SALUTATION TO MOST REVEREND BISHOP OSCAR SOLIS
SHEPHERD OF THE DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE

RESOLVED, that we, the Knights of Columbus of Utah and our families, offer our prayers and support for our Shepherd of the Diocese of Salt Lake, Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join in prayer and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon him that he be granted good health and wisdom in continuing his spiritual leadership of the Diocese of Salt Lake; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join in prayer and ask the blessing of Almighty God to shine upon all Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Salt Lake that they will continue to be our guides in faith and leaders of our church here in Utah.

RESOLUTION #4
SUPPORT FOR CANNONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

RESOLVED, that we, the Knights of Columbus of Utah, offer our continued support and pledge our prayers for the cause of sainthood of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. As Knights of Columbus, we should ever be mindful of the spiritual guidance, vision, and conviction of Blessed Michael McGivney in founding our Order; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer prayers and support for spiritual guidance in assisting the Postulator and those individuals who labor for the cause of his Sainthood. We ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon them and that they be granted good health as they continue in their efforts for the cause of our founder and patron that he soon be elevated to the altar of God; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we continue to support and encourage every Knight in the Order to enroll in the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild.

RESOLUTION #5
SALUTATION TO THE SUPREME KNIGHT, THE SUPREME OFFICERS AND
BOARD OF DIRESTORS

RESOLVED, That we, the Knights of Columbus of Utah, offer our prayers and pledge our support to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, the Supreme Officers and to all the members of the Board of Directors. We pray that they be fair and prudent in guiding and motivating the membership of our Order to be a strong, unified, Catholic, Family, Service Organization as set forth by our founder Blessed Michael McGivney; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we all join in prayer and ask for the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon our Supreme Knight, the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors and all leaders of our Order. We pray they may be granted good health and wisdom in continuing in their leadership.

RESOLUTION #6
SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY

WHEREAS, our military service men and women are deployed around the world. Some of these deployments include hostile and unstable regions which place them in harm's way especially while the United States is currently at war; and

WHEREAS, many of these men and women serve leaving behind their families, friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, these men and women serve willing to give everything, including the sacrifice of their lives if necessary to preserve our democratic way of life and our freedom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus continue to support and encourage these men and women who serve, together with all others who have served, by offering our prayers and gratitude to them. We pray they be strong and find consolation in their selfless service; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that along with our prayers, the Knights of Columbus continue to reach out and provide service at veteran's facilities, hospitals, and functions and especially care for those who have served and now live confined in care facilities.

RESOLUTION #7
SUPPORT FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS AND ALL OF OUR CLERGY

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus of Utah, offer our prayers for religious vocations and support seminarians of our diocese through the RSVP program and our vocation endowment fund; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the spiritual guidance and great examples of our bishops and priests in strengthening our faith by the example of their lives. We renew our commitment to them and pledge to be “In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we will continue to support our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop Oscar Solis, our Vicar General Monsignor Colin F. Bircumshaw, and all the clergy of our Church and our diocese both financially and spiritually; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, we show our appreciation for these religious men by holding Degrees of our Order in their Honor and giving them recognition at clergy appreciation dinners; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon them, granting them good health as they continue their ministry of spiritual guidance in the name of Christ.

RESOLUTION #8
SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND ILLNESSES

WHEREAS, there have been numerous natural disasters and illnesses in our nation and around the world this past year; and

WHEREAS, we, the Knights of Columbus are committed to provide continued support with our programs, through our prayers, and special donations.

WHEREAS, we ask God to comfort and help all of those who have lost family and loved ones. We ask God to extend his healing touch to those who suffer; comfort them; lift their spirits; restore their faith; calm their hearts and mind; sustain them in recovery; give them hope, peace, understanding and strength to persevere and trust in the Lord in these trying times as they rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, we thank and honor the courageous rescue and relief workers as they reach out to people in need. We ask God to guide their hands giving them wisdom and strength to assist those who struggle to survive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that those of us who are not able to help in person, reach out financially and spiritually in prayer. We pray for mercy, peace and healing for all who have suffered personal injury, loss of family, and are in need of food, clothing, shelter and safety. We pray that God grant wisdom and stamina to the leaders of these areas to begin the rebuilding process and restore the calm of peace. May the victims know they are in our hearts and prayers during these trying times as we commit ourselves to provide support and ask the blessings of Almighty God to shine upon them that they may find hope and strength in Christ.

RESOLUTION #9
SUPPORT OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND HEALTH CARE
WORKERS

WHEREAS, criminal activity, increased acts of violence aimed at our first responders, and the COVID-19 pandemic have put our police, fire, and medical personnel in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, these selfless heroes continue to serve our communities while placing themselves and their own families at risk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Knights of Columbus, offer our prayers and love to the men and women who protect and serve our communities, homes, and families during these troubled times. May we continue to honor them with our support, and through Masses dedicated to their brave and noble vocations.

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Utah State Advocate

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ADDENDUM 4: Approved Utah State Council Knights of Columbus Budget 2021-2022

Based on Membership as of **4/1/2021**

INCOME	Budget
4000 Council Per Capita	
4001 00602 Per Capita	(\$ 856.20)
4002 00777 Per Capita	(\$ 520.90)
4003 01129 Per Capita	(\$ 1,186.40)
4004 01136 Per Capita	(\$ 596.30)
4005 02611 Per Capita	(\$ 413.00)
4006 05214 Per Capita	(\$ 1,682.40)
4007 05347 Per Capita	(\$ 409.20)
4008 05502 Per Capita	(\$ 787.20)
4009 06010 Per Capita	(\$ 587.50)
4010 06147 Per Capita	(\$ 361.50)
4011 06739 Per Capita	(\$ 541.10)
4012 06966 Per Capita	(\$ 955.30)
4013 07401 Per Capita	(\$ 485.90)
4014 07961 Per Capita	(\$ 701.80)
4015 08350 Per Capita	(\$ 578.70)
4016 08606 Per Capita	(\$ 252.30)
4017 09561 Per Capita	(\$ 337.70)
4018 09731 Per Capita	(\$ 891.40)
4019 09849 Per Capita	(\$ 946.60)
4020 10304 Per Capita	(\$ 694.20)
4021 10733 Per Capita	(\$ 1,571.90)
4022 11246 Per Capita	(\$ 754.50)
4023 11479 Per Capita	(\$ 1,322.00)
4024 11812 Per Capita	Inactive Council (40.10)
4025 12181 Per Capita	(\$ 2,464.40)
4026 12264 Per Capita	(\$ 440.70)
4027 12959 Per Capita	(\$ 716.90)
4028 13297 Per Capita	(\$ 635.30)
4029 13646 Per Capita	(\$ 374.10)
4030 14239 Per Capita	(\$ 312.60)
4031 14399 Per Capita	(\$ 862.50)
4032 14764 Per Capita	(\$ 450.70)
4033 15418 Per Capita	(\$ 974.30)
4034 15741 Per Capita	(\$ 242.30)
4035 16006 Per Capita	(\$ 332.70)
4036 16127 Per Capita	(\$ 620.20)
4037 17140 Per Capita	(\$ 271.20)
98043 Per Capita	(\$ 561.20)
Total 4000 Council Per	(\$ 26,733.20)

Inactive
council
Inactive
council

Expected Per Capita Income	(\$ 25,556.90)
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Use of Reserve Funds/PY unrealized expenses to meet Budget	
Youth Reserve	(\$ 1,230.00)
General Fund	(\$ 6,433.10)
Subtotal from Reserve Funds	(\$ 7,663.10)

Income plus Reserve Total:	(\$ 33,220.00)
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Finalized/Approved: **DRAFT**

EXPENSES	Budget
6000 State Council Operating Expense	
6005 Audit Expense	(\$ 1,700.00)
6010 Bank Charges Expense	(\$ -)
6015 Insurance Premiums	(\$ 1,600.00)
6020 Officer-Director Travel	(\$ 1,000.00)
6025 Postage & Supplies	(\$ 2,000.00)
6030 State Awards Expense	(\$ 700.00)
6035 State Chaplain's Expense	(\$ 100.00)
6040 State Deputy's Expense	(\$ 300.00)
6045 State Secretary's Expense	(\$ 150.00)
6050 State Officer's Expenses	(\$ 500.00)
6055 State of Utah Admin Fees	(\$ 10.00)
6065 Convocation	(\$ 250.00)
Total 6000 State Council Operating Expense	(\$ 8,310.00)
6200 State Convention	
6210 Delegate Travel Expense	(\$ 3,000.00)
6220 General Convention Expenses	(\$ 500.00)
6230 Honorees at State Convention	(\$ 250.00)
6250 State Council Officers Convention	(\$ 2,000.00)
Total 6200 State Convention	(\$ 5,750.00)
6300 State Org / Mid-Year	
6310 Delegate Mileage-Org/Mid-Year	(\$ 2,800.00)
6320 General Mtg expense	(\$ 200.00)
6330 Meals-Org/Mid-Year	(\$ 1,600.00)
Total 6300 State Org / Mid-Year	(\$ 4,600.00)
6400 Supreme Convention	
6410 Bishops Travel Exp	(\$ 500.00)
6430 Clergy Travel Assistance	(\$ 2,000.00)
6440 General Supreme Convention Exp	(\$ 500.00)
Total 6400 Supreme Convention	(\$ 3,000.00)
6500 Youth Program Expense	
6510 Essay Contest	(\$ 300.00)
6520 Free Throw Championship	(\$ 450.00)
6530 Poster Contest	(\$ 180.00)
6540 Soccer Challenge	(\$ 300.00)
Total 6500 Youth Program Expense	(\$ 1,230.00)
6600 Miscellaneous Expenses	
6610 Catholic Advertising	(\$ 450.00)
6620 Council Development	(\$ 200.00)
6630 Ceremonial Expense	(\$ 50.00)
6640 Membership/New Member	(\$ 1,900.00)
6650 Technology Expenses	(\$ 1,000.00)
6660 Other	(\$ -)
6670 State Council Planned Expenses	(\$ 6,230.00)
6690 Fourth Degree Promotion	(\$ 500.00)
Total 6600 Miscellaneous Expenses	(\$ 10,330.00)

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**Reserve Funds
total:**

Total Expenses	(\$ 33,220.00)
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