



# Utah State Update



## Be the example, be like Christ

Brothers, I hope you are all doing well as we find ourselves nearing the end of Lent and preparing for Easter. I hope your Lenten journey has been full of prayer and reflection. One of the main things I have been focusing on this Lenten season is how can I best serve God and how can I evangelize? How can I serve my community and my brother Knights.

I think the first and foremost thing we can all do is be an example of a Christian, love our neighbors, and practice our faith. Be an example of what we learn from Christ. This requires us to take a look at ourselves, to evaluate our own shortcomings. Do we gossip and assassinate other people's character? I bring this up because I had a recent conversation with a non-Catholic, and they said that is one of the main reasons they will never join the church, they see too many of us not practicing our faith. They weren't talking about going to church every Sunday, they were talking about being Christ like, loving our neighbor. This person commented on several instances in their life when they were considering joining the church and got involved in our community activities. This person, on more than one occasion was a victim of the "good" Catholics attacking them, talking ill of their efforts, calling them and others in the community names behind their back, and sometimes to their face. The reason this person shared these experiences with me was to explain why they would never join the Church. This saddened me, obviously these examples aren't the norm, or at least I hope they aren't. But it got me to thinking, how many times do I see a brother Knight talking ill of another brother, a priest, or someone in the community. Then I reflected on myself, do I do this? I'd like to say I don't and I don't think that I do, but this self-reflection has me taking a closer look to make sure I don't. I think this is important, being aware to make sure I/we don't do this; and if we do to stop.

I'm reminded of our second and third principles as Knights: Unity and Fraternity. Are we practicing unity and being fraternal to our brothers? That unity and fraternity extends beyond just our brothers, are we practicing those principles with our neighbors? I hope you don't mind me using this avenue to share these thoughts, but in seeing some recent things I thought important to share in case it sparks a little self-reflection. Please think twice before talking bad about a brother Knight or someone in our community. Be the example, be like Christ.

The next part of my reflection on serving God and evangelizing, after we set a good example which is the evangelizing part, is to invite a man to join. I truly feel in my heart the best thing you can do for a fellow Catholic man and his family is by inviting him to join us. This can help them grow in their faith and provide the avenue to give back.

I hope by now you have registered for the State Convention coming up next month, if not please do so. You can find more information on our state website at [www.utahknights.org](http://www.utahknights.org). I'm very excited to be holding this meeting in person as it will be the first time we've been able to do so in two years! It's going to be a great time of comradery and fraternity! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless!

**Nick Nielson**  
State Deputy

Visit [www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/) for the latest convention information. **The deadlines are coming fast this month! Some are even today (April 1st): advertisements, delegate registration, convention reports. 4/15 to RSVP for the ladies activity, hotel rooms. 4/25 charitable donations. 4/29 meal reservation.**



Holy Father's  
[Prayer Intention](#)  
**Health Care Workers**  
We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

*Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis*



## THE MONTH OF APRIL

The first fifteen days of the month fall during the season of [Lent](#). The remainder of April falls during the [Easter](#) season which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

### Some April Highlights

- 3. [Fifth Sunday of Lent](#), Sunday
  - 10. [Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion](#), Sunday
  - 14. [Holy Thursday](#), Triduum
  - 15. [Good Friday of the Lord's Passion](#), Triduum
  - 16. [Holy Saturday](#), Triduum
  - 17. [Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord](#), Solemnity
  - 24. [Second Sunday of Easter \(or Sunday of Divine Mercy\)](#), Solemnity
  - 25. [St. Mark](#), Feast
  - 29. [Catherine of Siena](#), Memorial
- [Daily Readings from USCCB](#)

## SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

As seen at the Midyear Meeting on January 8th, the two Saint Joseph Icons are here and have begun their travels around the state.

### Icon

**Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 175**  
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### Month: District Deputy and Councils

**Apr. 2022: District 6 Deputy is Mike Middlemiss** for councils 5214, 7961, 8350, 10304.  
May. 2022: District 9 Deputy is Gabino Chacon-Escarcega for councils 6739, 9731, 17140.  
Jun. 2022: District 11 Deputy is Beau Parent for councils 1129, 14764, 15418.

**Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 176**  
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**Apr. 2022: District 12 Deputy is Bill McCauley** (State Membership Director), councils 11812, 15741, 16006.  
May. 2022: District 1 Deputy is Andy Beck for councils 777, 5347, 9849, 12959.  
Jun. 2022: District 10 Deputy is Mark Dylla for councils 6010, 14399, 16127.

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

Here are some online resources with several materials included in the travel cases accompanying the icons (including prayer books in English and Spanish), to get you started with this new and inspiration program. **Tip: *Print the posters and put them up in advance of receiving the icon.***

[#10682](#) **Guidesheet** ([Spanish](#))

[#5050](#) **Prayer Service Booklet** ([Spanish](#))

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

[#10738](#) Horizontal Poster ([Spanish](#))

[#10739](#) Vertical Poster ([Spanish](#))

[#11266](#) News Release ([Spanish](#))

Vivat Jesus

**Greg Keller, IPSD**

Pilgrim Icon Chairman

## STATE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

On March 20, 2022 the State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was held at Blessed Sacrament School in Sandy. We had entries from 7 of Utah's 12 districts, representing 8 councils. Our first-place winners (listed below) were submitted to the Supreme Council for the International round of the championship. Remember there are resources available online at [www.KofC.org/freethrow](http://www.KofC.org/freethrow), the current entry form is particularly useful (and it's a single page) item # [1598](#). This could be old news as the [full results were published](#) in the 3/25 Intermountain Catholic Newspaper.

| <u>Boy/Girl</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Council</u> | <u>District</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Name</u>       | <u>Champion's City</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Girl            | 9          | 15418          | 11              | 5            | Lauren Hildebrand | SLC                    |
| Girl            | 10         | 6966           | 7               | 12           | Presely Lahue     | Sandy                  |
| Girl            | 11         | 6966           | 7               | 14           | Sofia Clark       | Sandy                  |
| Girl            | 12         | 15418          | 11              | 7            | Charlotte Ross    | SLC                    |
| Girl            | 13         | 12181          | 3               | 2            | Britta Mercier    | Sandy                  |
| Girl            | 14         | 16127          | 10              | 15           | Madison Yeager    | Syracuse               |
| Boy             | 9          | 15418          | 11              | 15           | Christian Doan    | SLC                    |
| Boy             | 10         | 12181          | 3               | 22           | Ross Devir        | Sandy                  |
| Boy             | 11         | 9849           | 1               | 17           | Drew Johnson      | N. Ogden               |
| Boy             | 12         | 15418          | 11              | 19           | Everett Agiesta   | Salt Lake City         |
| Boy             | 13         | 15418          | 11              | 23           | Jack Weyher       | Salt Lake City         |
| Boy             | 14         | 6966           | 7               | 10           | Avery Jones       | Sandy                  |

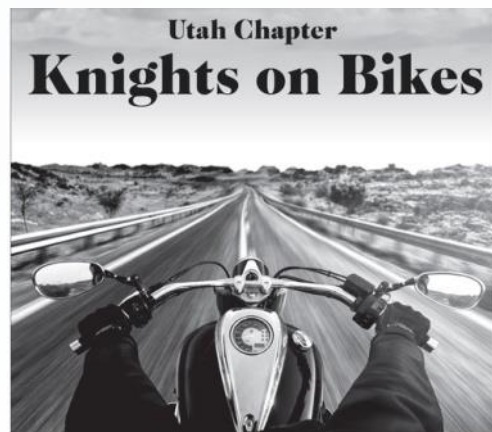
## KNIGHTS ON BIKES IN UTAH

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

**There are only two (2) requirements to join:**

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

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



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello Utah Brothers,

Our State Knights of Columbus **Free Throw Championship** was March 20, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament in Sandy. It was a hit. We had a large turnout of competitors and supporters. Every age category had champions this year. Thank you for your participation and support. Thank you to Ron Meacham Chairman, and the Blessed Sacrament Team for hosting this year's championship. DD6 Mike Middlemiss won the District Deputy shootout after the tie-breaker round.

May is just around the corner and that means convention time. I will be training/assisting with **SP7 Columbian Award Applications** ([PDF](#)). Please come to the convention and please come to work on your SP7. I would be happy to help anyone that asks, to do some pre-work with you on the SP7 prior to convention. After you attend this year's State Convention you would be able to put the finishing touches on your SP7.

Please share any MS fundraising activities that your council is doing with Karl VanMaren and me. It is that time of year that many of you participate in bike rides, walks, raffles, etc. We would like to get the word out in order to support your council and raise funds to help. Tim Lozano (State Community Director) has a team for the **Walk MS: Salt Lake City** event on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Veterans Memorial Park, at 1985 West 7800 South, in West Jordan. All Knights and their families are invited to join. To join the team and/or make a donation, visit <https://mssociety.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=25444>

Thank you,

**Ryan Graveley**

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## 2022 CARMELITE FAIR

The 2022 Carmelite Fair is September 18! Mark your calendars now—save the date! Check their website for updates at [www.carmelslc.org/carmelite-fair/](http://www.carmelslc.org/carmelite-fair/). The 2022 Kia Sportage is being scheduled for parish visits now, to help encourage donations to the Monastery, Contact [Michael Griffin](#) for details ([announcement PDF](#)).

## GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

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

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

**Program Materials:** [#10611](#) Guide Sheet; [#10639](#) News Release (fillable); [#10573](#) Horizontal Poster; [#10638](#) Vertical Poster

**Good Friday is April 15, 2022. Check your parish calendar to see what time the liturgy will be held.**

The *Good Friday of the Lord's Passion* service consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Solemn Intercessions, Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion. Remember that Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

## 2022 UTAH STATE CONVENTION

Calling all Utah Knights! The Annual Convention of the Knights of Columbus Utah State Council is scheduled to be held **in person in Ogden** over the first full weekend of May. (**May 6th—8th, 2022**). Hosted by District #1. The 115th Utah State Convention is only a few weeks away and many deadlines are upon us all!

Links to all the convention information is on the [UtahKnights.org](http://UtahKnights.org) website's convention page at [www.UtahKnights.org/State-convention](http://www.UtahKnights.org/State-convention) showing the deadlines with the quick links.



| Any Day  | <a href="http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs">www.KofC.org/JoinUs</a> & <a href="http://www.kofc.org/ceremonials">www.kofc.org/ceremonials</a>                |
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| MM/DD    | Event/Activity   |
| 3/2—4/10 | <b>40 Days for Life—Salt Lake City.</b><br><a href="http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/SaltLakeCity">www.40daysforlife.com/en/SaltLakeCity</a>          |
| 4/1      | <b>CONVENTION DEADLINE:</b><br>+ Advertising Booklet<br>+ Reports<br>+ Delegate Registration   |
| 4/2      | <b>Diocesan Lenten Retreat</b>   |
| 4/3      | <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>  |
| 4/7      | <b>Chrism Mass (6:30 PM)</b><br><b>5:45 PM Honor Guard</b>   |
| 4/9      | <b>Knights on Bikes Rosary Chain at Planned Parenthood</b>   |
| 4/10     | <b>Palm Sunday</b>   |
| 4/14     | <b>Holy Thursday</b>   |
| 4/14     | <b>Family of the Month Due!</b><br>Use <a href="#">Form 10784</a> !  |
| 4/15     | <b>Good Friday</b>   |
| 4/15     | <b>CONVENTION DEADLINE:</b><br>+ Hotel Room Reservations<br>+ Ladies Activity RSVP   |
| 4/16     | <b>Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil</b>  |
| 4/17     | <b>Easter Sunday</b>   |
| 4/23     | <b>Walk MS: Salt Lake City 2022 {Veterans Memorial Park}</b>   |
| 4/24     | <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>   |
| 4/25     | <b>Utah Training Webinar: District Deputies Checklist for Success</b>  |
| 4/29     | <b>CONVENTION DEADLINE:</b><br>+ Meal Reservations   |
| 5/1-6/15 | <b>Council Officer Elections at Regular Business Meeting</b>   |
| 5/6-5/8  | <b>Utah State Convention in Ogden, Utah.</b><br><br><a href="http://www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/">www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/</a> |
| 5/8      | <b>Mother's Day</b>  |

## UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER



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9561



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

### Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

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

### Carbon Assy. # 1570

Serving Councils: 2611, 5663,  
6147, 7401

### Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393

Serving Council: 10733

### Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577

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

### Padre Pio Assy. #2636

Serving Councils: 1129, 14764,  
15418

### Saint John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

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

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

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

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731,  
11812, 17140

## CONDUCTING A YEAR IN REVIEW WITH AWARDS IN MIND.

We are approaching the year end events with elections of new officers, To Be a Patriot and Civic Awards. This is an excellent time to review your assembly efforts relating to the Civic Award in particular. This award is attainable by all assemblies and provides a history of significant events conducted by the assembly to provide community leadership as the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. There is also enough time if programs have been cut short by the opening, closing, reopening pandemic rules that you may be able to consider conducting programs prior to the end of June and entering the award by the June 30, 2022 due date.

Here is a list of Patriotic Civic programs you might have conducted or consider doing:

- Memorial Day Flag Ceremonies at cemeteries,
- Graves clean up or flag placements for Memorial Day or 4th of July,
- Prolife rallies at local or state level venues.
- Rosary or Marches for Life.
- Get out the Vote Campaigns.
- Fisher House support for the families of veterans in VA facilities.
- Socks or Underwear for Veterans given out at VA facilities.
- Fund raising event to support a veterans organization like American Patriot Service Corp [apscnp.org](http://apscnp.org)
- Review the Columbia magazine for all kinds of ideas on what other Councils and Assemblies have conducted over the past year(s) for programs and projects.
- And of course, don't forget the FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY and LIFE listed on [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) Link to Civic Award Application [www.KofC.org/en/forms/assembly/civic\\_award2321\\_p.pdf](http://www.KofC.org/en/forms/assembly/civic_award2321_p.pdf)

## CHRISM MASS HONOR GUARD—APRIL 7, 2022 AT CATHEDRAL

The Chrism Mass is at the Cathedral of the Madeleine on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30PM. Anyone may attend the Mass. This is the mass where priests from all over the diocese attend and renew vows. Sacred oils are prepared for the upcoming year, which will be distributed to all the parishes around the state. An honor guard was requested. District Marshal Todd Holzhauser will oversee the honor guard. The honor guard participants should be at the cathedral by 5:45 PM dressed and ready to go, to prepare for the Mass and review the specifics details for the event.

## UPCOMING FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES

Two (2) exemplifications are coming up in May and June. The goal is to advance at least 25 Knights to the rank of Sir Knight in the Fourth Degree.

The **May 21st Exemplification** will be in **Cedar City at Christ the King Catholic Church.**

- District Marshal Bill Lund is the primary contact for the event, [billpattilund@gmail.com](mailto:billpattilund@gmail.com).
- Exemplification Timeline: 1:30 pm Registration, 2:00 pm Degree Exemplification, 4:30 pm Mass, Social & Dinner at Rusty's Ranch House following Mass.
- **Note:** The Mass is also a First Holy Communion Mass, and the honor guard will be serving and celebrating not only our new Sir Knights but also celebrating the new communicants, again providing that special visible arm of the Catholic Church.

The **June 11th Exemplification** is at **Saint Ambrose in Salt Lake City.**

- District Master Dick Hall is the primary contact for this event, [UtahDistMaster@gmail.com](mailto:UtahDistMaster@gmail.com)
- Exemplification Timeline: 1:00 pm Candidate Registration, 2:00 pm Degree Exemplification, 5:00 pm Mass with Honor Guard, social and dinner in the Social Hall catered by Sugar House BBQ.

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE—SALT LAKE CITY



The Hibernian society of Utah invited the Knights of Columbus to provide the Color Guard leading the Saint Patrick's Day parade on 3/12. A great contingent of Sir Knights carried USA, Utah, KofC, Papal and Irish flags leading the parade, followed by brother Knights and their families and a 1965 TR4 with the Utah District Master (pictured below).

Thanks to SK Rob Foye.



Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

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

## IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Council 1129

**James Weaver**, 02/07/2022

Council 1136

**Joseph Hauzen**, 03/03/2022

Council 5214

**Eddie Springer**, 03/14/2022

Council 9849

**Donald Dailey**, 08/01/2021

**Ronald Polk**, 11/29/2021

Council 14399

**Doyle Johnstun**, 02/19/2022

**John Shale**, 01/13/2022

*Eternal rest grant upon him and may perpetual light shine upon him.* Please pray a Hail Mary in honor of all our fallen brothers.

In addition to the council's Financial Secretary notifying the supreme council when a member dies, notify [StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org](mailto:StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org)

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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE — APRIL 2022

### SCRIPTURE:

(Gospel for April 10, Lk 22:14-16) [online](#). My brothers, may we never let the recollection of the Passion of Christ fail to move our hearts to greater love for him.

### CHALLENGE:

This month, I challenge you to participate in the **Stations of the Cross** (alone or with your parish) to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. I also challenge you to carry out the [Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion](#) program.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Do you sometimes "glaze over" or lose focus when listening to the readings at Mass? What can you do to better prepare for Mass so that you reap more fully the spiritual benefits of hearing the word of God? What devotions — such as the Stations of the Cross or the rosary — can you take up to engage more deeply with the stories and events of our faith?

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights, spring is finally here and our State Convention will be here shortly; in less than five weeks. After a long wait, we will have the opportunity to meet and socialize in person. I strongly encourage as many of you as possible to attend, so please go to [UtahKnights.org](http://UtahKnights.org) and make your hotel and dinner reservations soon! Please prepare for Good Friday (April 15) and Easter (April 17), as these special days will be upon us in two weeks. Let your state team and DDs know if you have any adds to soup or fish dinners; we would love to get out and visit. Other significant upcoming state events over the next few months include: Insurance seminars: May 26 and Jun 23; Fourth Degree exemplifications: May 22 (Cedar City) and June 11 (St. Ambrose) and the State Organizational (Kickoff) Meeting June 25 (St. Thomas More).

This past month, I had the opportunity to get out and around the state.

I was able to attend six council meetings, three CUF ceremonials and three fish fries where I had the opportunity to visit with several of you and promote the States QR code card and scholarship ticket programs. The QR code program will help us with our year end membership push and scholarship tickets to hopefully cover donation shortfalls.

In the administration area, this past month we attained 100% on Form 1728 (Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity) submissions. Semiannual Audits (Jul—Dec 2021) we currently sit at 27/34 councils (79.4%). These reports were due on Feb 15; so please try to get these in as soon as you can. However, In Safe Environment, we need some serious work. As of the end of March, we only have 18/34 councils who are safe environment compliant. We currently have 22 positions that require reappointing since initial appointees did not complete the training within 90 days. Don't miss the Star Council Award on account of this. On the 365 Report, there must be **three different members** assigned as Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director. Grand Knights may only hold **one** of the additional director roles listed. See the Compliance Guide at [www.kofc.org/en/resources/safe-environment-program/state-leader-compliance-guide-2021-2022.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/safe-environment-program/state-leader-compliance-guide-2021-2022.pdf) additional resources are online at [www.KofC.org/Safe](http://www.KofC.org/Safe)

On March 27, I sent out the request for contributions to the Perpetual Memorial Fund Book. Here, brother Knights, family and friends can be entered into the perpetual book for a nominal \$20 donation. The proceeds from these collections will go to the scholarship fund.

For those of you who plan to contribute to the Bishop's year end funds (Christopher, Culture of Life, Scholarship, Vocations and/or Military Chaplains), and the Perpetual Memorial Book funds, please try to get those to me by the end of the month. I sincerely appreciate all the contributions that we have received to all the charities that we support. In addition, thanks for your timely state per-capita payments, all but one active council has paid as of this writing.

As of the end of March 2022, the State has processed receipts of \$59,625 with disbursements of \$40,273. Year to date contributions exceed \$33K broken down as follows: Culture of Life \$2,135, Christopher Fund \$730, Scholarship \$1,055, Vocations \$2,257, Carmelites \$1,745, Coats for Kids \$17,474, Memorial Fund \$100, Navajo Strong \$50, KS Tornado Fund \$50, Science Fair \$2,650, Special Olympics \$4,061, Vets Assistance \$351 and Ultrasound Program \$156.00. A sincere thanks to all of you.

Should you have any questions or issues, please reach out to me at 801-541-7770, [utkofcstatesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:utkofcstatesecretary@gmail.com) or [kellywbill@msn.com](mailto:kellywbill@msn.com).

Vivat Jesus!

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- The "Council Health Status" link at [www.UtahKnights.org/resources](http://www.UtahKnights.org/resources) shows form submission status, safe environment compliance status and current progress towards the [Star Council Award](#) (visit [www.KofC.org/Star](http://www.KofC.org/Star) for requirements) as well as any balance owed for state per capita (past due). Any missing forms mentioned above will be noted on that linked document.

## STATE LIFE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this, I am babysitting my new grandson who is now almost 4 months old. Seeing his various expressions and watching him grow and change daily is a reminder of how precious life is and how very important it is to defend and protect it. It is also a good reminder, especially during this Lenten season, of how important it is to slow down, reflect and take some time to enjoy and really think about what is most important in life – our faith, our families, and our friends. With Holy Week almost upon us, it is an especially important time to think about the life of our Lord and how very different our lives would be if he had never entered this world.

- Participating in the **40 Days for Life Spring Campaign** is a great way to spend some time in prayer, reflect on life and be a public witness for the defense of life. If you, your Council, or your parish have not taken a few hours to participate in the 40 Days campaign, there is still time. The Spring session runs through April 10th. For more information, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/en/SaltLakeCity](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/SaltLakeCity)
- The **Silver Rose** pilgrimage will be in Utah from June 12th – July 9th. [Pete Abercrombie](#) is our State Silver Rose Chairman. Follow this link for the tentative schedule, and outline of event details, deadlines, and resources ([PDF](#)). The tentative schedule is on the state website, and any revisions will also be posted there [www.UtahKnights.org/2022/01/2022-silver-rose-june-12th-july-9th/](http://www.UtahKnights.org/2022/01/2022-silver-rose-june-12th-july-9th/) Councils should work with their District Deputy and priest for scheduling. If you have any questions, please contact Sir Knight Pete at [pabercrombie@comcast.net](mailto:pabercrombie@comcast.net)
- As conditions in **Ukraine** continue to evolve and more are displaced or worse, please continue to pray for an end to this conflict and peace in our world. Knights locally in the region are doing amazing work to support and help the refugees. Supreme is still collecting donations for the Ukraine Solidarity fund. As of this writing, they have raised a staggering \$9,365,417. Visit [www.KofC.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html](http://www.KofC.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html) to learn more or to donate.
- Finally, please continue to pray for the **Dobbs Supreme Court Case**. A decision is expected in early June. Visit [prayfordobbs.com](http://prayfordobbs.com) to learn more.
- For SLC diocesan **Respect Life** information, events, and more, see here: [www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life/events-2021](http://www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life/events-2021) (content was updated for 2022).
- For information from on Life Programs recommended by the supreme council, visit [www.kofc.org/life](http://www.kofc.org/life)

Vivat Jesus!

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## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Easter is two weeks away. Lent is in full swing, and our churches are full of people looking to reconnect with our faith. Will your council guide a man back by offering a chance to serve, or join you in prayer? Ask a man and his family to join you at every fish fry, every soup supper, every prayer service and at every program you hold in support of lent as we prepare for Easter.

Speak to the RCIA Director in your parish. See when you can talk to the candidates about your council. Get names and addresses so you can send a card or letter congratulating them on joining the Church. Enclose a gift like a prayer card. Later contact them with info about your council and ask them to join. We still have Priests and Deacons that are not Knights. When is the last time you spoke to them about what they want from your Council? Do they know what you have done this year? Have you asked them to join?

We still have several Councils with no new members this fraternal year. Now is the time to recruit. Have a table at every event with a Knight handing out flyers or brochures and asking men to take the QR code and sign up online. In three months, we will begin our new fraternal year. We need new ideas and helpers to assist with our new programs and events.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

**William T. McCauley, FMFD**

Utah Membership Director

## TRAINING WEBINARS!

The state training webinar for April is “**District Deputies Checklist for Success**” by **Jerry Angus**, an experienced Former District Deputy. All Knights are welcome to attend the webinar. More information (and [registration link](#)) is on the state website at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20220425](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20220425). Want to know more about a particular topic? State Training Director [Jerry Angus](#) takes requests for webinar topics! Don't forget the [YouTube playlist](#) of previous training webinars.

### REGIONAL TRAINING WEBINARS:

Ken White (Associate Regional Growth & Training Director, Western Territory) has his scheduled webinars listed on the same page, just scroll to the regional section at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Regional](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Regional). These webinars are also shown on the state events calendar. Seven (7) sessions covering six (6) different topics—some basic, some advanced.

### SUPREME WEBINARS:

The next Supreme webinar has not been announced. Visit [www.KofC.org/webinar](http://www.KofC.org/webinar) for updates as well as previously recorded webinars. They're also listed at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Supreme](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#Supreme).



## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING STATUS UPDATE

### Council Membership Goal Percent

as of 3/30/2022

| Council | Grand Knight         | Location              | % Quota |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 14239   | William Gray         | Riverton              | 300%    |
| 8350    | Jose Munoz           | West Valley City      | 200%    |
| 13297   | Edward Deffner       | St Vincent de Paul    | 200%    |
| 5347    | Leo Galvan           | Brigham City          | 167%    |
| 6739    | Brian Duncan         | Tooele                | 167%    |
| 5502    | Joe Nesi             | Bountiful             | 160%    |
| 11246   | Randy Rhoads         | Cedar City            | 150%    |
| 12181   | Cody Rasmussen       | Draper                | 117%    |
| 9849    | Luke Balster         | St James/Ogden        | 100%    |
| 602     | Rene Contreras       | Cathedral             | 80%     |
| 7401    | Warren Feldt         | Vernal                | 67%     |
| 10733   | Louis Mandrigues     | St George             | 67%     |
| 5214    | Chad Vargo           | Kearns                | 63%     |
| 777     | Jerry Bedel          | St Joseph/Ogden       | 33%     |
| 1136    | Jon Gauchay          | Provo/Orem            | 33%     |
| 2611    | Mark Marasco         | Helper                | 33%     |
| 6966    | Chad D Alessandro    | Blessed Sacrament     | 33%     |
| 8606    | Rogelio Castaneda Jr | American Fork         | 33%     |
| 12959   | Nathan Morely        | Logan                 | 33%     |
| 7961    | Miguel Vega          | St Joseph the Worker  | 25%     |
| 14399   | Mike Dannenmueller   | South Ogden           | 25%     |
| 15418   | Paul B Buckley       | St Ambrose            | 20%     |
| 11479   | Mark Koltiska        | St Thomas More        | 14%     |
| 1129    | John Carty           | Park City             | 0%      |
| 6010    | Richard Hartle       | Layton                | 0%      |
| 6147    | Tim Peczuh           | Price                 | 0%      |
| 9561    | Michael E Hacking    | Payson                | 0%      |
| 9731    | Anthony Hanlon       | Magna                 | 0%      |
| 10304   | Fred Montoya         | Taylorsville          | 0%      |
| 11812   | Unassigned           | Wendover              | 0%      |
| 12264   | Larry Martinez       | St Patrick            | 0%      |
| 13646   | Charlie Millard      | Midvale               | 0%      |
| 14764   | Richard Green        | St Catherine UofU     | 0%      |
| 15741   | Unassigned           | Our Lady of Guadalupe | 0%      |
| 16006   | Unassigned           | Sacred Heart          | 0%      |
| 16127   | Stacey Yeager        | Hill AFB              | 0%      |
| 17140   | Alex Aerts           | Copperton             | 0%      |

### District Deputies Percent of Membership Goal

as of 3/30/2022

| DISTRICT | NAME                            | YTD % |
|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 3        | Larry Page                      | 160%  |
| 2        | Paul Tinker                     | 133%  |
| 8        | Pat McDonald                    | 133%  |
| 1        | Andy Beck                       | 120%  |
| 7        | Tim Soran Jr.                   | 100%  |
| 6        | Mike Middlemiss                 | 92%   |
| 9        | Gabino Chacon-Escarcega         | 71%   |
| 5        | Larry Zubel                     | 50%   |
| 4        | Unassigned (1136, 8606, 9561)   | 33%   |
| 11       | Unassigned (1129, 14764, 15418) | 10%   |
| 10       | Mark Dylla                      | 0%    |
| 12       | Bill McCauley                   | 0%    |

Looking for updated recruiting status information?

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

### ACTIVITIES?

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

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

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

### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING CARDS

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

Use different webpages for different languages:

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

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

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

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

**You are invited  
to put your  
faith in action**

[kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)

 **Knights of  
Columbus**

You can add your name, phone number and membership number in the space.

"When the time is right, joining online is easy." [See sample cards here.](#)



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

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Dear Brothers,

If you're anything like me, you sometimes get confused by all of the rules and regulations that govern our financial lives.

What can we do? When can we do it? How much is too much? When is too soon? What's taxed? What's not?

Those questions become even more important and even more complicated when you're working through your retirement plan. That's when the stakes are at their highest.

Everyone's situation is different and warrants the attention of their own tax, legal or accounting professional. But there are some recognized experts in the field who can impart valuable general wisdom. I want to invite you to hear from one of those experts.

Our agency is helping host a special live webinar "**Retirement Planning In A Changing Landscape**" featuring **America's IRA Expert Ed Slott**. Ed is a nationally recognized speaker, television personality and best-selling author known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable, and entertaining advice. He combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach guests about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight to the latest tax and planning information.

Whether you're currently retired or want to make sure you're prepared to retire when you want to, you won't want to miss this special event.

We are hosting two, free webinars in your area. **We only have a limited number of virtual seats available, so please sign up for one of the two events as soon as you can.** The first session will be on Thursday, May 26th at 7PM MDT and the second will be on Thursday, June 23rd at 7PM MDT. You can use the registration links to save your space: [tinyurl.com/SlottMay26](http://tinyurl.com/SlottMay26) and [tinyurl.com/SlottJune23](http://tinyurl.com/SlottJune23) [UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/20220526-Fraternal-Benefit-Seminar-with-Ed-Slott.pdf](http://UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/20220526-Fraternal-Benefit-Seminar-with-Ed-Slott.pdf)

Since our founding, the Knights has been committed to helping provide financial security and stability to our members and their families. So we're proud and excited to bring Ed's expertise to you. And we can't wait to see you there!

Fraternally,

Nate Raso  
**The Raso Agency**



## FOUNDERS' AWARD

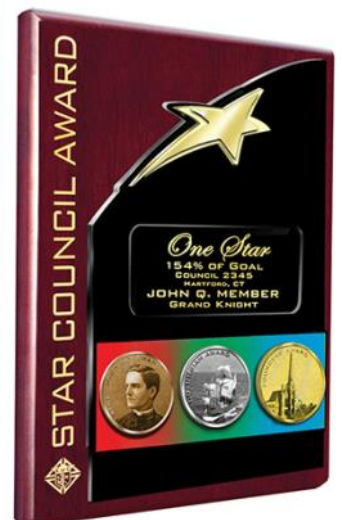
*This award recognizes excellence in your council's promotion of our top-rated insurance products.*

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

Come learn from a nationally recognized speaker and help earn your council the Founders' award by your attendance!

If a council adequately promotes and participates in the event, they may submit the [Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form](#) (#11077) to their General Agent (still Nate Raso) within 30 days of the event. All forms are due at the Supreme Office by June 30.

The Founder's Award is one of the components of the **Star Council Award**, the highest award a council can achieve. Visit [www.KofC.org/Star](http://www.KofC.org/Star) for details on the awards.



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