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Official Convention Greetings

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March 29, 2022
Founder's Day

John **Nick** Nielson
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Utah State Council
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Nielson:

In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, I extend greetings to you and all my brother Knights of the Utah State Council.

Today marks the 140th Anniversary of Blessed Michael McGivney founding the Knights of Columbus. As we begin this 141st year, each brother Knight should reflect with pride on our Order's continued success in advancing the charitable and evangelical mission of the Church, particularly during recent moments of hardship.

The efforts of our brothers in Poland and Ukraine provide an example for all Knights of Columbus. In adversity, these men have risen to the challenge; fulfilling Father McGivney's vision of caring for the needy and the outcast. In the other jurisdictions of our Order, the Founder's call to action is no less evident. In the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Philippines, human life is under constant threat. As the Pro-Life movement shifts in focus from the national to local level, I ask councils to redouble their efforts in support of pregnancy resources centers.

The recently concluded Year of St. Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis, brought with it many graces. Included among these is the new Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. In the months ahead, brother Knights and their parishes will grow in devotion to St. Joseph through this program, allowing them to reflect upon the model of masculine virtue St. Joseph provides — an example so important to our Order today.

Finally, I express sincere gratitude to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and to each brother Knight in Utah.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe guide your deliberations, and may Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly
Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight



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Worthy State Deputy Nick Nielson and the Utah Knights of Columbus,

I am honored and pleased to visit the Great State of Utah to serve as the Supreme Representative for the 2022 State Convention of the Utah Knights of Columbus. My wife, Liz, will be joining me and together we look forward to visiting with many of the outstanding Brother Knights and their wives, to convey the greetings of Supreme Knight, Patrick F. Kelly, the Supreme Officers, and the Board of Directors, and to celebrate the work you have done in the name of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism over the last year.

Over a hundred years ago, Blessed Michael J. McGivney saw the need for a Catholic fraternal society to help men maintain and defend their Faith, provide for their families, and support their Church Parishes. These three cornerstones of the Order, Faith, Family, and Parish remain as relevant today as they were in 1882.

During the 115th Utah State Convention, we plan to join you in the celebration and recognition of Utah Brother Knights, their Families, and many projects successfully completed by the Utah State Council and individual Councils in Utah, which have answered the prayers of those in need and positively changed many lives in the Church Parishes and the Communities in the Great State of Utah. As with any large and successful organization, there are those who are not recognized, but none the less, have significantly contributed to the success of the organization. To that end, I would like to say thank you to the many Brother Knights, their Wives and their Families for your many acts of service and generosity. Due to their dedication and commitment, they have performed countless acts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism with little or no recognition. You have significantly impacted and benefited many in our Church Parishes and Communities, and have contributed to the overall success of the Knights of Columbus in the Great State of Utah.

Liz and I look forward to our weekend together to make new friends and to celebrate the work of the Knights of Columbus in Utah.

Vivat Jesus!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Duffour', written in a cursive style.

Rennan J. Duffour
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April 6, 2022

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings of Christ's peace and congratulations on the occasion of your 115th Annual State Convention of the Utah Knights of Columbus. I send my good wishes and blessing for all our Knights as well as for your spouses and family members. What a special blessing it is that we can meet this year in person, following the pandemic restrictions of the past two years.

Your theme this year reflects the message of Isaiah: *I have called you by name: you are mine* (Is. 43:1). Throughout Sacred Scripture God makes it clear that we belong to Him. God has called each of us by name to live as His children and to be disciples of the Good News Jesus brought to the world. Throughout Utah, in our parishes, schools and other ministries, the Knights have been faithful to that call: making your principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity evident in the life of the communities you serve.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called us to be engaged in a world-wide synodal process. We in our diocese, along with others throughout the world, are invited to share our hopes and dreams for the church. I pray that many of you will participate in this synodal effort. We are also focusing this year on the importance of the Holy Eucharist in the life of the church which begins this June on the Feast of Corpus Christi, in preparation for our Diocesan Revival next year and the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024.

Please know my gratitude for the many good works of the Fraternal Order in Utah. Your respect for human life, support for our seminarians and participation in the life of our parishes enriches this Diocese. I remind you to remember in prayer our brother Knights and their families who have gone before us, as well as those whose age or disability makes them unable to actively participate as Knights. May this year's Convention be truly blessed!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D.
Bishop of Salt Lake City



State Deputy Nick Nielson



Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 115th annual convention of the Knights of Columbus Utah State Council. I'm so very excited for this year's convention because after two years we will finally be able to hold this meeting in person. I look forward to seeing all my brother Knights, sharing some much needed fraternal time together.

We hold our annual convention to conduct state business, to elect officers for the coming fraternal year, and to fulfill our duties as officers, delegates, and members of the Utah State Council. We will also be celebrating the accomplishments of the past year, honoring the councils whose projects were selected as the best in the state, and to renew acquaintances with great friends.

Our theme for this past year was "I call your name" which is not a direct quote from the bible but refers to Isaiah 43:1 – I have called you by name; you are mine. It also comes from a hymn called *The Summons* where the first line says: "Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?" I chose this as our theme this past year for several reasons but the biggest reason, it was a call to action.

Despite the challenges we continued to face this past year as we were still dealing with COVID-19, we answered that call to action! Many of our councils met with their pastors and came up with a COVID recovery plan, a plan to get people to come back to church after being dormant for the past two years. We answered that call by inviting more men to join, while the year is not over and we still have some work to do in recruiting, I'm very happy to report that we are on track to achieve one of the orders highest honors for a jurisdiction, the Circle of Honor. Utah has not achieved this recognition since 2014.

We answered that call to action by bringing back our activities or finding new ways to do things, for example many councils switched gears from a traditional pancake breakfast to doing breakfast burritos to go. We answered by bringing back our fish fries and encouraging attendance at Stations of the Cross during Lent. We were able to bring back our annual free throw competition, we were able to once again judge our Knights of Columbus diocesan science fair in person, and so many more activities; too many to list.

Thank you for all you have done this past year. Thank you to the brothers that supported me and I look forward to the Utah Knights having a strong finish to our fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
Utah State Deputy

State Team Reports

Nick Nielson, State Deputy

Welcome my brothers to the 115th annual state convention of the Utah Knights of Columbus. I would like to extend my gratitude to the state team that has worked so hard to make this year a success. The state team includes all the state officers, our executive secretary, the fourth degree District Master, and my state council advisor, along with the District Deputies; all of which were new to the roles in the last two years. I would also like to thank all of the Grand Knights and the councils for their hard work this year, you are truly who make up the state and what we do as Knights of Columbus.

This past year continued to be a very interesting and challenging year for everyone as a result of the lingering effects of the pandemic and with what was going on around the world. Despite the pandemic and its challenges, we as a state were able to continue the good that we do and most importantly grow with our charity, unity, and fraternity. Based on the annual surveys of fraternal activity submitted from around the state I'm happy to report from Utah in 2021, with just over 3000 members, we donated over \$315,000.00. That calculates out to be \$105.00 in donations per member that we have given back to our church and our community. In reality the figure is probably much higher, but this is very impressive, and I am so proud to be a part of this organization. This year we had a goal to increase the amount of volunteer hours by 5% over last year, again as a result of the annual surveys I'm happy to report we achieved that goal! We reported over 76,000 volunteer hours. Thank you for all that you do.

Regarding "being active," our approach to some things had to be different but we were able to bring back more of and hold almost all of our "traditional" programs and meetings, with just a few minor adjustments. As I stated last year, I imagine we never thought we would be leading our councils during a pandemic. This is not how I thought my time as State Deputy would have been, but we took what was given to us and did the best we could and were successful.

The theme I chose for this past year was "I call your name." I chose this as our theme for several reasons, but the biggest reason was that it is a call to action. We started the year off with our Organizational meeting where I shared that theme with you and asked you to answer that call.

You answered that call to action. Many of you responded with the Covid Recovery Plan, where you met with your pastors and discussed the needs of your parishes and came up with a plan to get people to come back to church after being dormant for the past two years.

You answered that call by providing our programs and activities for your communities. Programs like the Silver Rose, prayer services with the St Joseph Icon, participating in Marian Celebrations and Rosary Marches, Nocturnal Adorations for Life and people in Ukraine. You answered that call by participating in the Synod Mass, Mass for the unborn, the Chrism Mass, holding Masses for fallen Knights, and supporting our priests.

You answered that call by holding fundraisers and community events like Lagoon Day, golf tournaments, trap shoots, Pie-N-Bear Day, helping at the Greek Festival, Steak Frys, breakfasts and dinners, BINGO nights, the St. Patrick's Day parade, and Fish Frys.

You answered that call for your communities by supporting Special Olympics, holding blood drives, providing COVID vaccine clinics, giving gloves and coats to veterans, supporting food banks, and

providing food to those in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas. You answered by honoring and serving our veterans.

You answered that call with pro-life activities and participating in the March for life. You answered with programs for our youth like our soccer challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, essay contests, Free Throw Championships, and the diocesan science fair.

This year you answered in a huge way with our Coats for Kids program, giving out approximately 2500 coats across the state. That's over three and a half more times the number of coats we gave out last year.

And probably most importantly, because without members none of our programs, activities, and charity would be possible, you answered that call by inviting men to join. You helped men join online, you held Charity, Unity, and Fraternity degrees in person, or you helped new members attend the degree virtually. And you helped men advance to the fourth degree. I am extremely happy to report we are on track to achieve the Circle of Honor award for the Utah jurisdiction. This hasn't been done since 2014. But we aren't there yet, so please continue to invite men to join our great order. Commit to bringing in at least one (1) more man before the end of June.

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 Catholic. I can think of no better gift than inviting a man to join.

The programs and activities I just listed were but a sample of the many great things we have done this past year and as we come to the end of this fraternal year, I ask that you keep going. Keep your members and your communities engaged, people are looking to come back to church, to be involved, and to help.

In closing, I want to say thank you. Thank you for answering the call to action. Thank you for the opportunity to be the State Deputy these past two years. Thank you for all you do! You make me proud to call myself a Knight of Columbus and I am honored to call you all brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,



Nick Nielson
Utah State Deputy

Father Erik Richtsteig, State Chaplain

No report available by the publication deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

Father Erik Richtsteig

Father Erik Richtsteig
Utah State Chaplain

Bill Kelly, State Secretary

First off, I would like to thank all of you for supporting the 115th State Convention, your Parish Communities and your State Council. I sincerely appreciated serving as your State Secretary for the past two years and all the support you have given me since I have been on the State Council.

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 over the last 2 ½ years, the Utah Knights have stepped up to the plate and delivered. Innovative ideas expanded into the second year of the pandemic that enable our Knights to have an active presence in the State. Activities such as drive through food services and takeout meals combined with social distancing and Church sanitization enabled us to providing services to our priests and their parishes.

Now as we hopefully put the pandemic behind us, we can look forward to “New Horizons.” A clear example of new start is your presence here today in person at the Utah State Convention. We have not had this opportunity for two years now so let’s enjoy the moment. I so look forward to interacting and socializing with you in person this weekend.

We had another great year in FY21-22. Again, this year, we set yet another record for Coats for Kids Distribution -- 145 cases at multiple locations throughout the State. We successfully conducted the Soccer Challenge, Midyear Meeting, Diocesan Science Fair and Basketball Free Throw Championship in person without incident. Our organization contributed over \$35,000 to the numerous charities that we support. So be proud to be a Utah Knight as your contributions continue to support the good works of Blessed Father McGivney.

Your treasurer (Ryan) and I have sustained fiduciary responsibility managing funds using Quick Books and an electronic warrant-receipt ledger system for a cash flow near \$62K plus. As of April 21, 2022, year-to-date charitable contributions exceed \$35K broken down as follows: Culture of Life \$2,280; Christopher Fund \$1,010; Scholarship \$1,200; Vocations \$2,517; Carmelites \$1,855; Coats - \$17,484; Memorial Fund \$260; Military Vocations \$400; MS Walk \$65; Navajo Strong \$50, KS Tornado Fund \$50; Science Fair \$2,660; Special Olympics \$4,111; Vets Assistance \$446 and Ultrasound Program \$161.

Our Utah councils’ leadership have enabled the State to attain an amazing 94% rate on Supreme Form Submissions [185, 365, 1728, and SA audits (2)]. So, as we move on to closing out this year, please continue with the same dedication through SP-7 (Columbia Award Application) submission.

I look forward to serving another year on the State Council and working with many of you in person in the days ahead. God Bless all of you my Brother Knights and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly

Utah State Secretary

Ryan Graveley, State Treasurer

During the 2021-2022 fraternal year I was responsible for credits and debits to the State Council's account. As treasurer I worked with the budget committee to develop an approved budget to work from for the fraternal year. I worked with Haynie and Company to submit an audit of our accounting practices to Supreme. The audit was approved and recorded for our records. The State Deputy, State Secretary, and I triple checked all transactions to ensure procedural compliance and the future health of the State Council.

In addition to my treasurer role, I co-chaired the science fair with State Secretary, Bill Kelly. I was also appointed as the Program Director. I processed and distributed all cash prizes for our Knights kid's events. These responsibilities along with fewer COVID restrictions afforded me the opportunity to visit more councils and attend more activities this fraternal year.

All State Council bills are paid to date and the council is financially healthy. With generosity and hard work from the councils of our state we were able to financially assist fellow brothers and their families in other states during this year's natural disasters.

Thank you, brothers, for your hard work. It was a pleasure serving you this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Graveley

Ryan Graveley

Utah State Treasurer

Frank Carmona, State Advocate

I extend my warmest greetings to each of you, my brother Knights. Thank you for so many years of support and many cherished memories. I first served with the State Council as your Utah District Master in 2019 and now as your State Advocate. For years you have entrusted me to help you and our proposal. I have big shoes to fill in this Worthy Office and will continue to do my duties. This year has been challenging for many of you and our brothers who have departed, but we stand together as Catholic men; we can accomplish what Blessed Father McGivney set forth for us. I am honored to serve by your side.

As State Advocate, I have worked side by side to see that your councils, assemblies, and members comply with the Rules and By-Laws of the Order as outlined by the Supreme Council. One great example was the question: "Is online BINGO illegal in Utah, and will the State Council support a council?" I investigated this and found out that all BINGO events live or online, are not legal. The answer is NO; any BINGO functions are illegal and fall under the Utah Code Section 76-10-1101; the Utah State Council will NOT back up any council, assembly, or member that breaks the law.

Another fun responsibility as State Advocate is stepping up where it is needed. As Assistant Membership Director this year, I had the pleasure of developing new recruitment ideas. I was happy to work behind the scenes on membership this year. First, this could not have been a success without the Worthy Grand Knights, DDs, and their Councils' help. Thank you for opening your parishes during this challenging time and allowing us to enter. Creating our membership QR CODE was easy. The tricky part

was getting brother Knights to use it and accept it. Today this QR Code is used in five different state councils around the United States. Soon Supreme will need to adapt it also. This year we hit every area with a council, from Logan to Saint George, West in Magna, and Southeast in Carbon County, with this QR Code, flyers, posters, bookmarkers, business cards, and other material for membership. I am filled with joy knowing that we did my part as assistant Membership Director.

At the January 2022 Midyear Meeting, I was privileged to introduce a new recruitment program to the State of Utah: Knights on Bikes. As Utah Chapter President, I have been able to ride my motorcycle to different parishes and councils to help recruit new Knights. Knights on Bikes is like the Fourth Degree, the NEW visible arm of the Knights. We ride and live with our vests on, and every person can see we are Knights and proud—just another way to get the word out.

Safe Environment was another challenging experience, monitoring and supporting the councils and their Program Directors to ensure they are compliant with background checks and online training. My fellow State Officers and District Deputies were a massive help in this department. Changes were made at the Supreme level that a Grand Knight could not be all the program directors; many councils looked for qualified brothers to step into these roles. Just a reminder, on July 1, 2022, we must do it all over again.

As Retention Chair for the State of Utah Council, I provided assistance to the State Deputy, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries from all over the State to keep their membership intact. I assisted affected councils by sending out letters, emails and making phone calls to those members to withdraw from the order. These letters served to ascertain a Knight's status regarding remaining with their current council and possibly transferring to another and deterring the path forward. In January 2022, Supreme introduced "The Affiliate Membership" Program. The Affiliate Membership Program took inactive members out of councils that had not paid dues or had no interest in being active and placed them in the State Council. Supreme will contact them and invite them back to join their councils; I suggest you also reach out to the Affiliate Members. We might salvage some good Knights.

As State Advocate, I also supported councils requiring Liability Insurance Coverage riders, EIN acquisitions, 990-N tax filings instructions, and incorporation of council EINs under the Supreme umbrella. For the 2022 convention, I have consolidated the resolutions for your review and approval.

This 2021 to 2022, I have had the opportunity to travel the State and attend meetings and events, both in-person and online. I am so proud to be a part of this group of Catholic men who continue to amaze me with your excellent work. Your acts are humbling; I am genuinely pleased to be a member of the Knights of Columbus in the State Council and the opportunity to serve you. I hope and pray I have your support when I run for Utah State Treasurer 2022-2023. Thank you, and God bless you all, my brothers.

Viva Christo Rey!

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Carmona

Frank Carmona

Utah State Advocate

Alex Tarazon, State Warden

As your State Warden during this time coming out of the pandemic I have managed and stored the State Council property. Over this year we were able to start meeting in person and endeavored to get momentum back to our top listed and visible programs.

While maintaining the inventory list and working with the other members of the State Council to bring in additional materials (i.e., awards, soccer balls, and basketballs), we have also added in a few pieces of equipment to improve presentations and meetings. The new storage unit has been successful and well utilized.

This has been a rewarding year to see the efforts of both the State Council and the local councils after the Covid Pandemic. Overall, as Knights I am amazed to see the efforts and creativity that we have put into hosting new programs, initiatives, and revitalizing some of our prominent signature programs.

I look forward to seeing what we all do going forward.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Tarazon

Alex Tarazon

Utah State Warden

Greg Keller, Immediate Past State Deputy

Best thing about being the IPSD (Immediate Past State Deputy) of the great state of Utah is that instead of having a plate full of tasks to do, I only have a handful now. My two years as State Deputy were interesting, challenging and momentous. Over the course of those two years many noteworthy changes successfully occurred.

We changed the way we did business in the state, and we changed our means of communication and conducting ceremonials. Specifically, we transitioned to the new [public] combined exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. That was a BIG change. We also now have electronic Form 100s – who'd of thought. Another significant milestone was how we helped abortion-minded women choose life by viewing their unborn children at three pregnancy resources centers around the state through our ultrasound initiative program. We purchased and blessed the 4th ultrasound machine which replaced the aging unit servicing the Brigham City area.

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 daily normal. One of the casualties of the pandemic was the transition to virtual meetings, but we worked together and pressed on through those challenging times. The virtual 2020 State Convention was a first, but we excelled and conducted all our business with great results.

I am proud to have served you as State Deputy and am proud of what we accomplished as we carried out those two years themes of “Many Hands Make Light Work” and “Putting our Faith into Action”. Special thanks to my wife Kathy for helping me through the state officer ranks and for all your support

and hard work the previous two years. Looking forward to working with all of you into the future as called upon.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Keller

Greg Keller, PSD

Immediate Past State Deputy

Richard F. "Dick" Hall, District Master

John H. Reddin Provincial Meeting

John H. Reddin Provincial meeting was held in Salt Lake City Utah Oct 1 & 2. This Province covers the US 4 corners area including the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. This meeting not only provides the passing on of direction for the province from the Vice Supreme Master (VSM) but also time to relax physically meet members from all four districts within the province.

The event kicked off with a Friday afternoon meet and greet social at the hotel, followed by an Indian cuisine meal at the Bombay House, walking distance from the hotel. Below are some candid pictures from the dinner venue.

Saturday Meeting and Dinner

VSM Richard relayed greetings from Supreme Knight Pat Kelly and Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard, goals for upcoming year, relationship of the 4th Degree to the Councils, and statistical status of the Patriotic Order.

FVSM Chuck Dover provided a history lesson on who John H Reddin was and his impact on council creation in the US and around the world in the Philippines and Korea. He also spent time providing his experiences and advice as a FDM and FVSM.

The four District Masters made presentations on Preparing for a 4th Degree Exemplifications, 4th Degree Uniform Policy, Color Corps and District Marshals and Programs

Former Utah District Masters Bill McCauley, VJ Simonelli and Frank Carmona each provided lessons learned from their service as former Utah District Masters

Saturday evening Mass was celebrated by Utah State Chaplain Father Erik Richtsteig. A multi-state Honor Guard was in attendance for Mass with a Color Guard posting colors for the Saturday evening event. Dinner was catered by Sugarhouse BBQ. Always a hit with ribs, a quarter chicken, cornbread with all the fixings and their specialty house BBQ sauce.

Retired Col. Ray Bachiller was the guest speaker at the dinner. SK Ray presented background and accomplishments related to the VA Fisher House at the George Whalen VA facility in Salt Lake City, Utah and the VAVS activities within the state, and, as always, his humorous comments and anecdotes. Closing prayer was offered by Utah State Deputy Nick Nielson.



Pictured here, left to right, are DM CJ Deeley (NM), DM Drew Mansager (AZ), VSM Richard Espinosa, DM David Davis (CO) and DM Richard Hall (UT)

DM Projects

The District Master projects were continued from 2021. These were Socks for Heroes (added underwear for vets), Teddy Bear Collection for Children in Crisis, American Patriotic Service Corp (ASPC) support and the support of the Knights of Columbus Scholarship funds, selling raffle tickets for the all raffles and funding the new 4th Degree Scholarship.

Exemplifications

Three (3) Exemplifications were held/scheduled during the year, Assembly 2577 Rev. Thomas J. Meersman (6/12 virtually at St. Vincent de Paul, Holladay), Assembly 1144 Fr. Dominquez (11/6 at St. Francis, Kearns), Assembly 3586 Rev. Msgr. Robert C Pollock (2/12 at St. Olaf, Bountiful) and with one to follow June 11, 2022 at Assembly 2636 Padre Pio (St. Ambrose, Salt Lake City).

The Patriotic Scholarship of the Utah Fourth Degree

A new 4th Degree Scholarship has been established for the Utah District of John H. Reddin Province. The application forms are being finalized and the 1st \$1,000 scholarship will be presented at the Utah State convention in May 2022. Those eligible for these annual scholarships for those entering a 2nd year or longer of a degree or certification program and are for Sir Knights, spouses, and dependents of Utah Sir Knights in good standing. These scholarships may be awarded in multiple years and for dependents up to the age of 26.

Chalice Presentation made at St Ann Catholic Church in SLC, Utah.



The Chalice was a gift from Former Sir Knight George Stahla of Rev Msgr. Robert C Pollock Assembly 3586. When SK George passed, he left a memorial chalice to be given to the next seminarian ordained in the Diocese of Salt Lake City Utah. This seminarian is Father Dominic Sternhagan.

Pictured from John H. Reddin Province are Utah District Master Richard F. Hall, Father Dominic and Faithful Navigator E. Windy Amboy.

Carbon Assembly 1570 Awarded 50th Year Anniversary Plaque

The Carbon Assembly Christmas Party was used to celebrate not only Christmas but the 50th Anniversary of the Carbon Assembly Charter Assembly #1570. The Assembly was originally chartered on 1 October 1971.

Pictured here are Current Faithful Navigator Gene Vea being presented the Award by Utah District Master Richard F. Hall.



Congratulations to Assembly 1570 Price Utah.

SOCKS FOR HEROES 2022

Socks and Underwear for Vets deliveries have taken place. First drop was at the Ogden Homeless Veterans Fellowship. Shown at right are DM Dick Hall CCC Carlos Aguilar and FN Peter Abercrombie (Assy 1429). More drops were made at the George Whalen VA Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Utah District Biennial Meeting:

Utah District Biennial Meeting was held on March 26 hosted by Padre Pio Assembly 2636. As a point of reference and education for Faithful Navigators two items were reviewed.

1. At Biennial meeting in 2000 a \$100 assessment for each assembly was adopted to support the District Masters Fund.
2. The Cost Breakdown structure between the District Master and Assemblies hosting an exemplification
Candidate \$70 (\$45 to DM Fund, \$25 to Assembly)
Guest Dinner \$30 (Assembly \$25, DM fund \$5)

One Resolution was advanced and passed. To paraphrase, when a New District Master (DM) is appointed by Supreme, each Assembly should pay \$75 toward the Master's uniform and sword. If the Master already has a uniform, it shall go toward the sword and the balance will be deposited into the District Master Fund.

Three (3) recommendations for District Master to be forwarded to the Supreme Master. Those recommended, in no particular order, were District Marshal Stacey Yeager, PSD Robert Massey and SK Col. Ray Bachiller.

Activities of Assemblies were numerous and are documented in minutes of the meeting.

4th Degree Regalia Events

Memorial Day Mass at Mt. Calvary Cemetery
St. Patrick Day
Rosary for Life at Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Capitol Steps Rally for the Unborn (March for Life Utah)
Funeral Father Ubald Rugirangoga (Founder of the Center for the Secret of Peace; Rwanda)
Marion Celebration at Joseph Catholic Church Ogden Utah.
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine
Mass for the Unborn and Service of Light at the Cathedral of the Madeleine

Respectfully submitted,

MFD Richard F. "Dick" Hall

Dick Hall

Utah District Master

Nate Raso, General Agent

This last year has not been without challenges. We had one agent retire who was not only integral to Utah but to the Agency. Fortunately, he had trained Matt McCarthy in his duties as an agent and representative of Blessed McGivney. Matt, although the only agent currently living in Utah, is doing a spectacular job and we're proud of the work he is doing.

This past year we held numerous Fraternal Benefit Events online at our expense to not only add value to the membership but to satisfy your councils **Founder's Award** - and we did so with enthusiasm and

vigor. We had basically turned the insurance program from "some councils" to virtually ALL councils that wanted the award could achieve it.

This coming year will be vital to growing the Agency footprint and developing Utah. I ask that if you know a man that is steeped in his Catholic faith, that is tired of the "woke" society and that chooses to work in what I've always referred to as a "Catholic bubble" to refer him to the Agency. It's worthwhile work that pays dividends. I would have never been able to grow in my faith, or my career had I not been with the Knights. The Agency is not only vital to the state but to the Order at large. We are the glue that binds the Order. We are present from the first orientation into the Order to the passing of brother Knights. It does not exist without our work.

In closing, remember that every council has about a 10% meeting attendance - meaning 90% of the council is at home or work or spending time with their families. All worthwhile to the Order, equally if not more than, attending a meeting. Your agent is often the only person from the Order speaking to those families. Please remember that as we go forward - the worth of the agent is not recorded in council meetings but in kitchen meetings speaking to our brothers on what matters to them most - the protection of their families and the growth and protection of their assets. I look forward to seeing you all in person this convention as we can discuss the Order, it's growth, and all of the good work you've done in Utah.

With much love and admiration for my brother Knights!

Vivat Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Raso

Nate Raso

General Agent, Arizona & Utah

District Reports (01-12)

District 01 Report (777, 5347, 9849, 12959) Andy Beck, District Deputy

St. Joseph Council 777, Ogden

Council 777 like many of the councils in the state have bounced back from COVID restrictions. They have remained active in helping the church restart the parish Mass schedule with ushering and maintenance activities. They participated in the Coats for Kids campaign as well as provide for the good of the community through charitable donations.

As restrictions were lifted at the parish, they resumed regular in person council meetings and limited social events after Mass.

777 is in good standing with Supreme and all required reports prepared and submitted and are at poised to meet their 100% of membership quota.

St. Henry Council 5347, Brigham City

Council 5347 has remained active throughout the 2021-22 fraternal year. They have conducted regular in person council meetings. The Grand Knight (Leo Galvan) came out of the gates fast with achieving 160% of membership and earned the State challenge of a BBQ for the Council. They awarded their council scholarship to a deserving candidate. The sanctity of life was held at the Main Street Church. Participants prayed and held a candlelight vigil remembering all aborted children in the tri-county area (Rich, Cache, Box Elder) for the year 2021. Council 5347 is in good standing and have submitted all required reports to Supreme (most of them electronically!). It's hard to believe these achievements considering the constraints of COVID, but Council 5347 is alive and well.

St. James the Just Council 9849, Ogden

Council 9849 is a well-established, active, and growing council, with members from all over northern Utah. Programs continue to drive the council. St James the Just Parish has welcomed and supported Fr David Trujillo this past year as he has settled into his role of Pastor for St James.

Achieving their quota and are poised at surpassing as new online Knights are transferred into the Council. The council continues to receive support from parishioners and members of St Florence, so we continue to include them in our programs. The parishioners at St. Florence have contributed greatly to our annual Christmas greenery sale, Superbowl Pizza sales for Ultrasound Initiative, and monthly breakfast burrito sales.

Our monthly Breakfast Burritos-to-go sales continue to be a success. The success of our breakfast burritos far surpassed our expectations, providing us monthly income to continue funding our numerous charities and more importantly, kept us visible and present to our Parish community.

Council 9849 members have also been incredibly active in our Parish. As the parish and diocese unwind from COVID restrictions, the Knights of Council 9849 led the way as cleaning crew, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, and teachers for this year's RCIA program. We anticipate a few new Knights from the RCIA program because of our demonstrated Faith in Action.

Council 9849 is in good standing with Supreme and prepared and submitted all required reports.

St. Thomas Aquinas Council 12959, Hyde Park (Logan)

Council 12959 received a shot in the arm this past year, no it wasn't another round of booster shots. The election of Grand Knight Nathan Morley and the appointment of a new Financial Secretary Matt White has given new life to Council. Through his leadership the council is poised to meet their membership quota through online membership and reinstated members. They have supported the parish and newly assign pastor Father Joseph Minuth (Council Chaplain and Assembly 1429 Faithful Friar) through ushering, lecturing and Eucharistic ministers. They participated in the Christmas tree and greenery sales teaming up with St. James earning them a windfall from those sales that enabled them to provide for their charitable giving. They conducted regularly scheduled in person council meetings and are preparing for the warmer months to restart their social events and breakfasts.

Council 12959 is in good standing with Supreme and have completed all required reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Beck

Andrew T. Beck, District Deputy 01

*District 02 Report (602, 5502, 12264) Paul Tinker, District
Deputy, Father Bryon Dickey, District Warden*

Salt Lake Council 602, Salt Lake City (Cathedral of the Madeline)

“Oldest Council West of the Rocky Mountains”

Grand Knight Rene Contreras Financial Secretary Dan Tracy

Council membership: 101 Membership gain: quota 5, net gain +4

Insurance: 1 of 2

Compliant with Safe Environment, Star Council status not compliant with McGivney, Founders, or Columbian award.

Council 602 came out of the pandemic firing on all cylinders.

602 is a busy well-run council that has been setting their vision on the future and taking the necessary steps to be successful in the short term and the long. Between fund raisers supported by a large number of men (breakfasts and raffles) the council is focusing on a big event of their calendar year. Catholic Day at Lagoon was run again in the summer of 2021 with great success. Many people participated and Mass was attended by a large crowd.

In the past year the council bought a table at the Bishop’s Dinner, provided 25 families with Smith’s gift cards in the Food for Families program, and gave away over 100 coats in the Coats for Kids program. In addition to the monetary support of RSVP, the council has provided monetary support for the Special Olympics and provided the Diocesan Science Fair with a cash donation and judges for the fair itself. New members have been joining the council, and a new Financial Secretary (FS) is learning quickly and doing a great job. The officers of the council run a tight ship, with new Knights in the FS position and the Treasurer position. Both roles are well supported and the council enjoys the benefit of a job well done.

As the council that supports the Cathedral, 602 is quite busy. They support many parish activities, and are active in the parish community. I am most proud of the consistent performance of the Knights to support their fundraisers, as that is the fuel for the engine that provides charity to the community. (If you have a chance to score a breakfast burrito from Chef Rene, grab it.)

Council 5502, St. Olaf Catholic Church, Bountiful (Saint Olaf Parish)

Grand Knight Joe Nesi Financial Secretary Jason Burger

Council membership: 85 Membership gain: quota 5, net +8

Insurance: 2 of 2

Compliance with Safe Environment and Star Council requirements but has not submitted SP-7.

Council 5502: A well-run organization who supports the parish priest.

5502 is a strong council, well run with experienced officers and a wide collection of men interested in supporting the Council activities. While some councils may complain of the SFG’s [same five guys] or the STG’s [same ten guys], Council 5502 is supported by well over 20 Knights committed to the fund raisers, social activities, volunteer tasks, and parish support. Whether it is the parish council, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, decorating team, Catechists, RCIA sponsors, baptism godparents, lectors, music ministry, or simply participants in community activities, you will see the Knights very well represented in the mix.

The council supports the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament, RSVP, Coats for Kids, March for Life, 40 Days for Life Prayer, Right to Life, St. Patrick’s Day Parade, parish rosaries, and virtually every activity in

the parish. The Grand Knight meets with our Pastor weekly, making the Knights available for any activity or support that is needed.

I am most proud of the parish support provided by the Knights. While the steak fry is great food, and BINGO is lots of fun with a constantly updated menu, it is really most rewarding to see Knights of Columbus in virtually every facet of parish life. Makes me proud to be a Knight and see other Brother Knights supporting the parish with the time, treasure, and talent. Come to Mass, BINGO, Stations of the Cross, or any parish activity, and see your brother Knights exercising their faith.

5502 is my home council, and I very much like being part of that council, but would be proud to be a member of any council in District Two.

Saint Patrick Council 12264, Salt Lake City (Saint Patrick Parish)

Grand Knight Larry Martinez

Financial Secretary Benney Herrera

Council membership 39

Membership gain: quota 3, net gain 0

Insurance: 0 of 2

Star Council: not yet compliant with Safe Environment, not compliant with McGivney or Founders awards, and has not submitted an SP-7 application.

12264: The little Council who could!

The pandemic has hit this community hard, and is still casting a long shadow over the social activities of the parish. While many communities are tossing their masks and gathering in social affairs, this parish community is still taking early cautious steps out of the quarantine of Covid-19.

Before the earthquake damage to the church building (fully repaired and now back in use); before the damage to the Sunday school building that resulted in it's being condemned and torn down; before the Covid shutdown caused church meetings to cease; before people learned to work from home (if possible) or to work in very challenging conditions as essential workers; before politicians started providing healthcare directives instead of the medical community; before all of that, Council 12264 was a small group of men doing their best to support their parish and their community as best they could. And that is still who they are. A small group of dedicated men doing their best to support their priest, their parishioners, and their families.

Council meetings begin with a rosary. The prayers are dedicated to a specific cause or a need, and at each decade, an additional focus for the prayers is added. The rosary is said both in English and Spanish, and is followed by the Litany of the Virgin Mary and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. This is always the best 30 minutes of my week.

The few men in the meeting will do the business of the council; donate \$1000 to a parishioner who has a challenge; put together a raffle to raise money for new carpet in the church; figure out how to put on an Ash Wednesday Fish Fry with only 5 or 6 guys, and offer the priest the support he deserves.

Several times in the past year, before the rosary is said, we go work on a chore at the church. Tasks included moving a pallet of paper down to the basement; clean up blowing papers from around the campus, and moving furniture down from the upstairs classrooms in the neighboring school to the walk-in dumpster for disposal. A future task will be to paint the kitchen in the social hall. It is really clear that Council 12264 is a service organization. In that vein, be sure to look for the Council 12264 ad in the convention program.

Between the raffles, fish fry, and parish support, the Knights of 12264 have carried a big load. They are to be commended as a strong group of men who, when the Lord asked 'Whom shall I send?' reply "Here I am; send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

I am most proud of the financial results of this small council. Despite the small numbers of active participants, the council generates revenue and supports their parish community with generous financial support. Next Ash Wednesday, you should make it a point to come participate in the Fish Fry. Great fish, great people. You will be glad you did.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tinker

Paul A. Tinker, District Deputy 02

District 03 Report (11479, 12181, 14239) Larry Page, District Deputy

Saint Thomas More Council 11479, Cottonwood Heights

The Knights at St. Thomas More Parish and Council 11479 continued to work through the challenges of parish gathering restrictions which did have impact on our ability to host service projects that we would have in normal times held in support of our parish community. Despite these setbacks, Council 11479 accomplished a great deal.

Faith Formation — Sir Knight Chuck Grahmann took the lead with the support of a Faith Formation Committee at STM. Together with the support of Fr. John Evans and Sir Knight Michael Griffin created an updated job description for all the Parish Ministries and developed an online system for updating our parish roster. This will be helpful in the future to coordinate the activities of the Parish community as well as help new members of the parish to better understand how they can contribute to the health of the parish community overall.

Garage Sale — Council 11479 came together to hold our sixth annual Garage Sale in August. Approximately 12-15 Knights worked together to coordinate the collection and organization of donated items. Drop offs were scheduled both in the mornings and afternoons for the week prior to the Saturday event. We received approximately \$6200 in receipts that the Council was able to add to our checking account. This will help us to meet our financial obligations to both the State and local parish service obligations and other operational expenses.

Book Sale — This past November we were able to hold our annual Book Sale. Council Knights coordinated the set-up of bookshelves and tables to display donated books by our parish faithful. All of the receipts from the book sale were treated as cash donations. Approximately 15 Council Knights came together to coordinate the event. We were able to raised \$850 from this event.

Ladies Boutique — Our Ladies of STM annually hold a boutique and luncheon at the beginning of December. This is typically a very large event in which our Council becomes very involved in the set-up, tear-down and the service support for this event. This year the Ladies had to scale the event down to holding just the boutique. The Knights of our Council did help with the set-up and tear-down of the event including covering the gymnasium floor with protective carpet and cardboard.

Fish Fry — Council 11479 held its first Fish Fry Friday April the 8th at Meyer Hall. It has been two years since we have been able to support this annual Lenten Celebration. Approximately 15 Knights will coordinate the kitchen and cooking preparation, bar set-up and sales as well as the cash coordination to hold this parish-wide event.

Blood Drive — Council Knight Bob Schovaers coordinated this annual blood drive event at the Parish. We were able to create a very successful contribution of blood at a time of donation shortages across the State.

Carmelite Fair — Many of our Council Knights work tirelessly with the organization committee to put on a successful event to support the finances of the Sisters of the Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Holladay, Utah. Michael Griffin supports the coordination of donations for the drawing of a Kia Sportage. This car was donated by the Jerry Seiner Group and is the main source of revenue to the Sisters from the Fair. Other Knights support the grounds layout, coordination of volunteers for the setup and tear down of the event. Chris Bergstrom is the Chair of the event this year. Together as a council, we donate hundreds of hours of volunteers support to make this event successful.

Carmelite Thanksgiving — Annually as a Council, we support and underwrite the annual tradition of providing the Sisters of the Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with all of the food for their Thanksgiving Day Celebration. We also make sizeable donations to the pantry which helps them to create the candies and fudges which they offer for sale during the holiday season.

Fisher House Golf Tournament — Ray Bachiller continues to dedicate his life in support of the Fisher House. This service non-profit provides free housing to family members of veterans that are receiving medical treatment at the VA Medical Center. Ray again helped organize and coordinate this year's Golf Tournament that helped to cover the operational cost of the Fisher House facility.

Our active brothers also support the parish with parish ministries that allow the parish to operate smoothly. These include music ministries, lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, Parish Council members, and Finance Committee members.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181, Draper (Saint John the Baptist Parish)

Grand Knight: Cody Rasmussen

Financial Secretary: Steven Thatcher

Membership: 256

Recruiting: 14/12 (117% of quota); 7 online prospects.

Top Activities:

- Monthly Rosary for Healing, second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- 7/10/2021 and 7/30/2022 Foursomes for Fisher House Golf Tournament, register at www.FisherHouseGolf.org. Funds raised for the Fisher House and APSC (apscnp.org)
- 9/12, 11:00 AM, Blue Mass with BBQ Lunch after.
- 11/14, 11:00 AM, Veterans Mass, with Breakfast Burritos following.
- Weather permitting, weekly support for coffee and donuts after the two Sunday morning Masses (8:30 AM and 11:00 AM).
- 9/26/2021 Life Chain in October had a great turnout for prayer or life at 10600 South State Street.
- 1/22-1/23 Nocturnal Adoration for Life, conducted after 5:00 PM Saturday Mass until just before the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday. Knights and parishioners took shifts praying all night.
- 3/5-3/6 Nocturnal Adoration for Ukraine and World Peace. Same as in January, adoration all

night from after 5 PM Mass Saturday until just before 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday morning.
\$4600 raised for the KofC Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

- Lenten Dinners (Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup on 3/11, 3/18, 4/1; fried Fish Sandwiches and potato chips 3/25, 4/8).

Saint Andrew Council 14239, Riverton

- July 2021 thru Jun 2022 — Host coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses every second Sunday of month
- Aug thru Nov 2021 — Carmelite Fundraiser with Women Society and Parish, raised over \$1500
- Sep 2021 — Ed Goffaux [Memorial] KofC Social Dinner with 40 in attendance
- Oct 2021 — Worked with Parish and Women's Society on Casino Night fundraiser, raised over \$4000 for parish general fund
- Nov 2021 — Raised \$742 for Coats for Kids and held a distribution and gave out 100 coats.
- Nov 2021 — Veterans Day Celebration, pastries after each Mass and prayer cards were distributed to say thank you to our veterans.
- Dec 2021 — Gave two cases of adult coats to St. Andrew Gift of the Drummer
- Dec 2021 — Held first Knights of Columbus 14239 St Andrew council Christmas Party and 24 were in attendance.
- Nov/Dec 2021 — Attend and/or host Novena and Posada parish events
- Jan to May 2022 — Cross fundraiser, over \$200 raised so far
- Feb 2022 — Church Drive
- Feb 2022 — One English and one Spanish CUF Exemplification hosted at St. Andrew
- Mar 2022 — Breakfast Burrito fundraiser, over \$300 raised
- Mar 2022 — Fish Tacos for Lenten Dinner before Stations of the Cross
- Apr 2022 — Carmelite Fundraiser
- May 2022 — BBQ Dinner Fundraiser
- Apr/May — Established the Spanish Round Table

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Page

Larry E. Page, District Deputy 03

District 04 Report (1136, 8606, 9561) Vacant, District Deputy

This district hails from Utah County and conducts many activities as the smallest District in our State. The district composite consists of 143 Knights who strive to keep the works of Blessed Father McGivney going strong. Below are some of the many activities that these councils did over the past fraternal year.

Fr. Escalante Council 1136, Provo/Orem

Reestablished the monthly Bingo Night Program to raise funds for our Church Building Fund.
Supported the Annual Parish Picnic, grilled hamburgers & hotdogs for this key Parish event.
Conducted an Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch Event for the Veterans and First Responders in the Parish.
Conducted the "Soccer Challenge" and "Free Throw Championship" events for the youth in the Parish.
Distributed coats for the annual "Coats for Kids" distribution in Utah County.
Provided financial support to four seminarians in the Diocese – "RSVP Program".

Donated funds to the Utah Special Olympics, Coats for Kids Program, Bishop's Vocation Programs and the State Scholarship Fund. Contributed funds to support our local Parish Brothers in need.

Msgr. Edward F. Dowling Council 8606, American Fork

Conducted a council raffle for Parish renovation Projects, raised over \$800.
Sponsored poster competition for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest:
Sponsored and provided "Donuts with Saint Nicholas" for the children of the Parish.
Sponsored "40 Cans for Lent" Program and raised over 1,000 lbs.
Sponsored and donated 2,500 Easter Eggs for the annual "Parish Easter Egg Hunt".
Purchased flowers & plants for the Mother's Day Flower Project, distributed on Mother's Day weekend.
Donated funds to purchase Chick-fil-a gift cards for the children of the Parish.

Fr. Dominguez Council 9561, Payson

Distributed coats for the annual "Coats for Kids" distribution in Utah County.
Distributed turkeys for the Parish's Thanksgiving Dinner Program for needy Parishioners.
Sponsored a Thanksgiving food drive supporting the Payson food pantry.
Provided Santa and candy for the Parish Christmas Party.
Sponsored Stations of the Cross and hosted Lenten soup suppers after the service.
Sponsored "Food for Families" and a "40 cans for Lent" drive to support Parish families.
Provided service to the Parish that included: Ministries (lectors, ushers, etc.) during weekend Mass, funeral meal support with the San Andres Women's Society and grounds and facilities maintenance.
Maintained a "Building the Domestic Church" kiosk in both Spanish and English.
Provided volunteer service and distributed gift bags at the Payson Veterans Home.
Sponsored "America Needs Fatima Rosary" and upkeep of the Memorial to Unborn at Payson Cemetery.
Donated funds to Coats for Kids, Bishop's Vocations, Culture of Life Funds and Payson Veterans Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary

Acting District Deputy 04

District 05 Report (2611, 6147, 7401) Larry Zubeľ, District Deputy

St. Anthony Council No. 2611, Helper

Msgr. Giavonnoni Council No. 6147, Price

Bishop Scanlan Council No. 7401, Vernal

Councils 2611 & 6147 are small councils who struggled to maintain meetings but nonetheless held several activities. Both Councils are led by experienced officers and are lauded for maintaining their good standing, electing new officers, and the following:

- Council 2611 performed over 1100 hours of volunteer service to their parish, miscellaneous family programs, and elderly/widow care.
- Council 2611 also held a live in-person degree ceremony to admit a new member and advance him to the Third Degree! The degree team was praised for their preparation and performance for the event.

- Council 6147 was involved in a number of Faith, Family, and Community activities. Support for their parish, seminarians, Food for Families, and programs to benefit elders, youth, and miscellaneous community activities totaled nearly \$3000 and over 800 hours of service time.

Council 7401 continued several programs from last year, and added a new one this year, including:

- The Knights Labor Pool Project. Originally aimed at assisting elders and widows with yard work, this year they mostly performed snow removal at the church.
- A bi-monthly Blood Drive that collected roughly three dozen pints at four drives last year.
- Friday Night BINGO between New Year’s Day and the beginning of Lent netted over \$1700 this year. It also provided a venue for the Youth Group to sell concessions and for the Council to sell Scholarship tickets (which were purchased by the Council and used as BINGO prizes).
- An irregularly-recurring Charity Trap Shoot and Pistol Games that raises funds for randomly selected charities was held as weather permitted.
- Members of Council 7401 also contributed to the labor for the Parish Drive-Through Pasta Dinner and the annual Bingo Bash. Proceeds from each of these fundraisers topped \$10,000 and were used for various Parish expenses.
- This year marked the first year that 7401 participated in the Coats for Kids drive. Rather than distribute them directly to individuals, approximately 140 coats were instead placed with the Ute Tribal Emergency Management office and the Friends Against Family Violence domestic violence shelter. The goal was to make them available year-round to groups that do not typically turn to the Knights of Columbus for aid. This was not a last-minute plan to save face because we did not secure the coats in time to distribute them before Thanksgiving — that’s my story, no one can prove otherwise, and I’m sticking with it.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Zobel

Larry Zobel, District Deputy 05

*District 06 Report (5214, 7961, 8350, 10304) Mike Middlemiss,
District Deputy*

St. Francis Xavier Council 5214, Kearns

Council 5214 is at 62.50% of their membership quota for this fraternal year. Council 5214 has been very active this fraternal year, and here are some of the noteworthy activities they have accomplished:

- CUF-123 Degree Exemplifications: 10/10/2021 Spanish - 1 new member, 11/21/2021 Spanish – 2 new members and 3/27/2022 English – 3 new members.
- Food for Families & Coats for Kids distribution 11/21/21, 65 families with Thanksgiving dinner boxes and 220 Coats for Kids.
- Never missed a council or officer/planning meeting (virtual) throughout the entire pandemic.
- Coffee & donut bar after the first two Masses every Sunday and Breakfast Burritos to go, every other week, starting in February 2021.
- Maintains a kiosk for “Building the Domestic Church” in St. Francis Xavier (SFX) gathering space.
- Sponsored 3 Covid-19 Clinics in the SFX school gym, for the school and the community, for first and second shots and boosters.
- Sponsors KofC Friday Night Dinner & BINGO every first Friday of each month since September 2021.

- Maintains a presence in SFX Regional School, talking to classes about the KofC and what we do, assisting the principal and teachers when asked and sponsors the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contests.
- Conducts a Mardi Gras Bingo for the entire SFX Regional School on “Fat Tuesday”.
- Supports two seminarians.
- Provides judges for the Diocesan and SFX Regional School Science Fairs.
- Provides flowers for all the mothers at St. Francis Xavier Parish in recognition for Mother’s Day.
- Provides finger rosaries for all the fathers at St. Francis Xavier Parish in recognition of Father’s Day.

St. Joseph the Worker Council 7961, West Jordan

Council 7961 is at 25% of their membership quota for this fraternal year. This council has not been able to conduct any fund raisers since the start of the pandemic, but has done the best it could.

Here are some noteworthy activities they have been able to accomplish:

- Never missed a (virtual) council meeting during the pandemic, and stayed connected with council members.
- Assisted at all weekend Masses as ushers, and sanitizing of church after each Mass.
- Participated in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.
- Having in-person council meetings starting in the month of April 2022.
- Conducted a church membership drive in January 2022.
- Participated in a CUF-123 Spanish Exemplification, bringing one new member into their council on 11/21/2021.

Sts. Peter & Paul Council 8350, West Valley City

Council 8350 is at 200% of their membership quota for this fraternal year. This council has not been able to conduct any fund raisers since the start of the pandemic and has been unable to use the social hall, as it is being used as an overflow area for weekend and weekday evening Masses and CCD classes.

Here are some noteworthy activities the council has been able to accomplish:

- The council hosted a CUF-123 Spanish Exemplification on October 10, 2021 and brought 3 new members into their council.
- The council participated in a CUF-123 Spanish Exemplification on November 11, 2021 and brought 3 new members into their council.
- The council conducted virtual meetings and stayed connected with council members during the pandemic, and started having in-person meetings in June 2021 practicing social distancing and wearing masks.
- Distributed 30 Coats for Kids in November 2021, the weekend before Thanksgiving.

St. Martin de Porres Council 10304, Taylorsville

Council 10304 is at 0% of their membership quota for the year.

Here are some noteworthy activities the council has been able to accomplish:

- The council continued to have in-person meetings during the pandemic, starting in May, 2020 with wearing masks and social distancing.
- The council installed an 80” TV in the church social hall in January, 2021 to live stream the Mass in overflow situations.
- The council fabricated and installed a stainless-steel hand railing inside the church leading into the sanctuary in September, 2021.
- The council conducted a fall dinner (pork tenderloin) “to go” in October 2021, which was a success.

- The council conducted a spaghetti dinner “to go” in February 2022 which was a success.
- Council members help out at the parish BINGO every Tuesday night.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Middlemiss

Mike Middlemiss, District Deputy 06

District 07 Report (6966, 13297, 13646) Tim Soran Jr., District Deputy

Salvete Omnes! (Greetings Everyone)

I wanted to just take a minute to congratulate all the Council Officers from 6966, 13297, and 13646 for working so hard over the last two years. In the age of COVID, your Councils had been very active in programs before, took a brief pause during, and now are surging once again now that times are returning to normal. I am eager to see more and more of your programs implemented in the remaining months of the fiscal year. Also, a great job to all of you reconciling your Council financial accounts and submitting your forms to Supreme on time. Here are a few highlights from each Council:

Corpus Christi Council 6966, Sandy

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 2 (33% of Goal), no new eKnights, but membership ongoing
- *Insurance:* Attended 1 Benefits (50% Goal)
- *Programs:* Faith and Life submitted to State Convention, as well as Knight and Chaplain of the Year; on track for Columbian Award
- *Form Submissions:* All forms and audits submitted; Council Compliant for Safe Environ.
- *Meetings:* Monthly Business meetings continued to be held in person, on the 1st Tuesday of every month; information is shared in a concise and efficient manner; at least a dozen members are present at each meeting; Program Directors inform members on completed and upcoming Council activities.
 - Fantastic Job by this Council’s members stepping up to provide the means and manpower for their Parish and Community. A few highlights: Participated in both the Silver Rose and St. Joseph Icon veneration; RSVP program for Seminarian Anthony Shumway; recognized several champions in the State Free Throw Championship; Burritos for Vocations; Keep Christ in Christmas Poster; Diocesan Science Fair; Food for Families; Sunday Coffee and Donuts; Utah Special Olympics; Blood Drives; March for Life Activities; Lenten Fish Frys and Stations of the Cross; Also, by coordinating closely with their Parish administrator and Council Chaplain, they have been able to do so much more in the last few months! Great Job!

Saint Vincent de Paul Council 13297, Holladay

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 3 (100% of Goal), and 4 prospect eKnights
- *Insurance:* Attended 2 Benefits (100% Goal)
- *Programs:* Completed at least 2 programs per month in the fiscal year; no submissions to State Convention; on track for Columbian Award
- *Form Submissions:* All forms and audits submitted; Council Compliant for Safe Environ.
- *Meetings:* Monthly Business meetings are held in person, on the 2nd Monday of every month; other than Council leadership, only 2-3 members regularly attend the meetings; most business is conducted in the executive meetings held before; GK shares information on completed and upcoming Council activities.

• As previous years, Vincent's Council leadership conducts the majority of and participation in their programs. Special consideration given to GK Ed Deffner, DGK Michael Derrick, FS Art Grant, Tres. Mark Ulrich, Warden Chris Hauck, and Chan. Mark Chidester. This Council has already completed 14 programs as of March 31st. A few of these include the Silver Rose, St. Joseph Icon, Keep Christ in Christmas Essay, Diocesan Science Fair, Monthly Holy Hour, Utah Special Olympics, Lenten Fish Frys, Stations of the Cross, Blood Drives, Family of the Month (FOM), Sunday Coffee and Donuts. They will definitely qualify for Star Council, and Double Star if they just recruit 3 additional members. Way to go!

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Council 13646, Midvale

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 0 (0% of Goal); Spanish/English membership drive in May.
- *Insurance:* Attended 0 Benefit (0% Goal)
- *Programs:* Completed at least 12 programs, but planning several more by end of June.
- *Form Submissions:* All forms submitted; both recent audits (Aug. & Feb) are completed, but need resubmitted; Council Compliant for Safe Environ.
- *Meetings:* Monthly Business meetings are held in person, on the 3rd Tuesday of every month; both Council leaders and members regularly attend meetings; past and upcoming programs are discussed; Parish needs are addressed.
- This has been a challenging restart for the St. Therese Parish and Council. Their council is relatively small with only 36 members, but they do have a great Council leadership team that always gets the job done. As with many other Councils, their GK, Charlie Millard, and FS, Anthony Gutierrez, work closely in tandem to cover all their bases. Currently, 13646 holds a monthly breakfast after the 8 am and 10 am Masses; assisted RCIA and Parish Prayer Group in their ministries; Fish Frys held every Friday during Lent; Food for Families and Parish flower program has never stopped; and RSVP program for Seminarian Andre Sicard. Weekly BINGO is scheduled to return to the Parish this Fall. Even though the Council has no current prospects, but they do plan to recruit at least 3 new members to join. They are optimistic to qualify for Star Council. Best of luck St. Therese!

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve this district over this past year. I plan on returning as District Deputy again next year!

Valete! (Be well)

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Soran, Jr.

Timothy L. Soran Jr, District Deputy 07

District 08 Report (10733, 11246). Patrick McDonald, District Deputy

Vic Giasson Council 10733, Saint George

➤ **Round Table at Saint Paul Catholic Center, Hurricane**

Fr. Joseph Valine Council 11246, Cedar City

No report available by the publication deadline.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick McDonald
Patrick McDonald, District Deputy 08

District 09 Report (6739, 9731, 17140) Gabino Chacon-Escarcega, District Deputy

Council 6739, Saint Marguerite, Tooele:

Grand Knight: Brian Duncan; Current Membership: 67

- Completed AED & First Aid kit fundraiser for the Church & School Purchased & Installed AEDs
- Coats for Kids
- Weekly Food Bank Drive: Successful in getting over 5000 pounds of food donated to the Food Bank and Tooele School District Homeless program.
- Hosted a Chili to Go, drive thru chili feed to raise money for a new dishwasher for the Rectory
- Hosted 2 CUF Degree ceremonials.
- Ensured that sanitization supplies were maintained and oversaw the church being sanitized after Masses.
- Maintained a Covid Mask supply for those attending Mass that didn't have one.
- Rosaries for RCIA, Confirmation & First Communion students.
- Hosted a Soccer Challenge.
- Hosted the Silver Rose.
- Hosting the St. Joseph Icon
- Sponsored keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest
- Submitted essays for essay contest
- Donated to Special Olympics
- Donated to KofC Scholarship fund
- Donated to Science Fair
- Donated 10 turkeys for the SMCC Thanksgiving Raffle
- Donated MS Walk

Council 9731, Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna:

Grand Knight: Anthony Moore; Current Membership: 87

The council has been active in the following:

- Shipped a truckload of Covid relief supplies to the Navajo Nation.
- Pro Life Breakfast "to go" and Easter Basket Raffle
- Hosted a Car Wash in place of the Spaghetti Dinner
- Supported a Family in Need for Christmas with dinner and presents for 2 kids.
- Deep clean the Parish Kitchen
- Church beautification (Paul Marquez)
- Fix and maintain heating and cooling in the whole church
- Coats for Kids
- Food and Monetary donation to the Carmelites
- Assist in the Carmelite windstorm cleanup.
- Maintain the internet and wireless network for the church.
- Grand Knights Beard Cutting fundraiser.

- Snow removal
- Planning to host the Silver Rose.

Council 17140, Immaculate Conception, Copperton:

Grand Knight: Alex Aerts; Current Membership 25

The council has been active in the following:

- Coats for Kids
- Kids in crisis- stuffed animal collection for first responders
- Due to COVID restrictions all meetings have been virtual.
- Implemented the monthly praying of a chaplet of the Rosary under Faith in Action.
- Planning to host the Silver Rose.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabino Chacon-Escarcega

Gabino Chacon-Escarcega, District Deputy 09

District 10 Report (6010, 14399, 16127) Mark Dylla, District Deputy

St. Rose of Lima Council 6010, Layton

Bishop Joseph L. Federal Council 14399, South Ogden

Deacon Douglas R. Sliger Council 16127, Hill Air Force Base

Let's start off with, "A Shining Star - District 10" ... you may have read our book...

Three councils make up our district and each attained the Star Council Award. During COVID, we learned that while every council may not be involved heavily in all things related to the works of the Knights of Columbus – that together, learning from each other, cooperating with each other, that as a network – there becomes a District synergy that takes over and events/goals become reality. We demonstrated that, like the darkest days of COVID, it is no different during - Getting Back to the New Normal - we learn from each other, and pick up Shine from each other.

Councils 6010 and 14399 found new companies/opportunities/locations for "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboards. The additional District 10 sponsored billboards put Christ in front of the commuters that returned to clutter our streets as we returned to normal, perhaps busier than ever.

Our Coats for Kids community Impact was much larger in 2021 – each council tackled their specific community's challenges: Council 16127 focused on the poorest of our military families, 14399 focused on their community, while 6010 did the same through the school district. Shining Star 6010 noted a void, and will expand on infant coats, currently stocking up for 2022.

Seems all councils and districts struggled to host a Soccer Challenge... a member from Council 16127 supported/ensured his daughter competed in the State Soccer Challenge. While they were the only ones from District 10 to participate, they represented us well. Another Shining Star!

Coming out of budge anxiety, was exciting... councils discuss funds without first taking the deep breaths needed in the previous year and executed/supported charitable programs and projects. District 10 has

always supported Special Olympics in grand style, and expanded the support provided to Seminarians this year. Shining Star 16127 - committed funds like never before, utilizing matching funds to create a more impacting effect upon our Seminarians.

District 10 Shining Stars are coming out of social distancing, volunteer restrictions, sanitary concerns and facility limitations, with valuable lessons learned for the future. Shining Star 14399 sponsored another (Shinier than ever) Golf Tourney. Council meetings were packed with volunteers like never before - as they planned for/abated health concerns. State officers and clergy have made it an event to calendar a year ahead. All councils flexed to the changing health conditions/status: served curbside if needed, handed out coats in parking lots, distance themselves according to the policy of the time – District 10 Knights are the parish’s Go-to among all the ministries and faith groups. Councils no longer have to calendar meetings with their parish priests, parish priests are more inclined than ever before to approach/schedule time with their Knights to convey the needs of the Church and community.

District 10 would like to highlight the Shining Star abilities/competencies of our officers who leveraged the time and talents of our membership. Every challenge was met to sustain healthy and active councils - in good standing – representing well, the abilities of Utah Knights

For those that read another district’s report – we want to share that our councils continue to conduct food drives, stock food pantries, support our seminarians, lead rosaries, are involved with prison ministries, support Carmelite Nuns and Daughters of Charity, host BINGO, serve donuts and breakfasts/meals, participate in poster contests, provide our parish with literature, donate sports equipment, backpacks and school supplies, send care packages, judging award packages, honoring our fallen, and are involved in virtually every ministry of our parish. Some Knights serve our Patriotic degree functions, travel thousands of miles to march for our causes, and many of us provide local and state leadership. This year, we added Ukrainian support.

I hope that everyone that reads this report, can see themselves in here somewhere – or can relate and be proud to be a Knight. District 10 stands ready for the challenges ahead – and invites anyone to explore our benchmark council leadership/membership accomplishments... as we have the best Shining Stars.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Dylla

Mark E. Dylla, District Deputy 10

District 11 Report (1129, 14764, 15418) Vacant, District Deputy

St. Mary of the Assumption 1129, Park City

Grand Knight: John Carty

Financial Secretary: Buck Hawkins

Membership: There are 97 members, a loss of 24 members from 2021. Members not paying dues were removed from the roster.

- No ceremonials were held, but new members became Knights by completing the new ceremonial online.
- No attendance of fraternal benefits occurred. The Grand Knight contacted the Raso Agency to

present a seminar but no response was received from Raso.

- All required forms were submitted.
- Meetings were held each month on the second Wednesday of the month at the parish center.

Program Highlights

- The Council conducted a Golf tournament and raised \$4800 for Holy Cross Ministries.
- The Council donated \$1000 to the RSVP program. The money went to the Seminarian who resides at the parish rectory.
- The Council sponsored a St. Patrick's Day party and raised \$2600 for charity.
- The council conducted a Keep Christ in Christmas contest and awarded prizes to the best drawings in each age category.
- The Council donated money to the bishop's charities, K of C Ukrainian relief, and Coats for Kids.

Fr. Thomas D. Kraft Council 14764, Salt Lake City (St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center)

As of 4/1/22:

Grand Knight: SK Richard Green

Financial Secretary: Eric Domyan

Membership: 41

Fraternal Benefit Nights: 0

Net Gain: 0 (0% of goal), with 2 prospects currently identified

Program Activity:

On Pioneer Day, the council put on the parish's traditional "Pie n Beer Day" celebration, the first time this event had been held since well before the pandemic. On the 2nd Sunday of September, the council held a Fall celebration to welcome back the University students for the Fall semester; the council provided coffee and donuts after morning Mass and hosted a cookout after the evening Mass. In March, the council held a recruitment event targeting the growing college student population at St. Catherine; the event included a pulpit speech and a pizza dinner after the evening Mass. The council also supported various state-level activities with time, talent and/or treasure, including Coats for Kids, the Science Fair and the Fourth Degree Provincial Meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Green, Grand Knight

St. Ambrose Council 15418, Salt Lake City, UT

Grand Knight: Paul B Buckley.

Financial Secretary: Hal Sanderson.

Council Membership #: 80

Gain of 2 new members, goal of 5 new members.

English Ceremonials conducted by Supreme CUF Video. Most of the new members this year have been Transfers. No insurance seminars provided. All required forms submitted. Council compliant with safe environment.

Meetings:

Regular Business Meeting is scheduled every 1st Monday of the Month.

Leadership/Planning Meeting is scheduled every last Monday of the Month.

Four Programs Council is Proud of for the Year:

1. Lenten Fish Supper Fundraiser. \$1000 of profit donated to the parish for new confessionals.
2. Lenten Soup Supper.
3. August Garage Sale Fundraiser.
4. Coats for Kids. With parish support, raised \$3924 for the program.

The council was active in state programs like Coats for Kids, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Diocesan Science Fair, Free Throw Championship, St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon and Silver Rose.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul B Buckley, Grand Knight

Respectfully submitted,
Vacant
TBD, District Deputy 11

*District 12 Report (11812, 15741, 16006) William T. McCauley,
District Deputy, Rafael Castillo, District Warden*

All three Councils, 11812 - San Felipe (Wendover), 15741 - Our Lady of Guadalupe (Salt Lake City), and 16006 – Sacred Heart (Salt Lake City), are considered as INACTIVE. Previous Knights in each Parish are assisting their Priests in activities sponsored by the Parish. The District Warden has been in contact with the Priests and previous members and has sponsored some online members from these Parishes. Each of these inactive Councils must be offered assistance to revitalize itself and be an active member of their community and parish.

San Felipe Council 11812, Wendover, San Felipe Catholic Church

Previously had 16 members. This was considered a Spanish Council. The Parish distributed Coats for Kids (and offered adult sizes) and utilized the St. Joseph Icon for a week.

It is our expectation that this Council will be converted to a Roundtable next year and receive guidance and support from an existing Council. When leadership has been developed in the Roundtable, they will be reactivated as a Council.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 15741, Salt Lake City, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

Previously had 24 members. This was considered a Spanish Council. The Parish partnered with Council 602 for Coats for Kids and utilized the St. Joseph Icon for a week. The Parish plans to utilize the previous Knights in an activity this Spring.

It is our expectation that this Council will be converted to a Roundtable next year and receive guidance and support from an existing Council. When leadership has been developed in the Roundtable, they will be reactivated as a Council.

Sacred Heart Council 16006, Salt Lake City, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Previously had 33 members. This was considered a Spanish Council. Rafael conducted two Church Drives which resulted in one online member and a few prospects. The Parish distributed Coats for Kids and utilized the St. Joseph Icon for a week.

It is our expectation that this Council will be converted to a Roundtable next year and receive guidance and support from an existing Council. When leadership has been developed in the Roundtable, they will be reactivated as a Council.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. McCauley, FMFD

William T. "Bill" McCauley, District Deputy 12

State Directors Reports

Awards/Report Forms Director: SK Bill Kelly

I am pleased to report that since our last convention and awards ceremony, 25 of our 34 active Utah councils received Supreme award recognition. The criteria for these awards are: Star Council Award - councils meet Columbian, Founders and McGivney Award requirements and Safe Environment Compliance; Columbian Award – councils complete at least 10 programs (minimum of two in Faith, Family, Community, and Life, plus 2); Founders Award councils meet insurance seminar requirements.

For FY20-21, Star Council Awards increased from 7 to 11, just short of one third of all the councils in the state! Congratulations to the following councils on a job well done and your continuing commitment to the Utah Knights and our beloved order. Specific Award recognition follows:

Star: 5214, 5502, 6010, 9849, 11246, 12181, 14239, 14399, 14764, 15418, 16127

Columbian/McGivney: 777

Columbian/Founders: 602, 1136, 6739, 6966, 9731, 10733, 13297

Founders: 7961

Columbian: 1129, 8606, 10304, 11479. 13646

In addition, for 2020-21, District 8 achieved the Star District award. District 8 consists of Council 10733 in Saint George and Council 11246 in Cedar City. Thanks to the combined efforts of the leadership teams in both of these councils that enabled Mark Meredith to attain this distinguished award.

The state obtained a 93.5% submission rate to Supreme on required forms. Thanks to our council and district leaders who helped us obtain the following submission rates: Officers Chosen: 34/34; Program Personnel: 34/34; 1728- Fraternal Survey: 34/34; August 2021 Audit: 29/34; February 2022 Audit: 28/34.

However, we have one last report this year, the SP-7 Columbian Award Application and all councils can qualify. However, Supreme will require 16 programs or 16 credits this year. Despite the trying times of Covid many of you exceeded expectations and the number of recipients should not decline that much. Plus, there are still two months left in this fraternal year to meet the minimum program amounts.

Lastly, looking at our state's performance data as of April 1st, our 34 councils have another opportunity to achieve many Supreme level awards this year. However, we need some help in safe environment compliance and insurance seminar attendance to continue our yield of winning Supreme Level

recognition. Our General Agent, Nate Raso, has setup two insurance seminars on May 26 and June 23 that will maximize our opportunity for Founder's Awards. Lastly, let's make that end of year membership push so we can try to increase that star council number two years in a row.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary

State Awards/Report Forms Director

Membership Director: SK William T. McCauley

Assistant Director: Ryan Graveley

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 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.
- Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community.
- Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and his faith.
- For your council's recruiting efforts to succeed, you need to devise a plan of action and follow through on it.
- Go online at www.kofc.org and search for Recruitment. Click on "Recruitment Strategies". The "Action Steps" and "Support Materials" links will lead you to strategies that your council can implement to execute a successful recruitment campaign and give you a view of the variety of materials available to you.
- Use these ideas and materials: to help your recruitment efforts, to keep our Order growing and strong, and to give every qualified man the opportunity to become a Knight of Columbus.

Through the end of March, five District Deputies have already met their membership goals and three Districts are three or fewer recruits away. Nine Councils have met their membership goals and the majority of remaining Councils need three or fewer recruits. The Third Quarter, we added 51 new Brothers; our best quarter this year. Congratulations to all the Councils that were part of this record. Every Council should strive for at least one more recruit in May and June.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

William T. McCauley

William T. "Bill" McCauley

State Membership Director

Program Director: SK Ryan Graveley Program Assistant

Director: Alex Tarazon

This fraternal year many Brothers stepped up to fill the positions of state directors and program chairs. We only had a few vacancies and even those were filled as needed by volunteers. 2021-2022 allowed for in person activities and fundraising. However, it was not absent of COVID. This year was a hybrid of in person, virtual, and other creative measures to carry out activities and hold fundraisers.

The Knights of Utah were definitely in action this fraternal year. The directors and chairs have all written reports for their corresponding duties and events. You will see records were set in 2021-2022. For example, you will read that Utah generated more cash and coat donations than any other year. In turn more coats were distributed than any other year. Another example is attendance at the State Free Throw Championship. Participants stormed the floor and supporters filled the stands. Some would argue that people were chomping at the bit to do something after being cooped up. I also am here to tell you that Utah Knights and their families are generous and hard working. Everyone buckled down and got to work.

Walks and marches resumed for LIFE, St. Patrick's Day, and MS. Students participated in essay and poster contests. It is so great to see the State come alive with activity again. In the absence of high winds, earthquakes, and other major at home needs, Utah Knights reached out to help others. This year Utah Knights were able to help other states and countries with natural disaster and war relief.

Please read each specific article for details from all of the directors and chairmen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Graveley

Ryan Graveley, State Treasurer

State Program Director

Community Director: SK Tim I Lozano

As my third year as Community Director, our Knights of Columbus programs for 2021 faced the same challenges as 2020. These two important programs in which we participate fortunately were able to continue and not be canceled: Reach Out Utah Blood Drive Dec 2021 and MS Walk April 23, 2022.

December 2021 – The "Reach Out Utah" Blood Drive

Jessica Winkel, Market Manager for the Red Cross emailed me Dec 1, 2021 and notified me that they would not be requiring our help this year. Below is the email she responded with.

We are having the Reach Out Utah blood drive this year. However, on a smaller scale again and without Fox 13 as a partner. So unfortunately, no assistance is needed. Our hope is to be able to get back to running the event on the level prior to COVID next year. As we were hoping to be able to do this year, but given the continued circumstances are not able to.

Thank you for reaching out and I hope to be able to see you all next year!

MS Walk – April 23, 2022

So far on the MS website, we have raised \$125 from individuals and \$25 from council 6966. I didn't reach out to our Financial Secretary soon enough to find out if he received any checks from other councils.

Thanks to all who have donated so far and those that will participate in this walk to find a cure for MS.

May God bless and be with you and your families.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Lozano

Tim Lozano

State Community Director

Faith Director: SK John Valdez

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, my brother Knights. My emphasis this fraternal year has been on the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) for the seminarians being supported by the Knights of Columbus Councils in Utah. Currently we are supporting eight (8) seminarians for the Diocese of Salt Lake City, one (1) seminarian for the Military Diocese and one (1) seminarian for the Western Province of the Dominicans.

The participating Councils have been diligent in their contributions to our seminarians who are extremely grateful. Each Council is reminded to contribute at least \$500 annually so they can benefit for the \$100 rebate from the Supreme Council. (www.KofC.org/RSVP)

The Councils are reminded to use the valuable resources the Supreme website offers for programs in the area of faith development (www.kofc.org/Faith).

At each of the state meetings (Organizational Meeting 6/26, Midyear Meeting 1/8, and the State Convention 5/7), I have had the privilege of leading a "holy hour" with my brother Knights in advance of the meeting. The Silver Rose being available in June was a blessing. The Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icons have been utilized throughout the state, and with some careful scheduling they were available for our meetings in January and May. Hopefully by modelling the prayer services, councils were inspired to conduct their own, adapting the prayer services (in the provided booklets) to their particular circumstances at their parish(es).

I have not been diligent in recommending a more comprehensive faith program for our Utah State Council this year. I pray the new Faith Director will budget time in doing so.

With this report I am announcing my stepping down as the Faith Director for the Utah State Council. I appreciate all the support the Councils have given as we have strived to have a viable and beneficial RSVP program.

The most current data regarding this year’s RSVP program has been emailed to those leaders from the Councils that are on file with our State Council.

God’s Blessing to you and your families.

Vivat Jesus! Your brother in Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Valdez

SK John R. Valdez, FDD

State Faith Director

RSVP Support reported by councils (and assemblies) to John Valdez as of March 8th.

Seminarian / Supporter(s)	Support
Br. Thaddeus Frost (Western Province Dominican Seminarian)	\$500
Council 14764	\$500
Donovan Kelley (Military Diocese)	\$1,200
Council 16127	\$1,200
2. Tristan P Dillon	\$1,950
Assembly 2393	\$600
Council 01136	\$600
Council 10733	\$750
3. Anthony Shumway (at Saint Mary in Park City)	\$2,400
Council 00777	\$600
Council 01136	\$600
Council 06966	\$600
Council 07961	\$600
4. Andre Sicard	\$2,700
Council 01136	\$600
Council 09849	\$1,000
Council 13646	\$600
Council 15418	\$500
5. Oscar A Marquina	\$2,000
Council 12959	\$2,000
6. Jose Luis Gomez	\$2,200
Council 06739	\$600
Council 09731	\$500
Council 11479	\$600
Council 15418	\$500
7. Alberto Carrillo	\$2,100

Council 05214	\$600
Council 05502	\$400
Council 12181	\$600
Council 14399	\$500
8. Jaime Zuazo	\$2,800
Council 00602	\$1,000
Council 05214	\$600
Council 05502	\$600
Council 11246	\$600
9. Brian Schumaker	\$2,100
Council 01129	\$1,000
Council 06010	\$600
Council 14399	\$500
Grand Total	\$19,950

Family Director: SK Tim Soran, Jr.

Even though things are slowly getting back to normal, the Pandemic of COVID-19 continues to affect our families and communities in so many ways. Thankfully, most of us were spared any long-lasting effects from the virus, but sadly, the same cannot be said for some of our friends and loved ones. Our Catholic Faith assures us that everything will eventually return to normal once again!

Fantastic job to many of you for still conducting and submitting your Family Programs throughout this year. Even though there were only a few Councils that regularly participated in the Family of the Month program, many more Councils are trying to submit nominations when they can. I want to congratulate all those Families that were recognized by Supreme as monthly winners from Utah. There are still a few months remaining in this year's calendar, so at your next meeting, please nominate a deserving family from your Council. When you do so, please have your GK or Family Director submit your monthly nomination using the 10784 form. It is also imperative that you include all the information about the family you are nominating. The form will electronically submit to Fraternal Programs and will send an electronic copy to the GK as well.

I would like to thank those Councils who have participated in other Family Programs this last year. These include the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster/Essay Contest, Family Week, Family Prayer Nights, and Food for Families. Also, several Councils nominated a Family of the Year to this year's Utah State Convention, and I look forward to reading those submissions, then congratulating the winning family at the Convention. Keep up all your hard work in conducting Family Programs. And may God the Father, Jesus Christ his son, and the loving grace of the Holy Spirit be with each of you and your families.

Pax Vobiscum!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Soran, Jr.

Tim Soran, Jr.

State Family Director

Life Director: SK Patrick Schmitt

First off, I would like to thank past State Life Director, Sir Knight Robert Van Parys who stepped down in July 2021 for his dedicated work in this arena and role. Bob continues to be very involved in Life issues and is willing to both jump in and help as well as be a sounding board for me. Thank you, Bob!

Since taking over the role of State Life Director in July of 2021, Covid 19 continued to be an issue throughout the year, causing many uncertainties and changing requirements. However, on the Life front, we managed to navigate around the numerous obstacles and uncertainties and had many successful events and a few interesting ones.

For my time, we start with the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign and end the period with the Spring 2022 campaign. Both were moderately well attended. We could really use more support and help with this event. If not done so already, I would strongly encourage all Grand Knights to appoint a Council Life Director and then have them reach out to me. Together, we can help promote and provide information about events such as 40 Days and others to all our members and parishes to increase attendance and awareness of key issues.

One of the more unusual and disturbing events I have ever attended took place on the steps of the Utah State Capital. On September 25th, the Satanic Church of Utah held a rally in support of abortion. With numerous chants of “hail Satan!” some 300 Satanists complete with horses, horns and decked in black and all kinds of satanic emblems showed up. Fortunately, a brother Knight from St. Ambrose got word of this event and, in conjunction with America Needs Fatima, formed a Rosary rally to pray for these lost souls. Roughly 30-35 people attended the Rosary, including a few Knights. It was a strange day indeed.

On Sunday, October 26, 2021, the annual Life Chain was held once again at 10600 South & State Street in Sandy, Utah. With Covid, I was not sure what to expect, however, in the five years I have participated in this event or organized it we had our largest turnout ever – over 70 people of varying denominations showed up to pray and be visible witnesses in support of Life. That is almost double the turnout of previous years. Many were praying the rosary. Knights were in their KofC hats & shirts, and our KofC Respect Life signs were on display. An LDS woman wanted to learn about the Rosary and donated \$100 to support the Knight’s work. I spent about 20 minutes talking with a young man who admitted that he really leaned more pro-choice. In the end, he grabbed a sign and stood with us. Hopefully, more hearts and minds were changed that day, and more than a few innocent lives were saved by our public witness.

In early December, the US Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case called Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization. This is a significant case. In the event of the court ruling in favor of Dobbs, Roe v Wade may be overturned. This would send the issue of abortion back to the States. Utah already has a trigger bill in place which, in the event of Roe being overturned, would make abortion illegal in Utah. This case is monumental and could completely change the landscape on this issue.

As to be expected, Planned Parenthood and other pro-choice groups are not backing down. They are now heavily pushing the so-called “abortion pill” – a two-step process that a woman can take at home to induce an abortion. These pills are now widely available, can be obtained for free, and carry no liability for the provider. Several states are also trying to pass pro-choice legislation in advance of a positive ruling on Dobbs. A ruling on this case is expected in early June 2022. Please pray for a positive outcome and please stay vigilant as this issue won’t go away but instead will begin to shift. Visit www.prayfordobbs.com to learn more.

Even with a possible shift in this issue due to the Dobbs case, many of the events listed here will occur again next year. Brothers, Life events can seem a bit daunting if you have never attended one before. However, I can personally attest that you will not find a more joyful, friendly, positive, supporting, and determined group of people than pro-lifers. Jump in and get involved. Consider starting small with something like the Novena for Life (www.9daysforlife.com) or a Baby Bottle Campaign to support the Pregnancy Resource Center in Salt Lake or the center in American Fork which opened in July 2021. Learn more at www.pregnancyresource.net.

Take a look at www.kofc.org/life for more program ideas.

January ushered in Pro-Life month. On January 16th we kicked off with the annual bilingual Rosary for the Unborn at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in SLC. Approximately 50 people attended, including a Fourth Degree Honor Guard.

On Friday, January 21st the Mass for the Unborn and Ceremony of Light took place at the Cathedral of the Madeline. We had several fourth degree Knights who endured the cold and stood vigil over the candle cross on the steps of the Cathedral. Bishop Solis led the Mass with our fourth degree honor guard leading the way. It was a beautiful and moving experience. Thank you to District Master Dick Hall and District Marshal Stacey Yeager for organizing our Knights.

The next morning, we headed to the State Capitol for the Utah March for Life. Once again, this event was organized and hosted by Pro-Life Utah. It was touch and go as Covid reared its ugly head and no one knew what restrictions might be put in place. But they pulled it off, not only with the largest gathering ever (3,000 attendees) but the event was held outside on the Capitol steps.

While a bit chilly, it was a beautiful sunny day. Prior to the event opening Bishop Solis led a rosary and then gave the opening invocation as well as processed in the March. Brother Knight John Wainscott was presented with a Guardian of Life award for his efforts in leading the fundraising for the mobile ultrasound machine. It should be noted that the Mobile Ultrasound Clinic was dedicated in May 2021 and even made it into the [December 2021](#) issue of The Columbia Magazine. So far in the first quarter of 2022, seven precious lives have been saved from abortion - in large part thanks to this mobile clinic.

Utah Knights were also presented with a Guardian of Life award for all our efforts and support of Life and support of Pro-Life Utah. Guest speaker Nick Vujicic gave a powerful and moving speech. The Utah Knights had a booth where we passed out signs and information and recruited six new Knights. Once again, our KofC signs were spread throughout the crowd, and we were visible everywhere. Thank you to all my Brother Knights who participated in and helped with this event.

Our Southern Utah Knights also participated in a March for Life in St. George. With Covid restrictions that event was held as a car rally. The Southern knights were also presented with a Guardian of Life award. Thank you to all our Brother Knights down south for your support of Life!

From the Capitol, Brother Karl VanMaren and I dashed home to get a few hours' sleep before heading over to St. John the Baptist in Draper where we hosted and manned a Nocturnal Adoration for Life. Following the 5 PM Mass, Fr. Tilley exposed the Eucharist for adoration which ran until 8 AM the following morning. We had over 85 attendees throughout the night and had no fewer than 4 people praying in the sanctuary at all times. It was a beautiful and moving experience. Thank you to Brother

Gunny Stephenson who also spent the night with us and to all my Brother Knights who helped and took shifts keeping Karl, Gunny, and me awake.

The Nocturnal Adoration for Life was so well received that we held another March 5-6, this time to pray for the people of Ukraine and World Peace. With less than a week's preparation, we got the word out and ended up with 112 attendees. In addition to the Adoration and special rosary, we accepted donations for the Knights Ukraine Solidarity Fund. As of this writing, we have received over \$4,600. Those funds were then sent to Supreme to add to their Solidarity Fund.

Brothers, there are numerous ways to support life issues of all types. These are just a few of the events and programs the Utah Knights were involved with this past year. Be creative, think outside the box, and as Matthew Kelly says, Be Bold, Be Catholic!

Thank you to all my Brother Knights for your continued support and efforts promoting and supporting a culture of Life. We need it now more than ever! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions and to let me know of any events you have planned this coming year.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Schmitt

SK Patrick B. Schmitt

State Life Director

Youth Director: SK Frank Carmona

Report included as part of the State Advocate report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carmona, State Advocate

State Youth Director

Ceremonials Director: SK Karl A. VanMaren

The process for a prospective member to join the council hasn't changed. It's still done in four (4) parts, and the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is still a major part of it. Just remember your ABC's.

A - Acceptance by the council. The council needs to vote on new members. This can be done via email, or using a website, or at your virtual or in-person council meeting. If they're an online member, information about the Knight is available there, otherwise a Form 100 has the prospect's details. This does apply to Knights who want to transfer into the council.

B - Bring the candidate to the ceremonial. Again, there are options. They can register online for the virtual ceremonial hosted by the supreme council (available on-demand 24x7). If it's possible for the council to host it in person, that's certainly preferable. Either way this is where they sign the constitutional roll and should receive a rosary, their KofC pin, and hopefully a copy of "These Men They Call Knights". Dues need to be paid at this stage if it's a live ceremonial. It's actually easier if they join online (and pay any dues) first. The ceremonial video is on the supreme council's website for anyone to view, but the candidate needs to register for the online presentation to virtually sign the constitutional

roll – it’s all about intent (and paperwork). A new Knight, or an online member registering and “attending” the virtual ceremonial on-demand at Supreme, will be sent a welcome packet from Supreme. On March 23, 2022, Council 14239’s Financial Secretary Bob Diaz confirmed with me what was included in the packet: a rosary, KofC pin, “These Men They Call Knights” booklet, a letter from the Supreme Knight (Patrick Kelly), Blessed McGivney Prayer Card, A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic (prayer card #11036A).

C - Complete the paperwork. Supreme won't know that you have a new member unless you specifically tell them. They can't automatically know that you council voted to accept the new member. Traditionally the paperwork was done using the "Form 100", now with online members transferring in and the other options in Officers Online, the paper application “Form 100” has become less critical – but is still the simple option for collecting all the necessary information. Completing this step also confirms back that the candidate participated in the ceremonial (live or online).

D - Dues! It’s highly recommended to have the new members join online and then transfer into the council (after the council vote & the new ceremonial). Usually when people enter their own information online, they get it right – useful for accurate council records. Free dues with MCGIVNEY2020 ends 6/30. If there is a new promotion, hopefully it will be listed right on the website at www.KofC.org/JoinUs

Thank you to the councils (and districts) that have been conducting the ceremonials live (English and Spanish). It’s a great opportunity for the new Knights and the existing council members to meet. Remember, the new ceremonial is simpler. The presenters don’t need to memorize all the words, just be able to deliver them in an effective manner. The script is publicly on the www.KofC.org website as are the video recordings; they are available in English, Spanish and French. We have two "Ceremonial Kits" to loan out if you're short on supplies (e.g., ceremonial baldrics, crucifix, and fibers; councils should provide their own rosaries and pins – a small emergency supply is in each kit). The Ceremonials Director (that’s me) has one, the other is with State Warden.

Vivat Jesus!

Karl VanMaren

Karl VanMaren, FDD

State Ceremonials Director

Training/Education Director: SK Jerry W Angus

This was my second year as the Training Director and my goal was identify just in time training for new District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators and additional training for other leaders. It was a great year and I want to thank everyone for their support. We chose the fourth Monday in the month at 7:00 PM which was the most open night in the month and with all events recorded anyone can go to the library and review all classes. Here is a list of the subjects taught this year and are available for review on the state website on the training page at www.UtahKnights.org/Training/#State

- Monday, 5/23 – Financial Secretary Skills and Techniques for Success
- Monday, 4/25 – District Deputies Checklist for Success
- Monday, 3/28 – Online Member Sign-up Procedures
- Monday, 2/28 – No Live Training (see 2021.01.25 How to Write State Awards)

- Monday, 1/24 – New Affiliate Membership Program.
- Monday, 12/27 – No Training Webinar Tonight. Merry Christmas.
- Monday, 11/22 – No Training Webinar Tonight! Happy Thanksgiving.
- Monday, 10/25 – Officers Online and Supreme Updates
- Monday, 9/27 – Running A Successful Church Drive (How to Conduct Your Fall Church Drive)
- Monday, 8/23 – Tips for New Grand Knights (and Faithful Navigators)
- Monday, 7/26 – How to Conduct an Audit

I have asked the field to send me subject ideas at jangus9895@gmail.com, this year I received none. I have noticed we only have 5% or less of targeted Knights attend, this very low showing and lack of people reviewing online validates Knights do not want training. I feel the Regional and Supreme training will satisfy Utah's future training needs. This is the last fraternal year I will be the State Training Director.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry W. Angus
 Jerry W. Angus, FDD
State Training Director

State Chairmen Reports

APSC Chairman: SK Rayfel M Bachiller

"Let us strive... to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan..."

– Abraham Lincoln

American Patriot Service Corp started in 2011 just as ground broke for our Fisher House. APSC is the second charity started by our Sir Knights to promote our Patriotic Degree. APSC was initially organized to assist the Fisher House Fundraising but quickly evolved into a Veterans support organization to assist vets in processing their claims.

The thousands of requests throughout Utah and neighboring states maxed out APSC's volunteer capacity to the point of having to focus on assisting vets and their families with very specific needs. Ultimately APSC zeroed in on the **Aid and Attendance** program of the **VA**. Nearly 10 million Veterans and Surviving Spouses are eligible for the Wartime A&A Pension. Tragically, most don't know about it, or have been unsuccessful in navigating the application process. Consequently, many end up choosing between getting care or buying food even though Congress created this benefit so they could have both.

The mission of American Patriot Service Corp is to serve military Veterans and their families by helping Veterans and Surviving Spouses apply for the A&A Pension Benefit from the Department of Veterans Affairs. APSC is grateful, passionate, and committed to helping those who have served our country ... (much like our Knights) *"APSC will never charge a fee to help vets prepare and file their initial claim for the A&A Pension Benefit. APSC performs this service for veterans and their families with an unwavering commitment to their core values. APSC demands the highest levels of honesty, credibility, and fairness, both as individuals and as a company. How we accomplish the mission is as important as the result. We*

take personal and collective responsibility for our actions and take pride in making a difference.” (Go to website: <https://apscnp.org>)

The aforementioned fits our Patriotic Degree and APSC became our second Patriotic Charity. Since 2012 our Knights have raised over \$100,000 to support this noble charity’s small dedicated volunteer APSC Staff. Our Knights quickly embraced this charity and have worked diligently to raise funds to offset the debts of this charity. Funds have been received from individual Knights and families, councils and assemblies...unfortunately the pandemic really crippled Knights fund raising and donations trickled. Now our Knights have renewed their resolve to support and are once more making contributions. More donations are coming in and any amount is welcomed.

Our Knights should keep in mind that our pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are the mainstay of our Order and that Father McGivney established our order to assist widows and families. APSC is that perfect charity! Over **700 veteran families** have been successfully approved through APSC efforts...resulting in over **\$200 million in benefits** to those vets and their families. Evidence of Knights support of Patriotism at it’s very best!

The need for donations remains critical since the onslaught of COVID. Proceeds are made available from the Annual Fisher house Golf Tournament and the Annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Both events have added significantly to the financial support of both Fisher House and APSC. All Utah Knights are urged to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of volunteers in fund raising for APSC. Our Knights and their families have accounted for nearly half of all monthly donations ... everything from \$10 to \$100... each dollar helps a veteran and their family and keeps APSC in business.

Lastly on behalf of the American Patriot Service Corps, our Vets and their families, a sincere thanks for support! Knights of Columbus have kept this charity in business ... and we keep it as one of our most important charities. ***There is plenty of room for our Knights to join the ranks.*** Spread the word to your families, councils and assemblies. ***Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism***...commitment to remember!

Semper Fidelis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Bachiller

Ray Bachiller

APSC Chairman

Carmelites Chairman: SK George Jockisch

Thank God this year was a lot less eventful than last year. Good news is new trees have been planted and pretty much full recovery from the windstorm of 2020. The Chapel is looking great and having daily Mass. Mass is 7:30 am every day, except Tuesday and Thursday it is at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

In February 2022, Council 5214 with Father Sebastian brought back the Holy Hour on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3 pm in the Carmelite Chapel. We have the Exposition, the Rosary and a homily. With the Sisters singing after every decade, it’s a special and holy hour. All are welcome, come join us.

The fair was cancelled again last year (2021) but it's finally back this year (2022) on Sunday September 18th. Thank heaven, because the fair supplies their major income to pay expenses. This year the Carmelites will be raffling off a 2022 Kia Sportage Mini-SUV. Michael Griffin has sent out the schedule that the car will be in your parish to sell tickets. Let's really get out and promote awareness and ticket sales in our parish on our scheduled date. This is an easy way to support our Carmelite Sisters, and a new car would be a nice bonus.

There have been a few women who are discerning on becoming a Carmelite nun, most don't stay, keep them in your prayers. Pray for Mother Maureen who has been in failing health. She is one of the original sisters when the Carmelites first came to Utah in 1952.

This is from their website: "Carmelite Monastery- it stands there as a Tree of Life, humbly yet proudly, poor yet magnificent, hidden yet powerful. Quietly it stands there, enhancing the beauty of the greater Salt Lake valley. Uninhibited by enclosure walls, profoundly, it stands there in the heart of the Church, sending the message of love and prayers to the whole world. Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it stands there as an image of God himself. Mostly hidden, Carmel continues its apostolate and mission of prayer in the Church."

When we did the Carmelite cleanup, it was an amazing and rewarding experience and several Knights said they hoped they could have another chance to help out. Well, there are opportunities for all. It's a large ground and as you can imagine, with lots of maintenance. If anyone is interested in cutting grass for an hour or so every week or two. Or if you just want to help out now and again, all help would be appreciated. Call Wayne 801-440-3014 or give me a call (or text) 801-706-0335.

The Sisters spend many hours praying for our priests, for vocations, for our diocese, for the people and for our Holy Catholic Church. Our world has lots of problems, how much worse would it be without all their prayers. Thank God. Pray for the Sisters and continue to help support them with the purchase of jams and candies.

Thank you and your councils for all your support and prayers for our Carmelite Sisters. Mother Therese has told me many times how much they appreciate all that the Knights do for them, and keep us in their thoughts and prayers.

May God bless and protect you and your families.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Jockisch
George Jockisch
Carmelite Chairman

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman: SK William T. McCauley

The **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** is a way to PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION. It energizes the youth in your community to become active citizens grounded in their faith. This meaningful essay contest also builds toward the Community program requirement for the Columbian and Star Council Awards. Each

entry must be the work of an individual student; previously submitted entries will not be accepted. Schools can use the contest as a project for English composition classes. CCD classes can use it as part of Confirmation class. Program information is available online at www.KofC.org/essay.

The 2021-2022 assignment was in an essay of 500-750 words, describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” - James 1:2-4

Seven Councils (602, 1129, 6010, 6966, 10733, 12181, and 15418) from six Districts (2, 11, 10, 7, 8, 3, and 11) participated in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Five of the Councils received a total of 45 entries. Thank you to the Councils and participants in this Community (Youth) Program. The Councils with the greatest participation used their Parish school or CCD class to elicit and judge entries. The winning essay in all five grades for the State were submitted by Vic Giasson Council 10733 (Saint George). Saint Vincent de Paul Council 13297 (Holladay) conducted their own Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest. Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to the Councils that participated this year and all Councils should consider this program for next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

William T. McCauley, FMFD

William T. “Bill” McCauley, FMFD

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman

Coats for Kids Chairman: SK Robert Masse Jr.

I want to thank State Deputy Nick Nielson, the state officers, and Karl [VanMaren], plus all the councils that pledged and paid the said pledges. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have made this the best **Coats for Kids** program the state has ever had. With the state contribution of \$6000 and the councils pledging \$12,000, Utah purchased 66 cases [of 12 coats each] and Supreme matched that amount for a total of 132 cases. Later, Supreme donated an additional 25 cases of adult male and female coats.

Our goal was to put a warm coat on every kid that wanted one. We were able to include some adult coats. With all the coats handed out, we ran out of boy coats early. Throughout Utah - from Southern Utah to Northern Utah, Vernal to Wendover, we distributed over 2500 coats, including at the VA and Indian reservation.

I am forever grateful to every council that made the 2021 coats for kids a huge success. My goal for 2022 is to increase that number by 14, to 80 cases with Supreme doubling the amount we purchase. Every kid and adult that wants a coat will get a warm coat. I am asking councils in July to start collecting

funds and pledges to order coats in August for delivery in early October. Again, I want to thank everyone for getting the pledges to the distribution of the coats. God Bless!

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Masse Jr., PSD

Robert "Bob" Masse Jr., PSD

Coats for Kids Chairman

Council Reactivation and Retention Chairman: SK Bill Kelly

Over the last two and half years, the COVID-19 Pandemic did not help our State any in the area of council retention. Therefore, we still have three councils within our state that remain in an inactive status. With a composite group of 73 men between the three councils, the State Council is looking to find third degree Knights who would be willing to serve as Round Table Coordinators for the upcoming Fraternal year in the Parishes of San Felipe (Wendover), Our Lady of Guadalupe (Salt Lake) and Sacred Heart (Salt Lake). Next year, we will look to assigning a sponsorship council combined with a state action team to hopefully return these Knights to an active role in support of their respective parishes.

On a positive note, the State Council would like to recognize District Deputy Andy Beck whose untiring dedication and commitment sustained the active status for Council 5347 (Brigham City) and Council 12959 (Logan). Here, Andy attended numerous council meetings dedicating the necessary time and effort to mentor the Knights within these councils on council administration. He successfully brought these groups together that resulted in the election of new leaders within both councils.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary

Council Reactivation and Retention Chairman

Fisher House Chairman: SK Rayfel M Bachiller

Fisher House ... because a family's love is good medicine!!!

Another year has passed and our continuing support of the Fisher House demonstrates our Knights' commitment to this very worthy patriotic cause. Since our last convention the Fisher House has received literally thousands of dollars to improve life for our military families.

Over 14,700 families have stayed at Fisher House since opening in 2012. They have enjoyed the playground and surrounding security fence donated by our Knights. Also the golf carts to transport families to and from the hospital ... and the garage where the carts are protected from the weather and countless other projects. The number of Knights who annually support our Fisher normally exceeds 100 if family members are included. However, the pandemic has restricted any form of physical support in the manner of volunteering on site.

Sadly, the number of allowed families had been decreased during the pandemic. Only 50% of the family suites were allowed to be utilized during this period. As recent as this past Easter this restriction was in

the process of being lifted and 15 of the 20 suites were in use. Quinn Kiger Good our Fisher House Manager reported all rooms will soon be occupied by summer 2022.

This year Knights of Assembly 2577 will host its Twelfth Annual Foursomes for Fisher House! Over the years this has been a big fundraiser and this year will be no exception! Golfers from all over Utah will converge on Saturday July 30th to compete, challenge and celebrate in this annual event. There is the council challenge where foursomes from various councils will compete for bragging rights as Champions of the Fisher House Foursomes. This popular tournament will top off our available funds for donations of over \$6,000! Find the details on the Knights website or grab a brochure or contact Larry Page or Bill McCauley who have volunteered as this year's chairmen! If you want to register quickly go online and check out www.FisherHouseGolf.org where you may enter as a sponsor, a player or a foursome! If you want, you can also sponsor a veteran to play! Come on out! Stonebridge Golf Course is the place; July 30 is the date for a really great time for a really great cause!

Lastly on behalf of the Fisher house, our Vets and their families Thanks for your loyal support over the years. I hear on a regular basis and see the appreciation in the eyes of families who call Fisher House their home away from home. Knights of Columbus made this dream a reality ... and keep it at the forefront of our important charities. Our brotherhood made it possible, our teamwork continues to support it and our patriotic dedication shows our care and commitment. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism – that pretty much says it all!

On behalf of Fisher House and the families of veterans... thanks so very much!

Semper Fidelis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Bachiller

Rayfel Bachiller, FDD

Fisher House Chairman

Free Throw Championship: SK Ron R Mecham; John J. Miller

The afternoon of March 20, 2022, the gym at Blessed Sacrament School in Sandy was busy with our state Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

Prizes: (for each age/sex)

1st place – New KofC basketball & Trophy; 2nd place – ribbon; 3rd place – ribbon
Additionally, the top scoring boy & girl, each received a basketball net and patch.

We had entries from 7 of Utah's 12 districts, representing 8 councils.

Here are their scores. Note that the city listed is from their address on their registration form.

Boy/Girl	Age	Place	Council	District	Score	Name	City	Tiebreakers / Notes
Girl	9	1	15418	11	5	Lauren Hildebrand	SLC	

Girl	9	2	6966	7	3	Marlo Franco	Sandy	3-1-2
Girl	9	3	9849	1	3	Abigail Johnson	N. Ogden	3-1-0
Girl	10	1	6966	7	12	Presely Lahue	Sandy	
Girl	10	2	12181	3	7	Christina Mercier	Sandy	
Girl	11	1	6966	7	14	Sofia Clark	Sandy	
Girl	11	2	14399	10	8	Olivia Ari Bravo	Ogden	
Girl	12	1	15418	11	7	Charlotte Ross	SLC	
Girl	12	2	9849	1	5	Sawyer Taylor	Farr West	
Girl	12	3	6739	9	2	Bella Hubbell	Tooele	
Girl	13	1	12181	3	2	Britta Mercier	Sandy	
Girl	14	1	16127	10	15	Madison Yeager	Syracuse	Net (girl)
Girl	14	2	6966	7	6	Peyten Bowers	South Jordan	
Boy	9	1	15418	11	15	Christian Doan	SLC	
Boy	9	2	9849	1	9	Jett Taylor	Farr West	
Boy	9	3	12181	3	8	Cooper Armijo	Draper	
Boy	10	1	12181	3	22	Ross Devir	Sandy	
Boy	10	2	14399	10	18	Xavier Bravo	Ogden	18-3
Boy	10	3	6966	7	18	Lucas Shackelford	Sandy	18-2
Boy	10	4	15418	11	15	Kai A. Fischer	SLC	
Boy	11	1	9849	1	17	Drew Johnson	N. Ogden	17-5
Boy	11	2	12181	3	17	Simon Rohling	Draper	17-2
Boy	11	3	6739	9	11	Jack Ruth	Stansbury Park	
Boy	11	4	14399	10	10	Dylan Reeves	Ogden	
Boy	12	1	15418	11	19	Everett Agiesta	Salt Lake City	
Boy	12	2	6966	7	11	Connor Hoisington	Herriman	
Boy	12	3	12181	3	7	Joseph Oppedisano	Draper	
Boy	12	4	6739	9	5	Rylan Hanson	Tooele	
Boy	13	1	15418	11	23	Jack Weyher	Salt Lake City	Net (boy)
Boy	13	2	12181	3	20	Zach Otoupal	Draper	
Boy	14	1	6966	7	10	Avery Jones	Sandy	

The scoring at this level is initially out of 25 baskets, then tie breakers are in sets of 5.

Three District Deputies were present and participated in the DD shootout.

District 6 Deputy Mike Middlemiss (1st place)

District 1 Deputy Andy Beck (2nd place)

District 7 Deputy Tim Soran Jr. (3rd place)

One council/district (with forms) didn't have any participants check-in (1136/4).

Each district with participants had at least one finisher in the top 3!

D01 - 1st

D03 - 1st

D07 - 1st

D09 - 3rd

D10 - 1st

D11 - 1st

Note: Only District 10 had champions from more than one council (they had two).

Each council with participants also had at least a top 3 champion.

6739 3rd 6966 1st 9849 1st 12181 1st 14399 2nd 15418 1st
16127 1st

Most 1st place winners?

Council 15418 with 5 of 12. District 11.

Council 6966 with 3 of 12. District 7.

Council 12181 with 2 of 12. District 3.

Total Champions: 1st Place: 12; 2nd Place: 10; 3rd Place: 6; 4th Place: 3; N/A Place: 15 (forms submitted, but no kids). Excluding Council 1136/Orem, there were only eight (8) missing participants, including one with an injury.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Mecham

Ron Mecham

Free Throw Championship Chairman

Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator: SK Ed Ortega

Being new to this role, and not having received any requests for my services, especially with COVID-19 restrictions in place at the beginning of the fraternal year, I regretfully report I didn't do more; i.e., nothing was requested, so no work was performed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Ortega

Edward G. Ortega

Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator

Historian: SK Andy Airriess

No report available by the publication deadline.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Airriess

Andrew Airriess, PSD

Historian

Insurance Promotion Chairman: SK Nick Nielson

Visit www.UtahKnights.org/Insurance for Matthew McCarthy's contact information (our Utah Field Agent) as well as for General Agent Nate Raso (covering all of Utah and Arizona).

Nick Nielson

Nick Nielson, State Deputy

Insurance Promotion Chairman

McGivney Guild Chairman: SK Chuck E Dover Jr.

RE: McGivney Guild Report
2022 Convention

Worthy Brother Knights and Friends,

Hopefully you are familiar with the Fr. McGivney Guild. It was established to track the many favors granted through the intercession of our founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Utah growth in the Guild has been slow over the past year. We average less than 35 people per year who join the Guild from Utah. Membership growth in our state is more than four times that. New members is where most of our guild members come from. Please reach out to candidates and make them aware of the Guild when they join and when they take the degrees. We need to make a better effort where the Guild is concerned.

The Guild is easy to promote. Talk about it at meetings at least once per quarter and pass out forms at meetings. Talk about it to new candidates prior to taking the new exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (that replaced the First Degree). There is no charge to join and once enrolled you have nothing further to do. A Guild newsletter is sent out to all who join once per quarter. Unlike many activities, our cost to join or to promote this activity is nothing. Promote the Guild at every level: at all degrees, dinners, events, and functions. Promote it at your parish. It is open to anyone and everyone who is interested.

The easiest way to join is on the website at www.FatherMcGivney.org (click "Join the Guild").

Our Utah membership in the Order is nearly 3,500. Utah membership in the Guild is less than 1,500. Thank you in advance for your commitment to promote the Guild in honor of our founder and for your spiritual support through your prayers. Please help get the word out! We rely on you to help build membership in the Guild from Utah!

God bless America! Vivat Jesus!

With Warmest Regards,

Chuck Dover

Charles E. Dover Jr., PSD, FVSM

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

Membership Retention Chairman: SK Frank Carmona

Report included as part of the State Advocate report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carmona

Frank Carmona, State Advocate

Membership Retention Chairman

New Council Development Chairman: SK Gregory A Keller

New Council Development (NCD)

Shortly after the founding of the Order, Blessed Michael McGivney wrote a letter to every pastor in the diocese of Hartford, which at that time encompassed all of Connecticut, and asked them to “exert your influence in the formation of a council in your parish.” This demonstrated that Blessed Michael McGivney saw new councils as the best viable means of growth and expansion for the Order, and that new councils should be parish-orientated. Today, we are still pursuing Blessed Michael McGivney’s goal of one Knights of Columbus council in every parish, and as shown by the excellent record the Order has enjoyed over the past years, we are closer today than ever before. However, there is still a long way to go, and we can contribute to developing new councils.

The development of new councils is primarily the responsibility of the district deputy with the assistance of his state’s new council development chairman and the insurance agent. The following procedures have been developed to familiarize yourself with the process of establishing a new council:

Step #1 — Survey the area to determine the potential of both the initial and future membership in the specific area under consideration.

Step #2 — Contact the Pastor of the parish where the council will exist by a letter or email, but the district deputy must personally visit the pastor before beginning his efforts.

Step #3 — Contact the State Deputy if the pastor gives his permission for the formation of a new council

Step #4 — Contact the Insurance Representative and inform him of the plans to establish a new council.

Step #5 — Initial Recruitment Drive by setting a date and time of the first organizational meeting and provide the parish priest with a pulpit announcement which would point out that a Knights of Columbus council is being established at the parish and where/when interested candidates should meet.

Step #6 — Committee Meeting with men interested to form a steering committee and who will assist in the formation of a council at their parish.

Step #7 — Organizational Meeting that wives can attend the meeting to get them and their families involved early in the council and the Knights of Columbus.

Step #8 — Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity is arranged by the district deputy for the new council to receive their Exemplification as they are enrolled.

Step #9 — Plans for Institution Immediately following the institution date, the district deputy’s records should indicate that a total of at least 30 men have completed membership documents, and those who are new members have been initiated through the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Step #10 — Application for Charter should be completed and forwarded to the Supreme Council office within 90 days of when the council was issued a number.

Step #11 — Presentation of Charter by the district deputy to make a formal presentation of the charter to the grand knight on behalf of the supreme knight and the board of directors.

Step #12 — Follow-Up after the institution of a new council it is essential the district deputy maintain a close personal contact with the new council officers and the program directors to see that all are properly trained and instructed in their respective duties and to assure the continued and successful operation of the new council.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Keller

Greg Keller, PSD

New Council Development Chairman

Newsletter/Bulletin Editor: SK Karl VanMaren

Not sure you read all the issues? Checkout the archive on the state website, www.UtahKnights.org – just scroll down the homepage for the list of previous editions. The archives go back several years and the current State Deputy and the issue’s editor are usually listed on the last page.

As much fun as this has been, I’m certainly willing and able to hand it off to the next Knight who wants to be the editor. Seriously, it has been fun, but there isn’t a reason to keep it all to myself. I think Brian Duncan did a fine job before me, as did Trever Hinckley before him. Again, you don’t have to take my word for it, just check out the archives on the state website!

Respectfully submitted,

Karl VanMaren

Karl A. VanMaren, FDD

Newsletter Editor, “Utah State Update” (10/2020 – present)

Online Membership Chairman: SK Andrew Airriess

At the last available reporting period, Utah ranked number 9 in the United States for the percentage of online member goal achieved and number 8 in the conversion of online members to council members. Online members account for about 80% of the members recruited in the state, that is how important our online efforts are. If you have been recruiting online, congratulations. If you haven’t, it’s not too late!

For this, I say thanks on behalf of those we serve. Bringing an online member gives them a wonderful introduction to what the Knights do. Bringing a member into a council gives them so much more, including more chances to serve those in need and to enjoy the brotherhood for which the Knights are known.

There is still a lot of time to advertise in your bulletin, the gathering space in your parish, and in your social media. Do the men in your parish and their families a favor and ask them to be Knights when it takes all of 5 minutes. I’m more than willing to help however I can, all you have to do is ask. We don’t

know how long one-year free online membership will last, so it is best that you strike while the iron is hot and introduce more men to all the benefits of Knighthood before June 30th.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Airriess

Andy Airriess, PSD

Online Membership Chairman

Perpetual Memorial Fund: SK Bill Kelly

The Perpetual Memorial Book is a way to remember and pray for our deceased brother Knights, family, friends and loved ones. When State Knights of Columbus come together for in person Masses after our meetings (State Convention in May, Organization Meeting in June, Midyear Meeting in January, and Special Occasions, etc.), we carry the book at the entrance procession to Mass and then place on the altar or another place of Honor. This act symbolizes a remembrance to those who have gone before us while we attend Mass as unified Knights.

To place an entry into the book, Councils or brother Knights submit names for inclusion along with a twenty-dollar (\$20.00) donation. Again, this year, 2022, we will continue this practice adapted since 2009, by placing the donated funds into the Utah Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

The Perpetual Memorial Book has been present with us during our virtual meetings and prayers have been said to remember our fallen members and friends. Last year at conclusion of convention, we added 33 names to the memorial book. As of April 20th, 2022, we have seventeen (17) names to add resulting in \$340 for the scholarship fund. Sincerely request that you continue to keep our departed brothers and loved ones in your prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary

Perpetual Memorial Chairman

Pilgrim Icon Program Chairman: SK Gregory A Keller

St Joseph: Our Spiritual Father and Pilgrim Icon Program

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Utah received two of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the state. More than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979. For Pilgrim Icon Program resources, visit www.kofc.org/pilgrimicon.

Action Steps to conduct a prayer service:

1. Coordinate with the parish, confirm pastor approval with the grand knight, and then set up subsequent planning meetings.

2. Working with the state's Pilgrim Icon Program chairman (Greg Keller), coordinate when your council is scheduled to receive the icon.
3. Review the Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service Booklet (#5050) and identify council and parish members to fulfill the various roles required in the service. Examples include a leader for the readings, such as a member of the clergy or council officer, additional lectors, a cantor or choir, and musicians.
4. Ensure your council received sufficient copies of the Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service Booklet (#5050) and St. Joseph Prayer Cards (#11221) in both English and Spanish (#11211-S). They can also be ordered through Supplies Online via Officers Online at www.KofC.org/oo.
5. Prior to the Pilgrim Icon prayer service, use the Pilgrim Icon News Release (#11266) as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to your parish, council and local media.
6. Build public interest for the event! Promote the Pilgrim Icon Program in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
7. Hold your Pilgrim Icon prayer service with the following guidelines in mind:
 - Provide the music director of your parish with the hymns for the prayer service ahead of time as necessary.
 - In advance of the service, advise the lectors to recite the readings at a moderate pace to ensure the service is truly reverent
 - Throughout the evening, be ever mindful of the intentions of your prayer service
 - No money should be collected at the service itself
8. At the close of the prayer service, formally present the icon to the next host council. Council officers from the next host council can receive the icon at the front of the church or meeting place after the final prayer or final blessing and process out of the prayer service.
9. Collect all Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service Booklets (#5050) and other resources, to be sent along with the icon to the next district/council.
10. Strongly consider hosting a dinner or other social event in conjunction with the prayer service. Although the Pilgrim Icon Prayer Program cannot be double counted for other Faith in Action programs, you can coordinate other programs, events, membership drives and fundraisers to coincide with the time your council has the pilgrim icon.
12. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms.

- **IMPORTANT:** Immediately after your program is finished, complete the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784). This data is used to track the impact of the Pilgrim Icon Program on councils and their communities.

- At the end of the fraternal year, complete the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)

Thank you to those councils who have already held a prayer service. If your council would like to host the St. Joseph Icon, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Keller

Greg Keller, PSD

Pilgrim Icon Program Chairman

Poster Contest Chairman: SK William T. McCauley

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** had entries from ten Councils (1129, 5214, 6010, 6966, 8606, 9731, 10733, 12181, 15418 and 16127) representing nine Districts. Reported to me were 315 posters from the ten Councils. Thank you to the Councils and participants in this Youth Program. The Councils with the greatest participation used their Parish school or CCD class to elicit and judge entries. Next year I encourage all Councils to participate in this program. Program information is available online at www.KofC.org/Christmas.

Conducting a Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest” is a fun and easy way to get young people in your community involved in their faith. It is fun to conduct because of the opportunity to witness the creativity and optimism of the young people in your community. It is easy because you can tap into existing structures like schools, CYO’s, etc., to do a lot of preliminary work. It can also provide excellent local, and potentially international, publicity for your council.

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups: ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10, and 11 through 14. Some schools may have different age brackets for their elementary and middle schools. In these cases, it may be appropriate to group students by grade rather than age. Sponsoring councils should use their own judgment in deciding how to group participants.

Respectfully Submitted,

William T. McCauley, FMFD

William T. “Bill” McCauley, FMFD

State Poster Contest Chairman

Promotional Sales Chairman: SK Art A Grant

The Knights of Columbus Honest Abe Promotions store has basically been inactive again this year due to the Covid Pandemic. We still have most of the inventory that we had at our last in-person get together. We have digitized the updated Knights logo so any new orders will have that logo. Any current inventory will be sold for 10% off in order to eventually refresh the inventory. If any member or council

needs logoed items from pins to shirts to vests etc., you can email me at aagrant.sl@gmail.com with your requests.

Respectfully Submitted,

Art Grant

Art Grant

Promotional Sales Chairman ("Honest Abe")

Public Relations Chairman: SK Andrew Airriess

The role of PR Chair involves getting the work of the Knights in Utah into the public media. As such we are involved in social, broadcast, and print media.

Social Media

In my role as chairman, we have been publishing 6 posts a day on Twitter where we are followed by 44 entities, including Columbia Magazine, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, Supreme, two state councils, Catholic content writers and more. On Facebook we have on average two posts a day and 488 entities follow us, many outside the United States. People are interested in what we do, who we are, and how they can join. We also promote online membership there as the people reading us are ... online!

Broadcast

We don't have that much opportunity in Utah in this arena, but we were featured holding our Coats for Kids event in Salt Lake City during a Channel 2 news broadcast.

Print

The largest impact we have is right here. We've been highlighted in April with a feature photo in Columbia Magazine, and with other mentions there as well. The most important coverage we receive is in the Intermountain Catholic. We have a very good working relationship with the diocesan newspaper with articles and accompanying photographs appearing regularly. Being local, readers know of the many good works of the councils and this encourages them to support our fundraising efforts, and helps us grow our membership as well.

Another important part of this office is helping councils to get their good works publicized. By providing information a little in advance of your efforts, as well as pictures and success details after, what one council does can have a great effect on the successes of their own and other councils because of the associations readers and viewers make. But, I'm not a psychic. I'm eager to help you advertise your events and promote their successes which encourages others to greater works as well. It's not patting your own back, it's inspiring others to grow.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Airriess

Andy Airriess, PSD

Public Relations Chairman

Round Table Chairman: SK Bill Kelly

The intent of the round table program is to have a “Knight’s presence in Every Parish”. Round Tables provide vital support to Parish communities where a formal council has not been established due to the limited size of Knights participating. As of April 1, 2022, we are currently tracking nine (9) round tables in the state. The State Council would like to express our thanks to the sponsoring councils whose efforts are establishing the framework for starting potential new councils or expanding our presence in these parishes/missions.

- St Ann’s, Salt Lake City (602)
- St Joseph (Spanish), Ogden (777)
- St Lawrence, Heber City, (1129)
- St. Francis Xavier, Salt Lake City (5214)
- St. Margueritte’s (Spanish), Tooele (6739)
- St. Christopher’s, Kanab (10733)
- St. Patrick’s, Hurricane (10733)
- St. Jude Maronite, Taylorsville (13297)
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Salt Lake City (14764)

Our most active Roundtable is at St. Christopher’s in Kanab. Although the pandemic slowed them down like councils, the seven members produced over 1,300 hours of volunteer services that included the following activities:

- Annual property and building spring cleanup plus flower beds.
- Participating in liturgical ministries duties for weekend Masses.
- Minor maintenance projects and repairs around the Parish.
- Supporting the Prison Ministry.
- Weekly support of Parish Rosaries
- Over 1300 Hours of volunteer service form the seven members of the group.

Although activities and other reports to Supreme were down again this year due to the impact of Covid-19, we hope that next year that the round table program will become a more active program in the State of Utah. This hopefully will lead to the creations of councils in these parishes and support the slogan “Every Catholic Man a Knight”. As we break away from COVID-19 isolation, Council 10733’s Round Table provides us inspiration for the future on ideas to improve our round table program in the state.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary
Round Table Chairman

Safe Environment Coordinator: SK Frank Carmona

Report included as part of the State Advocate report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Carmona
Frank Carmona, State Advocate
Safe Environment Coordinator

Science Fair Co-Chairman: Ryan Graveley

The 26th Annual Utah Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair was held on February 5, 2022 at Juan Diego Catholic High School in Draper, Utah.

The science fair was held for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Judging began at 9am. Knights along with their friends and family came out in full force to judge. Judging attendance was strong enough to close the fair an hour early. Schools throughout the valley were invited to participate. Dr. Christine Celestino and her team hosted the science fair. In addition to 6th-8th grade award announcements, presentations included announcements of High School Awards and Students Advancing to the University of Utah Science and Engineering Fair. The awards ceremony took place virtually at 5pm on the date of the fair, February 5th. youtu.be/s_kKACP6hoo

This was the first in person science fair since COVID hit. Guidelines sent out to the diocese on January 31st were followed. The science fair required all individuals to wear a properly fitted mask while in the building at JDCHS. The fair was co-chaired by Bill Kelly (State Secretary) and Ryan Graveley (State Treasurer). Individual sponsors, our supporting councils, and our supporting assemblies made it possible to present cash prizes, trophies, and ribbons to the 6th-8th grade and H.S. winners. All students were given an annual event T-shirt. Your donations also supported the cost of these T's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Graveley
Ryan Graveley, State Program Director
Science Fair Co-Chairman

Scouting Chairman: SK Ray Salazar

There is nothing to report. The Bishop has put Scouting on hold until issues are resolved. When there is a resolution, I will update you and all those concerned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ray Salazar
Ray Salazar
Scouting Chairman
DCCS, Diocese Committee Catholic Scouting

Silver Rose Chairman: SK Pete Abercrombie

In the effort to streamline the transportation of the Silver Rose throughout the state, a new program was established in 2021 in which the Silver Rose would traverse the State starting with the district closest to the Rose's entry location, currently Norther Utah, and exiting the State with the closest district to the next receiving State, currently Eastern Utah.

Rational for the change: The Jurisdiction of Utah has 37 councils, 34 active and 12 Districts. With Supreme allocating approximately 30 days for the Rose to remain in Utah, 30 days divided by the 12 districts means each district is allocated two days for the Rose. This streamline procedure smoothly moves the Rose from District to District within the State while creating an equitable use of the Rose between all Districts and the Parishes within.

I am pleased to say that with the establishment of this program, the Silver Rose has been venerated at more Parishes, councils/assembly meetings and our State Convention than in years past. As I am preparing this report, 12 of 34 councils have already requested the Rose for this coming year.

The current Silver Rose Calendar, dated April 10, is included here:

Silver Rose Schedule - Utah						
June/July 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12-Jun-2022 Pick-up Wyoming Council 12959 St Thomas Aquinas Mass w/ Rose 6pm Mass Pending arrival time	13 Pending Confirm St James? District 1	14	15 Council 6010 St. Rose - Layton Program type Time of program POC District 10	16 Council 16127 Hill AFB Program type Time of Program POC	17 District 2	18
19 Council 15418 St. Ambrose, SLC Program Type Time of program POC District 11	20	21 Council 6739 St. Marguerite, Tooele Program Type Time of Program POC District 9	22	23 Awaiting News Pending Mike Middlemiss DD District 6	24 Pending Cofirmation	25 Open - State Org TBD
26 District 12	27	28 Council 14239 St. Andrew, Riverton Program Type Time of Program POC District 3	29 Council 12181 St John the Baptist Program type Time of program POC	30 Council 6966 ? Blessed Sacrament Pending Confirmation District 7	01-Jul-2022 Council 6966 ?	2 Council 8606 St. Peter, Am. Fork Program Type Time of Program POC District 4
3 Council 1136 Saint Francis, Orem Mass w/ Rose 10 AM Mass	4 Pending Confirm St. George Cedar City Pending Confirm District 8	5 St. George Cedar City	6 St. George Cedar City	7 District 5	8	9 Rose Departure Colorado

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Abercrombie
 Peter Abercrombie, FDD
Silver Rose Chairman

Soccer Challenge Chairman: SK Gregory "Kim" Gold

The 2021 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge was held on Sunday, October 17th in North Salt Lake at the Westpointe Park regional Athletic Complex. We had five participants in four different age groups.

The weather was sunny but a bit windy. This year's participants were from Councils 1136, Fr. Escalante of Orem and 6739, Saint Marguerite's of Tooele. All the participants were very excited to participate in this year's challenge. Light refreshments were provided for our outstanding group of volunteers and contestants. Several State Council Officers showed up to provide their support, this was greatly appreciated and helped to make this year's event a success.

Congratulations to our 2021 winners!

1st Place Winners

Boy 14 Daniel Navarrete, Orem, Council # 1136

Girl 13 Maryann Emefo, Tooele, Council # 6739

Boy 11 Logan Emefo, Tooele, Council # 6739

Boy 10 Karoll Garcia, Orem, Council # 1136

2nd Place Winners

Boy 11 Luke Emefo (2nd place), Tooele, council # 6739



Respectfully Submitted,
Gregory "Kim" Gold
Gregory "Kim" Gold
Soccer Challenge Chairman

*Special Olympics Coordinators: SK David Matyjasik & SK Bill
J Bonn III*

SOUT Summer Games

May 20 & 21
Granger High School
West Valley, Utah
Honor Guard 6 PM

Golf Tournament

Oct 14 - 15, 9 AM - 3 PM
Rose Park Golf Course
SLC, Utah

Fall Games

Oct 14-15, 10 AM - 4 PM
NorthWest Middle School
SLC, Utah
Honor Guard 6:30 pm

*** For more information or to volunteer, please go to www.utahknights.org or call 801-363-1112.
Check www.sout.org for more details

For the past 15 Fraternal years, the Special Olympics program has grown tremendously. I am proud to say 29 Councils and 8 Assemblies responded either through activities or financial support. Last year was a fantastic year. \$7,250 was donated to Special Olympics Utah. This is a great number considering we were dealing with the Covid-19 and fundraising was virtually non-existent. With last year's donation, the total funds donated to SOUT was over \$145,000 in 14 years. Several councils donated \$500.00. Saint Martin de Porres donation was \$525. This year we will kick off the new year with the K of C Bowling Invitational in June 2022, sponsored by Council 5502. Last year SOUT cancelled most major events and this year's events are questionable. We did manage to have one Color Corps at the Summer Games.

Special Olympics Utah still needs support. Not as many private donations are coming through. So, please support Special Olympics any way you can.

Personally, I think it is terrible that so few councils (less than 50%) have such little regard for this program. There were three Financial Secretaries that informed me that they weren't required to submit the form 10784 (*Fraternal Programs Report Form*). So, there it goes, people are getting a mixed message as I feared. I know of at least 8 councils that have submitted the forms regularly haven't done so. So, we are leaving money on the table for someone else. I hope the State Council is aware of this problem. I traveled over 1500 miles this past fraternal year visiting assemblies and councils from Ogden to Provo. This includes SOUT meetings and athletics events. New year I plan on visiting my Brother Knight's out of the I-15 corridor. I hope this program does not fade away. Please keep Special Olympics in your budget and in your hearts, and by all means volunteer. You will have a wonderful experience and you will feel good supporting the least of our brothers and sisters that our challenged every day. The cost of sponsoring an athlete is \$250.00 per year. Every dollar raised stays within the state of Utah, to support local athletes.

Remember Matt. 25:39-40 "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do unto me".

Respectfully Submitted,

David Matyjasik

David Matyjasik

Utah Special Olympics Coordinator 1

State Scholarship Chairman: SK Chuck E Dover Jr.

LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIPS:

OUR BEGINNING 2006: In 2006, Past State Deputies, Dick Kane, Dan Higgins, Jim Leccia, and I gathered to talk about a state scholarship. We first established the Perpetual Memorial Book to remember our fallen brothers, families, and friends. This is the book that is placed on the altar at every Mass for the State Council; at conventions, organization meetings and midyear meetings. The cost to submit a name is \$20. All who are entered in the book are remembered during the prayers of the Mass. The proceeds go into the scholarship fund.

I suggest we as Fourth Degree Knights include our fallen brothers as part of our Memorial in remembrance of them. I further suggest we utilize the book at Mass following an Exemplification.

THE NEXT CHAPTER 2009-2010: At the 2009 State Convention a resolution came to the floor to establish a scholarship. The resolution was tabled. A revised resolution was brought to the floor in 2010 by Past State Deputy John Wainscott. After some revision it was passed with the understanding that each council would donate to the scholarship, but it would not be funded by per capita. Council 602 tried to rally support by placing \$25,000 for a scholarship held at Catholic Foundation of Utah (CFU). The caveat to their donation was that they would select the winner of the scholarship.

STATE CONVENTION 2011: Several communications were sent soliciting council support to reach a \$1000 amount for the state's first scholarship under State Deputy Ray Lopez. Two more years would pass before an endowment could be established for the State Scholarship. Council and Assembly support varies each year. In 2011 two scholarships were awarded, each for \$1000. Both Council 602 and the Utah State Council gave scholarships. *Remember, the State Scholarship relies solely on donations to exist.*

MOVING ONWARD: Since the beginning Council 602 has been at the side of the State Council giving an annual scholarship. Their awards have ranged from \$1000 to \$3000 each while the state has maintained \$1000 each year. Everyone knows that these small amounts don't pay much in today's college environment, but they are helpful with student housing, moving costs, books, and perhaps a little tuition. So how can we grow or build the amount?

THE RAFFLE OF 2017: In 2017, Fr. Dominguez Assembly 1144 approached State Deputy Andy Airriess with the idea of a raffle for the scholarship. The purpose of the raffle was to build up the endowment reserves held at CFU. This would enable the endowment to grow and eventually at some point be able to distribute a portion of the dividends to increase the scholarship amount.

Sales and participation for the raffle have increased each year since 2017. For three of the five years of the raffle, Cedar City has led the way in sales (2019, 2020, and 2021). It appears that as of this writing they will prevail again in 2022. Kudos to this small council!

ENTER THE PATRIOTIC SCHOLARSHIP 2021: With the support of State Deputy Nick Nielson, Fr. Dominguez Assembly 1144 proposed a resolution to establish a Fourth Degree Scholarship in the 2020-2021 fraternal year. The resolution was passed by a majority vote of the assemblies of Utah. The resolution stated that each assembly would pay \$100 each year toward the scholarship. A committee met and prepared the application. It is now on the state website. Billings for the scholarship go out in

October-November and are due by February 1. At present we have no reserve fund or way to cover any deficit for assemblies who don't pay. We rely solely on the payments from each assembly. Please make this an assembly budget item.

TO DATE STATISTICS: This year at our state convention we will give out four (4) scholarships of \$1000 each, (two from Council 602 Columbian Society, State Council, and Fourth Degree). The total of students, including the four winners from this year, now total 34 since our first scholarship. The amount of all awards collectively given to date now sit at \$58,000.

MANY THANKS: So many dreams have culminated in the establishment of the scholarships of our jurisdiction. I remember each of the State Deputies who dared to dream that, "one day we will have a statewide scholarship". You my brothers have made their dreams a reality. Together we will continue to build not just dreams, but a legacy. Thank you for your continued support.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles E. Dover Jr.

Charles E. Dover Jr., PSD, FVSM

State Scholarship Chairman

Veterans Affairs Chairman: SK Joseph R Bouley

The Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) committee sends you warm greetings! Along with my deputy representatives **John Wainscott, PSD**, and **Sid Cowand, PSD**, we continue to make significant progress in providing our veterans with quality program services, monetary support and in-house support.

The VAVS, located at the Salt Lake City VA Hospital, consists of numerous organization reps who all have a common goal of support for our Utah veterans. Our Knights of Columbus brothers and their families provide support through such activities as the veterans fishing day, the Fisher House golf tournament and supporting our Utah Veterans Homes.

Other activities included assembling and distributing hundreds of gift bags to VA patients, providing gift cards and supplies to the Fisher House and distributing thousands of coats, gloves and socks to our needy veterans at the VA Hospital.

Due to COVID-19, we saw our number of volunteers decrease. However, our number of volunteer hours and donations increased significantly! Our goal for the immediate future is increasing our volunteer force, while continuing to increase our donations. We hope to again provide in-house meals to the Fisher House this year.

Any Knight or family member, including students needing service hours, can volunteer at the VA Hospital – please contact myself (balijo@aol.com, 801-309-9149), John or Sid, for more information.



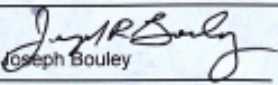
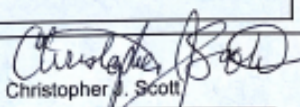
VIVAT JESUS!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Bouley

Joseph R. Bouley

Veterans Affairs Chair

  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration Voluntary Service		VAVS SUMMARY OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW		
Name of Facility / Station Number / Address SALT LAKE CITY VA HCS / 680 / 500 Foothill Blvd., Salt Lake City UT 84148-0001		Name of Organization Knights of Columbus		Date of Review 03/24/2022
I. STATISTICS (From Representative)		THIS YEAR 3/1/21 - 2/28/22	LAST YEAR 3/1/20 - 2/28/21	GROWTH RATE (+ / -)
A. 1. Number of R.S Volunteers		6	11	-5
2. Number of R.S Volunteer Hours		1,130.50	208.50	+922.00
3. Number of Occasional Volunteer Hours		13.00	13.00	0.00
4. Number of All Volunteer Hours		1,143.50	221.58	+921.92
5. Number of Youth Volunteers		0	0	0
6. Number of Transitional Volunteers		0	0	0
7. Number of Adult Volunteers		6	11	-5
8. Number of New R.S Volunteer Assignments				
9. Total Monetary Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00
10. Total Estimated Value of Non-Monetary Donations		1,620.00	225.00	+1395.00
B. 1. Number of Units Volunteering		2	2	0
2. Estimated Number of Local Organizational Units Within VAMC Area		37		
3. Estimated Total Membership		2940		
4. Number of Units Contacted		37		
II. ANNUAL REVIEW (From Representative)		EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR
A. Quality of VA Staff Supervision (Not VAVS)		X		
B. Quality of Voluntary Service Support		X		
C. Quality of Organization Support		X		
III. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (Evaluate last year's progress; Set next year's goals) (From Representative and Chief)				
1. Continue to encourage Youth and College Volunteer participation. 2. Encourage volunteers to assist with meeting the needs of the VAVS Wish List, if possible. Important note: KoC volunteers need to do a better job of providing the VA with their volunteer hours and donations. As well as do a better job providing the VA with their hours and donations made to the State Veterans home. We are aware that a lot of credit is being lost due to lack of proper reporting.				
New Goals:				
Continue to promote the need for new volunteers at the VA and increase awareness of the VAVS program at meetings and conferences. Post COVID 19, increase and promote awareness and participation in the program. Increase volunteer hours, in-kind and monetary contributions.				
IV. COMMENTS: Concerns/Extra Efforts/Retention/Fundraising Activities/Special Events/Media Use/ Volunteer Assignments/Recruitment (From Representative and Chief)				
Continue to ensure that the Knights of Columbus sponsor Golf Tournaments, fishing days and State Veterans Home activities, etc. are reported in a timely manner.				
VAVS Representative  Joseph Bouley		Chief, Voluntary Service  Christopher J. Scott		
(Attach additional pages if needed)				

VA FORM 10-1240
AUG 2017

EXISTING STOCK OF VA FORM 10-1240, FEB 1995 WILL NOT BE USED

Vocations Chairman: SK John R Valdez

See "Faith Director" report above.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Valdez

John R. Valdez, FDD

Vocations Chairman

Webmaster (www.UtahKnights.org): Chris Hood

Most of the work on the website the past year was done on the state council plugin which gives the site the custom functionality. The council pages were upgraded to show a feed from the council's website in the sidebar. Google's form spam protection was replaced with hcaptcha. There were upgrades to the admin area to make it easier to use. Also, the server's memory was doubled to fix problems causing major slowdowns on the site.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Past State Deputies Convention Remarks

SK Michael T. Cosgrove (1984-1986)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Michael Cosgrove

Michael Cosgrove, PSD

SK Rholand E Lange (1994-1996)

Hello my name is Karl and I was requested to say a few words of wisdom for PSD Rholand Lange. I don't know what that would be but I'll read his submittal and adlib some for him.

The Brigham City Council has continued to hold their meetings during the past several years. The participation has been down but they did the best they could. They passed out flowers for Mother's Day, sponsored couple of raffles, sold Christmas Wreaths, provided lectors and singers for all the Masses. They did 75% of the things our Council does during normal times.

Our Council has been very lucky the past several years in having a District Deputy that has attended every one of our meetings. Andy [Beck] the Brigham City Knights thank you for over and beyond efforts. When the upcoming officers stand before you and say, "Thank you re-electing me and I will do my best to do whatever I can do to help any of you, please feel free to call me." Each Grand Knight here should remember what they say and hold them to it.

Thank you for letting me be one of your brothers. Did you notice my lips never moved once, thank you Karl for doing such a good job of imitating me.

Vivat Jesus,

Rholand Lange

Rholand Lange, PSD, F.M.F.D.

SK Joseph B. Lìgorì (1996-1998)

Wishing you all a successful 2022 State Convention from Georgetown, Texas. Even though we have moved to Texas. Sue and I will never forget the Utah Knights and the fun we have had for over 45 years. The friendships will never be forgotten. I will always remain a Knight in Utah. Conventions are for the benefit of everyone to share ideas and look forward to a new year. Most important is that you all have fun and enjoy the brotherhood of the Knights. The State Convention was always a highlight of the year for us. Enjoy it. The Utah Knights of Columbus is strong and growing and will be strong in the future. We miss everyone.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Lìgorì

Joe Lìgorì, PSD, F.M.F.D.

SK Sidney L Cowand (2000-2002)

I'm not participating in anything social except for the place where I live, which has lots of opportunities. I've started back to church -- went to Holy Thursday Mass. I went to the hospital three times (afib, food poisoning, and low blood sugar - the worst one), but I'm doing well now. Give me a call if you want to chat.

Vivat Jesus!

Sid Cowand

Sid Cowand, PSD

SK John P Waincott (2002-2004)

April 16, 2022

We are slowly getting back to a post-pandemic life as we continue to be volunteers for Christ.

Every charitable program undertaken, every insurance policy issued, every new council started, every parish assisted, every priest supported, every vocation encouraged, and every new member recruited, furthers the mission of the Order. Everywhere we look, we see new challenges and more opportunities for we as Knights to step forward. We Knights must always renew our dedication to – and support of – our Priests who devote their lives to leading us in faith. Every year is the 'Year of the Priest'!

Our K of C conventions give us an opportunity to thank God for all the men and families who have loved us and influenced our lives. The heritage we received from Fr. McGivney, living and loving through the years by ordinary men and women like ourselves, we continue to this day. Through this heritage and our lives as Knights, we have a great opportunity to carry out the message given to us by Jesus, to love God and our neighbor.

How fortunate are we to have had Nick Nielson as our State Deputy the past 2 years. What a great job keeping us focused and motivated. Most critical were his technology advancements and ability to bring us together in person and virtually. Thank you, Worthy State Deputy! Karl Van Maren has literally worked full time this past year with the State minutes, constant communication, State newsletter, etc. Thank you Karl!

PSD Acknowledgements: PSD Joe Ligor and Sue moved to Texas this year -miss him a lot and his cooking skills for our council! PSD Chuck Dover as Chairman of the Scholarship fund and soliciting donations, and as the McGivney Guild chairman. PSD Ray Lopez helping the knights in Utah as our Regional Growth Director doing a fabulous job working for Supreme. PSD Andy Airriess as our Public Relations Chairman getting articles in the Columbian magazine and the Intermountain Catholic and instructing us in Online membership. PSD Greg Keller on advising the State Council and as the Marian Prayer Program Chairman. PSD Bob Masse for an incredible job as Coats for Kids Chairman.

It has been an honor to serve the State Council as State Council Advisor the past 2 years and as the State Convention advisor for many years. Many thanks to all the individuals, councils, and assemblies for supporting Culture of Life projects in Utah. Pro-Life Utah honored the Utah Knights of Columbus with a

'Guardian of Life' award this year that will be presented at the Convention Banquet.

Fraternally yours;

John P. Waincott

John P. Waincott, PSD
Former Supreme Director

SK James N Leccia (2004-2006)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Jim Leccia

Jim Leccia, PSD, F.M.F.D.

SK Charles E. Dover Jr. (2006-2008, 2009-2010)

**A Past State Deputy's Thoughts
2021-2022 Utah State Convention**

Worthy Brothers and Friends,

The duties and challenges that come with the title of State Deputy are numerous. As one aspires to become the State Deputy and serves the various chair offices, they gather tidbits of information along the way. They file these thoughts in the back of their mind for the day they become the State Deputy. The thinking is, "I'm going to do this when I'm State Deputy." or "That sounds like a great idea!"

These thought processes are normal when looking for ways to improve the formats, direction, and outcome of our many programs and our recruitment and retention approach. No one ever thinks, "What if I have to deal with two years of COVID?" The past two years have been most challenging in trying to execute positively to achieve success. Many dreams and desires were dampened by COVID. Lock downs, social distancing, masks, and zoom meetings became the new normal and the world as we knew it was left in the shadows of the past. Our lives were on hold. I have no idea how I would have dealt with this challenge if I were the State Deputy.

We have been so fortunate to have Nick Nielsen at the helm as our State Deputy during these trying times. He was supportive of the establishment of a new Fourth Degree scholarship which at this convention is a reality. He has fostered on line membership and promoted the newly combined degrees. Membership numbers for Circle of Honor are the highest they have been in years. Nick has embraced the mandates and directives he has been given by Supreme and tried diligently to fulfill them. Change is always inevitable, but the changes COVID has presented have been beyond our wildest expectations.

Nick Nielsen has tried to do the best job possible under the circumstances. He showed us he was the

right person at the right time during this challenge. I want to personally thank him for his efforts and for all he has done for our Order. May our Lord and Savior continue to bestow blessings upon him and protect him.

Vivat Jesus! God bless America!

With Warmest Regards,

Chuck Dover, Jr.

Charles E. Dover, Jr., PSD
Former Vice Supreme Master

SK Douglas P Shane (2008-2009)

As we are going through the Easter Season, it is a great opportunity to take a moment to pause, reflect, and to give thanks.

The last couple of months of the Fraternal Year is sometimes a whirlwind. For some, it is getting ready for elections, filing reports, and wrapping up projects not yet completed. For others, it is thinking about future plans, whether it be at the Council, Assembly or State level.

It can be easy to neglect our responsibilities as Catholic gentlemen in the rush to get stuff done.

Core to who we are, it is always important to remember.

- We do things, not for a reward, not for recognition, but all for the glory of God.
- God is love, without hesitation or qualification. He loves all of us, even when we stray.
- We should always recognize the inherent dignity in all, given we are all created in His image.

So when you act, the emphasis should be on the acting for God's glory, not on whether someone will praise or recognize your efforts.

So when you are not in agreement with someone, remember they are also a child of God and deserve respect and dignity.

So when you speak the truth of our Catholic faith, it is God's love that is the foundation for all truth. Speeches, signs and laws will not change the hearts of our fellow man. Only introducing them to God's love, through our words and deeds, can do that.

Finally, there is much suffering in the world we live. We Knights are especially equipped to help, whether it be through treasure, hard work, or just being a friendly face who can listen and care.

I pray that you all have a great convention and a prosperous end to the Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Douglas Shane

Douglas Shane, PSD

SK Ray L Lopez (2010-2012)

It is wonderful to gather this year for our State Convention, as the past two years have been virtual. I look forward to seeing all of you in person and celebrating. I also look forward to seeing the winners and hearing a recap of all the good things happening in Utah.

As we transitioned from virtual events, it is good to see the Knights in Utah serving in person. It is better to hold a live dinner, rather than take out. It is better to see the 4th degree marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade than a virtual option. The best is being able to attend Mass in person. Our ability to bring together the Catholic community is our mission.

I am glad that the councils are keeping tools that worked for them during the lockdowns and making the councils better overall. Right now, Utah is on track to reach its goals. I would ask each of you to renew your commitment to the State Deputy and push all the way to the end. Help Nick to achieve these goals, he can't do it without you.

May God bless you all.

Ray Lopez

Ray Lopez, PSD

Supreme Regional Growth Director

SK Bob E Masse Jr. (2012-2014)

As a Past State Deputy, we are asked to write a few words of wisdom. I'll try my best.

I want to thank and congratulate the State Deputy and all the State Officers for an exceptionally good year. With everything that has gone on over the past couple of years, you have all stepped up the plate and have succeeded in getting the councils back on track, to what everyone is calling "the new normal".

During the two years I was State Deputy, working with Ray Lopez, we used the creating a team approach: Together – Everyone – Achieves – More. As a state we were very successful. With this approach, we will be able to accomplish more. Supreme recognized our accomplishments and the Order became aware of what Utah can do.

With the new ideas on growing membership, Utah State Deputy Nielson has done an awesome job in setting them in motion. He is doing a great job in keeping the team together and motivated. As a state, it is vital we continue this.

As a Past State Deputy of Utah, I will continually support and obey my superior officers of the Knights of Columbus. Reminding everyone of the pledge we took in the third degree: "Praise your brother openly, but if he has faults, let silence guard the gateways of your speech. For silence sills rumor and speech spreads scandal."

Again, I want to congratulate all the newly elected officers and offer my support in growing the order here in Utah.

Vivat Jesus,

Robert Masse Jr., PSD

Robert "Bob" Masse Jr., PSD

SK Jerald P. Hanten (2014-2016)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Jerry Hanten

Jerald P Hanten, PSD

SK Andy Airriess (2016-2018)

I was reading last year's PSD Message. In it, I asked who wanted to spend another year like the one before. Little did I know. . .

Now, however, it looks like we are turning the corner. Besides forgetting being two years older since the beginning of the pandemic, we may also have forgotten some of what has made the Knights such a power for good in the state because we are out of the habits that helped make us so successful. These habits took years to develop and made up better at what we do; planning, promotion, and executing,

Planning: A dollar penny saved is a dollar donated. Shop carefully, plan for just what you need, and sock some away for emergencies. Ensure you have enough help. Get commitments early. Set up payment options that make it easy to pay and attend. This can take a little time, so the week before the event is the wrong time to start. Now is the time. Cash, check, credit card, Venmo, and others should ALL be available. The costs of credit card and electronic payments will MORE than be made up with increased sales.

Promoting: People will not know unless you tell them. From the lectern. From the bulletin. From the gathering space and other parish spaces like the hall (posters). From social media. Sell the sizzle. For a blood drive, don't say "Give Blood." Say "Save a Life!" In your meal, you won't be serving "spaghetti" you will be serving "delicious spaghetti" "creamy, homemade soup" "steamed garden vegetables" and so on. One message is not enough. Repeat it. Not everybody will hear it the first time, not everybody will remember every point you are making.

Executing: Put "Gloomy Gus" in the kitchen. Put smiling Sam out where parishioners are. Give people a reason to come back. Serve well, quickly, and provide quality. Make sure you have enough helpers. Don't forget the families of Knights; we are a family organization!

Thanks: After the event, thank them. From the lectern. In the bulletin. In the gathering space. "Thank you! Because of your generosity, we raised \$ (insert number here) for (insert object of the fundraiser)."

Teach: It's been a few years, people forget. Involve younger, less experienced members in every stage of the event; it is how they will learn and be able to continue the excellence of your council.

One critical thing to remember: No matter what your office, nobody cares about or knows more about your efforts than you. Always assume people don't know what you are doing, when it is, what they need to do to attend, and how they are an important part of our success. Give people a reason to give. Who will be helped by your program? Why is it important? People need to be told more than once.

We will come out of this stronger, larger, and perfectly positioned to be the go-to charitable

organization in the community. The future of the Utah Knights is bright because of who we have been, who we are, and who we will be.

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Airriess

Andy Airriess, PSD

SK Greg Keller (2018-2020)

Report in the State Officers section above.

Greg Keller

Greg Keller, Immediate Past State Deputy

Necrology Report

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, my fellow State Officers, and my Brother Knights,

Our councils reported 37 Brother Knights who passed away this year (May 1, 2021 – April 20, 2022). In respectful commemoration of their lives and their service to the Knights of Columbus, I respectfully submit these brothers for the 2021-2022 Necrology report. Additionally, a priest with a connection to the diocese is also listed. “May the souls of our dearly departed brothers rest in peace.”

Priests

Rev. Dosch Leander
Rev. Paul McCarthy (11479)

Deacons

Robert Bambrick (9849)

Council 602

Thayer Catrow

Council 1129

Thomas Gallagher
Robert Piscitelli
John Rackham
James Weaver

Council 1136

Rubel Gutierrez
Joseph Hauzen
George Nixon

Council 5214

Eddie Springer

Council 5502

Robert Barney
William Robertson

Council 6010

Samuel Sanchez

Council 6147

Jose Manzanares
Juan Medina

Council 6966

David Crosby

Council 7401

Henry Vigil

Council 7961

Cruz Chavez
Romuald Lavoie

Council 9849

Donald Dailey
David Freston
Ronald Polk

Council 10733

Louis Derickson

Council 11246

James Chiaramonte

Council 11479

James Barry
Nicholas Derchak
John Meikle
Edward Morrison
William Smith

Council 12181

Art Marshall
Michael Mitchell
David Nicholson

Council 13646

Richard Stott

Council 14399

John Shale
Doyle Johnstun

Council 15418

David Hughes

Council 16127

Gene Mohr

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

Bill Kelly, State Secretary