



Utah State Update



Sprint to the finish line!

Hello Brothers, May is here and to me it is one of the most important months for us as leaders. We have our State Convention in May where we report on and hear about all the things that have transpired during the past year. We have our annual banquet and announce the awards and scholarships to the deserving councils and individuals. We hold our annual elections for the State Officer positions; we vote on the state budget and resolutions. And the convention is one of the best places to spend some fraternal time with our brothers that we haven't seen in a while. This year's convention is even more important as we haven't held an in-person one in over two years. I'm very excited for this year's meeting, we are past many of the deadlines to sign up but if you can come, please do so. It would be worth contacting the [hotel](#) to see if rooms are still available (I believe there are) and contacting District Deputy Andy Beck to see if he has any extra meals available ([click here to email Andy](#)). Even if no meals and hotel rooms are available, it would still be worth coming to the Saturday meeting if you can.

May is also so important because we have two months left before the end of the Fraternal Year. This is the time to check on the status of your council and make sure you have everything done or that everything needed will be. It gives you enough time to plan a last-minute program if needed, make sure you are Safe Environment compliant, promote and attend a Fraternal Benefit Event, or put one final push toward recruiting. Checking the status of your council at the first of May could be your last chance to make sure everything gets done.

May is also a great time to prepare and submit your council's Columbian Award Application ([Form SP-7](#)). Again, doing this in May gives you time to fill the form out, review it with your trustees or Past Grand Knights. It gives you time to review what you will be submitting with your District Deputy or any of the State Officers. One of the best things I ever did when I was a Grand Knight was reviewing my application with the State Deputy, he pointed out where things were missing and how I could tweak the application to ensure that my council received the Columbian Award. I would be more than happy to review and give input to any council's submission if you would like, send it my way. I also highly recommend submitting this in May because if it isn't accepted, doesn't have enough programs to qualify, or for whatever reason it doesn't go through you still have time to resubmit. If you wait till June or last minute there's no room for errors, so why wait? Get it in now.

I remember some advice that has been given to me every time I took on a new role with the Knights, whether that be Grand Knight, District Deputy, or a State Officer ... everyone said each time "it's a marathon not a sprint." But when you come to the end of a marathon, you muster everything you have left and do sprint to the finish. May is the start to the finish, it's time to sprint to the finish line and finish strong.

I am so looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention. The State Deputy Social is open to all attendees, so come on by the hospitality room on Friday, May 7th in the afternoon from 3-6:30 PM before the PSD dinner. If there is anything you need from me to help you with your sprint to the finish, please reach out and let me know.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless!

Nick Nielson
State Deputy



Visit the [State Convention page for more information \(links, meeting agenda, etc.\)](#) www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/

Holy Father's [Prayer Intention](#)

Faith-Filled Young People
We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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THE MONTH OF MAY

The entire month of May falls within the liturgical season of [Easter](#), which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

Some May Highlights

1. [Third Sunday of Easter](#), Sunday
3. [Feast of Philip and James](#), Apostles, Feast
8. [Fourth Sunday of Easter \(Good Shepherd Sunday\)](#), Sunday
10. [Damien de Veuster \(USA\): John of Avila](#), Opt. Mem.
13. [Our Lady of Fatima](#), Opt. Mem.
15. [Fifth Sunday of Easter](#), Sunday
22. [Sixth Sunday of Easter](#), Sunday
26. [Ascension Thursday \(for some provinces\): Philip Neri](#), Memorial
29. [Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter](#), Sunday
31. [Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#), Feast

[Daily Readings from USCCB](#)

SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

As seen at the Midyear Meeting on January 8th, the two Saint Joseph Icons are here and have begun their travels around the state. We'll also have one at the State Convention for a rosary on Saturday morning (8:30 AM on May 7th).

Icon

Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon 175
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Month: District Deputy and Councils

May 2022: District 9 Deputy is Gabino Chacon-Escarcega for councils 6739, 9731, 17140.
June 2022: District 11, visiting councils 1129, 14764, 15418.

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May 2022: District 1 Deputy is Andy Beck for councils 777, 5347, 9849, 12959.
June 2022: District 10 Deputy is Mark Dylla for councils 6010, 14399, 16127.

If you want a look ahead into this program, please view this link www.KofC.org/PilgrimIcon; for Spanish use www.KofC.org/iconoperegrino. To aid you in planning your service, a guide is available (fill in the blanks with the names of the volunteers leading the sections) www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2021-2022-Saint-Joseph-Pilgrim-Icon-Program-Planning-Sheet-for-Utah-Councils.pdf

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

WALK MS: SALT LAKE CITY 2022

It was a cold and windy morning, but that didn't stop four determined Knights from attending and participating in the "Walk MS: Salt Lake City 2022". State Deputy Nick Nielson, State Treasurer Ryan Graveley, and Public Relations Chairman Andy Airriess PSD were joined by Executive Secretary Karl VanMaren at the Veteran's Memorial Park in West Jordan on Saturday, April 23 for three laps around the park. Community Director Tim Lozano was recovering from COVID-19, and was kind enough to stay home after leading the fundraising efforts. The team [fundraising page](#) shows a total of \$425 raised for MS; mostly from a donation from a generous Knight. The 2022 walk is complete, but it's not too late to donate.

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 almost here, and most of the deadlines have passed.

General Convention Overview:

- **Friday:** State Deputy Reception (3p-6:30pm), Past State Deputy Social and Dinner (6:30pm-9pm), Hospitality Room (9pm-midnight)
- **Saturday:** Committee Meeting (7:30 am, as needed), Pilgrim Icon Rosary (8:30am), Meeting Open Session (9am), Ladies Activity (10am), Closed Business Meeting (9:25am-4pm), Mass (5pm), Banquet Dinner (6:30pm-9pm), Hospitality Room (9pm-midnight).
- **Sunday:** Memorial Mass (7am), Closed Business Meeting with Officer Elections (8:30am-11am).
- Note: Cash bar for the dinners. Cocktails \$4, \$5, & \$6, Beer \$3, \$4, & \$6, Wine \$4, Soda/Juice \$1.00 each.

www.UtahKnights.org/State-convention has links to all the convention information (including the full [agenda](#) for the meeting and banquet).

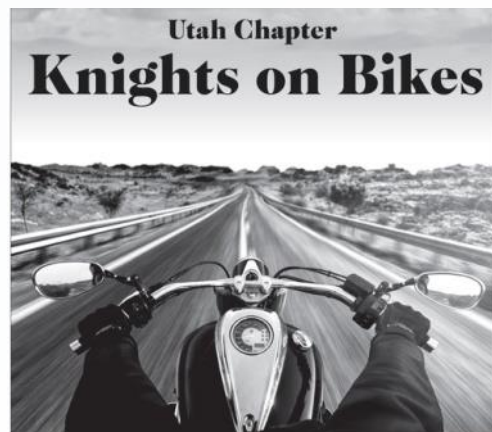
KNIGHTS ON BIKES IN UTAH

Interested? Visit www.KonBidaho.org for information and the membership application. The Utah Chapter is new, so we're connected to the group in Idaho.

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,

I am excited to report there are even more ways you can help the Carmelite Sisters. My wife, Nicole, is on the **Carmelite Fair** Committee. She is in charge of the children's activity area. Volunteers are always needed at the time of the fair in all of the areas. The Fair Committee is in need of someone to cook breakfast the morning of the fair. They also need a Volunteer Coordinator. This is a new position, and the job is what it is called. The Volunteer Coordinator would be in charge of all volunteers. This person would be asked to advertise the need for volunteers, check them in and out, and assign them to the areas that they could work at during the fair. If interested Nicole will help you get involved. Her number is 801-347-3207. Thank you.



I know I reported on this last month, but I want to make sure as many of you know about it as possible. I will be training/assisting with **SP7 Columbian Award Application** at our State Convention. Please come to the convention and please plan 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. No last minute crunching of numbers and reports needed. www.KofC.org/Forms

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/. 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](#)). Did you see Ryan's note above about volunteering at the fair? Will your council participate together?

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

We as Knights are the defenders of the Faith. This fraternal year we struggled to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, people are returning to their Parish. I asked the Grand Knights in the Kickoff Meeting (June 2021) to talk to their priests about what we could do as Knights to help him and the parish. We need to continue to spread our message of Faith and Family.

Through meetings, events, and monthly newsletter and emails I have distributed ideas and plans to assist the Councils in recruiting new members. The successful Councils have utilized some of those tools. We still have approximately two months to continue to find fellow Catholic men that will help us support our priests and parishes. Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order.

In the last two and a half years, the State has lost over 600 members due to a variety of reasons. This year you transferred over 300 into the Affiliated Member category. It will take us several years to recover these losses. Every Council should strive for at least one more recruit in May and June. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community.

Please help us grow the order; allowing us more opportunities to support our programs. Knights need programs and programs need Knights. Let us continue to support our priests and parishes and forever being on the lookout for others that share our passion to do God's work - Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Membership allows a man to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and his faith.

Vivat Jesu and God Bless America!
William T. McCauley, FMD
Membership Director - Utah



Any Day	www.KofC.org/JoinUs & www.kofc.org/ceremonials
MM/DD	Event/Activity
5/1-6/15	Council Officer Elections at Regular Business Meeting
5/6-5/8	Utah State Convention in Ogden, Utah. www.UtahKnights.org/state-convention/ See page 2 for schedule overview.
5/8	Mother's Day
5/14	Family of the Month Due! Use Form 10784 !
5/20	Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies (Honor Guard)
5/21	CANCELED: Fourth Degree Exemplification, Cedar City.
5/23	Utah Training Webinar: Financial Secretary Skills and Techniques for Success (FS 101)
5/26	Fraternal Benefit Night: "Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape" tinyurl.com/SlottMay26
5/30	Memorial Day (Mass at Mount Calvary)
6/5	Pentecost Sunday
6/11	Fourth Degree Exemplification, Saint Ambrose, Salt Lake City. Invite (PDF)
6/12—7/9	Silver Rose in Utah
6/14	Flag Day
6/14	Family of the Month Due! Use Form 10784 !
6/15	Columbian Award Application (SP-7). Target date for submission. Due by 6/30.
6/19	* Father's Day * Feast of Corpus Christi * National Eucharistic Revival EucharisticRevival.org
6/23	Fraternal Benefit Night: "Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape" tinyurl.com/SlottJune23

UTAH DISTRICT MASTER'S CORNER



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Father Dominguez Assy. #1144

Serving Councils: 5214, 7961, 8350, 10304

Father Escalante Assy. #1146

Serving Councils: 1136, 8606, 9561



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

Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

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

Carbon Assy. # 1570

Serving Councils: 2611, 5663, 6147, 7401

Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393

Serving Council: 10733

Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577

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

Padre Pio Assy. #2636

Serving Councils: 1129, 14764, 15418

Saint John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

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

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

Msgr. John J. Sullivan Assy. # 3758

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731, 11812, 17140

CONDUCTING A YEAR IN REVIEW WITH AWARDS IN MIND.

A reminder from last month. We are approaching the year end events with elections of new officers and the Civic Award. 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. The Civic Award Application is available online at www.KofC.org/en/forms/assembly/civic_award2321_p.pdf

CEREMONIAL EVENTS

Faithful Navigators, Color Corp Commanders and District Marshals, please check with your parishes for upcoming First Communions and Confirmations. Get the word out to all. Ask for help from other District Marshals, provide support to neighboring assemblies (and councils) to make the Fourth Degree more visible and make the sacraments more memorable for the children and their families.

- Honor Guard on Saturday, May 7, at the 5:00 PM Mass at Saint James the Just in Ogden for the State Convention. Report to Assembly 1429 Color Corps Commander Joseph Garcia ([contact](#)) at 4:30 PM.
- Honor Guard on Monday, May 30, at Mount Calvary for the annual Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 AM. Contact the District Master (or a District Marshal) to RSVP. Assemble at 8:15 AM at the cemetery.
- Want to double-check the calendar for upcoming honor guards? Use this link tinyurl.com/UT4th
- Have information to share? Ask your Faithful Navigator about the **KofC-UT-Sir-Knights** Google Group.

UPCOMING FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES

The **May 21st Exemplification** scheduled for **Cedar City at Christ the King Catholic Church** has been postponed. It's actually canceled for the moment with rethinking the event for late September 2022. TBD per change of the guard for officers in Assemblies #3501 St John Paul II (Cedar City) and #2393 Bishop Scanlan (St George).

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
- 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.
- Invitation and dinner reservation form is online at www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/20220611-A2636-Exemplification-Invitation.pdf
- **Dinner Reservations are due by noon on Monday, June 6th.**

Notes about the application (Form 4)

- The form is available online, as are instructions. www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/#form4. Once the signatures are all present, the form and \$70 candidate fee is sent to the District Master (before the deadline of noon on June 6th).

REMINDERS AND DEADLINES

Other Reminders for our Assembly Leaders (Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers):

- The regular election of officers in Assemblies shall take place annually at the first regular business meeting of the assembly held in May of each year. **Conduct your elections! Report the results!**

Report Forms	Assembly Forms www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/assembly-forms.html	
Form #2321	Civic Award	Due 6/30
Form #2863A	RSVP Refund and Plaque Application for Assemblies	Due 6/30
Form #186	Report of Officers Chosen for the Term	Due 7/1
Form #1315	Annual Assembly Audit Form	Due 8/1

Please! Please! Please! Send the Utah District Master a copy of the Form 186. This not only conveys change of leadership but is used to provide the Utah State Directory with current and correct contact information. It's due 7/1, but send it as soon as possible after the assembly elections are held in May.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Richard (Dick) F. Hall

Utah District Master, John H. Reddin Province
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THE PATRIOTIC SCHOLARSHIP OF THE UTAH FOURTH DEGREE

A new scholarship was started in 2022: [The Patriotic Scholarship of the Utah Fourth Degree](#). It is offered for those continuing their education after high school. Details are in the application. The application deadline is March 15th, and the winner is announced at the State Convention in May, with the first winner being announced at the 2022 State Convention in Ogden this month. www.UtahKnights.org/programs/#state_scholarship

IN MEMORIAM

Listed are our brother Knights that we have lost recently:

Council 602

Thayer Catrow, 12/28/2021

Council 1136

George Nixon, 04/05/2022

Council 11246

Jim Chiaramonte, 01/29/2022

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

In addition to the council's Financial Secretary notifying the supreme council when a member dies, notify StateSecretary@UtahKnights.org

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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE — MAY 2022

### SCRIPTURE:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (Gospel for May 8, Jn 10:27). Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and the Church is his flock. But are you a good sheep? Do you hear his voice as he calls, teaches and leads you? If we want to follow the Shepherd and not become lost, we must know him well and listen intently. We come to know him most intimately through prayer, the Eucharist, Scripture and good spiritual reading. My brother Knights, let us continually listen to Christ's voice so we can follow him ever more closely wherever he leads us.

### CHALLENGE:

Pray the rosary every day and meditate intently on its mysteries to know Jesus better, and become ever more attuned to his voice. During this month of Mary, I challenge you to join your council in holding the *Faith in Action* [Rosary program](#).

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Do you regularly make time to pray? Do you sometimes just go through the motions in prayer or at Mass, not really listening to what Christ is saying to you? What personal habits could you adopt in order to make your prayer life more focused, receptive and fruitful?

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER



My Brother Knights, when this letter hits the press, we will be less than one week from the convention. I am eager to have an in-person convention and personally interacting with you. I look forward to next Fraternal Year where I promise you my continued support to accomplish the goals of our founder, Blessed Father McGivney. I encourage each and every one of you to share with the State team, your District Deputies your thoughts and ideas on how we can make our Utah Knights even better.

This past month, I was able to attend three council meetings, two CUF ceremonials and two fish fries where I again had the opportunity to visit with several of you and promote the State's QR code card and scholarship ticket programs. In addition, I attended the clergy social at Saint Ann Parish prior to the Chrism Mass and the Biennial District

Meeting of the Fourth Degree at Saint Ambrose.

Significant upcoming events in the next few months include the following: Insurance seminars: May 26 and Jun 23 at 7 PM, Fourth Degree Exemplification: June 11 (Saint Ambrose), State Kickoff meeting June 25 (Saint Thomas More), Silver Rose Rotation June 12 – July 9 and Lagoon Catholic Day on July 17. Please let your DDs and state team know of other activities in your area so we can get out, participate and visit.

I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend the affiliate member seminar on April 19th. The good news from this training session is that Supreme extended the affiliate member submission date past April 30th – so you have not missed it! Per the webinar, there is no time criteria placed on submissions, only that councils follow the advanced billing procedures as stipulated in the program book. So, if you are planning on submitting these lists, please submit your lists to your DD (if no DD to me) no later than May 15th to allow for adequate processing time.

In the administration area, for Semiannual Audits (July-Dec 2021) we sit at 27/34 councils (79.4%). These audits were due on Feb 15, so we really need help from the seven (7) delinquent councils. This is important so councils can maintain their bond with Supreme. In Safe Environment, we made some improvement. As of April end, we improved from 18 to 20 councils out of our 34 who are safe environment qualified. We currently need 16 positions reappointed since initial appointees did not complete the training within 90 days. Although we would like to have grand knights, program, community, and family directors in each council safe environment qualified, several of these appointments could be filled by appointing the GK to one other role until another individual within your council agrees to complete the training (within 30 days of appointment).

It is not too late to contribute to the Perpetual Memorial Book. As a recap, we unfortunately had 38 of our brother's pass away this past fraternal year. However, we have only received 20 contributions for remembrance. I can still add folks for this fraternal year, but I need these requests by the end of May.

As of the end of April 2022, the State has processed receipts of \$62,065 with disbursements of \$40,782. Year to date contributions exceed \$35K broken down as follows: Culture of Life \$2,280; Christopher Fund \$875; Scholarship \$1,370; Vocations \$2,517; Carmelites \$1,855; Coats \$17,485; Memorial Fund \$400; Navajo Strong \$50; KS Tornado Fund \$50; Science Fair \$2,660; Special Olympics \$4,486; Vets Assistance \$446 and Ultrasound Program \$166.00. *A sincere thanks to all of you.*

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

Vivat Jesus!

**Bill Kelly**

State Secretary

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**More information about the upcoming Fraternal Benefit Seminars (May 26th and June 23rd) is available on Page 8, including the registration links. For the Founder's Award requirements, the Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form #11077 needs to be submitted to [Nate.Raso@KofC.org](mailto:Nate.Raso@KofC.org) (and please send a copy to [StateDeputy@UtahKnights.org](mailto:StateDeputy@UtahKnights.org)) showing how your council advertised the seminars.**

## TRAINING WEBINARS!

The state training webinar for May 23, 2022 is “Financial Secretary Skills and Techniques for Success (FS 101)” by Bob Diaz (Council 14239), an experienced Financial Secretary. All Knights are welcome to attend the webinar. To quote State Training Director Jerry Angus, “We have one of the best Financial Secretaries in the State teaching this class. If you are a FS you do not want to miss this class.” Leaders are your FS doing the correct job? How do you know? Come and get your answers to these questions. More information (and link for [registration](#)) is online at [www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20220523](http://www.UtahKnights.org/training/#State20220523).

\* 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 as well as the supreme website on the [ARGTD Page](#) click on [Ken White](#). The best webinar for you? “Saturday with Supreme” as it's when you can ask ANY KofC question and get an answer from Ken (even if he has to work on it and get back with you). Did I lose you at ARGTD? “Associate Regional Growth & Training Director” is Ken's official title from the supreme council; that's ARGTD for short.

## 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).

## STATE LIFE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all of you who participated in the **Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign**. If you were not able to do a shift have no fear, prayers are always welcome and you are always free and needed to spend an hour or more in silent prayer in front of Planned Parenthood. Thank you to **Sir Knight Michael Dovel** and **Deacon Greg Werking** for organizing this Spring session.

Speaking of sidewalk advocacy work the **Pro-Life Utah Mobile Ultrasound Clinic** and sidewalk advocates have been very busy this year and very successful. The mobile clinic is currently operating three days a week in front of the SLC Planned Parenthood and Pro-Life Utah is close to having the funds to operate four days per week. At last count, they have been able to save over 33 babies' lives, many of those this year alone and in large part due to the mobile clinic. Your efforts in helping to fundraise and provide the mobile ultrasound machine are paying off in a big way!

With the increase in babies saved, this means there is an increase in mothers who need material supplies and support. Both **Pro-Life Utah** and the **Pregnancy Resource Center** provide both for these mothers. Therefore they are in need of funds and material supplies. Please consider reaching out to one or both of these organizations to see how your Council might be able to help. Programs like the Baby Bottle drive and others are easy to do and go a long way. Contact the organization first and coordinate with the current need. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need help with this. Their websites are [www.ProLifeUtah.org](http://www.ProLifeUtah.org) and [www.PregnancyResource.net](http://www.PregnancyResource.net) and [PRCpartnersUT.org](http://PRCpartnersUT.org)

We are quickly approaching the date for the **Supreme Court** decision on the Dobbs case. While we won't know the outcome until the decision is read in early June, many believe this case will overturn Roe v. Wade in part or in full. In preparation for that eventuality, many states are passing legislation or making other moves to either increase protections for the unborn or go in the opposite direction. Along with other states, Oklahoma is going full bore in passing legislation to protect life while states like Colorado, Oregon, and Washington are moving in the opposite direction. California, always wanting to be king has legislation in the works that would actually allow for infanticide up to 28 days post-birth.

What is Planned Parenthood doing? They are pushing the abortion pill (do it at home abortion on demand) heavily as well as increasing their push on transgender drugs and procedures. Once a person goes through the transgender procedure they are on medication for the rest of their lives. This is a big money stream for PP. The landscape is changing, some for the better and some not. We must remain vigilant and pray constantly for the protection and sanctity of all life.

Speaking of events, the **Silver Rose** pilgrimage will be in Utah from June 12th to July 9th. [Pete Abercrombie](#) is our State Silver Rose Chairman. If you have not done so, please contact Pete to let him know what time and what type of program you are planning on doing. 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)

On a slightly different note, I along with a couple of other Brother Knights went to see the new film **Fr. Stu**. Having read a few reviews on the film I was not sure what to expect. I came away enjoying the film and would recommend it. The first two-thirds does have a fair amount of language — actually, the whole film does so be forewarned — but the final third is worth the wait and is where the meat is. It makes you think and want to learn more about the real Fr. Stu and it shows the value of all life and the redemptive power of God no matter what age or condition. There is a good article in the April Columbia magazine on Fr. Stu - <https://bit.ly/3OHN6nW>

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 Supreme on Life Programs, visit [www.kofc.org/life](http://www.kofc.org/life)

Vivat Jesus!

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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING STATUS UPDATE

### Council Membership Goal Percent

as of 4/26/2022

| 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                | 133%    |
| 602     | Rene Contreras       | Cathedral             | 120%    |
| 9849    | Luke Balster         | St James/Ogden        | 120%    |
| 1136    | Jon Gauchay          | Provo/Orem            | 100%    |
| 10733   | Louis Mandrigues     | St George             | 89%     |
| 5214    | Chad Vargo           | Kearns                | 75%     |
| 7401    | Warren Feldt         | Vernal                | 67%     |
| 12959   | Nathan Morely        | Logan                 | 67%     |
| 15418   | Paul B Buckley       | St Ambrose            | 40%     |
| 777     | Jerry Bedel          | St Joseph/Ogden       | 33%     |
| 2611    | Mark Marasco         | Helper                | 33%     |
| 6966    | Chad D Alessandro    | Blessed Sacrament     | 33%     |
| 8606    | Rogelio Castaneda Jr | American Fork         | 33%     |
| 6010    | Richard Hartle       | Layton                | 25%     |
| 7961    | Miguel Vega          | St Joseph the Worker  | 25%     |
| 14399   | Mike Dannenmueller   | South Ogden           | 25%     |
| 11479   | Mark Koltiska        | St Thomas More        | 14%     |
| 1129    | John Carty           | Park City             | 0%      |
| 6147    | Tim Peczuh           | Price                 | 0%      |
| 9561    | Michael E Hacking    | Payson                | 0%      |
| 9731    | Anthony Hanlon       | Magna                 | 0%      |
| 10304   | Fred Montoya         | Taylorville           | 0%      |
| 11812   | Unassigned           | Wendover              | 0%      |
| 12264   | Larry Martinez       | St Patrick            | 0%      |
| 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 4/26/2022

| DISTRICT | NAME                    | YTD % |
|----------|-------------------------|-------|
| 3        | Larry Page              | 173%  |
| 2        | Paul Tinker             | 156%  |
| 8        | Pat McDonald            | 156%  |
| 1        | Andy Beck               | 140%  |
| 6        | Mike Middlemiss         | 100%  |
| 7        | Tim Soran Jr.           | 100%  |
| 9        | Gabino Chacon-Escarcega | 71%   |
| 4        | Unassigned              | 67%   |
| 5        | Larry Zubel             | 50%   |
| 10       | Mark Dylla              | 25%   |
| 11       | Unassigned              | 20%   |

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

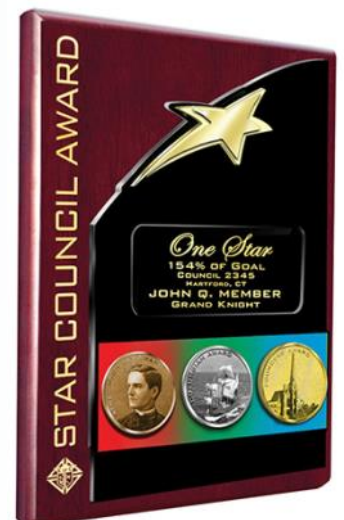
*This award recognizes excellence in your council's promotion of our top-rated insurance products.*

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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